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Session 1: Word List

standoff

n. a situation in which two or more people, groups, or countries refuse to move from a position or make a compromise, leading to a stalemate or impasse; a short distance maintained between two opposing forces or objects, such as in a military context or electrical wiring

synonym: impasse, deadlock, stalemate

(1) diplomatic **standoff**, (2) military **standoff**

The **standoff** between the opposing political parties lasted for several days.

greedy

adj. having or showing an intense or insatiable desire for wealth, status, power, or food

synonym: avaricious, covetous, grasping

(1) **greedy** person, (2) **greedy** for money

His **greedy** behavior led him to steal from the company.

auditorium

n. a room or building used for concerts, plays, or other public performances

synonym: hall, theater, amphitheater

(1) open-air **auditorium**, (2) **auditorium** annex

The **auditorium** seating was filled with people waiting for the concert to begin.

massacre

n. the brutal and indiscriminate killing of a large number of people; a violent and bloody event that typically results in the death of many individuals

synonym : slaughter, bloodbath, butchery

(1) **massacre** in the village, (2) animal **massacre**

The **massacre** of innocent civilians in the war zone was a tragic event.

disguise

v. to hide or alter someone's appearance to deceive or mislead others

synonym : mask, misinterpret, cloak

(1) **disguise** my feelings, (2) **disguise** his voice

Later it turned out that the politician **disguised** the fact from the public.

homestead

n. a house or farm and the surrounding land, typically used as a home and workplace by a family or individual

synonym : farmstead, ranch, plantation

(1) wilderness **homestead**, (2) family **homestead**

My grandparents lived on a remote **homestead** in the mountains.

unleash

v. to suddenly release a strong force, emotion, etc. that cannot be controlled

synonym : discharge, free, release

(1) **unleash** a hound, (2) **unleash** her anger

The general was still reluctant to **unleash** his troops in pursuit of an enemy.

settler

n. a person who moved with a group of others to live in a different country or area

synonym : frontiersperson, immigrant, emigrant

(1) new **settlers**, (2) **settlers** on some foreign shore

A large proportion of railway workers in **settler** colonies were white.

uprising

n. a public rebellion, especially against an established government or authority

synonym : revolt, rebellion, insurgency

(1) stage an **uprising**, (2) violent **uprising**

The anti-government **uprising** was successful in overthrowing the regime.

emancipation

n. the act or process of setting someone free from control or influence

synonym : liberation, freedom, release

(1) self- **emancipation**, (2) history of **emancipation**

His **emancipation** from his parents was a defining moment and gave him newfound freedom.

proclamation

n. an official announcement or statement

synonym : announcement, declamation, edict

(1) **proclamation** of innocence, (2) nullify a **proclamation**

The king made a **proclamation** declaring war on the neighboring country.

transcontinental

adj. spanning or crossing an entire continent or continents

synonym : cross-country, continental, spanning the nation

(1) **transcontinental** pipeline, (2) **transcontinental** flight

The **transcontinental** railway was a major engineering feat that helped connect the East and West coasts of the United States.

promenade

n. a stroll or walk, often taken in a public place or park; a public place for walking or strolling, often filled with shops or vendors; a dance movement in which the partners move around the floor in a circle or similar pattern

synonym : stroll, walkway, boulevard

(1) evening **promenade**, (2) **promenade** in the park

The boardwalk by the beach was a beautiful **promenade** for tourists and locals alike.

henceforth

adv. starting from this time; from now on

synonym : hereafter, henceforward, subsequently

(1) abstain from wine **henceforth**, (2) promise never to lie **henceforth**

This city will be **henceforth** recognized as the capital.

whit

n. a very small or insignificant amount or quantity, often used in the phrase "not a whit," meaning not at all

synonym : bit, atom, smidgen

(1) a **whit** of evidence, (2) not a **whit** of difference

His argument had a **whit** of truth, but it was primarily exaggerated.

concede

v. to acknowledge or admit the truth or existence of something often reluctantly

synonym : admit, acknowledge, allow

(1) **concede** a territory, (2) **concede** a point

He had to **concede** defeat after losing the game.

numb

adj. unable to feel physical sensation and movement; not showing human feeling or sensitivity

synonym : dazed, insensitive, emotionless

(1) **numb** with cold, (2) a **numb** mind

My left arm became **numb**.

forbidding

adj. giving the impression that something is difficult or unpleasant; intimidating or uninviting

synonym : intimidating, uninviting, daunting

(1) **forbidding** atmosphere, (2) **forbidding** mountain

The teacher's stern expression and strict rules made her classroom feel **forbidding** to the students.

influx

n. the arrival or entry of a large number of people, objects, or ideas into a place or system

synonym : inflow, arrival, impression

(1) **influx** of capital, (2) **influx** of tourists

The **influx** of immigrants into urban areas can create significant social, economic, and political challenges for local communities.

cavalry

n. a highly mobile army unit

(1) troop of **cavalry**, (2) superbly trained **cavalry**

The **cavalry** regrouped and launched another attack.

