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Session 1: Word List

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.

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.

supernatural

adj. of or relating to existence outside the natural world; not able to be explained by natural laws

synonym: paranormal, otherworldly, preternatural

(1) **supernatural** beings, (2) **supernatural** intuition

The **supernatural** powers of the witch were the stuff of legends.

patriarchal

adj. relating to or characteristic of a society or system in which men hold the dominant roles and positions of power; male-dominated

synonym: male-dominated, paternalistic

(1) **patriarchal** society, (2) **patriarchal** government

The **patriarchal** system that many societies have is outdated and unfair to women.

womanhood

n. the state or condition of being an adult female; a term used to describe the social and cultural aspects of being a woman

synonym: femininity, womanliness, womanly nature

(1) **womanhood** experience, (2) embrace **womanhood**

The celebration of **womanhood** is often disregarded in male-dominated industries.

fender

n. a barrier that surrounds the wheels of a vehicle to block splashing water or mud; a cushion-like device that reduces shock due to an impact

synonym: cover, bumper, cushion

(1) front **fender**, (2) vehicle **fender**

He had a **fender** bender last night.

wart

n. a small, hard, benign growth on the skin caused by a viral infection and typically found on the hands or feet; a defect or drawback in something or someone

synonym: pimple, growth, tumor

(1) filiform **wart**, (2) **wart** on my hand

The doctor recommended a surgical procedure to remove the genital **wart** and prevent further complications.

Arabic

n. the Semitic language of the Arab people, widely spoken throughout the Middle East and North Africa; of or relating to Arab peoples, culture, or language

(1) **Arabic** cuisine, (2) **Arabic** language

I'm studying **Arabic** calligraphy as part of my art class.

stab

v. to cause harm with a sharp, pointed object, such as a knife

synonym: poke, thrust, jab

(1) **stab** at the enemy with a knife, (2) **stab** in the chest

He was **stabbed** many times with scissors.

thorn

n. a sharp, pointed projection or spine on a plant or animal; something that causes discomfort or irritation, especially in a difficult or unpleasant situation

synonym : spike, prickle, spine

(1) **thorn** bush, (2) **thorn** injury

The **thorn** in her finger caused her much pain until she could remove it.

encircle

v. to form a circle or ring around something or someone; to surround or encompass something or someone completely

synonym : enclose, surround, encompass

(1) **encircle** the lake, (2) **encircle** the waist

The castle walls **encircled** the entire village for protection.

beware

v. to be cautious or careful about something or someone that may cause harm or danger

synonym : heed, caution, alert

(1) **beware** of scams, (2) **beware** of strangers

Please **beware** of the slippery floor after it rains, or you could fall.

blemish

n. a mark or imperfection that detracts from the appearance of something, typically a person's skin or features; (verb) to spoil, mar, or damage the appearance or quality of something

synonym : defect, flaw, imperfection

(1) **blemish** my record, (2) skin **blemish**

I have a **blemish** on my face that I am trying to cover with makeup.

dwindle

v. to gradually decrease in size, amount, or strength; to become smaller

synonym : shrink, decrease, fade

(1) **dwindle** in importance, (2) **dwindle** to almost nothing

The crowds at the festival **dwindled** as the night went on.

humming

adj. producing a continuous, low, vibrating sound like that of the bee

synonym : buzzing, droning, vibrating

(1) **humming** sound, (2) **humming** bird

The **humming** of the bees filled the air as she walked through the garden.

wither

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

synonym : fade, wilt, shrivel

(1) **wither** corporate management, (2) **wither** in the heat

The flowers in the garden began to **wither** due to lack of water.

cocoon

n. a protective covering spun by some insects and other invertebrates

synonym : chrysalis, pupa, case

(1) **cocoon** silk, (2) a dried **cocoon**

The caterpillar spins a **cocoon** around itself before turning into a butterfly.

like-minded

adj. having the same ideas or interests

synonym : simpatico, kindred-spirited, compatible

(1) find a **like-minded** friend, (2) **like-minded** group

They formed a group of **like-minded** individuals who shared a common goal.

agnostic

n. a person who believes that it is impossible to know whether there is a god

synonym : skeptic, doubter, unbeliever

(1) **agnostic** world-view, (2) **agnostic** position

Her scientific background led her to be **agnostic** about the existence of a higher power.

disbeliever

n. a person who does not believe in something, such as a religion or idea

synonym: non-believer, skeptic, doubter

(1) persuade a **disbeliever**, (2) stubborn **disbeliever**

Despite the evidence, she remained a **disbeliever** in the theory of evolution.

stereotype

n. a fixed and unvarying idea or image that people have about what someone or something is like, but which is often not true in reality and may cause hurt and offense

(1) avoid **stereotype**, (2) negative **stereotypes**

Changing **stereotypes** about LGBTQ requires considerable effort.

transcend

v. to rise above or go beyond the limits of something

synonym: surpass, exceed, overcome

(1) **transcend** boundaries, (2) **transcend** limits

The music **transcended** cultural barriers and reached audiences globally.

demolish

v. to completely destroy or tear down a building, structure, or other entity; to ruin or eliminate the effectiveness or power of something

synonym: destroy, wreck, level

(1) **demolish** a myth, (2) **demolish** a bridge

The city decided to **demolish** the old, unsafe building and build a new one.

turquoise

n. a greenish-blue mineral that is a hydrated copper and aluminum phosphate and is valued as a gemstone, often used in jewelry and decorative objects

synonym: gemstone, aqua, blue-green stone

(1) **turquoise** dress, (2) **turquoise** jewelry

The **turquoise** waters of the Caribbean were a breathtaking sight.

retrospect

n. a review or analysis of past events, particularly to gain insight or understanding; a consideration of something that has already occurred or been accomplished

synonym: review, hindsight, contemplation

(1) **retrospect** review, (2) with hindsight **retrospect**

In **retrospect**, I wish I had made a different decision.

sanity

n. the state of being mentally sound, healthy, and rational

synonym: mental health, rationality, soundness

(1) **sanity** check, (2) have a **sanity** hearing

Her job's long hours and high pressure started affecting her **sanity**.

introvert

n. a shy and reticent person

synonym: observer, loner, solitary

(1) **introvert** personality, (2) **introvert** behavior

Being an **introvert** is not a weakness, and it's just a different way of interacting with the world.

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.

autobiographical

adj. relating to or based on the experiences, thoughts, or life story of oneself; about one's own life history or personal narrative

synonym: self-written, self-told, personal

(1) **autobiographical** narrative, (2) **autobiographical** memory

The author wrote an **autobiographical** novel about growing up in a small town.

manifestation

n. a visible or tangible form of something, especially a particular sign of a disease or condition

synonym: expression, embodiment, presentation

(1) **manifestation** of a deeper problem, (2) **manifestation** of psychological stress

The **manifestation** of his anxiety was evident in his shaking hands.

transcendentalism

n. a philosophical and literary movement of the mid-19th century that emphasized the spiritual and intuitive over the empirical and rational; valued individualism, nonconformity, and a connection with nature; prominent figures included Ralph Waldo Emerson and Henry David Thoreau

synonym: mysticism, spirituality

(1) modern **transcendentalism**, (2) **transcendentalism** movement

The belief in individualism was a cornerstone of **transcendentalism** philosophy.

diplomat

n. a person appointed by a government to conduct diplomacy (= the management of relationships between countries) with one or more other countries or international organizations

synonym: envoy, ambassador, representative

(1) allied **diplomat**, (2) expel a **diplomat**

The senior **diplomat** worked tirelessly to negotiate a peace treaty between the two countries.

superstitious

adj. believing in or influenced by superstitions, which are usually based on irrational or supernatural beliefs; showing excessive reverence for traditional or cultural beliefs that lack a rational basis

synonym: irrational, unfounded, mystical

(1) **superstitious** fear, (2) **superstitious** behavior

Some people are **superstitious** and believe in good luck charms and omens.

posh

adj. elegant, fashionable, or luxurious, often to an excessive or ostentatious degree; associated with the upper

classes or a high level of social status

synonym : elegant, fancy, luxurious

(1) **posh** district, (2) **posh** restaurant

The CEO's office was decorated in a **posh** and elegant style.

foreigner

n. a person who is not a citizen or national of the country they are in; someone from a different country, culture, or origin

synonym : outsider, alien, immigrant

(1) **foreigner** visa, (2) unknown **foreigner**

She faced some challenges as a **foreigner** in the business world but was soon respected for her expertise.

cosmopolitan

adj. having a wide-ranging perspective and interests, embracing diverse cultures, and having the experience of living in or being familiar with many different countries

synonym : worldly, multicultural, urbane

(1) **cosmopolitan** city, (2) **cosmopolitan** lifestyle

The city was known for its **cosmopolitan** culture and diverse population.

