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Session 1: Word List

intercultural

adj. involving or relating to different cultures or ethnic groups; taking place between two or more cultures

synonym : cross-cultural, multicultural

(1) **intercultural** communication, (2) **intercultural** competence

The **intercultural** exchange program promotes understanding between students from different countries.

fascist

adj. relating to or supporting fascism, which is a political ideology that emphasizes authoritarian government, nationalism, and suppression of political opposition and individual liberties

synonym : authoritarian, dictatorial, totalitarian

(1) **fascist** propaganda, (2) **fascist** policies

The regime was accused of being **fascist** for their oppressive tactics.

Christ

n. the man that Christians believe is the prophet and the son of God, and whose life and sermons form the basis for Christianity

synonym : Savior, Jesus Christ, Jesus

(1) teaching of **Christ**, (2) before **Christ**

Christmas is the day to celebrate the birth of Christ.

iconography

n. the visual images or symbols used in a particular field of study, worship, or art; a system or language of imagery used to represent ideas or concepts

synonym : symbolism, iconology, representation

(1) religious **iconography**, (2) digital **iconography**

The **iconography** of the logo was immediately recognizable as belonging to the famous brand.

swastika

n. an ancient symbol consisting of a cross with arms bent at right angles, often used by cultures around the world as a symbol of good fortune or well-being, but more recently and unfortunately, associated with the Nazi party and its atrocities during World War II

synonym : hakenkreuz, fylfot, gammadion

(1) **swastika** symbol, (2) **swastika** tattoo

The use of the **swastika** sign during World War II has forever tarnished its once-positive connotations in many cultures.

crucifix

n. a representation of a cross with a figure of Jesus Christ crucified on it, used as an emblem of Christianity or as an aid to devotion; a cross bearing a representation of Christ

synonym : cross, rood, cruciform

(1) **crucifix** pendant, (2) silver **crucifix**

The **crucifix** on the wall served as a reminder of their faith.

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.

superhero

n. a fictional hero who possesses extraordinary powers and abilities and is dedicated to protecting the public

(1) **superhero** movies, (2) **superhero** comics

Superman is a classic **superhero** known for his superhuman

strength and flying ability.

descend

v. to move downward and lower; to come from, or to be connected by a relationship of blood

synonym : dip, drop, come down

(1) **descend** a steep hill, (2) **descend** by elevator

She was **descended** from an old Italian noble family.

omen

n. a sign or warning of a future event, often seen as either positive or negative and believed to be an indication of divine power or influence

synonym : portent, sign, prediction

(1) bad **omen**, (2) prophetic **omen**

The alignment of the planets was considered an **omen** of major changes in people's lives.

archetype

n. a very typical example of a certain person or thing; a recurrent symbol or motif in literature, art, or mythology that represents a universal pattern of human nature

synonym : prototype, model, paradigm

(1) **archetype** symbol, (2) feminine **archetype**

The hero's journey is a common **archetype** in many myths and stories.

resonate

v. to be filled with a deep echoing sound

synonym : echo, reverberate, resound

(1) deeply **resonate** with the consumers, (2) **resonate** in the same frequency

The sound **resonates** well in this theater.

storyline

n. the central narrative or plot of a story, often involving a series of events or conflicts that move the story forward; the overall structure or arc of a story

synonym : plot, narrative

(1) follow a **storyline**, (2) predictable **storyline**

The **storyline** of the movie was predictable but still entertaining.

generosity

n. the fact or quality of being willing to do kind things or give somebody money, gifts, or time freely

synonym: goodness, hospitality, unselfishness

(1) act of **generosity**, (2) boundless **generosity**

He is remembered for his **generosity** and civilization.

foresight

n. the ability to anticipate or predict future events or outcomes; the act of planning for the future with wisdom and prudence; an intuitive sense of what is to come

synonym: prescience, prediction, clairvoyance

(1) strategic **foresight**, (2) **foresight** planning

With **foresight**, she made a plan to avoid any potential obstacles.

atheist

n. a person who denies or disbelieves the existence of a deity or deities

synonym: nonbeliever, unbeliever, secularist

(1) **atheist** community, (2) **atheist** belief

She was an **atheist** without any belief in a higher power.

backstory

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

synonym: history, background, prehistory

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

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

invade

v. to enter aggressively into another's territory by military force for conquest and occupation

synonym: intrude, raid, overrun

(1) **invade** other tissues, (2) **invade** his privacy

I have no intention to **invade** your privacy.

passee

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

synonym: outdated, old-fashioned, antique

(1) **pas**se entertainment, (2) **pas**se trend

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

smuggle

v. to import or export something or someone without paying appropriate customs duties, often illegally

(1) **smuggle** drugs, (2) **smuggle** herself out of a country

He was able to **smuggle** a gun inside the prison.

enclave

n. a distinct portion of territory or a community that is completely surrounded by another territory or community; a small, isolated group or area within a larger community or society

(1) an **enclave** for foreign residents, (2) cultural **enclave**

The university campus is a small **enclave** of intellectual activity within the bustling city.

caliphate

n. an Islamic state under the leadership of an Islamic steward with the title of caliph

(1) the medieval **Caliphate**, (2) **Caliphate** lasted for four years

During the **Caliphate** of Umar, many new cities were founded.

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.

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.

