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Session 1: Word List

spawn

v. to lay eggs or to produce offspring; to cause something to develop

synonym: beget, breed, generate

(1) **spawn** in spring, (2) **spawn** a new concept

The salmon swims upstream to **spawn** in the place they were released.

babble

n. the sound of many people speaking simultaneously; meaningless talk or speech

synonym: drivel, gabble, gibberish

(1) the **babble** of a crowd, (2) mindless **babble**

Please avoid using excessive jargon or too much technological **babble**.

tagline

n. a memorable slogan or catchphrase used in advertising or entertainment to promote a product, cause, or idea; a brief statement or phrase that sums up the essence of something

synonym: slogan, catchphrase, motto

(1) advertising **tagline**, (2) effective **tagline**

Our marketing team is brainstorming to come up with a new **tagline** for our product launch.

literate

adj. having the ability to read and write; possessing knowledge or understanding of a particular subject or topic

synonym : educated, well-read, knowledgeable

(1) **literate** population, (2) digitally **literate**

Being **literate** in multiple languages can open up many opportunities for travel and work.

smut

n. obscene or indecent language or material, particularly about sexually explicit content; a black or sooty mark or smudge caused by smoke or dirt

synonym : dirt, filth, soot

(1) **smut** film, (2) **smut** fungi

The comedian's jokes were filled with **smut** and double entendres, making some in the audience uncomfortable.

beget

v. to cause or produce something as a result or effect; to become the father of

synonym : be father, procreate, reproduce

(1) **beget** children, (2) **beget** fear

His irresponsible behavior may **beget** many problems for him in the future.

geriatrics

n. a branch of medicine specializing in the healthcare of elderly individuals, including the diagnosis, treatment, and prevention of diseases and conditions that affect older adults

synonym : senescence, old age, elderly care

(1) **geriatrics** clinic, (2) **geriatrics** specialist

The **geriatrics** department focuses on the healthcare needs of elderly patients.

dissemble

v. to conceal or disguise one's true feelings, intentions, or beliefs; to pretend or act falsely to deceive others

synonym : pretend, feign, deceive

(1) **dissemble** emotions, (2) **dissemble** intentions

The defendant attempted to **dissemble** under

cross-examination but was eventually caught in a lie.

coiffure

n. a person's hairstyle, especially an elaborate one; the art or practice of arranging or styling hair

synonym: hairstyle, hairdo, style

(1) modern **coiffure**, (2) **coiffure** styles

She went to the salon for a fancy **coiffure** for her sister's wedding.

glossy

adj. having a smooth, shiny surface or finish; characterized by an attractive, polished appearance; often used to describe photographs or printed materials with a high-quality finish

synonym: shiny, polished, gleaming

(1) **glossy** lipstick, (2) **glossy** photograph

The magazine cover had a **glossy** finish, making the images shine.

probabilistic

adj. characterized by the influence of chance or probability; involving the use of statistical models or methods to estimate likelihoods or risks

synonym: probable, statistical, likely

(1) **probabilistic** model, (2) **probabilistic** approach

In a **probabilistic** system, the outcome is uncertain and can vary based on chance.

comport

v. to behave or conduct oneself in a particular manner; to be consistent or in harmony with something

synonym: behave, conduct oneself, act

(1) **comport** me with dignity, (2) **comport** with the rules

He needs to **comport** himself professionally during the meeting.

pronoun

n. a word that takes the place of a noun in a sentence, such as "he," "she," "they," or "it"

(1) **pronoun** usage, (2) possessive **pronoun**

In English, personal **pronouns** such as "he," "she," and

"they" can replace a person's name to avoid repetition.

bracing

adj. refreshing or invigorating; designed to provide support or stability

synonym: invigorating, refreshing, stimulating

(1) **bracing** air, (2) **bracing** walk

The athlete performed some **bracing** exercises to warm up before the game.

glisten

v. to shine or sparkle with reflected light; to appear bright and shiny

synonym: glitter, shimmer, sparkle

(1) **glisten** with dew, (2) **glisten** in the sunlight

The morning sun made the ocean **glisten** like diamonds.

overwhelm

v. to defeat someone or something by using a great deal of force; to have a strong emotional effect on somebody

synonym: conquer, crush, dominate

(1) he was **overwhelmed** with gratitude, (2) **overwhelm** opponents by numbers

Too much variety may **overwhelm** and confuse viewers.

surreal

adj. strange and unreal; having an oddly dreamlike quality

synonym: dreamlike, fantastical, unreal

(1) **surreal** number, (2) **surreal** art

The dreamlike quality of the painting gave it a **surreal** feel.

incredulous

adj. unwilling or unable to believe something; skeptical, doubtful

synonym: skeptical, doubtful, disbelieving

(1) **incredulous** stare, (2) voice of **incredulous** disbelief

The audience was **incredulous** at the magician's trick, trying to figure out how he did it.