starve

v. to suffer or die from lack of food; to cause someone or something to suffer or die from lack of food; to deprive something of necessary nourishment or sustenance

synonym: famish, hunger

(1) **starve** for a victory, (2) **starve** to death

If you don't eat soon, you're going to **starve**.

sect

n. a group of people who follow a particular religious or philosophical belief system, especially one that is regarded as outside the norm or mainstream

synonym: group, faction, cult

(1) **sect** beliefs, (2) secret **sect**

The minority **sect** believed in a set of unconventional religious practices.

passe

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

synonym: outdated, old-fashioned, antique

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

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

rancher

n. a person who owns, manages, or works on a ranch, especially one that is used for raising or grazing livestock

synonym: cowboy, farmer, herder

(1) **rancher's** wife, (2) traditional **rancher**

The local grocery store carried meat sourced from the

rancher's farm.

troop

n. a group of soldiers, especially a large one; a group of people, animals, or things considered as a unit.

synonym: group, unit, band

(1) the members of a military **troop**, (2) a **troop** of deer
The **troop** of soldiers marched through the city in a parade.

encampment

n. a temporary or semi-permanent settlement, especially a group of tents or other shelters used for lodging or military purposes

synonym: campsite, bivouac, settlement

(1) military **encampment**, (2) temporary **encampment**
The **encampment** of soldiers in the field was a temporary arrangement.

fir

n. a type of tall evergreen tree that is native to the northern hemisphere, with needle-like leaves and cones that stand upright on the branches

synonym: pine, spruce, cedar

(1) **fir** branch, (2) **fir** forest
The smell of fresh **fir** trees filled the air at the Christmas tree farm.

explode

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

synonym: detonate, blast, rupture

(1) **explode** in anger, (2) **explode** in popularity
The old building **exploded** in a fiery inferno.

valor

n. courage or bravery, especially in the face of danger or adversity; heroic qualities or actions

synonym: bravery, courage, heroism

(1) **valor** in war, (2) show **valor**
The soldier was awarded a medal of **valor** for his heroic actions in combat.

indiscriminate

adj. done or occurring without any particular aim, purpose, or discrimination; haphazard, random, or careless

synonym : random, haphazard, eclectic

(1) **indiscriminate** violence, (2) **indiscriminate** use of force

The **indiscriminate** spraying of pesticides is harmful to both the environment and people's health.

elk

n. a large species of deer native to North America and eastern Asia, known for its large antlers and imposing size

synonym : moose, deer, stag

(1) **elk** population, (2) **elk** hunting

We saw a group of **elk** grazing in the field near our cabin in the mountains.

butcher

n. a person who prepares and sells meat, especially at a retail shop; a person who kills or slaughters animals, especially for food; a person who engages in the relentless or brutal treatment of others

synonym : butcherer, meat cutter, slaughterer

(1) **butcher** knife, (2) local **butcher**

He's a vegetarian and was shocked to see so much meat in the **butcher** shop.

scatter

v. to cause to separate and go in different directions

synonym : disperse, spread, bestrew

(1) **scatter** seeds, (2) **scatter** around the internet

The hunter's approach **scattered** the geese.

crooked

adj. not straight or aligned; bent or curved to one side; not honest or fair; characterized by deception, fraud, or wrongdoing; irregular, uneven, or jagged in shape or form

synonym : bent, curved, twisted

(1) **crooked** smile, (2) **crooked** line

The table leg was **crooked**, causing all the cups to slide to one side.

gulch

n. a narrow and steep-sided ravine or gully, usually formed by the erosion of water, commonly found in dry or arid regions and is often the result of intermittent or seasonal water flow

synonym: ravine, gorge, canyon

(1) **gulch** erosion, (2) **gulch** trail

They crossed the treacherous **gulch** using a sturdy rope bridge.

bury

v. to place a dead body in the ground, grave, or tomb

synonym: entomb, sink, forget

(1) **bury** in the earth, (2) **bury** emotion

There is plenty of space to **bury** everyone.

blizzard

n. a severe snowstorm that is accompanied by strong winds and low temperatures, often leading to very limited visibility and dangerous travel conditions

synonym: snowstorm, whiteout, bluster

(1) **blizzard** warning, (2) heavy **blizzard**

The city declared a snow emergency and warned residents to stay off the streets during the **blizzard**.

inconvenient

adj. causing trouble or difficulty; not convenient or suitable

synonym: troublesome, difficult, awkward

(1) face an **inconvenient** truth, (2) **inconvenient** for shopping

It was **inconvenient** for her to go out of her way to pick up the package.

cannon

n. a large, heavy gun fired from a fixed position or mounted on a vehicle, used in warfare or hunting

synonym: artillery, gun, ordnance

(1) **cannon** salute, (2) **cannon** ball

The heavy **cannon** fired a loud shot that echoed across the battlefield.

determinant

n. a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result

synonym : cause, factor, element

(1) environmental **determinant**, (2) a **determinant** of crop yields

One **determinant** of success is having a positive attitude and a strong work ethic.

prospector

n. a person who searches for minerals such as gold or silver by systematically digging, panning, or prospecting

synonym : miner, digger, explorer

(1) **prospector's** shovel, (2) gold **prospector**

The **prospector's** camp was in a remote area of the wilderness.