- 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.
- handwriting** *n.* the particular way in which a person writes, as distinct from printing or typing
synonym: script, penmanship, calligraphy
(1) **handwriting** identification, (2) **handwriting** sample
The **handwriting** on the note was barely legible.
- Arthurian** *adj.* relating to king Arthur and the tales and legends associated with him
(1) the **Arthurian** cycle, (2) **Arthurian** romances
The **Arthurian** legends of King Arthur and the knights of the Round Table are popular literary motifs.
- proselytize** *v.* to try to convert someone to a new belief or opinion, typically a religious or political one; to advocate or spread a particular doctrine or ideology
synonym: evangelize, convert, proselyte
(1) **proselytize** beliefs, (2) **proselytize** religion
Some missionaries attempt to **proselytize** their faith to those who are not interested.
- crevice** *n.* a long narrow depression or opening in a surface of rock or wall
synonym: crack, chink, slit
(1) small **crevices**, (2) peep through a **crevice**
He wedged a knife into the **crevice**
- intolerant** *adj.* the inability or refusal to accept or respect views, beliefs, or behavior that differ from someone's own; unable to eat food without adverse effects
synonym: failure, impotence, shortcoming
(1) an **intolerant** person, (2) **intolerant** of criticism

His **intolerant** attitude towards other cultures made it difficult for him to get along with others.

accuse

v. to charge or criticize someone with a crime or wrongdoing

synonym: charge, blame, criticize

(1) **accuse** his rudeness, (2) **accuse** each other

The witness **accused** the defendant of committing the robbery.

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.

preach

v. to deliver a religious or moral message to an audience

synonym: expound, advocate, sermonize

(1) **preach** the gospel, (2) **preach** to the masses

The pastor **preached** about the importance of forgiveness.

trinity

n. the union of three people, especially the Christian doctrine of the three persons in one Godhead (the father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit)

synonym: triad, triune, three-in-one

(1) **trinity** doctrine, (2) the Blessed **Trinity**

The Christian doctrine of the Holy **Trinity** states that there is one God in three persons.

Catholicism

n. the faith, doctrines, and practices of the Roman Catholic Church, characterized by belief in the Holy Trinity, the divinity of Jesus Christ, the authority of the Pope, and the sacraments

(1) **Catholicism** doctrine, (2) philosophy of **Catholicism**

The Vatican is the spiritual center of **Catholicism** and the residence of the Pope.

- yin**
- n.* in Chinese philosophy, the feminine or passive principle characterized as darkness and the moon and associated with softness, wetness, and cold
- synonym* : feminine, negative, passive
- (1) **yin** deficiency, (2) kidney **yin**
- The concept of **yin** and yang is central to traditional Chinese philosophy.
- yang**
- n.* in Chinese philosophy, the masculine or active principle characterized as light and the sun and associated with hardness, dryness, and heat
- synonym* : masculine, positive, active
- (1) the **yang** principle, (2) embody **yang** energy
- He saw the balance between the yin and **yang** as crucial for a harmonious life.
- hegemony**
- n.* the dominance or influence of one group, country, or ideology over others, especially in political, economic, or cultural domains
- synonym* : dominance, leadership, supremacy
- (1) regional **hegemony**, (2) corporate **hegemony**
- For decades, the US has been viewed as having economic and military **hegemony** worldwide.
- merciful**
- adj.* having or showing compassion, kindness, or forgiveness towards those who may be deserving of punishment or harm; characterized by leniency or clemency
- synonym* : compassionate, kind, lenient
- (1) **merciful** gesture, (2) **merciful** punishment
- The **merciful** judge decided to give the defendant a lighter sentence.
- tagline**
- n.* a memorable slogan or catchphrase used in advertising or entertainment to promote a product, cause, or idea; a brief statement or phrase that sums up the essence of something
- synonym* : slogan, catchphrase, motto

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

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

confer

v. to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something

synonym: consult, meet, discuss

(1) **confer** degree, (2) **confer** honor

The leaders of the two countries met to **confer** on the issue.

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.

afterward

adv. after the time mentioned

synonym: later, thereafter, following

(1) a few years **afterward**, (2) go there **afterward**

We will explain the countermeasure concerning this problem **afterward**.

congratulation

n. the act of expressing that someone has an occasion for celebration or the expression of pleasure at the success or good fortune of another

synonym: praise, compliment, felicitation

(1) **congratulation** on a promotion, (2) a matter for **congratulation**

The **congratulations** from her friends and family were overwhelming after she won the championship.

erupt

v. (of a volcano) to become active and eject rocks, smoke, etc.; to start abruptly and violently

synonym: eject, emit, burst

(1) **erupt** in anger, (2) **erupt** into tears

Battles between whites and blacks **erupted** immediately.

flurry

n. a sudden and brief burst of activity or emotion; a light snowfall with gusty winds and swirling snowflakes; a rapid or disorganized movement of small objects, such as leaves or petals

synonym : burst, storm, bustle

(1) **flurry** of activity, (2) **flurry** of emails

A **flurry** of snowflakes fell from the sky as we stepped outside.

posit

v. to suggest or accept something as fact or as a basis for argument or consideration

synonym : assert, declare, assume

(1) **posit** the existence of life after death, (2) **posit** the premise

We should **posit** several hypotheses to discuss the matter.

beard

n. hair that grows on a man's face, often around the mouth and chin

synonym : facial hair, whiskers, stubble

(1) a black **beard**, (2) shave my **beard**

He grew a thick **beard** to change his appearance.

hijab

n. a headscarf traditionally worn by Muslim women to cover their hair and neck

synonym : veil, headscarf, cover

(1) woman's **hijab**, (2) **hijab** garment

Many Muslim women wear a **hijab** as a symbol of their religious beliefs.

photocopy

n. a duplicate of a document or image made by a process involving the use of light and photosensitive material; a copy made by a photocopier

synonym : duplicate, reproduction

(1) **photocopy** machine, (2) color **photocopy**

I need to make a **photocopy** of this document before I send it out.

dime

n. an American or Canadian coin worth one-tenth of a dollar

(1) **dime** store, (2) behind a **dime**

He never received a **dime**, even from the company of a close friend.

animate

v. to make something full of interest and energy

synonym: invigorate, energize, enliven

(1) **animate** the body, (2) **animate** his soul

The positive attitude of the supervisor **animated** the discussion.