egalitarian

adj. relating to or characterized by the belief in the equal rights, opportunities, and treatment of all people, regardless of their race, gender, or social class

synonym : equalitarian, democratic, fair

(1) **egalitarian** society, (2) **egalitarian** principles

The company prides itself on being an **egalitarian** workplace with equal employment opportunities.

ridicule

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

synonym : derision, mockery, satire

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

The **ridicule** from his classmates made him feel

embarrassed and ashamed.

bully

n. a person who uses strength or power to harm or intimidate those who are weaker; (verb) to intimidate, harass, or mistreat someone weaker or less powerful
synonym: tormentor, intimidator, aggressor

(1) **bully** bystander, (2) **bully** the weak

The schoolyard **bully** terrorized the other children and made their lives miserable.

endlessly

adv. in a way that continues for a long time or seems to have no end or limit

synonym: ceaselessly, interminably, unceasingly

(1) repeat **endlessly**, (2) worry **endlessly** about our future

The procession of demonstrators was **endlessly** continuing.

takeover

n. an act of taking control of something, especially the buying out of one company by another; an act of taking control of a country or an area by force

synonym: seizure, confiscation, expropriation

(1) a **takeover** of a company, (2) consolidation **takeover**

The **takeover** deal was worth a few tens of billions of dollars.

papal

adj. relating to the pope (= the head of the Roman Catholic Church) or the Roman Catholic Church

synonym: pontifical, papistic, apostolical

(1) **papal** authority, (2) **papal** visit

The **papal** palace was a grand and imposing structure.

smoker

n. a person who smokes tobacco regularly, or a device used for smoking

(1) **smoker** behavior, (2) an inveterate **smoker**

Many **smokers** are aware of the health risks associated with smoking but find it difficult to quit.

veil

n. a piece of fine cloth worn by women to cover or conceal the face; (verb) to cover, conceal, or obscure

synonym : cover, mask, (verb) conceal

(1) **veil** of mystery, (2) **veil** her face

He lifted her **veil** with both hands.

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.

coherence

n. the quality of being logical and consistent

synonym : consistency, harmony, unity

(1) **coherence** in a speech, (2) lack **coherence**

The story's **coherence** could have been better when the author included too many unrelated details.

adore

v. to have a deep love and admiration for someone or something; to regard with great affection and reverence

synonym : cherish, worship, idolize

(1) truly **adore** him, (2) **adore** the way she styles her hair

Children seem to **adore** chocolate ice cream no matter where they're from.

grocer

n. a person who owns a shop that sells foodstuffs and some household supplies

synonym : storekeeper

(1) a green- **grocer**, (2) an old **grocer**

The natural foods **grocer** took advantage of the recent vegan craze.

grumpy

adj. easily annoyed or irritable; inclined to complain or show dissatisfaction, often in an ill-tempered way

synonym : crabby, grouchy, irritable

(1) **grumpy** cat, (2) **grumpy** mood

The **grumpy** older man snapped at the children for playing too loudly.

- wig** *n.* a head covering made of synthetic or real hair worn for a variety of reasons, including as a fashion accessory, to conceal hair loss or baldness, or as part of a costume
synonym: hairpiece, toupee, hair system
(1) curly **wig**, (2) blonde **wig**
She decided to wear a pink **wig** to the costume party.
- mascara** *n.* a cosmetic product used to darken, thicken, and define eyelashes
synonym: eyeliner, kohl
(1) waterproof **mascara**, (2) **mascara** smudge
She applied the **mascara** to her lashes for a dramatic look.
- tremble** *v.* to shake slightly in a way that you cannot control, for example, because you are frightened, angry, or excited, or because of illness
synonym: shiver, flutter, quaver
(1) **tremble** in fear, (2) **tremble** violently with emotion
When I heard the news, my whole body **trembled** with excitement.
- mundane** *adj.* very ordinary and therefore lacking interest or excitement
synonym: ordinary, everyday, prosaic
(1) **mundane** affairs, (2) **mundane** objects
After returning from the war, he had a pretty **mundane** life.
- evaporate** *v.* to turn a liquid into a gas; to become less intense and disappear gradually
synonym: vaporize, disappear, vanish
(1) **evaporate** the water, (2) **evaporate** almost overnight
The sun will **evaporate** the mist.
- exile** *n.* the state of being forced to leave one's country or home, typically for political or punitive reasons
synonym: banishment, expulsion, deportation
(1) **exile** community, (2) political **exile**

The **exiled** king lived in poverty in a foreign country for many years.

commute

v. to regularly travel a particular journey, especially between one's home and place of work; (noun) a regular journey of some distance to and from your place of work
synonym: travel, journey, trip

(1) **commute** to work, (2) daily **commute**

He had to **commute** two hours each way to get to work.

recreate

v. to make something that existed previously happen or appear to exist again

synonym: renovate, vivify, revive

(1) **recreate** a single country, (2) **recreate** the feeling of the 1920s

She **recreated** the atmosphere of the pre-war age with her stage setting.

poetic

adj. of or relating to poetry (= a piece of writing that emphasizes the expression of feelings and ideas); using language in an imaginative and expressive way

synonym: literary, verse-like, rhythmic

(1) **poetic** genius, (2) **poetic** justice

The sunset was so beautiful it looked like a **poetic** scene from a movie.

perpetual

adj. continuing for an extended period in the same way without stopping or being interrupted

synonym: enduring, unchanging, incessant

(1) **perpetual** motion machine, (2) **perpetual** struggle

The company employs a **perpetual** inventory system.

intimidate

v. to make someone fearful or uneasy so that they will do something that you want them to do

synonym: frighten, threaten, terrify

(1) **intimidate** an opponent, (2) effectively **intimidate** a thief

The boss tried to **intimidate** his subordinate with threats.

frightening

adj. causing fear or alarm, or very surprising and alarming
synonym : scary, terrifying, alarming

(1) cast **frightening** eyes, (2) **frightening** experience

The news of the pandemic was a **frightening** reminder of the fragility of human health.

stimming

n. a behavior often exhibited by individuals on the autism spectrum characterized by repetitive bodily movements or sounds, such as hand flapping or rocking, often used as a form of self-regulation or sensory stimulation

synonym : self-stimulation, repetitive behaviors

(1) autistic **stimming**, (2) **stimming** therapy

Autistic children may engage in **stimming** behaviors, such as rocking or hand flapping, to self-regulate.

urgently

adv. in a way that requires immediate action or attention, especially before anything else, because of being very important

synonym : promptly, immediately, swiftly

(1) tackle the problem **urgently**, (2) **urgently** required

I need to send this email **urgently**.

nomad

n. a member of a group of people who move from place to place rather than living in one place all the time; a wanderer; a person with no fixed abode

synonym : wanderer, traveler, rover

(1) **nomad** worker, (2) **nomad** culture

The **nomad** tribe moved from place to place with its herd of sheep.

disappoint

v. to fail to meet someone or their hopes or expectations; to make someone feel sad

synonym : sadden, dismay, frustrate

(1) **disappoint** the audience, (2) don't **disappoint** me

She worked very hard not to **disappoint** her boss's expectations.

circulate

v. to move continuously or freely around a place or closed system

synonym: flow, disperse, rotate

(1) **circulate** a rumor, (2) **circulate** an agenda before the meeting

The fan **circulates** the air in the room quickly.

poignant

adj. evoking a keen sense of sadness or regret; emotionally moving; deeply affecting or touching

synonym: touching, moving, emotional

(1) **poignant** moment, (2) **poignant** memories

The movie's **poignant** ending left most of the audience in tears.

avant-garde

adj. relating to or characteristic of experimental or innovative ideas, especially in the arts, culture, or politics; pushing boundaries and challenging established norms and traditions

synonym: innovative, experimental, unconventional

(1) **avant-garde** art, (2) **avant-garde** music

The artist's **avant-garde** approach to sculpture challenged conventional ideas of art.

commuter

n. a person who regularly travels long distances between their home and place of work, typically by public transportation or car

synonym: traveler, passenger

(1) **commuter** shuttle, (2) daily **commuter**

The **commuter** train was delayed due to a signal failure on the line.

pigeonhole

n. a small compartment for a single item, especially a small hole or shelf for holding papers or files; (verb) to treat or classify according to a mental stereotype

synonym: compartment, (verb) categorize, (verb) sort

(1) leave a message in her **pigeonhole**, (2) **pigeonhole** the plan

He **pigeonholed** her as just another pretty face, not realizing her intelligence.

multicultural

adj. relating to or characterized by several cultures (= beliefs, languages, customs, traditions, etc.)

synonym: diverse, varied, inclusive

(1) **multicultural** society, (2) **multicultural** education

The school is known for its **multicultural** student body.