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.

rev

n. a measure of the rate at which an engine or motor rotates, often expressed in revolutions per minute (RPM); (verb) to increase the number of rotations per minute

synonym : revolution, RPM, speed

(1) low- **rev** engine, (2) **rev** up the crowd

He stepped on the gas pedal, and the engine released a loud **rev**.

colonize

v. to establish a colony in or on a specific place; to settle or occupy in large numbers

synonym : settle, occupy, inhabit

(1) **colonize** planets, (2) **colonize** for cultivation

European powers **colonized** much of the Americas in the 16th and 17th centuries.

fluctuate

v. to rise and fall irregularly or unexpectedly; to vary or change often and unpredictably

synonym: vary, oscillate, sway

(1) **fluctuate** prices, (2) **fluctuate** rapidly

Stock prices **fluctuate** daily based on market demand and supply.

rot

v. to decay, or cause something to decay, naturally and gradually

synonym: perish, decay, corrode

(1) begin to **rot**, (2) **rot** with age

Please refrigerate the meat, or it will **rot**.

electrify

v. to make a machine or system work by using electricity; to make someone extremely enthusiastic about or interested in something

synonym: wire, amaze, astonish

(1) **electrify** the audience, (2) **electrify** a manufacturing process

The product developed through years of research continues to **electrify** the market.

infest

v. to swarm or overrun with a large number of something undesirable, such as pests or parasites

synonym: invade, overrun

(1) **infest** a building, (2) **infest** a garden

The old storage shed was **infested** with rats and had to be torn down.

mold

n. a hollow container used to give shape to liquid or soft substance, which then becomes solid in the same shape as the container; a soft, green, or gray growth that forms on stale food or objects exposed to warm, moist air for too long

synonym: cavity, cast, mildew

(1) a casting **mold**, (2) **mold** allergy

Mushrooms and **mold** are fungi.

dropout

n. a person who leaves school, college, or a training program before completing it

synonym: noncompleter, quitter, school leaver

(1) the **dropout** rate, (2) **dropout** student

The high school **dropout** rate has decreased significantly in recent years thanks to educational initiatives and support programs.

grandparent

n. a parent of one's father or mother

(1) great- **grandparent**, (2) person of **grandparent** age

She was close to her paternal **grandparents** and often spent summers with them.

grandchild

n. a child of someone's son or daughter

synonym: offspring, descendant, progeny

(1) **grandchild-grandparent** relationship, (2) **grandchild** development

The grandparents take care of their **grandchild** while the parents are at work.

alcoholism

n. a chronic disorder characterized by dependence on alcohol and repeated excessive use of alcoholic beverages

synonym: alcohol dependency, alcohol addiction, drunkenness

(1) acute **alcoholism**, (2) **alcoholism** recovery

He lost everything due to his **alcoholism**.

apathy

n. lack of emotion, concern, or enthusiasm

synonym: affectlessness, dispassion, indifference

(1) **apathy** in the election, (2) political **apathy**

The global economic crisis has led to pervasive **apathy** and powerlessness.

oppress

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

synonym:

antagonize, distress, burden

(1) **oppress** the minority, (2) **oppress** the people with force
Historically, many countries have often **oppressed** certain religions to gain the support of the majority of the population.

domino

n. a small, flat, rectangular block used in a game that has pairs of dots on one or both sides; a consequence of an event that sets off a chain reaction of similar events

synonym: tile, block, ivory

(1) **domino** chain, (2) **domino** effect

We knocked over a stack of **dominoes** and watched them fall one by one.

sideline

n. a secondary or less significant job, interest, or activity; a line on the side of a sports field that players must stay behind; (verb) to remove someone from their position or role, often temporarily or as a result of a setback or failure

synonym: sidestep, periphery, (verb) ignore

(1) **sideline** reporter, (2) lucrative **sideline**

The coach benched the star player after he broke a team rule, leaving him on the **sideline** for the entire game.

famine

n. a severe shortage of food, often caused by drought, war, or economic reasons

synonym: hunger, starvation, drought

(1) **famine** relief, (2) coal **famine**

The severe **famine** caused by the drought has left many people without food.

graffiti

n. writing or drawings scribbled, scratched, or sprayed illicitly on a wall or other surface in a public place

synonym: street art, tagging, vandalism

(1) **graffiti** art, (2) **graffiti** tag

The city spent a lot of money cleaning up the **graffiti** on the buildings downtown.

shrug

v. to raise your shoulders and then drop them to say you do not know or are not interested

(1) **shrug** off the importance, (2) **shrug** his shoulders sadly
I respect her ability to **shrug** off harsh criticism.