commando

n. a member of a special military unit or elite force specializing in unconventional warfare or covert operations; a style of clothing or undergarments without a waistband or fabric covering the legs

synonym: ranger, soldier, warrior

(1) special forces **commando**, (2) navy **commando**

The fearless **commando** completed the mission successfully, undetected by the enemy.

idolize

v. to admire or worship someone or something to an excessive degree; to treat someone or something as an idol

synonym: worship, adore, venerate

(1) **idolize** a family member, (2) **idolize** their favorite team

Many fans **idolize** their favorite celebrities and musicians.

valentine

n. a person who is loved or dearly admired; a card or message, typically anonymous, sent on Valentine's Day (February 14th) to a person one loves or is attracted to; (uppercase "Valentine") a priest in Rome who was martyred around AD 269

synonym: lover, sweetheart, beloved

(1) **valentine** gift, (2) **valentine's** bouquet

She wrote a heartfelt message in the **valentine** card for her best friend.

flirt

v. to talk or behave as if sexually attracted to someone, without serious intentions; (noun) a seductive woman who uses her sex appeal to exploit men

synonym : tease

(1) **flirt** with him, (2) **flirt** like a schoolgirl

My husband never **flirts** with other women.

interrogate

v. to examine someone with questions over a lengthy period, especially in an aggressive manner

synonym : question, examine, probe

(1) **interrogate** an enemy soldier, (2) **interrogated** by police

The lawyer spent considerable time to adequately **interrogate** the witness.

upstate

adj. relating to or located in the region that is located in the northern part of a state or country, particularly in the United States

synonym : northern

(1) **upstate** Connecticut, (2) **upstate** region

He grew up in a small town in **upstate** New York.

orthodox

adj. following or conforming to the traditional, normal, or commonly accepted beliefs, ideas, or activities; of or relating to Judaism; of or relating to the Eastern Orthodox Church

synonym : traditional, conventional, established

(1) an **orthodox** doctrine, (2) **orthodox** thought

He challenged the **orthodox** views on business.

alarming

adj. causing concern or apprehension; causing a feeling of danger, harm, or emergency; unsettling or disturbing

synonym : forbidding, concerning, disturbing

(1) **alarming** news, (2) **alarming** statistics

The sudden rise in crime rates in our neighborhood is quite **alarming**.

addict

n. a person who cannot stop using or doing something as a habit, especially something harmful

synonym: devotee, buff, freak

(1) a drug **addict**, (2) Internet **addict**

We have become TV **addicts** due to video streaming services.

meddle

v. to interfere in someone else's affairs without permission or invitation; to become involved in an activity that is not one's own

synonym: interfere, intrude, tamper

(1) **meddle** in relationships, (2) **meddle** with the evidence

She always tries to **meddle** in other people's affairs, and it's starting to get annoying.

reframe

v. to reinterpret, rephrase, or redefine an issue, situation, or question in a different way

synonym: redefine, restructure, reposition

(1) **reframe** resource allocation, (2) **reframe** problem

The therapist tried to **reframe** his negative thoughts.

resonant

adj. tending to reinforce or prolong sound by sympathetic vibration; having a quality that elicits a similar response or feeling

synonym: echoing, reverberating, resonating

(1) **resonant** with the sound, (2) **resonant** cavity

The **resonant** frequency of the guitar string was measured with a tuner.

amnesty

n. a general pardon for crimes, especially political crimes

synonym: pardon, clemency, reprieve

(1) grant an **amnesty**, (2) **amnesty** for debt

The government declared **amnesty** for all political prisoners.

crossover

n. a work or artist that blends elements of different genres, styles, or cultures; a type of vehicle that combines the features of an SUV (sport utility vehicle) and a car; (of music) a work that successfully appeals to multiple audiences

synonym: fusion, blend, mixture

(1) **crossover** artist, (2) a **crossover** between a sedan and an SUV

The **crossover** between country and pop music is becoming increasingly popular.

innocuous

adj. not harmful or dangerous; unlikely to cause injury or damage

synonym: harmless, innocent, benign

(1) **innocuous** joke, (2) **innocuous** substance

The spider in the corner of the room seemed **innocuous**, but it made her uneasy.

misunderstand

v. to interpret or understand something in the wrong way

synonym: misinterpret, misperceive, misapprehend

(1) **misunderstand** each other, (2) **misunderstand** entirely about her

You should not **misunderstand** the meaning of freedom.

purposeful

adj. having a specific aim or purpose; determined

synonym: determined, resolved, resolute

(1) **purposeful** series of actions, (2) at a **purposeful** pace

She had a **purposeful** look and was determined to complete the task.

Session 2: Spelling

1. id____e their favorite team *v.* to admire or worship someone or something to an excessive degree; to treat someone or something as an idol
2. su_____ro movies *n.* a fictional hero who possesses extraordinary powers and abilities and is dedicated to protecting the public
3. at_____t community *n.* a person who denies or disbelieves the existence of a deity or deities
4. me_____ul punishment *adj.* having or showing compassion, kindness, or forgiveness towards those who may be deserving of punishment or harm; characterized by leniency or clemency
5. boundless gen_____ty *n.* the fact or quality of being willing to do kind things or give somebody money, gifts, or time freely
6. id____e a family member *v.* to admire or worship someone or something to an excessive degree; to treat someone or something as an idol
7. before Ch____t *n.* the man that Christians believe is the prophet and the son of God, and whose life and sermons form the basis for Christianity
8. embody y__g energy *n.* in Chinese philosophy, the masculine or active principle characterized as light and the sun and associated with hardness, dryness, and heat

ANSWERS: 1. idolize, 2. superhero, 3. atheist, 4. merciful, 5. generosity, 6. idolize, 7. Christ, 8. yang