heretical

adj. departing from or opposite to accepted beliefs, standards, or principles of a particular religion

synonym: contrary, unorthodox, profane

(1) regard the view as **heretical**, (2) advocate a **heretical** doctrine

I made the **heretical** suggestion that it might be better to withdraw from the business.

heresy

n. an opinion or belief that goes against the traditional or generally accepted view, especially in religion

synonym: dissent, apostasy, unorthodoxy

(1) the suppression of **heresy**, (2) persecution for **heresy**

The doctrine was considered **heresy** by the mainstream church.

affectionate

adj. showing fondness, love, or affection towards someone or something; expressing care and tenderness in gestures, words, or actions toward others

synonym: loving, tender, fond

(1) **affectionate** relationship, (2) **affectionate** kiss

The elderly couple always stayed **affectionate** towards each other throughout their marriage.

embarrass

v. to cause someone to feel awkward, worried, or ashamed

synonym: disconcert, unsettle, agitate

(1) **embarrass** political enemy, (2) **embarrass** my project

He looked for an opportunity to **embarrass** that actor in public.

exhilarating

adj. making one feel very happy and lively; invigorating; providing a feeling of excitement or thrill

synonym: thrilling, exciting, stimulating

(1) an **exhilarating** drink, (2) **exhilarating** view

Bungee jumping was an **exhilarating** experience that left me shaking with adrenaline.

sleeplessness

n. the condition of being unable to sleep or having difficulty sleeping

synonym: insomnia, wakefulness, restlessness

(1) **sleeplessness** disorder, (2) beat **sleeplessness**
He tried various treatments for his **sleeplessness**, but nothing seemed to work.

loneliness

n. a state or feeling of being unhappy because you have no connection with other people
synonym: isolation, alienation, desolation

(1) a strong sense of **loneliness**, (2) remedy **loneliness**
I realize the **loneliness** of a single life.

moth

n. an insect with wings similar to a butterfly that travels at night and is attracted to light

(1) **moth** larva, (2) **moth** attracted to the light
The **moth** is a serious threat to the farm's output.

candor

n. the quality of being open, honest, and frank; the act of speaking truthfully and directly without evasion or pretense

synonym: frankness, honesty, openness

(1) **candor** policy, (2) speak with **candor**
Her **candor** in admitting her mistake was refreshing and earned her respect.

miscarriage

n. the spontaneous loss of a pregnancy before the 20th week; the failure of an effort or plan to come to fruition

synonym: stillbirth, abortion

(1) **miscarriage** prevention, (2) early **miscarriage**
Doctors can sometimes detect warning signs of potential **miscarriage** and take steps to prevent it.

calibrate

v. to measure or adjust something, typically a machine or device, to ensure accurate functioning or to match a standard or desired level of performance

synonym: adjust, fine-tune

(1) **calibrate** machinery, (2) **calibrate** measurements
It's important to **calibrate** the equipment regularly to ensure

accurate results.

mourning

n. the act or expression of sorrow or grief for someone who has died; a period of time set aside for such grieving

synonym: grieving, sorrow, lamentation

(1) **mourning** period, (2) **mourning** ritual

She wore black clothing as a symbol of **mourning** for her grandmother.

amaze

v. to fill with wonder, surprise, or admiration

synonym: astound, surprise, stagger

(1) **amaze** and entertain visitors, (2) **amaze** everyone

The magician's tricks **amazed** the audience.

sham

n. something that is not as good or true as it seems to be and is intended to deceive people; a person who pretends to be something they are not

synonym: bogus, counterfeit, fraudulent

(1) a **sham** battle, (2) turn out to be all **sham**

The data he prepared was completely **sham**.

woodwork

n. the craft or activity of working with wood to create structures or objects; the inner workings or background details of a situation or event that were previously unknown or hidden

synonym: carpentry, woodworking

(1) finest **woodwork**, (2) **woodwork** tools

The intricate designs on the **woodwork** were hand-carved by a master craftsman.

reassure

v. to cause someone to feel sure; to give or restore confidence

synonym: comfort, soothe, bolster

(1) **reassure** anxious patients, (2) **reassure** market

The pilot tried to **reassure** the customers that the planes were safe.