firsthand

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

synonym: direct

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

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

multilayer

n. something that consists of multiple layers or levels

synonym: lamination, layering, strata

(1) **multilayer** alloy, (2) **multilayer** film

A cake with a **multilayer** filling is a delicious treat.

prosecute

v. to bring legal action against someone in a court of law; to pursue or carry out something to completion or achievement

synonym: charge, sue, bring to trial

(1) **prosecute** criminal, (2) **prosecute** case

The attorney decided to **prosecute** the suspect for stealing from the store.

belittle

v. to speak or write about someone or something in a way that shows a lack of respect

synonym: degrade, demean, disparage

(1) **belittle** his ability, (2) **belittle** through talk

He **belittled** her in front of the office, making her feel small and insignificant.

entitle

v. to give someone the right to have or do something; to give a title to someone or something

synonym : allow, permit, enable

(1) **entitle** him to a pension, (2) **entitle** the company to use the logo

The employee was **entitled** to a week of vacation time.

generalization

n. the act of making a broad statement or conclusion based on limited information or experience; a statement that applies to a large group or category of things or people, often without considering the unique qualities or circumstances of each individual

synonym : stereotype, oversimplification, abstraction

(1) hasty **generalization**, (2) **generalization** of the problem
It's unfair to make a **generalization** about an entire group of people based on stereotypes.

nuance

n. a subtle or slight degree of difference in appearance, meaning, sound, someone's feeling, etc.

synonym : shading, refinement, subtlety

(1) rich in **nuance**, (2) subtle cultural **nuance**

The painter has tried to express every **nuance** of the woman's expression in his work.

Ottoman

n. a historical empire founded at the end of the 13th century in northwestern Anatolia by the Turkoman tribal leader Osman I; (used as "ottoman") a type of upholstered seat or bench without a back or arms, typically used as a stool or footstool, or in some cases as a coffee table

synonym : Turkish Empire, footstool

(1) **Ottoman** Empire, (2) **ottoman** furniture

The **Ottoman** Sultan was considered the supreme ruler and held great authority.

itinerant

adj. traveling from place to place; moving from place to place

synonym : traveling, wandering, nomadic

(1) **itinerant** labor, (2) **itinerant** musician

The **itinerant** traveler visited many countries on his journey.

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**.

impersonate

v. to pretend to be someone else, often with the intent to deceive or defraud; to imitate the mannerisms or speech of another person as a form of tribute or satire

synonym: imitate, mimic, copy

(1) **impersonate** a government official, (2) **impersonate** a character

The comedian is famous for his ability to **impersonate** famous politicians.

sultan

n. a king or ruler of an Islamic country or state, particularly in the Middle East; a title of respect for a Muslim ruler or leader

synonym: emperor, monarch, king

(1) the **sultan's** throne, (2) Ottoman **sultan**

The **sultan's** royal guard is highly skilled and fiercely loyal to him.

Muslim

n. a follower of the religion of Islam

synonym: Islamic, believer

(1) predominantly **Muslim** country, (2) **Muslim** culture

The **Muslim** community in the city is small but growing.

balk

v. to hesitate or stop abruptly before completing an action, often due to fear, uncertainty, or opposition; to refuse to comply with or agree to something

synonym: hesitate, recoil, shy away

(1) **balk** at extra work, (2) **balk** in fear

After her first attempt to bake a cake failed, she didn't **balk** at trying again.

Jewish

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

synonym : Judaic

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

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

empath

n. a person who can understand and share the feelings and experiences of others, often described as having a high degree of empathy

(1) **empath** skills, (2) **empath** in a corporate environment

Being an **empath** in a relationship requires the partner to understand the empath's unique emotional needs.

narrator

n. a person who tells a story, especially in a book or film

synonym : teller, storyteller

(1) first-person **narrator**, (2) the **narrator** of the TV program

The **narrator** makes use of the local dialect.

timid

adj. showing a lack of courage or confidence; easily frightened, shy, or hesitant in the face of danger or potential risk

synonym : shy, bashful, nervous

(1) **timid** tone, (2) **timid** handshake

The **timid** dog cowered in fear when approached by a stranger.

mystic

adj. having spiritual powers or qualities that are beyond ordinary understanding; (noun) someone who believes in the existence of realities beyond human comprehension

synonym : secret, mystical, supernatural

(1) **mystic** teaching, (2) medieval **mystic**

He is interested in the **mystic** rites of that religion.

dissolve

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

synonym : disband, disappear, liquefy

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

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

Sufi

n. a follower or practitioner of Islam's mystical or ascetic branch, known as Sufism. Sufis emphasize the personal experience of God and spiritual growth through contemplation, prayer, and devotion

synonym : mystic, dervish

(1) **Sufi** music, (2) **Sufi** philosophy

The **Sufi** mystic preached a message of love and tolerance to his followers.

elitist

adj. believing or showing the belief that some people are naturally superior to others and, therefore, should have more power and privilege

synonym : exclusive, superior

(1) **elitist** mentality, (2) **elitist** mindset

His **elitist** attitude made it difficult for him to work with people from different backgrounds.

concubine

n. a woman who, in some societies, lives and has a sexual relationship with a man but cannot officially be his wife

synonym : paramour, doxy

(1) **concubine** system, (2) his favorite **concubine**

The Sultan's wives and **concubines** lived in the harem together.

intrigue

v. to make someone interested, especially by being strange, unusual, or mysterious; to make a secret plan with other people to harm someone

synonym : attract, captivate, charm

(1) **intrigue** him, (2) **intrigue** against his rival

The artist's innovative style of work **intrigues** me.

distrust

n. a lack of trust or confidence in someone or something
synonym: suspicion, doubt, misgiving

(1) **distrust** in politics, (2) growing **distrust**

The employee's consistent tardiness and lack of accountability made her coworkers develop **distrust** in her abilities.

elusive

adj. difficult to find, define, achieve, or remember

synonym: mysterious, ambiguous, inapproachable

(1) an **elusive** criminal, (2) track down an **elusive** fact

The physicist who found the **elusive** particle won the Nobel Prize.

cherish

v. to hold someone or something dear; to feel or show affection for someone or something

synonym: treasure, value, hold dear

(1) **cherish** a stuffed animal, (2) **cherish** relationships

She **cherished** the memories of her childhood.

imaginative

adj. having or showing new and creative ideas

synonym: creative, innovative, inventive

(1) capable of **imaginative** creation, (2) **imaginative** as a child

She is a hard worker but not very **imaginative**.

whirl

v. to spin or turn rapidly; to move or be moved quickly in a circular manner; (noun) a spinning or rotating movement, often rapid or chaotic in nature

synonym: spin, rotate, swirl

(1) **whirl** in the washing machine, (2) **whirl** around the dance floor

The leaves began to **whirl** around in the windy weather.

dervish

n. a Muslim ascetic who belongs to a Sufi order, known for their ecstatic dancing and other forms of physical and spiritual discipline

synonym: Sufi dancer, mystic

(1) whirling **dervish**, (2) the Sufi **dervish**

The sound of the **dervish's** tambourine and flute filled the air with a haunting melody.

Session 2: Spelling

1. Je___h history *adj.* of or relating to people whose traditional religion is Judaism
2. daily co_____er *n.* a person who regularly travels long distances between their home and place of work, typically by public transportation or car
3. mu_____e objects *adj.* very ordinary and therefore lacking interest or excitement
4. S__i philosophy *n.* a follower or practitioner of Islam's mystical or ascetic branch, known as Sufism. Sufis emphasize the personal experience of God and spiritual growth through contemplation, prayer, and devotion
5. hear customer's voices fi_____nd *adv.* from the source; directly; (adjective) received directly from a source
6. w__t on my hand *n.* a small, hard, benign growth on the skin caused by a viral infection and typically found on the hands or feet; a defect or drawback in something or someone
7. tr_____e in fear *v.* to shake slightly in a way that you cannot control, for example, because you are frightened, angry, or excited, or because of illness
8. cos_____tan lifestyle *adj.* having a wide-ranging perspective and interests, embracing diverse cultures, and having the experience of living in or being familiar with many different countries

ANSWERS: 1. Jewish, 2. commuter, 3. mundane, 4. Sufi, 5. firsthand, 6. wart, 7. tremble, 8. cosmopolitan