9. fo_____ht planning *n.* the ability to anticipate or predict future events or outcomes; the act of planning for the future with wisdom and prudence; an intuitive sense of what is to come
10. fl__t with him *v.* to talk or behave as if sexually attracted to someone, without serious intentions; (noun) a seductive woman who uses her sex appeal to exploit men
11. behind a d__e *n.* an American or Canadian coin worth one-tenth of a dollar
12. sm_____e herself out of a country *v.* to import or export something or someone without paying appropriate customs duties, often illegally
13. va_____ne's bouquet *n.* a person who is loved or dearly admired; a card or message, typically anonymous, sent on Valentine's Day (February 14th) to a person one loves or is attracted to; (uppercase "Valentine") a priest in Rome who was martyred around AD 269
14. an int_____nt person *adj.* the inability or refusal to accept or respect views, beliefs, or behavior that differ from someone's own; unable to eat food without adverse effects
15. d__e store *n.* an American or Canadian coin worth one-tenth of a dollar
16. bad o__n *n.* a sign or warning of a future event, often seen as either positive or negative and believed to be an indication of divine power or influence

ANSWERS: 9. foresight, 10. flirt, 11. dime, 12. smuggle, 13. valentine, 14. intolerant, 15. dime, 16. omen

17. in___e other tissues *v.* to enter aggressively into another's territory by military force for conquest and occupation
18. navy co____do *n.* a member of a special military unit or elite force specializing in unconventional warfare or covert operations; a style of clothing or undergarments without a waistband or fabric covering the legs
19. cr____ix pendant *n.* a representation of a cross with a figure of Jesus Christ crucified on it, used as an emblem of Christianity or as an aid to devotion; a cross bearing a representation of Christ
20. in____us joke *adj.* not harmful or dangerous; unlikely to cause injury or damage
21. issue a w__t *n.* a written legal order or command
22. predictable st____ne *n.* the central narrative or plot of a story, often involving a series of events or conflicts that move the story forward; the overall structure or arc of a story
23. an____e the body *v.* to make something full of interest and energy
24. cr____er artist *n.* a work or artist that blends elements of different genres, styles, or cultures; a type of vehicle that combines the features of an SUV (sport utility vehicle) and a car; (of music) a work that successfully appeals to multiple audiences

ANSWERS: 17. invade, 18. commando, 19. crucifix, 20. innocuous, 21. writ, 22. storyline, 23. animate, 24. crossover

25. tr____y doctrine *n.* the union of three people, especially the Christian doctrine of the three persons in one Godhead (the father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit)
26. re____e problem *v.* to reinterpret, rephrase, or redefine an issue, situation, or question in a different way
27. am____y for debt *n.* a general pardon for crimes, especially political crimes
28. co____r honor *v.* to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something
29. sw____ka tattoo *n.* an ancient symbol consisting of a cross with arms bent at right angles, often used by cultures around the world as a symbol of good fortune or well-being, but more recently and unfortunately, associated with the Nazi party and its atrocities during World War II
30. hi__b garment *n.* a headscarf traditionally worn by Muslim women to cover their hair and neck
31. er__t into tears *v.* (of a volcano) to become active and eject rocks, smoke, etc.; to start abruptly and violently
32. small cr____es *n.* a long narrow depression or opening in a surface of rock or wall
33. fl__t like a schoolgirl *v.* to talk or behave as if sexually attracted to someone, without serious intentions; (noun) a seductive woman who uses her sex appeal to exploit men

ANSWERS: 25. trinity, 26. reframe, 27. amnesty, 28. confer, 29. swastika, 30. hijab, 31. erupt, 32. crevice, 33. flirt

34. a black be__d *n.* hair that grows on a man's face, often around the mouth and chin
35. feminine ar_____pe *n.* a very typical example of a certain person or thing; a recurrent symbol or motif in literature, art, or mythology that represents a universal pattern of human nature
36. an or_____ox doctrine *adj.* following or conforming to the traditional, normal, or commonly accepted beliefs, ideas, or activities; of or relating to Judaism; of or relating to the Eastern Orthodox Church
37. pur_____ul series of actions *adj.* having a specific aim or purpose; determined
38. Je___h history *adj.* of or relating to people whose traditional religion is Judaism
39. in_____us substance *adj.* not harmful or dangerous; unlikely to cause injury or damage
40. Internet ad___t *n.* a person who cannot stop using or doing something as a habit, especially something harmful
41. Cat_____sm doctrine *n.* the faith, doctrines, and practices of the Roman Catholic Church, characterized by belief in the Holy Trinity, the divinity of Jesus Christ, the authority of the Pope, and the sacraments
42. a drug ad___t *n.* a person who cannot stop using or doing something as a habit, especially something harmful

ANSWERS: 34. beard, 35. archetype, 36. orthodox, 37. purposeful, 38. Jewish, 39. innocuous, 40. addict, 41. Catholicism, 42. addict

43. a_t cabin *adj.* (the opposite of "forward") located at or towards the rear or back of a ship, aircraft, or other vehicle
44. int_____ral communication *adj.* involving or relating to different cultures or ethnic groups; taking place between two or more cultures
45. woman's hi__b *n.* a headscarf traditionally worn by Muslim women to cover their hair and neck
46. me___e in relationships *v.* to interfere in someone else's affairs without permission or invitation; to become involved in an activity that is not one's own
47. co___r degree *v.* to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something
48. re_____nt with the sound *adj.* tending to reinforce or prolong sound by sympathetic vibration; having a quality that elicits a similar response or feeling
49. 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
50. pro_____ze beliefs *v.* to try to convert someone to a new belief or opinion, typically a religious or political one; to advocate or spread a particular doctrine or ideology
51. sw_____ka symbol *n.* an ancient symbol consisting of a cross with arms bent at right angles, often used by cultures around the world as a symbol of good fortune or well-being, but more recently and unfortunately, associated with the Nazi party and its atrocities during World War II