- rite** *n.* a formal or ceremonial act or set of acts performed in a traditional or prescribed way; a religious or spiritual ceremony or practice
synonym : ceremony, ritual, practice
(1) perform the **rite**, (2) **rite** of passage into adulthood
The bishop performed the **rite** of consecration for the new church.
- astound** *v.* to surprise or shock someone with wonder very much
synonym : amaze, astonish, surprise
(1) **astound** everyone, (2) **astound** the viewer
The final result was nothing short of **astounding**.
- childbirth** *n.* the act or process of giving birth to a baby
synonym : delivery, labor, parturition
(1) natural **childbirth**, (2) assisted **childbirth**
He was present at the **childbirth** of his children.
- stumble** *v.* to miss a step and fall or nearly fall; to walk unsteadily
synonym : bumble, struggle, misstep
(1) **stumble** financially, (2) **stumble** through life
She **stumbled** over the tree root.
- terrifying** *adj.* very frightening or intimidating
synonym : frightening, intimidating, alarming
(1) **terrifying** experience, (2) **terrifying** events
Large earthquakes often generate **terrifying** tsunamis.
- imaginable** *adj.* capable of being imagined
synonym : conceivable, plausible, possible
(1) easily **imaginable**, (2) worst **imaginable** case
This is the only **imaginable** strategy.
- precipitous** *adj.* extremely steep or rapid; hasty or impulsive, often with negative consequences; (of science) relating to or characterized by rapid, abrupt changes
synonym :

steep, sudden, sheer

(1) **precipitous** behavior, (2) **precipitous** mountain
The sudden, **precipitous** drop in temperature caught everyone off guard.

chasm

n. a deep and wide crack or hole in the ground, especially one that is difficult or impossible to cross; a profound difference between two people or groups

synonym: gap, ravine, crevasse

(1) a deep and wide **chasm**, (2) **chasm** of death

The **chasm** of misunderstanding between the two sides seemed impossible to bridge.

proverb

n. a short saying that expresses a truth or gives advice based on practical experience

synonym: adage, saying, maxim

(1) a hackneyed **proverb**, (2) ancient **proverb**

The famous **proverb** "actions speak louder than words" reminds us to focus on deeds instead of words.

despondent

adj. in low spirits; feeling or showing extreme discouragement or gloom

synonym: hopeless, despairing, discouraged

(1) feel **despondent**, (2) a **despondent** mood

After her dog passed away, she was **despondent** for weeks, unable to find joy.

teeny

adj. extremely small; tiny

synonym: tiny, mini, minuscule

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

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

adulation

n. excessive or insincere admiration or praise; flattery or adoration that is often exaggerated or not genuine

synonym: praise, admiration, worship

(1) public **adulation**, (2) the **adulation** of the followers

The actress received **adulation** from her fans after her exceptional performance on stage.

plummet

v. to fall or drop suddenly and steeply; to decline rapidly or sharply

synonym: drop, plunge, fall

(1) **plummeting** sales, (2) **plummet** against other major currencies

The stock prices have **plummeted** in the last hour, causing concern for investors.

lithium

n. a soft, silvery-white metal that is highly reactive and used in batteries, alloy production, and medications for bipolar disorder

synonym: lithy, Li, salt

(1) **lithium** carbonate, (2) **lithium** mining

Lithium-ion batteries are commonly used in laptops, smartphones, and electric vehicles.

goosebump

n. a small bump that appears on the skin due to cold, fear, or excitement; a physiological response that causes the skin to contract and produce small bumps

synonym: horripilation, gooseflesh, pilomotor reflex

(1) **goosebump** sensation, (2) **goosebump** moment

The cold wind gave her **goosebumps** on her arms and legs.

claustrophobia

n. a persistent and intense fear of enclosed or small spaces

(1) overcome **claustrophobia**,

(2) **claustrophobia-inducing**

She suffered from **claustrophobia** and couldn't take elevators.

transcendent

adj. going beyond the limits of ordinary experience or knowledge; surpassing the usual or expected; exalted or sublime

synonym: beyond human experience, divine, spiritual

(1) **transcendent** wisdom, (2) **transcendent** joy

The **transcendent** beauty of the Grand Canyon took his breath away.

resubmit

v. to submit again or a second time; to revise and resubmit, often in response to feedback, criticism, or rejection

synonym: resend, return, reapply

(1) **resubmit** assignment, (2) **resubmit** proposal

Please **resubmit** your application with the updated information.

gratify

v. to give pleasure or satisfaction to; to provide someone with what they want or need; to indulge or satisfy a desire or appetite

synonym: please, satisfy, fulfill

(1) **gratify** desires, (2) **gratify** curiosity

I always try to **gratify** my boss by achieving the sales target every month.

contentment

n. a state of satisfaction, happiness, or fulfillment; a feeling of being pleased and at ease with one's current situation or circumstances

synonym: satisfaction, happiness, fulfillment

(1) **contentment** in life, (2) inner **contentment**

He achieved a sense of **contentment** by simplifying his life and focusing on what truly mattered.

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.

categorical

adj. stating something as an absolute fact, without the possibility of doubt or exception; relating to or included in a category or categories

synonym: absolute, unconditional, unqualified

(1) **categorical** denial, (2) law of **categorical** judgment

She made a **categorical** statement that she would never eat sushi.

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.