9. hasty gen_____ion *n.* the act of making a broad statement or conclusion based on limited information or experience; a statement that applies to a large group or category of things or people, often without considering the unique qualities or circumstances of each individual
10. po_____nt memories *adj.* evoking a keen sense of sadness or regret; emotionally moving; deeply affecting or touching
11. don't dis_____nt me *v.* to fail to meet someone or their hopes or expectations; to make someone feel sad
12. ci_____te a rumor *v.* to move continuously or freely around a place or closed system
13. in_____rt personality *n.* a shy and reticent person
14. ch_____h a stuffed animal *v.* to hold someone or something dear; to feel or show affection for someone or something
15. dw_____e in importance *v.* to gradually decrease in size, amount, or strength; to become smaller
16. p__h restaurant *adj.* elegant, fashionable, or luxurious, often to an excessive or ostentatious degree; associated with the upper classes or a high level of social status
17. skin bl_____h *n.* a mark or imperfection that detracts from the appearance of something, typically a person's skin or features; (verb) to spoil, mar, or damage the appearance or quality of something

ANSWERS: 9. generalization, 10. poignant, 11. disappoint, 12. circulate, 13. introvert, 14. cherish, 15. dwindle, 16. posh, 17. blemish

18. a green-gr___r *n.* a person who owns a shop that sells foodstuffs and some household supplies
19. his favorite co_____ne *n.* a woman who, in some societies, lives and has a sexual relationship with a man but cannot officially be his wife
20. de_____sh a myth *v.* to completely destroy or tear down a building, structure, or other entity; to ruin or eliminate the effectiveness or power of something
21. allied di_____at *n.* a person appointed by a government to conduct diplomacy (= the management of relationships between countries) with one or more other countries or international organizations
22. an el_____e criminal *adj.* difficult to find, define, achieve, or remember
23. dis_____nt the audience *v.* to fail to meet someone or their hopes or expectations; to make someone feel sad
24. medieval my___c *adj.* having spiritual powers or qualities that are beyond ordinary understanding; (noun) someone who believes in the existence of realities beyond human comprehension
25. the na_____or of the TV program *n.* a person who tells a story, especially in a book or film
26. sm___r behavior *n.* a person who smokes tobacco regularly, or a device used for smoking

ANSWERS: 18. grocer, 19. concubine, 20. demolish, 21. diplomat, 22. elusive, 23. disappoint, 24. mystic, 25. narrator, 26. smoker

27. S__i music *n.* a follower or practitioner of Islam's mystical or ascetic branch, known as Sufism. Sufis emphasize the personal experience of God and spiritual growth through contemplation, prayer, and devotion
28. daily co_____e *v.* to regularly travel a particular journey, especially between one's home and place of work; (noun) a regular journey of some distance to and from your place of work
29. di_____st in politics *n.* a lack of trust or confidence in someone or something
30. ag_____ic world-view *n.* a person who believes that it is impossible to know whether there is a god
31. cast fri_____ng eyes *adj.* causing fear or alarm, or very surprising and alarming
32. courtroom sto_____ing *n.* the act or art of narrating or writing stories
33. sup_____ous fear *adj.* believing in or influenced by superstitions, which are usually based on irrational or supernatural beliefs; showing excessive reverence for traditional or cultural beliefs that lack a rational basis
34. modern tra_____ism *n.* a philosophical and literary movement of the mid-19th century that emphasized the spiritual and intuitive over the empirical and rational; valued individualism, nonconformity, and a connection with nature; prominent figures included Ralph Waldo Emerson and Henry David Thoreau

ANSWERS: 27. Sufi, 28. commute, 29. distrust, 30. agnostic, 31. frightening, 32. storytelling, 33. superstitious, 34. transcendentalism

35. b__k at extra work *v.* to hesitate or stop abruptly before completing an action, often due to fear, uncertainty, or opposition; to refuse to comply with or agree to something
36. ch____h relationships *v.* to hold someone or something dear; to feel or show affection for someone or something
37. imp_____te a government official *v.* to pretend to be someone else, often with the intent to deceive or defraud; to imitate the mannerisms or speech of another person as a form of tribute or satire
38. capable of ima_____ve creation *adj.* having or showing new and creative ideas
39. Ottoman su____n *n.* a king or ruler of an Islamic country or state, particularly in the Middle East; a title of respect for a Muslim ruler or leader
40. po___c justice *adj.* of or relating to poetry (= a piece of writing that emphasizes the expression of feelings and ideas); using language in an imaginative and expressive way
41. po___c genius *adj.* of or relating to poetry (= a piece of writing that emphasizes the expression of feelings and ideas); using language in an imaginative and expressive way
42. officially di_____ved the marriage *v.* to be or cause to be absorbed by a liquid to form a part of the solution; to close down or dismiss
43. a_t view *adj.* (the opposite of "forward") located at or towards the rear or back of a ship, aircraft, or other vehicle

ANSWERS: 35. balk, 36. cherish, 37. impersonate, 38. imaginative, 39. sultan, 40. poetic, 41. poetic, 42. dissolve, 43. aft

44. Ar___c cuisine *n.* the Semitic language of the Arab people, widely spoken throughout the Middle East and North Africa; of or relating to Arab peoples, culture, or language
45. be_____le through talk *v.* to speak or write about someone or something in a way that shows a lack of respect
46. pat_____al society *adj.* relating to or characteristic of a society or system in which men hold the dominant roles and positions of power; male-dominated
47. ev_____te almost overnight *v.* to turn a liquid into a gas; to become less intense and disappear gradually
48. conduct fi_____nd research *adv.* from the source; directly; (adjective) received directly from a source
49. pe_____al struggle *adj.* continuing for an extended period in the same way without stopping or being interrupted
50. hu_____g sound *adj.* producing a continuous, low, vibrating sound like that of the bee
51. fri_____ng experience *adj.* causing fear or alarm, or very surprising and alarming
52. first-person na_____or *n.* a person who tells a story, especially in a book or film
53. int_____te an opponent *v.* to make someone fearful or uneasy so that they will do something that you want them to do
54. di_____ve the sugar *v.* to be or cause to be absorbed by a liquid to form a part of the solution; to close down or dismiss

ANSWERS: 44. Arabic, 45. belittle, 46. patriarchal, 47. evaporate, 48. firsthand, 49. perpetual, 50. humming, 51. frightening, 52. narrator, 53. intimidate, 54. dissolve

55. v__l her face *n.* a piece of fine cloth worn by women to cover or conceal the face; (verb) to cover, conceal, or obscure
56. sup_____ous behavior *adj.* believing in or influenced by superstitions, which are usually based on irrational or supernatural beliefs; showing excessive reverence for traditional or cultural beliefs that lack a rational basis
57. pa__l authority *adj.* relating to the pope (= the head of the Roman Catholic Church) or the Roman Catholic Church
58. em___h skills *n.* a person who can understand and share the feelings and experiences of others, often described as having a high degree of empathy
59. mul_____er film *n.* something that consists of multiple layers or levels
60. no__d culture *n.* a member of a group of people who move from place to place rather than living in one place all the time; a wanderer; a person with no fixed abode
61. ot_____n furniture *n.* a historical empire founded at the end of the 13th century in northwestern Anatolia by the Turkoman tribal leader Osman I; (used as "ottoman") a type of upholstered seat or bench without a back or arms, typically used as a stool or footstool, or in some cases as a coffee table

ANSWERS: 55. veil, 56. superstitious, 57. papal, 58. empath, 59. multilayer, 60. nomad, 61. Ottoman

62. th__n bush *n.* a sharp, pointed projection or spine on a plant or animal; something that causes discomfort or irritation, especially in a difficult or unpleasant situation
63. vehicle fe___r *n.* a barrier that surrounds the wheels of a vehicle to block splashing water or mud; a cushion-like device that reduces shock due to an impact
64. wh__l in the washing machine *v.* to spin or turn rapidly; to move or be moved quickly in a circular manner; (noun) a spinning or rotating movement, often rapid or chaotic in nature
65. no__d worker *n.* a member of a group of people who move from place to place rather than living in one place all the time; a wanderer; a person with no fixed abode
66. en_____le the waist *v.* to form a circle or ring around something or someone; to surround or encompass something or someone completely
67. embrace wo_____od *n.* the state or condition of being an adult female; a term used to describe the social and cultural aspects of being a woman
68. v__l of mystery *n.* a piece of fine cloth worn by women to cover or conceal the face; (verb) to cover, conceal, or obscure
69. en_____e him to a pension *v.* to give someone the right to have or do something; to give a title to someone or something

ANSWERS: 62. thorn, 63. fender, 64. whirl, 65. nomad, 66. encircle, 67. womanhood, 68. veil, 69. entitle