ANSWERS: 43. aft, 44. intercultural, 45. hijab, 46. meddle, 47. confer, 48. resonant, 49. sect, 50. proselytize, 51. swastika

52. a cr_____er between a sedan and an SUV *n.* a work or artist that blends elements of different genres, styles, or cultures; a type of vehicle that combines the features of an SUV (sport utility vehicle) and a car; (of music) a work that successfully appeals to multiple audiences
53. pa__e trend *adj.* no longer fashionable or current; outdated; considered to be old-fashioned or out of date
54. grant an am_____y *n.* a general pardon for crimes, especially political crimes
55. shave my be__d *n.* hair that grows on a man's face, often around the mouth and chin
56. 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
57. ac___e his rudeness *v.* to charge or criticize someone with a crime or wrongdoing
58. al_____ng statistics *adj.* causing concern or apprehension; causing a feeling of danger, harm, or emergency; unsettling or disturbing
59. pa__l visit *adj.* relating to the pope (= the head of the Roman Catholic Church) or the Roman Catholic Church
60. de_____d a steep hill *v.* to move downward and lower; to come from, or to be connected by a relationship of blood

ANSWERS: 52. crossover, 53. passe, 54. amnesty, 55. beard, 56. Arabic, 57. accuse, 58. alarming, 59. papal, 60. descend

61. the medieval Ca_____te *n.* an Islamic state under the leadership of an Islamic steward with the title of caliph
62. prophetic o__n *n.* a sign or warning of a future event, often seen as either positive or negative and believed to be an indication of divine power or influence
63. act of gen_____ty *n.* the fact or quality of being willing to do kind things or give somebody money, gifts, or time freely
64. re_____e resource allocation *v.* to reinterpret, rephrase, or redefine an issue, situation, or question in a different way
65. pa__e entertainment *adj.* no longer fashionable or current; outdated; considered to be old-fashioned or out of date
66. ba_____ry plot *n.* the history and events that occur before the main events of a story or the history and details of a person or thing that are not widely known
67. up_____e region *adj.* relating to or located in the region that is located in the northern part of a state or country, particularly in the United States
68. teaching of Ch____t *n.* the man that Christians believe is the prophet and the son of God, and whose life and sermons form the basis for Christianity
69. me_____e with the evidence *v.* to interfere in someone else's affairs without permission or invitation; to become involved in an activity that is not one's own

ANSWERS: 61. caliphate, 62. omen, 63. generosity, 64. reframe, 65. passe, 66. backstory, 67. upstate, 68. Christ, 69. meddle

70. fa____t policies *adj.* relating to or supporting fascism, which is a political ideology that emphasizes authoritarian government, nationalism, and suppression of political opposition and individual liberties
71. religious ico____hy *n.* the visual images or symbols used in a particular field of study, worship, or art; a system or language of imagery used to represent ideas or concepts
72. su____ro comics *n.* a fictional hero who possesses extraordinary powers and abilities and is dedicated to protecting the public
73. pr____h to the masses *v.* to deliver a religious or moral message to an audience
74. con____ion on a promotion *n.* the act of expressing that someone has an occasion for celebration or the expression of pleasure at the success or good fortune of another
75. strategic fo____ht *n.* the ability to anticipate or predict future events or outcomes; the act of planning for the future with wisdom and prudence; an intuitive sense of what is to come
76. peep through a cr____e *n.* a long narrow depression or opening in a surface of rock or wall
77. mis____and each other *v.* to interpret or understand something in the wrong way
78. ph____py machine *n.* a duplicate of a document or image made by a process involving the use of light and photosensitive material; a copy made by a photocopier

ANSWERS: 70. fascist, 71. iconography, 72. superhero, 73. preach, 74. congratulation, 75. foresight, 76. crevice, 77. misunderstand, 78. photocopy

79. digital ico_____hy *n.* the visual images or symbols used in a particular field of study, worship, or art; a system or language of imagery used to represent ideas or concepts
80. er__t in anger *v.* (of a volcano) to become active and eject rocks, smoke, etc.; to start abruptly and violently
81. Je___h culture *adj.* of or relating to people whose traditional religion is Judaism
82. sm_____e drugs *v.* to import or export something or someone without paying appropriate customs duties, often illegally
83. the Blessed Tr_____y *n.* the union of three people, especially the Christian doctrine of the three persons in one Godhead (the father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit)
84. po__t the existence of life after death *v.* to suggest or accept something as fact or as a basis for argument or consideration
85. corporate he_____ny *n.* the dominance or influence of one group, country, or ideology over others, especially in political, economic, or cultural domains
86. han_____ng identification *n.* the particular way in which a person writes, as distinct from printing or typing
87. fl___y of activity *n.* a sudden and brief burst of activity or emotion; a light snowfall with gusty winds and swirling snowflakes; a rapid or disorganized movement of small objects, such as leaves or petals

ANSWERS: 79. iconography, 80. erupt, 81. Jewish, 82. smuggle, 83. trinity, 84. posit, 85. hegemony, 86. handwriting, 87. flurry

88. han_____ng sample *n.* the particular way in which a person writes, as distinct from printing or typing
89. mis_____and entirely about her *v.* to interpret or understand something in the wrong way
90. an en_____e for foreign residents *n.* a distinct portion of territory or a community that is completely surrounded by another territory or community; a small, isolated group or area within a larger community or society
91. me_____ul gesture *adj.* having or showing compassion, kindness, or forgiveness towards those who may be deserving of punishment or harm; characterized by leniency or clemency
92. fa_____t propaganda *adj.* relating to or supporting fascism, which is a political ideology that emphasizes authoritarian government, nationalism, and suppression of political opposition and individual liberties
93. Ar_____an romances *adj.* relating to king Arthur and the tales and legends associated with him
94. the ba_____ry about this sweet moment *n.* the history and events that occur before the main events of a story or the history and details of a person or thing that are not widely known
95. ac_____e each other *v.* to charge or criticize someone with a crime or wrongdoing
96. re_____nt cavity *adj.* tending to reinforce or prolong sound by sympathetic vibration; having a quality that elicits a similar response or feeling