Session 2: Spelling

1. a hackneyed pr____b
n. a short saying that expresses a truth or gives advice based on practical experience
2. worst ima_____le case
adj. capable of being imagined
3. mo_____ng ritual
n. the act or expression of sorrow or grief for someone who has died; a period of time set aside for such grieving
4. re_____it proposal
v. to submit again or a second time; to revise and resubmit, often in response to feedback, criticism, or rejection
5. li_____m mining
n. a soft, silvery-white metal that is highly reactive and used in batteries, alloy production, and medications for bipolar disorder
6. an exh_____ing drink
adj. making one feel very happy and lively; invigorating; providing a feeling of excitement or thrill
7. pl_____t against other major currencies
v. to fall or drop suddenly and steeply; to decline rapidly or sharply
8. ter_____ng events
adj. very frightening or intimidating
9. li_____te population
adj. having the ability to read and write; possessing knowledge or understanding of a particular subject or topic
10. di_____le intentions
v. to conceal or disguise one's true feelings, intentions, or beliefs; to pretend or act falsely to deceive others

ANSWERS: 1. proverb, 2. imaginable, 3. mourning, 4. resubmit, 5. lithium, 6. exhilarating, 7. plummet, 8. terrifying, 9. literate, 10. dissemble

11. ger_____cs clinic *n.* a branch of medicine specializing in the healthcare of elderly individuals, including the diagnosis, treatment, and prevention of diseases and conditions that affect older adults
12. di_____le emotions *v.* to conceal or disguise one's true feelings, intentions, or beliefs; to pretend or act falsely to deceive others
13. as_____d the viewer *v.* to surprise or shock someone with wonder very much
14. gl____y photograph *adj.* having a smooth, shiny surface or finish; characterized by an attractive, polished appearance; often used to describe photographs or printed materials with a high-quality finish
15. con_____nt in life *n.* a state of satisfaction, happiness, or fulfillment; a feeling of being pleased and at ease with one's current situation or circumstances
16. the suppression of he____y *n.* an opinion or belief that goes against the traditional or generally accepted view, especially in religion
17. cla_____bia-inducing *n.* a persistent and intense fear of enclosed or small spaces
18. wo_____rk tools *n.* the craft or activity of working with wood to create structures or objects; the inner workings or background details of a situation or event that were previously unknown or hidden
19. tra_____ent joy *adj.* going beyond the limits of ordinary experience or knowledge; surpassing the usual or expected; exalted or sublime

ANSWERS: 11. geriatrics, 12. disassemble, 13. astound, 14. glossy, 15. contentment, 16. heresy, 17. claustrophobia, 18. woodwork, 19. transcendent

20. co_____t me with dignity *v.* to behave or conduct oneself in a particular manner; to be consistent or in harmony with something
21. pl_____ting sales *v.* to fall or drop suddenly and steeply; to decline rapidly or sharply
22. s__t fungi *n.* obscene or indecent language or material, particularly about sexually explicit content; a black or sooty mark or smudge caused by smoke or dirt
23. ancient pr_____b *n.* a short saying that expresses a truth or gives advice based on practical experience
24. gl_____n with dew *v.* to shine or sparkle with reflected light; to appear bright and shiny
25. be__t children *v.* to cause or produce something as a result or effect; to become the father of
26. law of cat_____al judgment *adj.* stating something as an absolute fact, without the possibility of doubt or exception; relating to or included in a category or categories
27. assisted chi_____th *n.* the act or process of giving birth to a baby
28. co_____t with the rules *v.* to behave or conduct oneself in a particular manner; to be consistent or in harmony with something
29. advertising ta_____e *n.* a memorable slogan or catchphrase used in advertising or entertainment to promote a product, cause, or idea; a brief statement or phrase that sums up the essence of something

ANSWERS: 20. comport, 21. plummet, 22. smut, 23. proverb, 24. glisten, 25. beget, 26. categorical, 27. childbirth, 28. comport, 29. tagline

30. digitally li_____te *adj.* having the ability to read and write; possessing knowledge or understanding of a particular subject or topic
31. ca_____te measurements *v.* to measure or adjust something, typically a machine or device, to ensure accurate functioning or to match a standard or desired level of performance
32. ca____r policy *n.* the quality of being open, honest, and frank; the act of speaking truthfully and directly without evasion or pretense
33. cat_____al denial *adj.* stating something as an absolute fact, without the possibility of doubt or exception; relating to or included in a category or categories
34. public ad_____on *n.* excessive or insincere admiration or praise; flattery or adoration that is often exaggerated or not genuine
35. go_____mp sensation *n.* a small bump that appears on the skin due to cold, fear, or excitement; a physiological response that causes the skin to contract and produce small bumps
36. su_____l art *adj.* strange and unreal; having an oddly dreamlike quality
37. modern co_____re *n.* a person's hairstyle, especially an elaborate one; the art or practice of arranging or styling hair
38. early mis_____ge *n.* the spontaneous loss of a pregnancy before the 20th week; the failure of an effort or plan to come to fruition