Session 2: Spelling

1. cr____d smile *adj.* not straight or aligned; bent or curved to one side; not honest or fair; characterized by deception, fraud, or wrongdoing; irregular, uneven, or jagged in shape or form
2. ca____n salute *n.* a large, heavy gun fired from a fixed position or mounted on a vehicle, used in warfare or hunting
3. st____e for a victory *v.* to suffer or die from lack of food; to cause someone or something to suffer or die from lack of food; to deprive something of necessary nourishment or sustenance
4. superbly trained ca____y *n.* a highly mobile army unit
5. gr____ti tag *n.* writing or drawings scribbled, scratched, or sprayed illicitly on a wall or other surface in a public place
6. gu__h trail *n.* a narrow and steep-sided ravine or gully, usually formed by the erosion of water, commonly found in dry or arid regions and is often the result of intermittent or seasonal water flow
7. the members of a military tr__p *n.* a group of soldiers, especially a large one; a group of people, animals, or things considered as a unit.
8. pa__e entertainment *adj.* no longer fashionable or current; outdated; considered to be old-fashioned or out of date

ANSWERS: 1. crooked, 2. cannon, 3. starve, 4. cavalry, 5. graffiti, 6. gulch, 7. troop, 8. passe

9. ra____r's wife *n.* a person who owns, manages, or works on a ranch, especially one that is used for raising or grazing livestock
10. for_____ng atmosphere *adj.* giving the impression that something is difficult or unpleasant; intimidating or uninviting
11. va__r in war *n.* courage or bravery, especially in the face of danger or adversity; heroic qualities or actions
12. person of gra_____nt age *n.* a parent of one's father or mother
13. f_r branch *n.* a type of tall evergreen tree that is native to the northern hemisphere, with needle-like leaves and cones that stand upright on the branches
14. ap___y in the election *n.* lack of emotion, concern, or enthusiasm
15. di_____se his voice *v.* to hide or alter someone's appearance to deceive or mislead others
16. gr___y for money *adj.* having or showing an intense or insatiable desire for wealth, status, power, or food
17. v__l instrument *n.* a stringed instrument, typically with six strings and frets, played with a bow, also called a viola da gamba
18. b__y emotion *v.* to place a dead body in the ground, grave, or tomb
19. gra_____ld-grandparent relationship *n.* a child of someone's son or daughter
20. alc_____sm recovery *n.* a chronic disorder characterized by dependence on alcohol and repeated excessive use of alcoholic beverages

ANSWERS: 9. rancher, 10. forbidding, 11. valor, 12. grandparent, 13. fir, 14. apathy, 15. disguise, 16. greedy, 17. viol, 18. bury, 19. grandchild, 20. alcoholism

21. m__d allergy *n.* a hollow container used to give shape to liquid or soft substance, which then becomes solid in the same shape as the container; a soft, green, or gray growth that forms on stale food or objects exposed to warm, moist air for too long
22. gr____ti art *n.* writing or drawings scribbled, scratched, or sprayed illicitly on a wall or other surface in a public place
23. sh__g off the importance *v.* to raise your shoulders and then drop them to say you do not know or are not interested
24. gr____y person *adj.* having or showing an intense or insatiable desire for wealth, status, power, or food
25. ind_____ate violence *adj.* done or occurring without any particular aim, purpose, or discrimination; haphazard, random, or careless
26. di____se my feelings *v.* to hide or alter someone's appearance to deceive or mislead others
27. si____ne reporter *n.* a secondary or less significant job, interest, or activity; a line on the side of a sports field that players must stay behind; (verb) to remove someone from their position or role, often temporarily or as a result of a setback or failure
28. sc____r around the internet *v.* to cause to separate and go in different directions
29. cr____d line *adj.* not straight or aligned; bent or curved to one side; not honest or fair; characterized by deception, fraud, or wrongdoing; irregular, uneven, or jagged in shape or form

ANSWERS: 21. mold, 22. graffiti, 23. shrug, 24. greedy, 25. indiscriminate, 26. disguise, 27. sideline, 28. scatter, 29. crooked

30. promise never to lie henceforth *adv.* starting from this time; from now on
31. violent uprising *n.* a public rebellion, especially against an established government or authority
32. elk population *n.* a large species of deer native to North America and eastern Asia, known for its large antlers and imposing size
33. dropout student *n.* a person who leaves school, college, or a training program before completing it
34. infest a building *v.* to swarm or overrun with a large number of something undesirable, such as pests or parasites
35. forbidding mountain *adj.* giving the impression that something is difficult or unpleasant; intimidating or uninviting
36. explode in anger *v.* to burst or break open violently and noisily; to cause something to burst or break open
37. oppress the people with force *v.* to treat people in a cruel and authoritarian way, especially by denying them the same freedoms, rights, etc. as other people
38. nullify a proclamation *n.* an official announcement or statement
39. political apathy *n.* lack of emotion, concern, or enthusiasm
40. influx of capital *n.* the arrival or entry of a large number of people, objects, or ideas into a place or system
41. infest a garden *v.* to swarm or overrun with a large number of something undesirable, such as pests or parasites