ANSWERS: 88. handwriting, 89. misunderstand, 90. enclave, 91. merciful, 92. fascist, 93. Arthurian, 94. backstory, 95. accuse, 96. resonant

97. a w__t of summons *n.* a written legal order or command
98. philosophy of Cat_____sm *n.* the faith, doctrines, and practices of the Roman Catholic Church, characterized by belief in the Holy Trinity, the divinity of Jesus Christ, the authority of the Pope, and the sacraments
99. an_____e his soul *v.* to make something full of interest and energy
100. effective ta_____e *n.* a memorable slogan or catchphrase used in advertising or entertainment to promote a product, cause, or idea; a brief statement or phrase that sums up the essence of something
101. kidney y_n *n.* in Chinese philosophy, the feminine or passive principle characterized as darkness and the moon and associated with softness, wetness, and cold
102. a_t view *adj.* (the opposite of "forward") located at or towards the rear or back of a ship, aircraft, or other vehicle
103. the Ar_____an cycle *adj.* relating to king Arthur and the tales and legends associated with him
104. cultural en_____e *n.* a distinct portion of territory or a community that is completely surrounded by another territory or community; a small, isolated group or area within a larger community or society
105. re_____te in the same frequency *v.* to be filled with a deep echoing sound

ANSWERS: 97. writ, 98. Catholicism, 99. animate, 100. tagline, 101. yin, 102. aft, 103. Arthurian, 104. enclave, 105. resonate

106. follow a st_____ne *n.* the central narrative or plot of a story, often involving a series of events or conflicts that move the story forward; the overall structure or arc of a story
107. int_____ral competence *adj.* involving or relating to different cultures or ethnic groups; taking place between two or more cultures
108. special forces co_____do *n.* a member of a special military unit or elite force specializing in unconventional warfare or covert operations; a style of clothing or undergarments without a waistband or fabric covering the legs
109. de_____d by elevator *v.* to move downward and lower; to come from, or to be connected by a relationship of blood
110. ar_____pe symbol *n.* a very typical example of a certain person or thing; a recurrent symbol or motif in literature, art, or mythology that represents a universal pattern of human nature
111. po__t the premise *v.* to suggest or accept something as fact or as a basis for argument or consideration
112. fl___y of emails *n.* a sudden and brief burst of activity or emotion; a light snowfall with gusty winds and swirling snowflakes; a rapid or disorganized movement of small objects, such as leaves or petals
113. int_____ted by police *v.* to examine someone with questions over a lengthy period, especially in an aggressive manner

ANSWERS: 106. storyline, 107. intercultural, 108. commando, 109. descend, 110. archetype, 111. posit, 112. flurry, 113. interrogate

114. va_____ne gift *n.* a person who is loved or dearly admired; a card or message, typically anonymous, sent on Valentine's Day (February 14th) to a person one loves or is attracted to; (uppercase "Valentine") a priest in Rome who was martyred around AD 269
115. pr___h the gospel *v.* to deliver a religious or moral message to an audience
116. int_____nt of criticism *adj.* the inability or refusal to accept or respect views, beliefs, or behavior that differ from someone's own; unable to eat food without adverse effects
117. Ca_____te lasted for four years *n.* an Islamic state under the leadership of an Islamic steward with the title of caliph
118. up_____e Connecticut *adj.* relating to or located in the region that is located in the northern part of a state or country, particularly in the United States
119. 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
120. regional he_____ny *n.* the dominance or influence of one group, country, or ideology over others, especially in political, economic, or cultural domains
121. int_____te an enemy soldier *v.* to examine someone with questions over a lengthy period, especially in an aggressive manner

ANSWERS: 114. valentine, 115. preach, 116. intolerant, 117. caliphate, 118. upstate, 119. sect, 120. hegemony, 121. interrogate

122. advertising ta____e *n.* a memorable slogan or catchphrase used in advertising or entertainment to promote a product, cause, or idea; a brief statement or phrase that sums up the essence of something
123. or____ox thought *adj.* following or conforming to the traditional, normal, or commonly accepted beliefs, ideas, or activities; of or relating to Judaism; of or relating to the Eastern Orthodox Church
124. color ph____py *n.* a duplicate of a document or image made by a process involving the use of light and photosensitive material; a copy made by a photocopier
125. silver cr____ix *n.* a representation of a cross with a figure of Jesus Christ crucified on it, used as an emblem of Christianity or as an aid to devotion; a cross bearing a representation of Christ
126. at a pur____ul pace *adj.* having a specific aim or purpose; determined
127. in____e his privacy *v.* to enter aggressively into another's territory by military force for conquest and occupation
128. y_n deficiency *n.* in Chinese philosophy, the feminine or passive principle characterized as darkness and the moon and associated with softness, wetness, and cold
129. a few years af____rd *adv.* after the time mentioned

ANSWERS: 122. tagline, 123. orthodox, 124. photocopy, 125. crucifix, 126. purposeful, 127. invade, 128. yin, 129. afterward

130. go there af_____rd *adv.* after the time mentioned
131. a matter for con_____ion *n.* the act of expressing that someone has an occasion for celebration or the expression of pleasure at the success or good fortune of another
132. al_____ng news *adj.* causing concern or apprehension; causing a feeling of danger, harm, or emergency; unsettling or disturbing
133. pa__l authority *adj.* relating to the pope (= the head of the Roman Catholic Church) or the Roman Catholic Church
134. 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
135. pro_____ze religion *v.* to try to convert someone to a new belief or opinion, typically a religious or political one; to advocate or spread a particular doctrine or ideology
136. the y__g principle *n.* in Chinese philosophy, the masculine or active principle characterized as light and the sun and associated with hardness, dryness, and heat
137. at_____t belief *n.* a person who denies or disbelieves the existence of a deity or deities
138. deeply re_____te with the consumers *v.* to be filled with a deep echoing sound