ANSWERS: 30. literate, 31. calibrate, 32. candor, 33. categorical, 34. adulation, 35. goosebump, 36. surreal, 37. coiffure, 38. miscarriage

39. m__h larva *n.* an insect with wings similar to a butterfly that travels at night and is attracted to light
40. ex___e rebellion *v.* to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager
41. gr____y desires *v.* to give pleasure or satisfaction to; to provide someone with what they want or need; to indulge or satisfy a desire or appetite
42. aff_____ate kiss *adj.* showing fondness, love, or affection towards someone or something; expressing care and tenderness in gestures, words, or actions toward others
43. a strong sense of lon_____ss *n.* a state or feeling of being unhappy because you have no connection with other people
44. a deep and wide ch__m *n.* a deep and wide crack or hole in the ground, especially one that is difficult or impossible to cross; a profound difference between two people or groups
45. em_____ss my project *v.* to cause someone to feel awkward, worried, or ashamed
46. inner con_____nt *n.* a state of satisfaction, happiness, or fulfillment; a feeling of being pleased and at ease with one's current situation or circumstances
47. ger_____cs specialist *n.* a branch of medicine specializing in the healthcare of elderly individuals, including the diagnosis, treatment, and prevention of diseases and conditions that affect older adults

ANSWERS: 39. moth, 40. excite, 41. gratify, 42. affectionate, 43. loneliness, 44. chasm, 45. embarrass, 46. contentment, 47. geriatrics

48. natural chi_____th *n.* the act or process of giving birth to a baby
49. tra_____ent wisdom *adj.* going beyond the limits of ordinary experience or knowledge; surpassing the usual or expected; exalted or sublime
50. ch__m of death *n.* a deep and wide crack or hole in the ground, especially one that is difficult or impossible to cross; a profound difference between two people or groups
51. go_____mp moment *n.* a small bump that appears on the skin due to cold, fear, or excitement; a physiological response that causes the skin to contract and produce small bumps
52. mo_____ng period *n.* the act or expression of sorrow or grief for someone who has died; a period of time set aside for such grieving
53. a des_____nt mood *adj.* in low spirits; feeling or showing extreme discouragement or gloom
54. sp__n in spring *v.* to lay eggs or to produce offspring; to cause something to develop
55. su_____l number *adj.* strange and unreal; having an oddly dreamlike quality
56. am__e and entertain visitors *v.* to fill with wonder, surprise, or admiration
57. br_____g walk *adj.* refreshing or invigorating; designed to provide support or stability

ANSWERS: 48. childbirth, 49. transcendent, 50. chasm, 51. goosebump, 52. mourning, 53. despondent, 54. spawn, 55. surreal, 56. amaze, 57. bracing

58. pro_____tic model *adj.* characterized by the influence of chance or probability; involving the use of statistical models or methods to estimate likelihoods or risks
59. he was ov_____lmed with gratitude *v.* to defeat someone or something by using a great deal of force; to have a strong emotional effect on somebody
60. feel des_____nt *adj.* in low spirits; feeling or showing extreme discouragement or gloom
61. li_____m carbonate *n.* a soft, silvery-white metal that is highly reactive and used in batteries, alloy production, and medications for bipolar disorder
62. pr_____n usage *n.* a word that takes the place of a noun in a sentence, such as "he," "she," "they," or "it"
63. remedy lon_____ss *n.* a state or feeling of being unhappy because you have no connection with other people
64. sle_____ess disorder *n.* the condition of being unable to sleep or having difficulty sleeping
65. overcome cla_____bia *n.* a persistent and intense fear of enclosed or small spaces
66. pre_____us mountain *adj.* extremely steep or rapid; hasty or impulsive, often with negative consequences; (of science) relating to or characterized by rapid, abrupt changes
67. ov_____lm opponents by numbers *v.* to defeat someone or something by using a great deal of force; to have a strong emotional effect on somebody

ANSWERS: 58. probabilistic, 59. overwhelm, 60. despondent, 61. lithium, 62. pronoun, 63. loneliness, 64. sleeplessness, 65. claustrophobia, 66. precipitous, 67. overwhelm

68. the ad_____on of the followers *n.* excessive or insincere admiration or praise; flattery or adoration that is often exaggerated or not genuine
69. ca_____te machinery *v.* to measure or adjust something, typically a machine or device, to ensure accurate functioning or to match a standard or desired level of performance
70. v__l music *n.* a stringed instrument, typically with six strings and frets, played with a bow, also called a viola da gamba
71. mis_____ge prevention *n.* the spontaneous loss of a pregnancy before the 20th week; the failure of an effort or plan to come to fruition
72. te__y bit *adj.* extremely small; tiny
73. the ba___e of a crowd *n.* the sound of many people speaking simultaneously; meaningless talk or speech
74. speak with ca___r *n.* the quality of being open, honest, and frank; the act of speaking truthfully and directly without evasion or pretense
75. effective ta_____e *n.* a memorable slogan or catchphrase used in advertising or entertainment to promote a product, cause, or idea; a brief statement or phrase that sums up the essence of something
76. so te__y tiny *adj.* extremely small; tiny
77. be__t fear *v.* to cause or produce something as a result or effect; to become the father of