70. ag____ic position *n.* a person who believes that it is impossible to know whether there is a god
71. bl____h my record *n.* a mark or imperfection that detracts from the appearance of something, typically a person's skin or features; (verb) to spoil, mar, or damage the appearance or quality of something
72. a dried co____n *n.* a protective covering spun by some insects and other invertebrates
73. tr____e violently with emotion *v.* to shake slightly in a way that you cannot control, for example, because you are frightened, angry, or excited, or because of illness
74. pe____al motion machine *adj.* continuing for an extended period in the same way without stopping or being interrupted
75. ava____de music *adj.* relating to or characteristic of experimental or innovative ideas, especially in the arts, culture, or politics; pushing boundaries and challenging established norms and traditions
76. tu____se jewelry *n.* a greenish-blue mineral that is a hydrated copper and aluminum phosphate and is valued as a gemstone, often used in jewelry and decorative objects
77. ti__d tone *adj.* showing a lack of courage or confidence; easily frightened, shy, or hesitant in the face of danger or potential risk

ANSWERS: 70. agnostic, 71. blemish, 72. cocoon, 73. tremble, 74. perpetual, 75. avant-garde, 76. turquoise, 77. timid

78. be___e of strangers *v.* to be cautious or careful about something or someone that may cause harm or danger
79. po_____nt moment *adj.* evoking a keen sense of sadness or regret; emotionally moving; deeply affecting or touching
80. dw_____e to almost nothing *v.* to gradually decrease in size, amount, or strength; to become smaller
81. ima_____ve as a child *adj.* having or showing new and creative ideas
82. front fe___r *n.* a barrier that surrounds the wheels of a vehicle to block splashing water or mud; a cushion-like device that reduces shock due to an impact
83. political ex___e *n.* the state of being forced to leave one's country or home, typically for political or punitive reasons
84. negative ste_____pes *n.* a fixed and unvarying idea or image that people have about what someone or something is like, but which is often not true in reality and may cause hurt and offense
85. aut_____cal narrative *adj.* relating to or based on the experiences, thoughts, or life story of oneself; about one's own life history or personal narrative
86. curly w_g *n.* a head covering made of synthetic or real hair worn for a variety of reasons, including as a fashion accessory, to conceal hair loss or baldness, or as part of a costume

ANSWERS: 78. beware, 79. poignant, 80. dwindle, 81. imaginative, 82. fender, 83. exile, 84. stereotype, 85. autobiographical, 86. wig

87. blonde w_g *n.* a head covering made of synthetic or real hair worn for a variety of reasons, including as a fashion accessory, to conceal hair loss or baldness, or as part of a costume
88. filiform w__t *n.* a small, hard, benign growth on the skin caused by a viral infection and typically found on the hands or feet; a defect or drawback in something or someone
89. el_____t mentality *adj.* believing or showing the belief that some people are naturally superior to others and, therefore, should have more power and privilege
90. be___e of scams *v.* to be cautious or careful about something or someone that may cause harm or danger
91. effectively int_____te a thief *v.* to make someone fearful or uneasy so that they will do something that you want them to do
92. find a lik_____ed friend *adj.* having the same ideas or interests
93. wi___r corporate management *v.* to gradually shrink, shrivel, or become weaker, often due to lack of nourishment, age, or disease; to lose freshness, vitality, or vigor
94. de_____sh a bridge *v.* to completely destroy or tear down a building, structure, or other entity; to ruin or eliminate the effectiveness or power of something
95. el_____t mindset *adj.* believing or showing the belief that some people are naturally superior to others and, therefore, should have more power and privilege

ANSWERS: 87. wig, 88. wart, 89. elitist, 90. beware, 91. intimidate, 92. like-minded, 93. wither, 94. demolish, 95. elitist

96. sto_____ing performance *n.* the act or art of narrating or writing stories
97. Ot_____n Empire *n.* a historical empire founded at the end of the 13th century in northwestern Anatolia by the Turkoman tribal leader Osman I; (used as "ottoman") a type of upholstered seat or bench without a back or arms, typically used as a stool or footstool, or in some cases as a coffee table
98. co_____ne system *n.* a woman who, in some societies, lives and has a sexual relationship with a man but cannot officially be his wife
99. ma_____a smudge *n.* a cosmetic product used to darken, thicken, and define eyelashes
100. worry en_____ly about our future *adv.* in a way that continues for a long time or seems to have no end or limit
101. ti__d handshake *adj.* showing a lack of courage or confidence; easily frightened, shy, or hesitant in the face of danger or potential risk
102. avoid ste_____pe *n.* a fixed and unvarying idea or image that people have about what someone or something is like, but which is often not true in reality and may cause hurt and offense
103. ega_____an society *adj.* relating to or characterized by the belief in the equal rights, opportunities, and treatment of all people, regardless of their race, gender, or social class

ANSWERS: 96. storytelling, 97. Ottoman, 98. concubine, 99. mascara, 100. endlessly, 101. timid, 102. stereotype, 103. egalitarian

104. Je___h culture	<i>adj.</i> of or relating to people whose traditional religion is Judaism
105. ad__e the way she styles her hair	<i>v.</i> to have a deep love and admiration for someone or something; to regard with great affection and reverence
106. the su___n's throne	<i>n.</i> a king or ruler of an Islamic country or state, particularly in the Middle East; a title of respect for a Muslim ruler or leader
107. co___n silk	<i>n.</i> a protective covering spun by some insects and other invertebrates
108. a ta_____er of a company	<i>n.</i> an act of taking control of something, especially the buying out of one company by another; an act of taking control of a country or an area by force
109. man_____ion of a deeper problem	<i>n.</i> a visible or tangible form of something, especially a particular sign of a disease or condition
110. a_t cabin	<i>adj.</i> (the opposite of "forward") located at or towards the rear or back of a ship, aircraft, or other vehicle
111. tr_____nd boundaries	<i>v.</i> to rise above or go beyond the limits of something
112. track down an el_____e fact	<i>adj.</i> difficult to find, define, achieve, or remember
113. have a sa___y hearing	<i>n.</i> the state of being mentally sound, healthy, and rational
114. expel a di_____at	<i>n.</i> a person appointed by a government to conduct diplomacy (= the management of relationships between countries) with one or more other countries or international organizations

ANSWERS: 104. Jewish, 105. adore, 106. sultan, 107. cocoon, 108. takeover, 109. manifestation, 110. aft, 111. transcend, 112. elusive, 113. sanity, 114. diplomat

115. co_____er shuttle *n.* a person who regularly travels long distances between their home and place of work, typically by public transportation or car
116. truly ad__e him *v.* to have a deep love and admiration for someone or something; to regard with great affection and reverence
117. ci_____te an agenda before the meeting *v.* to move continuously or freely around a place or closed system
118. stubborn dis_____er *n.* a person who does not believe in something, such as a religion or idea
119. the Sufi de_____h *n.* a Muslim ascetic who belongs to a Sufi order, known for their ecstatic dancing and other forms of physical and spiritual discipline
120. aut_____cal memory *adj.* relating to or based on the experiences, thoughts, or life story of oneself; about one's own life history or personal narrative
121. waterproof ma_____a *n.* a cosmetic product used to darken, thicken, and define eyelashes
122. consolidation ta_____er *n.* an act of taking control of something, especially the buying out of one company by another; an act of taking control of a country or an area by force
123. ret_____ct review *n.* a review or analysis of past events, particularly to gain insight or understanding; a consideration of something that has already occurred or been accomplished

ANSWERS: 115. commuter, 116. adore, 117. circulate, 118. disbeliever, 119. dervish, 120. autobiographical, 121. mascara, 122. takeover, 123. retrospect

124. in_____rt behavior *n.* a shy and reticent person
125. th__n injury *n.* a sharp, pointed projection or spine on a plant or animal; something that causes discomfort or irritation, especially in a difficult or unpleasant situation
126. p__h district *adj.* elegant, fashionable, or luxurious, often to an excessive or ostentatious degree; associated with the upper classes or a high level of social status
127. wi___r in the heat *v.* to gradually shrink, shrivel, or become weaker, often due to lack of nourishment, age, or disease; to lose freshness, vitality, or vigor
128. ur_____ly required *adv.* in a way that requires immediate action or attention, especially before anything else, because of being very important
129. bu__y bystander *n.* a person who uses strength or power to harm or intimidate those who are weaker; (verb) to intimidate, harass, or mistreat someone weaker or less powerful
130. tackle the problem ur_____ly *adv.* in a way that requires immediate action or attention, especially before anything else, because of being very important
131. lik_____ed group *adj.* having the same ideas or interests
132. wh__l around the dance floor *v.* to spin or turn rapidly; to move or be moved quickly in a circular manner; (noun) a spinning or rotating movement, often rapid or chaotic in nature

ANSWERS: 124. introvert, 125. thorn, 126. posh, 127. wither, 128. urgently, 129. bully, 130. urgently, 131. like-minded, 132. whirl

133. en_____e the company to use the logo
v. to give someone the right to have or do something; to give a title to someone or something
134. it_____nt musician
adj. traveling from place to place; moving from place to place
135. imp_____ion on stage
n. the act of making something up on the spot or creating or performing something without preparation
136. sup_____ral beings
adj. of or relating to existence outside the natural world; not able to be explained by natural laws
137. predominantly Mu____m country
n. a follower of the religion of Islam
138. re_____te a single country
v. to make something that existed previously happen or appear to exist again
139. tra_____ism movement
n. a philosophical and literary movement of the mid-19th century that emphasized the spiritual and intuitive over the empirical and rational; valued individualism, nonconformity, and a connection with nature; prominent figures included Ralph Waldo Emerson and Henry David Thoreau
140. jazz imp_____ion
n. the act of making something up on the spot or creating or performing something without preparation
141. cos_____tan city
adj. having a wide-ranging perspective and interests, embracing diverse cultures, and having the experience of living in or being familiar with many different countries

ANSWERS: 133. entitle, 134. itinerant, 135. improvisation, 136. supernatural, 137. Muslim, 138. recreate, 139. transcendentalism, 140. improvisation, 141. cosmopolitan

142. mul_____ral education *adj.* relating to or characterized by several cultures (= beliefs, languages, customs, traditions, etc.)
143. issue a w__t *n.* a written legal order or command
144. man_____ion of psychological stress *n.* a visible or tangible form of something, especially a particular sign of a disease or condition
145. lack co_____ce *n.* the quality of being logical and consistent
146. Ar___c language *n.* the Semitic language of the Arab people, widely spoken throughout the Middle East and North Africa; of or relating to Arab peoples, culture, or language
147. gr___y mood *adj.* easily annoyed or irritable; inclined to complain or show dissatisfaction, often in an ill-tempered way
148. wo_____od experience *n.* the state or condition of being an adult female; a term used to describe the social and cultural aspects of being a woman
149. en_____le the lake *v.* to form a circle or ring around something or someone; to surround or encompass something or someone completely
150. co_____ce in a speech *n.* the quality of being logical and consistent
151. mu_____e affairs *adj.* very ordinary and therefore lacking interest or excitement

ANSWERS: 142. multicultural, 143. writ, 144. manifestation, 145. coherence, 146. Arabic, 147. grumpy, 148. womanhood, 149. encircle, 150. coherence, 151. mundane

152. bu__y the weak *n.* a person who uses strength or power to harm or intimidate those who are weaker; (verb) to intimidate, harass, or mistreat someone weaker or less powerful
153. imp_____te a character *v.* to pretend to be someone else, often with the intent to deceive or defraud; to imitate the mannerisms or speech of another person as a form of tribute or satire
154. unknown fo_____er *n.* a person who is not a citizen or national of the country they are in; someone from a different country, culture, or origin
155. public ri_____le *n.* speech or behavior that makes fun of or mocks someone or something; teasing, sarcasm, or scornful remarks that are intended to belittle or humiliate; (verb) to mock, criticize, or make fun of someone or something in a scornful or derisive way
156. be_____le his ability *v.* to speak or write about someone or something in a way that shows a lack of respect
157. an inveterate sm_____r *n.* a person who smokes tobacco regularly, or a device used for smoking
158. ava_____de art *adj.* relating to or characteristic of experimental or innovative ideas, especially in the arts, culture, or politics; pushing boundaries and challenging established norms and traditions

ANSWERS: 152. bully, 153. impersonate, 154. foreigner, 155. ridicule, 156. belittle, 157. smoker, 158. avant-garde

159. persuade a dis_____er *n.* a person who does not believe in something, such as a religion or idea
160. cr___n drawing *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
161. with hindsight ret_____ct *n.* a review or analysis of past events, particularly to gain insight or understanding; a consideration of something that has already occurred or been accomplished
162. mul_____ral society *adj.* relating to or characterized by several cultures (= beliefs, languages, customs, traditions, etc.)
163. ri_____le at his expense *n.* speech or behavior that makes fun of or mocks someone or something; teasing, sarcasm, or scornful remarks that are intended to belittle or humiliate; (verb) to mock, criticize, or make fun of someone or something in a scornful or derisive way
164. sa___y check *n.* the state of being mentally sound, healthy, and rational
165. co_____e to work *v.* to regularly travel a particular journey, especially between one's home and place of work; (noun) a regular journey of some distance to and from your place of work

ANSWERS: 159. disbeliever, 160. crayon, 161. retrospect, 162. multicultural, 163. ridicule, 164. sanity, 165. commute

166. in_____ue against his rival *v.* to make someone interested, especially by being strange, unusual, or mysterious; to make a secret plan with other people to harm someone
167. pig_____le the plan *n.* a small compartment for a single item, especially a small hole or shelf for holding papers or files; (verb) to treat or classify according to a mental stereotype
168. gen_____ion of the problem *n.* the act of making a broad statement or conclusion based on limited information or experience; a statement that applies to a large group or category of things or people, often without considering the unique qualities or circumstances of each individual
169. hu_____g bird *adj.* producing a continuous, low, vibrating sound like that of the bee
170. whirling de_____h *n.* a Muslim ascetic who belongs to a Sufi order, known for their ecstatic dancing and other forms of physical and spiritual discipline
171. 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
172. sup_____ral intuition *adj.* of or relating to existence outside the natural world; not able to be explained by natural laws

ANSWERS: 166. intrigue, 167. pigeonhole, 168. generalization, 169. humming, 170. dervish, 171. crayon, 172. supernatural

173. growing di____st *n.* a lack of trust or confidence in someone or something
174. pr_____te case *v.* to bring legal action against someone in a court of law; to pursue or carry out something to completion or achievement
175. rich in nu____e *n.* a subtle or slight degree of difference in appearance, meaning, sound, someone's feeling, etc.
176. mul_____er alloy *n.* something that consists of multiple layers or levels
177. gr____y cat *adj.* easily annoyed or irritable; inclined to complain or show dissatisfaction, often in an ill-tempered way
178. pr_____te criminal *v.* to bring legal action against someone in a court of law; to pursue or carry out something to completion or achievement
179. tr_____nd limits *v.* to rise above or go beyond the limits of something
180. leave a message in her pig_____le *n.* a small compartment for a single item, especially a small hole or shelf for holding papers or files; (verb) to treat or classify according to a mental stereotype
181. repeat en_____ly *adv.* in a way that continues for a long time or seems to have no end or limit
182. b__k in fear *v.* to hesitate or stop abruptly before completing an action, often due to fear, uncertainty, or opposition; to refuse to comply with or agree to something

ANSWERS: 173. distrust, 174. prosecute, 175. nuance, 176. multilayer, 177. grumpy, 178. prosecute, 179. transcend, 180. pigeonhole, 181. endlessly, 182. balk

183. pat_____al government *adj.* relating to or characteristic of a society or system in which men hold the dominant roles and positions of power; male-dominated
184. ega_____an principles *adj.* relating to or characterized by the belief in the equal rights, opportunities, and treatment of all people, regardless of their race, gender, or social class
185. my___c teaching *adj.* having spiritual powers or qualities that are beyond ordinary understanding; (noun) someone who believes in the existence of realities beyond human comprehension
186. a w__t of summons *n.* a written legal order or command
187. Mu___m culture *n.* a follower of the religion of Islam
188. em___h in a corporate environment *n.* a person who can understand and share the feelings and experiences of others, often described as having a high degree of empathy
189. tu_____se dress *n.* a greenish-blue mineral that is a hydrated copper and aluminum phosphate and is valued as a gemstone, often used in jewelry and decorative objects
190. s__b at the enemy with a knife *v.* to cause harm with a sharp, pointed object, such as a knife
191. ev_____te the water *v.* to turn a liquid into a gas; to become less intense and disappear gradually
192. ex___e community *n.* the state of being forced to leave one's country or home, typically for political or punitive reasons

ANSWERS: 183. patriarchal, 184. egalitarian, 185. mystic, 186. writ, 187. Muslim, 188. empath, 189. turquoise, 190. stab, 191. evaporate, 192. exile

193. it_____nt labor *adj.* traveling from place to place; moving from place to place
194. st_____ng therapy *n.* a behavior often exhibited by individuals on the autism spectrum characterized by repetitive bodily movements or sounds, such as hand flapping or rocking, often used as a form of self-regulation or sensory stimulation
195. re_____te the feeling of the 1920s *v.* to make something that existed previously happen or appear to exist again
196. fo_____er visa *n.* a person who is not a citizen or national of the country they are in; someone from a different country, culture, or origin
197. s__b in the chest *v.* to cause harm with a sharp, pointed object, such as a knife
198. subtle cultural nu___e *n.* a subtle or slight degree of difference in appearance, meaning, sound, someone's feeling, etc.
199. in_____ue him *v.* to make someone interested, especially by being strange, unusual, or mysterious; to make a secret plan with other people to harm someone
200. autistic st_____ng *n.* a behavior often exhibited by individuals on the autism spectrum characterized by repetitive bodily movements or sounds, such as hand flapping or rocking, often used as a form of self-regulation or sensory stimulation