ANSWERS: 130. afterward, 131. congratulation, 132. alarming, 133. papal, 134. Arabic, 135. proselytize, 136. yang, 137. atheist, 138. resonate

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The government declared _____ for all political prisoners.
n. a general pardon for crimes, especially political crimes
2. The therapist tried to _____ his negative thoughts.
v. to reinterpret, rephrase, or redefine an issue, situation, or question in a different way
3. The Christian doctrine of the Holy _____ states that there is one God in three persons.
n. the union of three people, especially the Christian doctrine of the three persons in one Godhead (the father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit)
4. He grew up in a small town in _____ New York.
adj. relating to or located in the region that is located in the northern part of a state or country, particularly in the United States
5. The positive attitude of the supervisor _____ the discussion.
v. to make something full of interest and energy
6. The _____ frequency of the guitar string was measured with a tuner.
adj. tending to reinforce or prolong sound by sympathetic vibration; having a quality that elicits a similar response or feeling
7. He was able to _____ a gun inside the prison.
v. to import or export something or someone without paying appropriate customs duties, often illegally

ANSWERS: 1. amnesty, 2. reframe, 3. Trinity, 4. upstate, 5. animated, 6. resonant, 7. smuggle

8. The lawyer spent considerable time to adequately _____ the witness.
- v.* to examine someone with questions over a lengthy period, especially in an aggressive manner
9. The _____ of the main character added depth to the story.
- n.* the history and events that occur before the main events of a story or the history and details of a person or thing that are not widely known
10. He grew a thick _____ to change his appearance.
- n.* hair that grows on a man's face, often around the mouth and chin
11. During the _____ of Umar, many new cities were founded.
- n.* an Islamic state under the leadership of an Islamic steward with the title of caliph
12. The fearless _____ completed the mission successfully, undetected by the enemy.
- n.* a member of a special military unit or elite force specializing in unconventional warfare or covert operations; a style of clothing or undergarments without a waistband or fabric covering the legs
13. The _____ from her friends and family were overwhelming after she won the championship.
- n.* the act of expressing that someone has an occasion for celebration or the expression of pleasure at the success or good fortune of another
14. We have become TV _____ due to video streaming services.
- n.* a person who cannot stop using or doing something as a habit, especially something harmful

ANSWERS: 8. interrogate, 9. backstory, 10. beard, 11. Caliphate, 12. commando, 13. congratulations, 14. addicts

15. The hero's journey is a common _____ in many myths and stories.
- n.* a very typical example of a certain person or thing; a recurrent symbol or motif in literature, art, or mythology that represents a universal pattern of human nature
16. She was _____ from an old Italian noble family.
- v.* to move downward and lower; to come from, or to be connected by a relationship of blood
17. The witness _____ the defendant of committing the robbery.
- v.* to charge or criticize someone with a crime or wrongdoing
18. She wrote a heartfelt message in the _____ card for her best friend.
- n.* a person who is loved or dearly admired; a card or message, typically anonymous, sent on Valentine's Day (February 14th) to a person one loves or is attracted to; (uppercase "Valentine") a priest in Rome who was martyred around AD 269
19. The university campus is a small _____ of intellectual activity within the bustling city.
- n.* a distinct portion of territory or a community that is completely surrounded by another territory or community; a small, isolated group or area within a larger community or society
20. He is remembered for his _____ and civilization.
- n.* the fact or quality of being willing to do kind things or give somebody money, gifts, or time freely
21. With _____ she made a plan to avoid any potential obstacles.
- n.* the ability to anticipate or predict future events or outcomes; the act of planning for the future with wisdom and prudence; an intuitive sense of what is to come

ANSWERS: 15. archetype, 16. descended, 17. accused, 18. valentine, 19. enclave, 20. generosity, 21. foresight,

22. We will explain the countermeasure concerning this problem _____.

adv. after the time mentioned

23. Some missionaries attempt to _____ their faith to those who are not interested.

v. to try to convert someone to a new belief or opinion, typically a religious or political one; to advocate or spread a particular doctrine or ideology

24. The leaders of the two countries met to _____ on the issue.

v. to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something

25. The _____ of the movie was predictable but still entertaining.

n. the central narrative or plot of a story, often involving a series of events or conflicts that move the story forward; the overall structure or arc of a story

26. For decades, the US has been viewed as having economic and military _____ worldwide.

n. the dominance or influence of one group, country, or ideology over others, especially in political, economic, or cultural domains

27. The _____ on the wall served as a reminder of their faith.

n. a representation of a cross with a figure of Jesus Christ crucified on it, used as an emblem of Christianity or as an aid to devotion; a cross bearing a representation of Christ

28. The spider in the corner of the room seemed _____ but it made her uneasy.

adj. not harmful or dangerous; unlikely to cause injury or damage

ANSWERS: 22. afterward, 23. proselytize, 24. confer, 25. storyline, 26. hegemony, 27. crucifix, 28. innocuous,

29. The pastor _____ about the importance of forgiveness.
v. to deliver a religious or moral message to an audience
30. Battles between whites and blacks _____ immediately.
v. (of a volcano) to become active and eject rocks, smoke, etc.; to start abruptly and violently
31. He wedged a knife into the _____.
n. a long narrow depression or opening in a surface of rock or wall
32. 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
33. My husband never _____ with other women.
v. to talk or behave as if sexually attracted to someone, without serious intentions;
(noun) a seductive woman who uses her sex appeal to exploit men
34. The concept of ____ and yang is central to traditional Chinese philosophy.
n. in Chinese philosophy, the feminine or passive principle characterized as darkness and the moon and associated with softness, wetness, and cold
35. A _____ of snowflakes fell from the sky as we stepped outside.
n. a sudden and brief burst of activity or emotion; a light snowfall with gusty winds and swirling snowflakes; a rapid or disorganized movement of small objects, such as leaves or petals
36. 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