ANSWERS: 30. henceforth, 31. uprising, 32. elk, 33. dropout, 34. infest, 35. forbidding, 36. explode, 37. oppress, 38. proclamation, 39. apathy, 40. influx, 41. infest

42. history of ema_____ion *n.* the act or process of setting someone free from control or influence
43. local bu_____r *n.* a person who prepares and sells meat, especially at a retail shop; a person who kills or slaughters animals, especially for food; a person who engages in the relentless or brutal treatment of others
44. co_____ze planets *v.* to establish a colony in or on a specific place; to settle or occupy in large numbers
45. bu_____r knife *n.* a person who prepares and sells meat, especially at a retail shop; a person who kills or slaughters animals, especially for food; a person who engages in the relentless or brutal treatment of others
46. gold pro_____or *n.* a person who searches for minerals such as gold or silver by systematically digging, panning, or prospecting
47. a det_____nt of crop yields *n.* a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result
48. secret s__t *n.* a group of people who follow a particular religious or philosophical belief system, especially one that is regarded as outside the norm or mainstream
49. r_v up the crowd *n.* a measure of the rate at which an engine or motor rotates, often expressed in revolutions per minute (RPM); (verb) to increase the number of rotations per minute

ANSWERS: 42. emancipation, 43. butcher, 44. colonize, 45. butcher, 46. prospector, 47. determinant, 48. sect, 49. rev

50. do___o effect *n.* a small, flat, rectangular block used in a game that has pairs of dots on one or both sides; a consequence of an event that sets off a chain reaction of similar events
51. aud_____um annex *n.* a room or building used for concerts, plays, or other public performances
52. un_____h a hound *v.* to suddenly release a strong force, emotion, etc. that cannot be controlled
53. se_____rs on some foreign shore *n.* a person who moved with a group of others to live in a different country or area
54. ex_____e in popularity *v.* to burst or break open violently and noisily; to cause something to burst or break open
55. gra_____ld development *n.* a child of someone's son or daughter
56. sc_____r seeds *v.* to cause to separate and go in different directions
57. a casting m__d *n.* a hollow container used to give shape to liquid or soft substance, which then becomes solid in the same shape as the container; a soft, green, or gray growth that forms on stale food or objects exposed to warm, moist air for too long
58. lucrative si_____ne *n.* a secondary or less significant job, interest, or activity; a line on the side of a sports field that players must stay behind; (verb) to remove someone from their position or role, often temporarily or as a result of a setback or failure

ANSWERS: 50. domino, 51. auditorium, 52. unleash, 53. settler, 54. explode, 55. grandchild, 56. scatter, 57. mold, 58. sideline

59. fa___e relief *n.* a severe shortage of food, often caused by drought, war, or economic reasons
60. e_k hunting *n.* a large species of deer native to North America and eastern Asia, known for its large antlers and imposing size
61. wilderness ho_____ad *n.* a house or farm and the surrounding land, typically used as a home and workplace by a family or individual
62. el_____fy the audience *v.* to make a machine or system work by using electricity; to make someone extremely enthusiastic about or interested in something
63. sh__g his shoulders sadly *v.* to raise your shoulders and then drop them to say you do not know or are not interested
64. ma_____re in the village *n.* the brutal and indiscriminate killing of a large number of people; a violent and bloody event that typically results in the death of many individuals
65. self-ema_____ion *n.* the act or process of setting someone free from control or influence
66. op_____s the minority *v.* to treat people in a cruel and authoritarian way, especially by denying them the same freedoms, rights, etc. as other people
67. new se_____rs *n.* a person who moved with a group of others to live in a different country or area
68. co_____ze for cultivation *v.* to establish a colony in or on a specific place; to settle or occupy in large numbers

ANSWERS: 59. famine, 60. elk, 61. homestead, 62. electrify, 63. shrug, 64. massacre, 65. emancipation, 66. oppress, 67. settler, 68. colonize

69. do___o chain *n.* a small, flat, rectangular block used in a game that has pairs of dots on one or both sides; a consequence of an event that sets off a chain reaction of similar events
70. acute alc_____sm *n.* a chronic disorder characterized by dependence on alcohol and repeated excessive use of alcoholic beverages
71. open-air aud_____um *n.* a room or building used for concerts, plays, or other public performances
72. stage an up_____ng *n.* a public rebellion, especially against an established government or authority
73. ind_____ate use of force *adj.* done or occurring without any particular aim, purpose, or discrimination; haphazard, random, or careless
74. tra_____tal flight *adj.* spanning or crossing an entire continent or continents
75. the dr_____t rate *n.* a person who leaves school, college, or a training program before completing it
76. not a w__t of difference *n.* a very small or insignificant amount or quantity, often used in the phrase "not a whit," meaning not at all
77. abstain from wine hen_____th *adv.* starting from this time; from now on
78. family ho_____ad *n.* a house or farm and the surrounding land, typically used as a home and workplace by a family or individual
79. pro_____ion of innocence *n.* an official announcement or statement
80. r_t with age *v.* to decay, or cause something to decay, naturally and gradually