ANSWERS: 68. adulation, 69. calibrate, 70. viol, 71. miscarriage, 72. teeny, 73. babble, 74. candor, 75. tagline, 76. teeny, 77. beget

78. easily ima_____le *adj.* capable of being imagined
79. voice of inc_____us disbelief *adj.* unwilling or unable to believe something; skeptical, doubtful
80. ex___e the crowd *v.* to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager
81. aff_____ate relationship *adj.* showing fondness, love, or affection towards someone or something; expressing care and tenderness in gestures, words, or actions toward others
82. exh_____ing view *adj.* making one feel very happy and lively; invigorating; providing a feeling of excitement or thrill
83. regard the view as he_____al *adj.* departing from or opposite to accepted beliefs, standards, or principles of a particular religion
84. gl_____n in the sunlight *v.* to shine or sparkle with reflected light; to appear bright and shiny
85. re_____it assignment *v.* to submit again or a second time; to revise and resubmit, often in response to feedback, criticism, or rejection
86. r___e of passage into adulthood *n.* a formal or ceremonial act or set of acts performed in a traditional or prescribed way; a religious or spiritual ceremony or practice
87. mindless ba___e *n.* the sound of many people speaking simultaneously; meaningless talk or speech
88. sp___n a new concept *v.* to lay eggs or to produce offspring; to cause something to develop

ANSWERS: 78. imaginable, 79. incredulous, 80. excite, 81. affectionate, 82. exhilarating, 83. heretical, 84. glisten, 85. resubmit, 86. rite, 87. babble, 88. spawn

89. re____re market *v.* to cause someone to feel sure; to give or restore confidence
90. pre____us behavior *adj.* extremely steep or rapid; hasty or impulsive, often with negative consequences; (of science) relating to or characterized by rapid, abrupt changes
91. persecution for he____y *n.* an opinion or belief that goes against the traditional or generally accepted view, especially in religion
92. ter____ng experience *adj.* very frightening or intimidating
93. inc____us stare *adj.* unwilling or unable to believe something; skeptical, doubtful
94. gr____y curiosity *v.* to give pleasure or satisfaction to; to provide someone with what they want or need; to indulge or satisfy a desire or appetite
95. perform the r__e *n.* a formal or ceremonial act or set of acts performed in a traditional or prescribed way; a religious or spiritual ceremony or practice
96. a s__m battle *n.* something that is not as good or true as it seems to be and is intended to deceive people; a person who pretends to be something they are not
97. em____ss political enemy *v.* to cause someone to feel awkward, worried, or ashamed
98. as____d everyone *v.* to surprise or shock someone with wonder very much

ANSWERS: 89. reassure, 90. precipitous, 91. heresy, 92. terrifying, 93. incredulous, 94. gratify, 95. rite, 96. sham, 97. embarrass, 98. astound

99. st____e financially *v.* to miss a step and fall or nearly fall; to walk unsteadily
100. turn out to be all s__m *n.* something that is not as good or true as it seems to be and is intended to deceive people; a person who pretends to be something they are not
101. br____g air *adj.* refreshing or invigorating; designed to provide support or stability
102. st____e through life *v.* to miss a step and fall or nearly fall; to walk unsteadily
103. beat sle_____ess *n.* the condition of being unable to sleep or having difficulty sleeping
104. gl___y lipstick *adj.* having a smooth, shiny surface or finish; characterized by an attractive, polished appearance; often used to describe photographs or printed materials with a high-quality finish
105. finest wo_____rk *n.* the craft or activity of working with wood to create structures or objects; the inner workings or background details of a situation or event that were previously unknown or hidden
106. pro_____tic approach *adj.* characterized by the influence of chance or probability; involving the use of statistical models or methods to estimate likelihoods or risks
107. s__t film *n.* obscene or indecent language or material, particularly about sexually explicit content; a black or sooty mark or smudge caused by smoke or dirt

ANSWERS: 99. stumble, 100. sham, 101. bracing, 102. stumble, 103. sleeplessness, 104. glossy, 105. woodwork, 106. probabilistic, 107. smut

108. co____re styles *n.* a person's hairstyle, especially an elaborate one; the art or practice of arranging or styling hair
109. possessive pr____n *n.* a word that takes the place of a noun in a sentence, such as "he," "she," "they," or "it"
110. re____re anxious patients *v.* to cause someone to feel sure; to give or restore confidence
111. m__h attracted to the light *n.* an insect with wings similar to a butterfly that travels at night and is attracted to light
112. am__e everyone *v.* to fill with wonder, surprise, or admiration
113. v__l instrument *n.* a stringed instrument, typically with six strings and frets, played with a bow, also called a viola da gamba
114. advocate a he____al doctrine *adj.* departing from or opposite to accepted beliefs, standards, or principles of a particular religion