ANSWERS: 29. preached, 30. erupted, 31. crevice, 32. sect, 33. flirts, 34. yin, 35. flurry, 36. aft

37. I have no intention to _____ your privacy.

- v.* to enter aggressively into another's territory by military force for conquest and occupation

38. She had a _____ look and was determined to complete the task.

- adj.* having a specific aim or purpose; determined

39. The _____ legends of King Arthur and the knights of the Round Table are popular literary motifs.

- adj.* relating to king Arthur and the tales and legends associated with him

40. She was an _____ without any belief in a higher power.

- n.* a person who denies or disbelieves the existence of a deity or deities

41. The _____ between country and pop music is becoming increasingly popular.

- n.* a work or artist that blends elements of different genres, styles, or cultures; a type of vehicle that combines the features of an SUV (sport utility vehicle) and a car; (of music) a work that successfully appeals to multiple audiences

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

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

43. He challenged the _____ views on business.

- adj.* following or conforming to the traditional, normal, or commonly accepted beliefs, ideas, or activities; of or relating to Judaism; of or relating to the Eastern Orthodox Church

ANSWERS: 37. invade, 38. purposeful, 39. Arthurian, 40. atheist, 41. crossover, 42. tagline, 43. orthodox

44. _____ is the day to celebrate the birth of Christ.
n. the man that Christians believe is the prophet and the son of God, and whose life and sermons form the basis for Christianity
45. I need to make a _____ of this document before I send it out.
n. a duplicate of a document or image made by a process involving the use of light and photosensitive material; a copy made by a photocopier
46. You should not _____ the meaning of freedom.
v. to interpret or understand something in the wrong way
47. He never received a _____ even from the company of a close friend.
n. an American or Canadian coin worth one-tenth of a dollar
48. The _____ on the note was barely legible.
n. the particular way in which a person writes, as distinct from printing or typing
49. My friend is a _____ woman who celebrates Hanukkah every year.
adj. of or relating to people whose traditional religion is Judaism
50. The Vatican is the spiritual center of _____ and the residence of the Pope.
n. the faith, doctrines, and practices of the Roman Catholic Church, characterized by belief in the Holy Trinity, the divinity of Jesus Christ, the authority of the Pope, and the sacraments
51. The regime was accused of being _____ for their oppressive tactics.
adj. relating to or supporting fascism, which is a political ideology that emphasizes authoritarian government, nationalism, and suppression of political opposition and individual liberties

ANSWERS: 44. Christmas, 45. photocopy, 46. misunderstand, 47. dime, 48. handwriting, 49. Jewish, 50. Catholicism, 51. fascist

52. The sudden rise in crime rates in our neighborhood is quite _____.
- adj.* causing concern or apprehension; causing a feeling of danger, harm, or emergency; unsettling or disturbing
53. Superman is a classic _____ known for his superhuman strength and flying ability.
- n.* a fictional hero who possesses extraordinary powers and abilities and is dedicated to protecting the public
54. We should _____ several hypotheses to discuss the matter.
- v.* to suggest or accept something as fact or as a basis for argument or consideration
55. The sound _____ well in this theater.
- v.* to be filled with a deep echoing sound
56. 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
57. The alignment of the planets was considered an _____ of major changes in people's lives.
- n.* a sign or warning of a future event, often seen as either positive or negative and believed to be an indication of divine power or influence
58. He saw the balance between the yin and _____ as crucial for a harmonious life.
- n.* in Chinese philosophy, the masculine or active principle characterized as light and the sun and associated with hardness, dryness, and heat

ANSWERS: 52. alarming, 53. superhero, 54. posit, 55. resonates, 56. passe, 57. omen, 58. yang

59. She always tries to _____ in other people's affairs, and it's starting to get annoying.

- v.* to interfere in someone else's affairs without permission or invitation; to become involved in an activity that is not one's own

60. The _____ judge decided to give the defendant a lighter sentence.

- adj.* having or showing compassion, kindness, or forgiveness towards those who may be deserving of punishment or harm; characterized by leniency or clemency

61. The _____ exchange program promotes understanding between students from different countries.

- adj.* involving or relating to different cultures or ethnic groups; taking place between two or more cultures

62. The use of the _____ sign during World War II has forever tarnished its once-positive connotations in many cultures.

- n.* an ancient symbol consisting of a cross with arms bent at right angles, often used by cultures around the world as a symbol of good fortune or well-being, but more recently and unfortunately, associated with the Nazi party and its atrocities during World War II

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

- n.* a written legal order or command

64. 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

ANSWERS: 59. meddle, 60. merciful, 61. intercultural, 62. swastika, 63. writ, 64. Arabic

65. Many fans _____ their favorite celebrities and musicians.

- v.* to admire or worship someone or something to an excessive degree; to treat someone or something as an idol

66. Many Muslim women wear a _____ as a symbol of their religious beliefs.

- n.* a headscarf traditionally worn by Muslim women to cover their hair and neck

67. The _____ of the logo was immediately recognizable as belonging to the famous brand.

- n.* the visual images or symbols used in a particular field of study, worship, or art; a system or language of imagery used to represent ideas or concepts

68. 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

69. His _____ attitude towards other cultures made it difficult for him to get along with others.

- adj.* the inability or refusal to accept or respect views, beliefs, or behavior that differ from someone's own; unable to eat food without adverse effects

ANSWERS: 65. idolize, 66. hijab, 67. iconography, 68. papal, 69. intolerant