ANSWERS: 69. domino, 70. alcoholism, 71. auditorium, 72. uprising, 73. indiscriminate, 74. transcontinental, 75. dropout, 76. whit, 77. henceforth, 78. homestead, 79. proclamation, 80. rot

81. fl_____te prices *v.* to rise and fall irregularly or unexpectedly; to vary or change often and unpredictably
82. evening pr_____de *n.* a stroll or walk, often taken in a public place or park; a public place for walking or strolling, often filled with shops or vendors; a dance movement in which the partners move around the floor in a circle or similar pattern
83. pro_____or's shovel *n.* a person who searches for minerals such as gold or silver by systematically digging, panning, or prospecting
84. diplomatic st_____ff *n.* a situation in which two or more people, groups, or countries refuse to move from a position or make a compromise, leading to a stalemate or impasse; a short distance maintained between two opposing forces or objects, such as in a military context or electrical wiring
85. s__t beliefs *n.* a group of people who follow a particular religious or philosophical belief system, especially one that is regarded as outside the norm or mainstream
86. el_____fy a manufacturing process *v.* to make a machine or system work by using electricity; to make someone extremely enthusiastic about or interested in something
87. ca____n ball *n.* a large, heavy gun fired from a fixed position or mounted on a vehicle, used in warfare or hunting

ANSWERS: 81. fluctuate, 82. promenade, 83. prospector, 84. standoff, 85. sect, 86. electrify, 87. cannon

88. co____e a point *v.* to acknowledge or admit the truth or existence of something often reluctantly
89. animal ma____re *n.* the brutal and indiscriminate killing of a large number of people; a violent and bloody event that typically results in the death of many individuals
90. in____x of tourists *n.* the arrival or entry of a large number of people, objects, or ideas into a place or system
91. un____h her anger *v.* to suddenly release a strong force, emotion, etc. that cannot be controlled
92. traditional ra____r *n.* a person who owns, manages, or works on a ranch, especially one that is used for raising or grazing livestock
93. pr____de in the park *n.* a stroll or walk, often taken in a public place or park; a public place for walking or strolling, often filled with shops or vendors; a dance movement in which the partners move around the floor in a circle or similar pattern
94. a n__b mind *adj.* unable to feel physical sensation and movement; not showing human feeling or sensitivity
95. face an inc____ent truth *adj.* causing trouble or difficulty; not convenient or suitable
96. fl____te rapidly *v.* to rise and fall irregularly or unexpectedly; to vary or change often and unpredictably
97. a tr__p of deer *n.* a group of soldiers, especially a large one; a group of people, animals, or things considered as a unit.

ANSWERS: 88. concede, 89. massacre, 90. influx, 91. unleash, 92. rancher, 93. promenade, 94. numb, 95. inconvenient, 96. fluctuate, 97. troop

98. temporary enc_____nt *n.* a temporary or semi-permanent settlement, especially a group of tents or other shelters used for lodging or military purposes
99. bl_____rd warning *n.* a severe snowstorm that is accompanied by strong winds and low temperatures, often leading to very limited visibility and dangerous travel conditions
100. tra_____tal pipeline *adj.* spanning or crossing an entire continent or continents
101. military st_____ff *n.* a situation in which two or more people, groups, or countries refuse to move from a position or make a compromise, leading to a stalemate or impasse; a short distance maintained between two opposing forces or objects, such as in a military context or electrical wiring
102. great-gra_____nt *n.* a parent of one's father or mother
103. low-r_v engine *n.* a measure of the rate at which an engine or motor rotates, often expressed in revolutions per minute (RPM); (verb) to increase the number of rotations per minute
104. inc_____ent for shopping *adj.* causing trouble or difficulty; not convenient or suitable
105. st___e to death *v.* to suffer or die from lack of food; to cause someone or something to suffer or die from lack of food; to deprive something of necessary nourishment or sustenance

ANSWERS: 98. encampment, 99. blizzard, 100. transcontinental, 101. standoff, 102. grandparent, 103. rev, 104. inconvenient, 105. starve

116. a w__t of evidence *n.* a very small or insignificant amount or quantity, often used in the phrase "not a whit," meaning not at all
117. coal fa___e *n.* a severe shortage of food, often caused by drought, war, or economic reasons
118. b__y in the earth *v.* to place a dead body in the ground, grave, or tomb
119. heavy bl____rd *n.* a severe snowstorm that is accompanied by strong winds and low temperatures, often leading to very limited visibility and dangerous travel conditions
120. show va__r *n.* courage or bravery, especially in the face of danger or adversity; heroic qualities or actions

ANSWERS: 116. whit, 117. famine, 118. bury, 119. blizzard, 120. valor

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The _____ of soldiers marched through the city in a parade.
n. a group of soldiers, especially a large one; a group of people, animals, or things considered as a unit.