ANSWERS: 108. coiffure, 109. pronoun, 110. reassure, 111. moth, 112. amaze, 113. viol, 114. heretical

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. After her dog passed away, she was _____ for weeks, unable to find joy.
adj. in low spirits; feeling or showing extreme discouragement or gloom
2. Doctors can sometimes detect warning signs of potential _____ and take steps to prevent it.
n. the spontaneous loss of a pregnancy before the 20th week; the failure of an effort or plan to come to fruition
3. In English, personal _____ such as "he," "she," and "they" can replace a person's name to avoid repetition.
n. a word that takes the place of a noun in a sentence, such as "he," "she," "they," or "it"
4. Large earthquakes often generate _____ tsunamis.
adj. very frightening or intimidating
5. The audience was _____ at the magician's trick, trying to figure out how he did it.
adj. unwilling or unable to believe something; skeptical, doubtful
6. The morning sun made the ocean _____ like diamonds.
v. to shine or sparkle with reflected light; to appear bright and shiny
7. He tried various treatments for his _____ but nothing seemed to work.
n. the condition of being unable to sleep or having difficulty sleeping

ANSWERS: 1. despondent, 2. miscarriage, 3. pronouns, 4. terrifying, 5. incredulous, 6. glisten, 7. sleeplessness,

8. The magician's tricks _____ the audience.
v. to fill with wonder, surprise, or admiration
9. It's important to _____ the equipment regularly to ensure accurate results.
v. to measure or adjust something, typically a machine or device, to ensure accurate functioning or to match a standard or desired level of performance
10. Her _____ in admitting her mistake was refreshing and earned her respect.
n. the quality of being open, honest, and frank; the act of speaking truthfully and directly without evasion or pretense
11. He looked for an opportunity to _____ that actor in public.
v. to cause someone to feel awkward, worried, or ashamed
12. The intricate designs on the _____ were hand-carved by a master craftsman.
n. the craft or activity of working with wood to create structures or objects; the inner workings or background details of a situation or event that were previously unknown or hidden
13. The famous _____ "actions speak louder than words" reminds us to focus on deeds instead of words.
n. a short saying that expresses a truth or gives advice based on practical experience
14. The cold wind gave her _____ on her arms and legs.
n. a small bump that appears on the skin due to cold, fear, or excitement; a physiological response that causes the skin to contract and produce small bumps
15. She wore black clothing as a symbol of _____ for her grandmother.
n. the act or expression of sorrow or grief for someone who has died; a period of time set aside for such grieving

ANSWERS: 8. amazed, 9. calibrate, 10. candor, 11. embarrass, 12. woodwork, 13. proverb, 14. goosebumps, 15. mourning

16. Being _____ in multiple languages can open up many opportunities for travel and work.
adj. having the ability to read and write; possessing knowledge or understanding of a particular subject or topic
17. The elderly couple always stayed _____ towards each other throughout their marriage.
adj. showing fondness, love, or affection towards someone or something; expressing care and tenderness in gestures, words, or actions toward others
18. _____ batteries are commonly used in laptops, smartphones, and electric vehicles.
n. a soft, silvery-white metal that is highly reactive and used in batteries, alloy production, and medications for bipolar disorder
19. He achieved a sense of _____ by simplifying his life and focusing on what truly mattered.
n. a state of satisfaction, happiness, or fulfillment; a feeling of being pleased and at ease with one's current situation or circumstances
20. She went to the salon for a fancy _____ for her sister's wedding.
n. a person's hairstyle, especially an elaborate one; the art or practice of arranging or styling hair
21. The final result was nothing short of _____.
v. to surprise or shock someone with wonder very much
22. The defendant attempted to _____ under cross-examination but was eventually caught in a lie.
v. to conceal or disguise one's true feelings, intentions, or beliefs; to pretend or act falsely to deceive others

ANSWERS: 16. literate, 17. affectionate, 18. Lithium-ion, 19. contentment, 20. coiffure, 21. astounding, 22. dissemble

23. The salmon swims upstream to _____ in the place they were released.
v. to lay eggs or to produce offspring; to cause something to develop
24. The doctrine was considered _____ by the mainstream church.
n. an opinion or belief that goes against the traditional or generally accepted view, especially in religion
25. The _____ of misunderstanding between the two sides seemed impossible to bridge.
n. a deep and wide crack or hole in the ground, especially one that is difficult or impossible to cross; a profound difference between two people or groups
26. She made a _____ statement that she would never eat sushi.
adj. stating something as an absolute fact, without the possibility of doubt or exception; relating to or included in a category or categories
27. Too much variety may _____ and confuse viewers.
v. to defeat someone or something by using a great deal of force; to have a strong emotional effect on somebody
28. The actress received _____ from her fans after her exceptional performance on stage.
n. excessive or insincere admiration or praise; flattery or adoration that is often exaggerated or not genuine
29. This is the only _____ strategy.
adj. capable of being imagined
30. The data he prepared was completely _____.
n. something that is not as good or true as it seems to be and is intended to deceive people; a person who pretends to be something they are not

ANSWERS: 23. spawn, 24. heresy, 25. chasm, 26. categorical, 27. overwhelm, 28. adulation, 29. imaginable, 30. sham

31. I realize the _____ of a single life.

n. a state or feeling of being unhappy because you have no connection with other people

32. His irresponsible behavior may _____ many problems for him in the future.

v. to cause or produce something as a result or effect; to become the father of

33. The _____ department focuses on the healthcare needs of elderly patients.

n. a branch of medicine specializing in the healthcare of elderly individuals, including the diagnosis, treatment, and prevention of diseases and conditions that affect older adults

34. Bungee jumping was an _____ experience that left me shaking with adrenaline.

adj. making one feel very happy and lively; invigorating; providing a feeling of excitement or thrill

35. The sudden, _____ drop in temperature caught everyone off guard.

adj. extremely steep or rapid; hasty or impulsive, often with negative consequences; (of science) relating to or characterized by rapid, abrupt changes

36. The pilot tried to _____ the customers that the planes were safe.

v. to cause someone to feel sure; to give or restore confidence

37. The ring was so _____ that it almost looked like a toy.

adj. extremely small; tiny

38. He needs to _____ himself professionally during the meeting.

v. to behave or conduct oneself in a particular manner; to be consistent or in harmony with something

ANSWERS: 31. loneliness, 32. beget, 33. geriatrics, 34. exhilarating, 35. precipitous, 36. reassure, 37. teeny, 38. comport

39. She suffered from _____ and couldn't take elevators.
n. a persistent and intense fear of enclosed or small spaces
40. The bishop performed the _____ of consecration for the new church.
n. a formal or ceremonial act or set of acts performed in a traditional or prescribed way; a religious or spiritual ceremony or practice
41. The _____ is a serious threat to the farm's output.
n. an insect with wings similar to a butterfly that travels at night and is attracted to light
42. The _____ beauty of the Grand Canyon took his breath away.
adj. going beyond the limits of ordinary experience or knowledge; surpassing the usual or expected; exalted or sublime
43. The news of her promotion _____ her.
v. to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager
44. The comedian's jokes were filled with _____ and double entendres, making some in the audience uncomfortable.
n. obscene or indecent language or material, particularly about sexually explicit content; a black or sooty mark or smudge caused by smoke or dirt
45. Please _____ your application with the updated information.
v. to submit again or a second time; to revise and resubmit, often in response to feedback, criticism, or rejection
46. The dreamlike quality of the painting gave it a _____ feel.
adj. strange and unreal; having an oddly dreamlike quality

ANSWERS: 39. claustrophobia, 40. rite, 41. moth, 42. transcendent, 43. excited, 44. smut, 45. resubmit, 46. surreal

47. He was present at the _____ of his children.

n. the act or process of giving birth to a baby

48. I always try to _____ my boss by achieving the sales target every month.

v. to give pleasure or satisfaction to; to provide someone with what they want or need; to indulge or satisfy a desire or appetite

49. In a _____ system, the outcome is uncertain and can vary based on chance.

adj. characterized by the influence of chance or probability; involving the use of statistical models or methods to estimate likelihoods or risks

50. The magazine cover had a _____ finish, making the images shine.

adj. having a smooth, shiny surface or finish; characterized by an attractive, polished appearance; often used to describe photographs or printed materials with a high-quality finish

51. Please avoid using excessive jargon or too much technological _____.

n. the sound of many people speaking simultaneously; meaningless talk or speech

52. Our marketing team is brainstorming to come up with a new _____ for our product launch.

n. a memorable slogan or catchphrase used in advertising or entertainment to promote a product, cause, or idea; a brief statement or phrase that sums up the essence of something

53. The athlete performed some _____ exercises to warm up before the game.

adj. refreshing or invigorating; designed to provide support or stability

ANSWERS: 47. childbirth, 48. gratify, 49. probabilistic, 50. glossy, 51. babble, 52. tagline, 53. bracing

54. I made the _____ suggestion that it might be better to withdraw from the business.

adj. departing from or opposite to accepted beliefs, standards, or principles of a particular religion

55. 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

56. She _____ over the tree root.

v. to miss a step and fall or nearly fall; to walk unsteadily

57. The stock prices have _____ in the last hour, causing concern for investors.

v. to fall or drop suddenly and steeply; to decline rapidly or sharply

ANSWERS: 54. heretical, 55. viol, 56. stumbled, 57. plummeted