ANSWERS: 193. itinerant, 194. stimming, 195. recreate, 196. foreigner, 197. stab, 198. nuance, 199. intrigue, 200. stimming

201. an old gr___r

n. a person who owns a shop that sells foodstuffs and some household supplies

202. pa__l visit

adj. relating to the pope (= the head of the Roman Catholic Church) or the Roman Catholic Church

ANSWERS: 201. grocer, 202. papal

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The _____ of his anxiety was evident in his shaking hands.
n. a visible or tangible form of something, especially a particular sign of a disease or condition

2. The sun will _____ the mist.
v. to turn a liquid into a gas; to become less intense and disappear gradually

3. She decided to wear a pink ____ to the costume party.
n. a head covering made of synthetic or real hair worn for a variety of reasons, including as a fashion accessory, to conceal hair loss or baldness, or as part of a costume

4. The political party _____ after much internal fighting.
v. to be or cause to be absorbed by a liquid to form a part of the solution; to close down or dismiss

5. It's unfair to make a _____ about an entire group of people based on stereotypes.
n. the act of making a broad statement or conclusion based on limited information or experience; a statement that applies to a large group or category of things or people, often without considering the unique qualities or circumstances of each individual

6. Children seem to _____ chocolate ice cream no matter where they're from.
v. to have a deep love and admiration for someone or something; to regard with great affection and reverence

7. The _____ palace was a grand and imposing structure.
adj. relating to the pope (= the head of the Roman Catholic Church) or the Roman Catholic Church

ANSWERS: 1. manifestation, 2. evaporate, 3. wig, 4. dissolved, 5. generalization, 6. adore, 7. papal

8. The school is known for its _____ student body.
adj. relating to or characterized by several cultures (= beliefs, languages, customs, traditions, etc.)
9. He had a _____ bender last night.
n. a barrier that surrounds the wheels of a vehicle to block splashing water or mud; a cushion-like device that reduces shock due to an impact
10. The CEO's office was decorated in a _____ and elegant style.
adj. elegant, fashionable, or luxurious, often to an excessive or ostentatious degree; associated with the upper classes or a high level of social status
11. His _____ attitude made it difficult for him to work with people from different backgrounds.
adj. believing or showing the belief that some people are naturally superior to others and, therefore, should have more power and privilege
12. The schoolyard _____ terrorized the other children and made their lives miserable.
n. a person who uses strength or power to harm or intimidate those who are weaker; (verb) to intimidate, harass, or mistreat someone weaker or less powerful
13. The _____ mystic preached a message of love and tolerance to his followers.
n. a follower or practitioner of Islam's mystical or ascetic branch, known as Sufism. Sufis emphasize the personal experience of God and spiritual growth through contemplation, prayer, and devotion
14. The fan _____ the air in the room quickly.
v. to move continuously or freely around a place or closed system

ANSWERS: 8. multicultural, 9. fender, 10. posh, 11. elitist, 12. bully, 13. Sufi, 14. circulates

15. The story's _____ could have been better when the author included too many unrelated details.
- n.* the quality of being logical and consistent
16. The castle walls _____ the entire village for protection.
- v.* to form a circle or ring around something or someone; to surround or encompass something or someone completely
17. The flowers in the garden began to _____ due to lack of water.
- v.* to gradually shrink, shrivel, or become weaker, often due to lack of nourishment, age, or disease; to lose freshness, vitality, or vigor
18. The artist's _____ approach to sculpture challenged conventional ideas of art.
- adj.* relating to or characteristic of experimental or innovative ideas, especially in the arts, culture, or politics; pushing boundaries and challenging established norms and traditions
19. The _____ tribe moved from place to place with its herd of sheep.
- n.* a member of a group of people who move from place to place rather than living in one place all the time; a wanderer; a person with no fixed abode
20. The caterpillar spins a _____ around itself before turning into a butterfly.
- n.* a protective covering spun by some insects and other invertebrates
21. The celebration of _____ is often disregarded in male-dominated industries.
- n.* the state or condition of being an adult female; a term used to describe the social and cultural aspects of being a woman
22. The _____ train was delayed due to a signal failure on the line.
- n.* a person who regularly travels long distances between their home and place of work, typically by public transportation or car

ANSWERS: 15. coherence, 16. encircled, 17. wither, 18. avant-garde, 19. nomad, 20. cocoon, 21. womanhood, 22. commuter

23. He _____ her in front of the office, making her feel small and insignificant.
- v.* to speak or write about someone or something in a way that shows a lack of respect
24. The author wrote an _____ novel about growing up in a small town.
- adj.* relating to or based on the experiences, thoughts, or life story of oneself; about one's own life history or personal narrative
25. He is interested in the _____ rites of that religion.
- adj.* having spiritual powers or qualities that are beyond ordinary understanding; (noun) someone who believes in the existence of realities beyond human comprehension
26. Some people are _____ and believe in good luck charms and omens.
- adj.* believing in or influenced by superstitions, which are usually based on irrational or supernatural beliefs; showing excessive reverence for traditional or cultural beliefs that lack a rational basis
27. She was skilled in _____ techniques, such as using different voices for other characters.
- n.* the act or art of narrating or writing stories
28. A cake with a _____ filling is a delicious treat.
- n.* something that consists of multiple layers or levels
29. Despite the evidence, she remained a _____ in the theory of evolution.
- n.* a person who does not believe in something, such as a religion or idea
30. Her scientific background led her to be _____ about the existence of a higher power.
- n.* a person who believes that it is impossible to know whether there is a god

ANSWERS: 23. belittled, 24. autobiographical, 25. mystic, 26. superstitious, 27. storytelling, 28. multilayer, 29. disbeliever, 30. agnostic

31. 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
32. Being an _____ is not a weakness, and it's just a different way of interacting with the world.
- n.* a shy and reticent person
33. The _____ king lived in poverty in a foreign country for many years.
- n.* the state of being forced to leave one's country or home, typically for political or punitive reasons
34. After her first attempt to bake a cake failed, she didn't _____ at trying again.
- v.* to hesitate or stop abruptly before completing an action, often due to fear, uncertainty, or opposition; to refuse to comply with or agree to something
35. Autistic children may engage in _____ behaviors, such as rocking or hand flapping, to self-regulate.
- n.* a behavior often exhibited by individuals on the autism spectrum characterized by repetitive bodily movements or sounds, such as hand flapping or rocking, often used as a form of self-regulation or sensory stimulation
36. The _____ deal was worth a few tens of billions of dollars.
- n.* an act of taking control of something, especially the buying out of one company by another; an act of taking control of a country or an area by force
37. The company employs a _____ inventory system.
- adj.* continuing for an extended period in the same way without stopping or being interrupted

ANSWERS: 31. improvisation, 32. introvert, 33. exiled, 34. balk, 35. stimming, 36. takeover, 37. perpetual

38. When I heard the news, my whole body _____ with excitement.
v. to shake slightly in a way that you cannot control, for example, because you are frightened, angry, or excited, or because of illness
39. They formed a group of _____ individuals who shared a common goal.
adj. having the same ideas or interests
40. I have a _____ on my face that I am trying to cover with makeup.
n. a mark or imperfection that detracts from the appearance of something, typically a person's skin or features; (verb) to spoil, mar, or damage the appearance or quality of something
41. She faced some challenges as a _____ in the business world but was soon respected for her expertise.
n. a person who is not a citizen or national of the country they are in; someone from a different country, culture, or origin
42. The _____ system that many societies have is outdated and unfair to women.
adj. relating to or characteristic of a society or system in which men hold the dominant roles and positions of power; male-dominated
43. The _____ in her finger caused her much pain until she could remove it.
n. a sharp, pointed projection or spine on a plant or animal; something that causes discomfort or irritation, especially in a difficult or unpleasant situation
44. She _____ the atmosphere of the pre-war age with her stage setting.
v. to make something that existed previously happen or appear to exist again
45. The natural foods _____ took advantage of the recent vegan craze.
n. a person who owns a shop that sells foodstuffs and some household supplies

ANSWERS: 38. trembled, 39. like-minded, 40. blemish, 41. foreigner, 42. patriarchal, 43. thorn, 44. recreated, 45. grocer

46. He was _____ many times with scissors.

- v.* to cause harm with a sharp, pointed object, such as a knife

47. The artist's innovative style of work _____ me.

- v.* to make someone interested, especially by being strange, unusual, or mysterious; to make a secret plan with other people to harm someone

48. The belief in individualism was a cornerstone of _____ philosophy.

- n.* a philosophical and literary movement of the mid-19th century that emphasized the spiritual and intuitive over the empirical and rational; valued individualism, nonconformity, and a connection with nature; prominent figures included Ralph Waldo Emerson and Henry David Thoreau

49. He _____ her as just another pretty face, not realizing her intelligence.

- n.* a small compartment for a single item, especially a small hole or shelf for holding papers or files; (verb) to treat or classify according to a mental stereotype

50. The attorney decided to _____ the suspect for stealing from the store.

- v.* to bring legal action against someone in a court of law; to pursue or carry out something to completion or achievement

51. The movie's _____ ending left most of the audience in tears.

- adj.* evoking a keen sense of sadness or regret; emotionally moving; deeply affecting or touching

52. The _____ from his classmates made him feel embarrassed and ashamed.

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

ANSWERS: 46. stabbed, 47. intrigues, 48. transcendentalism, 49. pigeonholed, 50. prosecute, 51. poignant, 52. ridicule

53. The employee was _____ to a week of vacation time.

v. to give someone the right to have or do something; to give a title to someone or something

54. The sunset was so beautiful it looked like a _____ scene from a movie.

adj. of or relating to poetry (= a piece of writing that emphasizes the expression of feelings and ideas); using language in an imaginative and expressive way

55. The _____ older man snapped at the children for playing too loudly.

adj. easily annoyed or irritable; inclined to complain or show dissatisfaction, often in an ill-tempered way

56. He had to _____ two hours each way to get to work.

v. to regularly travel a particular journey, especially between one's home and place of work; (noun) a regular journey of some distance to and from your place of work

57. The employee's consistent tardiness and lack of accountability made her coworkers develop _____ in her abilities.

n. a lack of trust or confidence in someone or something

58. The Sultan's wives and _____ lived in the harem together.

n. a woman who, in some societies, lives and has a sexual relationship with a man but cannot officially be his wife

59. After returning from the war, he had a pretty _____ life.

adj. very ordinary and therefore lacking interest or excitement

60. The company prides itself on being an _____ workplace with equal employment opportunities.

adj. relating to or characterized by the belief in the equal rights, opportunities, and treatment of all people, regardless of their race, gender, or social class

ANSWERS: 53. entitled, 54. poetic, 55. grumpy, 56. commute, 57. distrust, 58. concubines, 59. mundane, 60. egalitarian

61. Changing _____ about LGBTQ requires considerable effort.
- n.* a fixed and unvarying idea or image that people have about what someone or something is like, but which is often not true in reality and may cause hurt and offense
62. The _____ royal guard is highly skilled and fiercely loyal to him.
- n.* a king or ruler of an Islamic country or state, particularly in the Middle East; a title of respect for a Muslim ruler or leader
63. The boss tried to _____ his subordinate with threats.
- v.* to make someone fearful or uneasy so that they will do something that you want them to do
64. The doctor recommended a surgical procedure to remove the genital _____ and prevent further complications.
- n.* a small, hard, benign growth on the skin caused by a viral infection and typically found on the hands or feet; a defect or drawback in something or someone
65. I'm studying _____ calligraphy as part of my art class.
- n.* the Semitic language of the Arab people, widely spoken throughout the Middle East and North Africa; of or relating to Arab peoples, culture, or language
66. Her job's long hours and high pressure started affecting her _____.
- n.* the state of being mentally sound, healthy, and rational
67. She is a hard worker but not very _____.
- adj.* having or showing new and creative ideas
68. Being an _____ in a relationship requires the partner to understand the empath's unique emotional needs.
- n.* a person who can understand and share the feelings and experiences of others, often described as having a high degree of empathy

ANSWERS: 61. stereotypes, 62. sultan's, 63. intimidate, 64. wart, 65. Arabic, 66. sanity, 67. imaginative, 68. empath

69. She _____ the memories of her childhood.

- v.* to hold someone or something dear; to feel or show affection for someone or something

70. 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

71. The _____ powers of the witch were the stuff of legends.

- adj.* of or relating to existence outside the natural world; not able to be explained by natural laws

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

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

73. The city decided to _____ the old, unsafe building and build a new one.

- v.* to completely destroy or tear down a building, structure, or other entity; to ruin or eliminate the effectiveness or power of something

74. The _____ waters of the Caribbean were a breathtaking sight.

- n.* a greenish-blue mineral that is a hydrated copper and aluminum phosphate and is valued as a gemstone, often used in jewelry and decorative objects

75. The manager tried to hear customers' voices _____.

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

76. In _____ I wish I had made a different decision.

- n.* a review or analysis of past events, particularly to gain insight or understanding; a consideration of something that has already occurred or been accomplished

ANSWERS: 69. cherished, 70. crayons, 71. supernatural, 72. Jewish, 73. demolish, 74. turquoise, 75. firsthand, 76. retrospect,

77. The painter has tried to express every _____ of the woman's expression in his work.
- n.* a subtle or slight degree of difference in appearance, meaning, sound, someone's feeling, etc.
78. He was served with a _____ of eviction, giving him the notice to vacate the property.
- n.* a written legal order or command
79. The procession of demonstrators was _____ continuing.
- adv.* in a way that continues for a long time or seems to have no end or limit
80. The _____ dog cowered in fear when approached by a stranger.
- adj.* showing a lack of courage or confidence; easily frightened, shy, or hesitant in the face of danger or potential risk
81. The leaves began to _____ around in the windy weather.
- v.* to spin or turn rapidly; to move or be moved quickly in a circular manner; (noun) a spinning or rotating movement, often rapid or chaotic in nature
82. The news of the pandemic was a _____ reminder of the fragility of human health.
- adj.* causing fear or alarm, or very surprising and alarming
83. The crowds at the festival _____ as the night went on.
- v.* to gradually decrease in size, amount, or strength; to become smaller
84. Please _____ of the slippery floor after it rains, or you could fall.
- v.* to be cautious or careful about something or someone that may cause harm or danger

ANSWERS: 77. nuance, 78. writ, 79. endlessly, 80. timid, 81. whirl, 82. frightening, 83. dwindled, 84. beware

85. 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
86. She worked very hard not to _____ her boss's expectations.
v. to fail to meet someone or their hopes or expectations; to make someone feel sad
87. She applied the _____ to her lashes for a dramatic look.
n. a cosmetic product used to darken, thicken, and define eyelashes
88. The music _____ cultural barriers and reached audiences globally.
v. to rise above or go beyond the limits of something
89. He lifted her _____ with both hands.
n. a piece of fine cloth worn by women to cover or conceal the face; (verb) to cover, conceal, or obscure
90. The physicist who found the _____ particle won the Nobel Prize.
adj. difficult to find, define, achieve, or remember
91. I need to send this email _____.
adv. in a way that requires immediate action or attention, especially before anything else, because of being very important
92. The _____ makes use of the local dialect.
n. a person who tells a story, especially in a book or film

ANSWERS: 85. aft, 86. disappoint, 87. mascara, 88. transcended, 89. veil, 90. elusive, 91. urgently, 92. narrator

93. The comedian is famous for his ability to _____ famous politicians.
- v.* to pretend to be someone else, often with the intent to deceive or defraud; to imitate the mannerisms or speech of another person as a form of tribute or satire
94. The senior _____ worked tirelessly to negotiate a peace treaty between the two countries.
- n.* a person appointed by a government to conduct diplomacy (= the management of relationships between countries) with one or more other countries or international organizations
95. The _____ Sultan was considered the supreme ruler and held great authority.
- n.* a historical empire founded at the end of the 13th century in northwestern Anatolia by the Turkoman tribal leader Osman I; (used as "ottoman") a type of upholstered seat or bench without a back or arms, typically used as a stool or footstool, or in some cases as a coffee table
96. The _____ community in the city is small but growing.
- n.* a follower of the religion of Islam
97. The _____ traveler visited many countries on his journey.
- adj.* traveling from place to place; moving from place to place
98. The sound of the _____ tambourine and flute filled the air with a haunting melody.
- n.* a Muslim ascetic who belongs to a Sufi order, known for their ecstatic dancing and other forms of physical and spiritual discipline
99. The city was known for its _____ culture and diverse population.
- adj.* having a wide-ranging perspective and interests, embracing diverse cultures, and having the experience of living in or being familiar with many different countries

ANSWERS: 93. impersonate, 94. diplomat, 95. Ottoman, 96. Muslim, 97. itinerant, 98. dervish's, 99. cosmopolitan

100. Many _____ are aware of the health risks associated with smoking but find it difficult to quit.

n. a person who smokes tobacco regularly, or a device used for smoking

101. The _____ of the bees filled the air as she walked through the garden.

adj. producing a continuous, low, vibrating sound like that of the bee

ANSWERS: 100. smokers, 101. humming