2. The old building _____ in a fiery inferno.
v. to burst or break open violently and noisily; to cause something to burst or break open

3. The _____ of innocent civilians in the war zone was a tragic event.
n. the brutal and indiscriminate killing of a large number of people; a violent and bloody event that typically results in the death of many individuals

4. I respect her ability to _____ off harsh criticism.
v. to raise your shoulders and then drop them to say you do not know or are not interested

5. Bell-bottom jeans, once considered _____ fashion, have made a surprising comeback in recent years.
adj. no longer fashionable or current; outdated; considered to be old-fashioned or out of date

6. The boardwalk by the beach was a beautiful _____ for tourists and locals alike.
n. a stroll or walk, often taken in a public place or park; a public place for walking or strolling, often filled with shops or vendors; a dance movement in which the partners move around the floor in a circle or similar pattern

7. The hunter's approach _____ the geese.
v. to cause to separate and go in different directions

ANSWERS: 1. troop, 2. exploded, 3. massacre, 4. shrug, 5. passe, 6. promenade, 7. scattered

8. There is plenty of space to _____ everyone.
v. to place a dead body in the ground, grave, or tomb
9. One _____ of success is having a positive attitude and a strong work ethic.
n. a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result
10. This city will be _____ recognized as the capital.
adv. starting from this time; from now on
11. European powers _____ much of the Americas in the 16th and 17th centuries.
v. to establish a colony in or on a specific place; to settle or occupy in large numbers
12. Stock prices _____ daily based on market demand and supply.
v. to rise and fall irregularly or unexpectedly; to vary or change often and unpredictably
13. The city spent a lot of money cleaning up the _____ on the buildings downtown.
n. writing or drawings scribbled, scratched, or sprayed illicitly on a wall or other surface in a public place
14. It was _____ for her to go out of her way to pick up the package.
adj. causing trouble or difficulty; not convenient or suitable
15. The _____ between the opposing political parties lasted for several days.
n. a situation in which two or more people, groups, or countries refuse to move from a position or make a compromise, leading to a stalemate or impasse; a short distance maintained between two opposing forces or objects, such as in a military context or electrical wiring

ANSWERS: 8. bury, 9. determinant, 10. henceforth, 11. colonized, 12. fluctuate, 13. graffiti, 14. inconvenient, 15. standoff

16. The anti-government _____ was successful in overthrowing the regime.
n. a public rebellion, especially against an established government or authority
17. The king made a _____ declaring war on the neighboring country.
n. an official announcement or statement
18. 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
19. My grandparents lived on a remote _____ in the mountains.
n. a house or farm and the surrounding land, typically used as a home and workplace by a family or individual
20. He stepped on the gas pedal, and the engine released a loud _____.
n. a measure of the rate at which an engine or motor rotates, often expressed in revolutions per minute (RPM); (verb) to increase the number of rotations per minute
21. The global economic crisis has led to pervasive _____ and powerlessness.
n. lack of emotion, concern, or enthusiasm
22. The table leg was _____ causing all the cups to slide to one side.
adj. not straight or aligned; bent or curved to one side; not honest or fair; characterized by deception, fraud, or wrongdoing; irregular, uneven, or jagged in shape or form
23. His _____ behavior led him to steal from the company.
adj. having or showing an intense or insatiable desire for wealth, status, power, or food

ANSWERS: 16. uprising, 17. proclamation, 18. viol, 19. homestead, 20. rev, 21. apathy, 22. crooked, 23. greedy

24. The old storage shed was _____ with rats and had to be torn down.
v. to swarm or overrun with a large number of something undesirable, such as pests or parasites
25. The grandparents take care of their _____ while the parents are at work.
n. a child of someone's son or daughter
26. The soldier was awarded a medal of _____ for his heroic actions in combat.
n. courage or bravery, especially in the face of danger or adversity; heroic qualities or actions
27. My left arm became _____.
adj. unable to feel physical sensation and movement; not showing human feeling or sensitivity
28. His _____ from his parents was a defining moment and gave him newfound freedom.
n. the act or process of setting someone free from control or influence
29. He had to _____ defeat after losing the game.
v. to acknowledge or admit the truth or existence of something often reluctantly
30. The local grocery store carried meat sourced from the _____ farm.
n. a person who owns, manages, or works on a ranch, especially one that is used for raising or grazing livestock
31. The _____ regrouped and launched another attack.
n. a highly mobile army unit

ANSWERS: 24. infested, 25. grandchild, 26. valor, 27. numb, 28. emancipation, 29. concede, 30. rancher's, 31. cavalry

32. The city declared a snow emergency and warned residents to stay off the streets during the _____.
- n.* a severe snowstorm that is accompanied by strong winds and low temperatures, often leading to very limited visibility and dangerous travel conditions
33. The heavy _____ fired a loud shot that echoed across the battlefield.
- n.* a large, heavy gun fired from a fixed position or mounted on a vehicle, used in warfare or hunting
34. A large proportion of railway workers in _____ colonies were white.
- n.* a person who moved with a group of others to live in a different country or area
35. The _____ seating was filled with people waiting for the concert to begin.
- n.* a room or building used for concerts, plays, or other public performances
36. We saw a group of _____ grazing in the field near our cabin in the mountains.
- n.* a large species of deer native to North America and eastern Asia, known for its large antlers and imposing size
37. Mushrooms and _____ are fungi.
- n.* a hollow container used to give shape to liquid or soft substance, which then becomes solid in the same shape as the container; a soft, green, or gray growth that forms on stale food or objects exposed to warm, moist air for too long
38. If you don't eat soon, you're going to _____.
- v.* to suffer or die from lack of food; to cause someone or something to suffer or die from lack of food; to deprive something of necessary nourishment or sustenance

ANSWERS: 32. blizzard, 33. cannon, 34. settler, 35. auditorium, 36. elk, 37. mold, 38. starve

39. The product developed through years of research continues to _____ the market.
- v. to make a machine or system work by using electricity; to make someone extremely enthusiastic about or interested in something
40. The high school _____ rate has decreased significantly in recent years thanks to educational initiatives and support programs.
- n. a person who leaves school, college, or a training program before completing it
41. Later it turned out that the politician _____ the fact from the public.
- v. to hide or alter someone's appearance to deceive or mislead others
42. The smell of fresh _____ trees filled the air at the Christmas tree farm.
- n. a type of tall evergreen tree that is native to the northern hemisphere, with needle-like leaves and cones that stand upright on the branches
43. We knocked over a stack of _____ and watched them fall one by one.
- n. a small, flat, rectangular block used in a game that has pairs of dots on one or both sides; a consequence of an event that sets off a chain reaction of similar events
44. Please refrigerate the meat, or it will _____.
- v. to decay, or cause something to decay, naturally and gradually
45. The severe _____ caused by the drought has left many people without food.
- n. a severe shortage of food, often caused by drought, war, or economic reasons
46. His argument had a _____ of truth, but it was primarily exaggerated.
- n. a very small or insignificant amount or quantity, often used in the phrase "not a whit," meaning not at all

ANSWERS: 39. electrify, 40. dropout, 41. disguised, 42. fir, 43. dominoes, 44. rot, 45. famine, 46. whit

47. The _____ spraying of pesticides is harmful to both the environment and people's health.
adj. done or occurring without any particular aim, purpose, or discrimination; haphazard, random, or careless
48. The _____ camp was in a remote area of the wilderness.
n. a person who searches for minerals such as gold or silver by systematically digging, panning, or prospecting
49. They crossed the treacherous _____ using a sturdy rope bridge.
n. a narrow and steep-sided ravine or gully, usually formed by the erosion of water, commonly found in dry or arid regions and is often the result of intermittent or seasonal water flow
50. The _____ of immigrants into urban areas can create significant social, economic, and political challenges for local communities.
n. the arrival or entry of a large number of people, objects, or ideas into a place or system
51. He's a vegetarian and was shocked to see so much meat in the _____ shop.
n. a person who prepares and sells meat, especially at a retail shop; a person who kills or slaughters animals, especially for food; a person who engages in the relentless or brutal treatment of others
52. The _____ of soldiers in the field was a temporary arrangement.
n. a temporary or semi-permanent settlement, especially a group of tents or other shelters used for lodging or military purposes
53. Historically, many countries have often _____ certain religions to gain the support of the majority of the population.
v. to treat people in a cruel and authoritarian way, especially by denying them the same freedoms, rights, etc. as other people

ANSWERS: 47. indiscriminate, 48. prospector's, 49. gulch, 50. influx, 51. butcher, 52. encampment, 53. oppressed

54. The teacher's stern expression and strict rules made her classroom feel _____ to the students.

adj. giving the impression that something is difficult or unpleasant; intimidating or uninviting

55. The coach benched the star player after he broke a team rule, leaving him on the _____ for the entire game.

n. a secondary or less significant job, interest, or activity; a line on the side of a sports field that players must stay behind; (verb) to remove someone from their position or role, often temporarily or as a result of a setback or failure

56. The general was still reluctant to _____ his troops in pursuit of an enemy.

v. to suddenly release a strong force, emotion, etc. that cannot be controlled

57. The _____ railway was a major engineering feat that helped connect the East and West coasts of the United States.

adj. spanning or crossing an entire continent or continents

58. He lost everything due to his _____.

n. a chronic disorder characterized by dependence on alcohol and repeated excessive use of alcoholic beverages

59. The minority _____ believed in a set of unconventional religious practices.

n. a group of people who follow a particular religious or philosophical belief system, especially one that is regarded as outside the norm or mainstream

60. She was close to her paternal _____ and often spent summers with them.

n. a parent of one's father or mother

ANSWERS: 54. forbidding, 55. sideline, 56. unleash, 57. transcontinental, 58. alcoholism, 59. sect, 60. grandparents

ANSWERS: