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Session 1: Word List

sear

v. to char, scorch, or burn the surface of something with intense heat; (of pain or experience) to be deeply felt or remembered over a long time

synonym: scorch, cook, burn

(1) **sear** tissue using a hot iron, (2) **sear** the memory into your mind

Be careful not to **sear** the meat too long, as it can become tough and chewy.

atrocious

n. brutal act; an extremely wicked or cruel act

synonym: evil, horror, iniquity

(1) commit **atrocious**, (2) cold-blooded **atrocious**

The **atrocious** of the war left many children orphaned.

modernity

n. the quality or condition of being modern; the state or era of being up-to-date in technology, science, and culture

synonym: contemporaneousness, present-day, contemporaneity

(1) spirit of **modernity**, (2) path toward **modernity**

He was fascinated by the contrasts between traditional life and the city's **modernity**.

peril

n. serious and great danger or risk

synonym: hazard, danger, threat

(1) the **peril** of the sea, (2) environmental **peril**
Due to hunger, the lives of the refugees were in **peril**.

thanksgiving

n. an annual holiday celebrated primarily in the United States and Canada, typically observed on the fourth Thursday in November in the U.S. and on the second Monday in October in Canada, that commemorates the giving of thanks for the blessings of the previous year

synonym: gratitude, appreciation, recognition

(1) **thanksgiving** traditions, (2) **thanksgiving** parade
My family gathers together every year for **thanksgiving** dinner.

non-existent

adj. not real; not existing or having no real existence

synonym: not real, lacking, absent

(1) **non-existent** resources, (2) presently **non-existent**
The evidence for this theory is **non-existent**.

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.

treacle

n. a thick, dark syrup made from cane sugar; a sweet, sticky, cloying sentimentality or overly sentimental speech or writing

synonym: molasses, syrup, honey

(1) **treacle** tart, (2) **treacle** moon

The cake was covered in **treacle**, making it too sweet for some people's taste.

ancestor

n. a person from whom one is descended; a forefather

synonym: forebear, forefather, progenitor

(1) **ancestor** language, (2) earliest human **ancestor**

My remote **ancestor** immigrated to the United States from Ireland in the 1800s.

hallucinate

v. to experience a seemingly real perception of something that does not actually exist, usually as a result of a mental illness or drug use

(1) start to **hallucinate**, (2) **hallucinate** with drug

Sleep-deprived people gradually lose their concentration and may **hallucinate**.

obscene

adj. offensive, rude, or disgusting, usually because of being related to sex

synonym: improper, nasty, lewd

(1) **obscene** literature, (2) an **obscene** story

He made an **obscene** gesture.

fractal

n. a complex geometric pattern or shape that repeats itself on smaller and smaller scales, often occurring in nature or mathematical equations

synonym: pattern, design, geometry

(1) **fractal** pattern, (2) **fractal** art

The coastline of Norway is one of the most famous examples of **fractal** geometry in nature.

enlightenment

n. education that results in understanding and the spread of knowledge

synonym: civilization, awareness, sophistication

(1) spiritual **enlightenment**, (2) **enlightenment** activity

He finally brought his **enlightenment** to perfection.

humming

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

synonym: buzzing, droning, vibrating

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

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

primordial

adj. existing from the beginning of time or the start of a particular process; relating to the earliest stage of the universe

synonym : ancient, original, primary

(1) **primordial** forms of life, (2) **primordial** gas

The discovery of the **primordial** soup was a crucial step in understanding the origins of life on Earth.

archaeology

n. the branch of anthropology that studies prehistoric people and their cultures

(1) the institute of **archaeology**, (2) prehistoric **archaeology**

She teaches **archaeology** at the local university.

casualty

n. a person who has been killed or injured in a war, accident, or other disasters; a victim

synonym : victim, injured, fatality

(1) civilian **casualty**, (2) military **casualty**

Unfortunately, the driver was the only **casualty** in the car accident.

forage

v. to search or hunt for food, provisions, or other necessities; to scavenge or seek out resources in a determined or systematic manner

synonym : scavenge, hunt, search

(1) **forage** for food, (2) **forage** for information

She would **forage** through her massive handbag every morning to find her keys.

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.

guinea

n. a former British gold coin worth 21 shillings or a unit of currency used in some West African countries; (Guinea)

a republic in western Africa on the Atlantic

synonym: coin, money, currency

(1) **guinea** coins, (2) **guinea** pig

The cost of the antique vase is three **guineas**.

highland

adj. an area of elevated land or hilly terrain

synonym: upland, plateau

(1) **highland** Indian, (2) **highland** agriculture

This region has a humid subtropical and **highland** climate.

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**.

slew

v. to turn or slip abruptly and sharply; (past for of) slay;
(noun) a large number or amount or extent

synonym: slide, curve, (noun) heap

(1) **slew** around suddenly, (2) have a **slew** of ideas

He **slew** many Trojan warriors in this war.

ilk

n. a type or kind of person or thing; a sort; a class or category of people or things with particular shared characteristics or qualities

synonym: type, kind, sort

(1) people of his **ilk**, (2) the same **ilk**

The company hired consultants of the same **ilk** to provide advice.

adultery

n. voluntary sexual intercourse between a married person and someone who is not their spouse

synonym: infidelity, cheating, unfaithfulness

(1) commit **adultery**, (2) **adultery** scandal

She knew that having an affair with her neighbor would be considered **adultery** and could end her marriage.

blasphemy

n. action, attitude, or language that is offensive or shows a lack of respect for sacred character or religion

synonym: desecration, impiety, heresy

(1) commit **blasphemy**, (2) **blasphemy** against the law

It is **blasphemy** to say such a thing.

idolatry

n. the worship of idols or images; the excessive or blind adoration, reverence, devotion, or worship of something or someone

synonym: worship, adoration, devotion

(1) **idolatry** worship, (2) abolished **idolatry**

The practice of **idolatry** was common in ancient cultures.

sabbatical

n. a period of leave granted to a person for rest, travel, or other pursuits, often in academia or other professions

synonym: leave, vacation, break

(1) **sabbatical** leave, (2) **sabbatical** year

After ten years of teaching, she took a **sabbatical** to travel the world.

sanction

n. official permission or approval for an action, especially an economic or political action by a government or international organization; a penalty or punishment imposed for breaking the law, rule, or agreement; (verb) to impose a penalty or punishment for breaking the law, rule, or agreement

synonym: approve, authorize, endorse

(1) Imperial **sanction**, (2) popular **sanction**

The government imposed economic **sanctions** on the country.

mutilation

n. the act of severely damaging or injuring a person's body or body part, particularly through cutting or disfiguring; the condition of being so damaged or disfigured

synonym: disfigurement, dismemberment, amputation

(1) **mutilation** crime, (2) physical **mutilation**

The **mutilation** of the artwork was a devastating loss for the

artist.

infraction

n. a violation of a law or rule, especially a minor one
synonym: violation, breach, offense

(1) a doping **infraction**, (2) **infraction** of a rule

The driver was issued a citation for a minor **infraction** of the traffic laws.

chop

v. to cut something into pieces with a sharp tool, such as a knife

synonym: cut, hack, slice

(1) **chop** wood, (2) **chop** a meet with a knife

The cook **chopped** the vegetables for the soup.

ingenious

adj. showing inventiveness and ability or skill

synonym: creative, innovative, inventive

(1) **ingenious** device, (2) **ingenious** idea

I always look forward to reading his stories since they're so **ingenious**.

sadistic

adj. deriving pleasure from inflicting pain, suffering, or humiliation on others; cruel and brutal in a way that causes others to suffer

synonym: cruel, brutal, inhumane

(1) **sadistic** pleasure, (2) **sadistic** behavior

The **sadistic** character in the movie enjoyed inflicting pain on others for pleasure.

disembowel

v. to remove the internal organs, especially from an animal or carcass; to gut or eviscerate

synonym: eviscerate, remove organs

(1) **disembowel** a fish, (2) **disembowel** an enemy

The lion used its sharp claws to **disembowel** large prey like zebras and antelopes.

nonviolence

n. the use of peaceful means, such as civil disobedience or passive resistance, rather than violence to achieve a goal, especially in the context of political or social change

synonym : pacifism, nonresistance, peacekeeping

(1) **nonviolence** movement, (2) **nonviolence** protest

Martin Luther King Jr. was a champion of **nonviolence** in the fight for civil rights.

loaf

n. a quantity of bread that is shaped and baked in one piece and usually sliced for serving; (verb) to be lazy or idle

synonym : bread, boule, brioche

(1) crusty **loaf**, (2) **loaf** around during the day

On my way home from work, I picked up a **loaf** of bread from the bakery.

hoist

v. to elevate or drag anything to a higher position, usually with the help of ropes or specific equipment

synonym : raise, lift, haul up

(1) **hoist** the flags, (2) **hoist** the anchor

The surgeon **hoisted** the patient onto the operation table.

sling

v. to throw or drop something somewhere carelessly; to hang loosely or freely; (noun) a length of rope, fabric, or chain used to support or lift something

synonym : throw, hang, (noun) harness

(1) **sling** an arrow, (2) **sling** shot

The children were playing by **slinging** stones at the monument.

spectator

n. someone present at an event, such as a sports game, play, or concert, to watch or observe it

synonym : onlooker, observer, viewer

(1) mass **spectator** sport, (2) **spectator** seat

She enjoyed watching the game as a **spectator**.

shriek

- v. to make a loud and high-pitched cry or scream, often in response to a sudden shock, surprise, or pain; to shout or protest loudly and forcefully

synonym : yell, scream, screech

(1) **shriek** in fear, (2) **shriek** with laughter

The horror film was so scary that it made me **shriek** out loud more than once.

howl

- v. to make a prolonged, loud, mournful cry or noise, typically as a signal of distress, pain, or an intense emotion; to express one's strong feelings or emotions in a loud and unrestrained manner; (noun) a long, loud, mournful sound made by a person or an animal, often in response to pain, fear, or sadness

synonym : wail, scream, shriek

(1) **howl** at the moon, (2) **howl** of anger

The wolves began to **howl** in the distance as the sunset.

criminology

- n. the scientific study of crime, criminals, and the criminal justice system encompassing a wide range of disciplines, including sociology, psychology, law, and statistics, among others

synonym : criminalistics, forensic science, penology

(1) forensic **criminology**, (2) behavioral **criminology**

The professor of **criminology** conducted an extensive study on the relationship between poverty and crime.

scour

- v. to clean thoroughly and vigorously by scrubbing or rubbing; to search or examine something thoroughly and systematically

synonym : cleanse, scrub, clean

(1) **scour** a pot, (2) **scour** the Internet

She had to **scour** the kitchen to find a clean dish to use for dinner.

homicide

- n. the act or instance of killing another person; murder, manslaughter, or other unlawful violent killings

synonym : murder, killing, manslaughter

(1) mass **homicide**, (2) serial **homicide**

The detective was called to investigate a **homicide** in the city.

hamlet

n. a small village or settlement, often without a church

synonym: village, settlement, community

(1) **hamlet** village, (2) historic **hamlet**

The winter snowstorm entirely engulfed the small **hamlet**.

logarithmic

adj. of or relating to logarithms (= the exponent that shows how many times a number has to be multiplied by itself to produce a given number)

synonym: exponential, logarithmical

(1) a **logarithmic** table, (2) **logarithmic** function

The **logarithmic** scale of the graph made it easier to compare the different values.

plummet

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

synonym: drop, plunge, fall

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

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

uptick

n. a slight increase or upward trend in something, such as a stock price or a particular statistic or trend

synonym: increase, rise, surge

(1) **uptick** in crime, (2) a dramatic **uptick** in sales

There was a noticeable **uptick** in customer complaints after implementing the new policy.

nongovernmental

adj. not belonging to or controlled by a government

synonym: private, non-public, non-state

(1) **nongovernmental** aid worker, (2) **nongovernmental** agency

The **nongovernmental** organization works to promote human rights in developing countries.

riot

n. a violent disturbance of the peace by a crowd, characterized by destruction of property, looting, arson, and attacks on individuals

synonym: disturbance, unrest, upheaval

(1) **riot** police, (2) **riot** control gas

The **riots** in the city have left many buildings damaged and several people injured.

pogrom

n. an organized massacre or persecution of a minority group, especially Jews

synonym: persecution, massacre, violence

(1) the **pogrom** against a minority, (2) ethnic **pogrom**

The Jewish community was the victim of a **pogrom** in the early 20th century.

horrific

adj. causing horror or disgust; gruesome and terrifying

synonym: terrifying, alarming, shocking

(1) **horrific** experience, (2) **horrific** condition

The accident scene was **horrific**, with bodies and debris scattered everywhere.

soar

v. to fly or rise very high or to a great height, often with great grace or ease

synonym: fly, rise, ascend

(1) **soar** in popularity, (2) **soar** to new heights

The bird **soared** through the sky, and its wings spread wide.

precipitous

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

synonym: steep, sudden, sheer

(1) **precipitous** behavior, (2) **precipitous** mountain

The sudden, **precipitous** drop in temperature caught

everyone off guard.

chronicle

n. a historical account of events arranged in order of time, typically without analysis or interpretation

synonym: record, history, annals

(1) **chronicle** of the war, (2) heroic **chronicle**

The **chronicle** of the kingdom's history was passed down through generations of royalty.

monk

n. a member of a religious community of men living under vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience

synonym: friar, cleric, brother

(1) **monk** lifestyle, (2) cloistered **monk**

The ascetic **monk** spent his days in prayer and contemplation in the monastery.

probabilistic

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

synonym: probable, statistical, likely

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

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

gory

adj. involving or characterized by bloodshed, violence, or gruesomeness; exceedingly bloody, horrifying, or graphic

synonym: bloody, gruesome, macabre

(1) **gory** accident, (2) **gory** details

The horror movie was filled with **gory** scenes that shocked and disturbed the audience.

intellect

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

synonym: mind, brightness, cleverness

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

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

objects.

outpace

v. to move or proceed at a faster rate than someone or something else; to surpass or exceed someone's or something's performance or ability

synonym: outdistance, outstrip, overtake

(1) **outpace** market share, (2) **outpace** economic growth
Her running speed allowed her to **outpace** her competitors and win the race.

carnage

n. the killing or slaughter of a large number of people, especially in a battle or war; a situation in which many people are killed or injured in a violent way

synonym: slaughter, massacre, bloodshed

(1) **carnage** on the battlefield, (2) brutal **carnage**

The battlefield was filled with **carnage**, a terrible reminder of the horrors of war.

outstrip

v. to exceed or surpass a particular, measurable quality or attribute, such as speed, efficiency, or quality

synonym: outdo, surpass, exceed

(1) **outstrip** competitors, (2) **outstrip** population growth

The company's sales have **outstripped** expectations for the quarter.

barbaric

adj. characterized by extreme cruelty or brutal violence; resembling the behaviors or practices of a barbarian or uncivilized society

synonym: savage, cruel, primitive

(1) **barbaric** treatment, (2) **barbaric** act

The **barbaric** practice of gladiator fighting was popular in ancient Rome.

solitary

adj. existing, living, or doing without others

synonym: lonely, unsociable, singular

(1) use of **solitary** confinement, (2) a **solitary** traveler

He never uttered a **solitary** word.

brute

n. a violent, wild, or feral animal; a person who is cruel, uncivilized, or lacking in intelligence or sensitivity; a physical force or power

synonym : beast, savage, animal

(1) **brute** beasts, (2) **brute** force

The **brute** behavior of the football players caused the game to be canceled.

thirst

n. a feeling of needing something to drink; a strong desire for something

synonym : craving, desire, appetite

(1) a burning **thirst**, (2) **thirst** for authority

He read books to quench his **thirst** for knowledge.

instinct

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

synonym : intuition, aptitude, feeling

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

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

anarchy

n. a state of society without government or law

synonym : chaos, disorder, lawlessness

(1) **anarchy** in the classroom, (2) lapse into **anarchy**

The concept of **anarchy** has been used in literature, music, and other art forms to explore ideas about power, freedom, and rebellion.

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.

preempt

v. to act in advance to prevent something or to replace it with something else

synonym : forestall, head off, anticipate

(1) **preempt** a financial crisis, (2) **preempt** trouble

The government **preempted** the release of sensitive information.

rustle

v. to make a soft, crackling sound, like the sound caused by the movement of dry leaves or paper; to move quietly or furtively to avoid being heard or noticed

synonym : swish, whisper, murmur

(1) **rustle** up a meal, (2) **rustle** paper

The leaves **rustled** in the wind, creating a peaceful sound in the forest.

pistol

n. a handgun, typically one that can be held in one hand

synonym : revolver, handgun, firearm

(1) **pistol** grip, (2) **pistol** shot

The robbers were armed with **pistols** and demanded money.

burglar

n. a person who unlawfully enters a building or other property to steal or commit another crime

synonym : thief, robber, intruder

(1) ex-convict **burglar**, (2) caught the **burglar**

The skilled **burglar** bypassed the alarm system and entered the house without making a sound.

retaliate

v. to respond to an action or attack with a similar action, especially one that is intended to harm or punish the other person

synonym : get back, strike back, revenge

(1) **retaliate** for the blow, (2) **retaliate** in a like fashion

After the other team scored, we **retaliated** by playing even harder and scoring two quick goals.

savage

adj. extremely wild, ferocious, or uncivilized

synonym : brutal, fierce, barbarous

(1) reply in a **savage** voice, (2) **savage** attack

The animal was injured and became **savage**, attacking anyone who approached.

bluff

- v. to try to deceive someone into believing that you can or are going to do something, or that you have knowledge or abilities; (noun) a high steep bank, usually formed by river erosion

synonym: abrupt, cliff, precipice

(1) **bluff** the other side, (2) riverside **bluff**

He **bluffed** a person out of going.

avenge

- v. to get revenge or seek retribution for a perceived wrong or injury, often in the form of punishment, retaliation, or vindication

synonym: retaliate, revenge, requite

(1) **avenge** a friend, (2) **avenge** an injustice

He sought to **avenge** his brother's death by seeking justice through the legal system.

vendetta

- n. a prolonged and bitter feud or conflict, often characterized by a desire for revenge; a series of retaliatory acts or actions against a particular person or group

synonym: blood feud, grudge, revenge

(1) **vendetta** feud, (2) political **vendetta**

The mafia boss declared a **vendetta** against the rival gang for encroaching on their territory.

soprano

- n. the highest-pitched voice or vocal range of a female or child singer; a female or child singer with a soprano voice; the highest-pitched member of an instrumental family, such as a violin or clarinet

synonym: treble

(1) **soprano** singer, (2) dramatic **soprano**

The **soprano's** voice was so beautiful that it brought the audience to tears.

leviathan

n. a monstrous sea creature or marine animal, often used as a metaphorical term for something big, overbearing, or powerful

synonym : giant, monster, behemoth

(1) **leviathan** of the sea, (2) financial **leviathan**

The company's new CEO was a corporate **leviathan** known for his aggressive business tactics.

pun

n. a humorous play on words or use of words that sound similar but have different meanings, often for a comedic effect; a form of wordplay

synonym : joke, quip, wordplay

(1) witty **pun**, (2) silly **pun**

The comedian's **pun** had the audience laughing out loud.

retaliation

n. the act of seeking vengeance or revenge in response to a perceived wrong or harm suffered, usually to cause harm to the person or group responsible for the initial act

synonym : retribution, revenge, vengeance

(1) **retaliation** tactics, (2) **retaliation** against discrimination

The company faced heavy **retaliation** from its competitors after releasing a controversial product.

deterrent

n. something that prevents or discourages someone from doing something or taking a particular action; a hindrance or obstacle

synonym : hindrance, obstacle, impediment

(1) criminal **deterrent**, (2) nuclear **deterrent**

The threat of punishment serves as a **deterrent** for many people who might consider committing a crime.

coincide

v. to take place at or near the same time

synonym : overlap, coexist, concur

(1) partly **coincide**, (2) **coincide** with reality

These results **coincide** with our hypothesis.

eruption

n. an instance of a sudden and violent release of lava, gas, or ash from a volcano; a sudden outburst or explosion of something

synonym : explosion, outburst, burst

(1) **eruption** alert level, (2) emotional **eruption**

The volcanic **eruption** caused widespread destruction and left the area covered in ash.

mafia

n. a secret criminal organization that engages in illegal activities such as gambling, extortion, racketeering, prostitution, and drug trafficking, typically maintains a strict code of loyalty, secrecy, and omertà (= silence or non-cooperation with authorities)

synonym : syndicate, gang

(1) organized crime **mafia**, (2) **mafia** activities

The boss of the **mafia** was finally caught after years on the run.

sentimental

adj. connected with or resulting from someone's emotions, rather than reason or realism

synonym : bathetic, drippy, maudlin

(1) in a **sentimental** mood, (2) **sentimental** damage

Stop being **sentimental** and always speak the truth.

compunction

n. a feeling of guilt, unease, or remorse arising from doing something wrong or causing harm to others; a sense of moral or ethical discomfort or hesitation

synonym : remorse, regret, guilt

(1) **compunction** feeling, (2) speak with **compunction**

After taking the last slice of pie, he felt a slight **compunction** for not sharing with his younger brother.

inflict

v. to cause harm, injury, or suffering to someone or something

synonym : impose, levy, administer

(1) **inflict** a heavier tax, (2) **inflict** a hard blow

The storm **inflicted** significant damage on the town.

wright

n. a person who makes or repairs something, especially a craftsman or artisan who works with wood or metal

synonym: builder, constructor, craftsman

(1) a car- **wright**, (2) aircraft **wright**

She was a skilled **wright**, able to craft intricate pieces of furniture.

embroil

v. to involve or entangle someone or something in a difficult, complicated, or unpleasant situation; to implicate or incriminate

synonym: involve, complicate, entangle

(1) **embroil** him in a controversy, (2) **embroil** in controversy

The scandal **embroiled** the company's CEO and other high-level executives.

bequeath

v. to leave or pass on property, assets, or personal belongings to someone in a will or testament; to hand down or transmit knowledge, traditions, and skills to future generations

synonym: leave, pass on, transmit

(1) **bequeath** property, (2) **bequeath** a legacy

Before his passing, my grandfather had **bequeathed** his antique pocket watch to me in his will.

empathy

n. the ability to share another person's feelings or experiences by imagining that person's situation

synonym: compassion, sympathy, tenderness

(1) full of **empathy**, (2) **empathy** for patients

Empathy is also necessary to understand history.

subhuman

adj. less than human in nature, quality, or dignity; regarded as inferior to or unworthy of being fully human

synonym: inferior, substandard, primitive

(1) **subhuman** conditions, (2) **subhuman** species

The **subhuman** treatment of prisoners at the detention center was shocking and inhumane.

impunity

n. exemption or freedom from punishment or harm; a state of being immune to negative consequences or legal accountability

synonym : immunity, exemption

(1) act with **impunity**, (2) enjoy **impunity**

The criminal was able to escape with **impunity**, despite committing multiple offenses.

sentient

adj. having the ability to perceive or feel things, particularly through sense perception like touch or sight, especially at higher levels of intelligence and consciousness

synonym : conscious, aware, perceptive

(1) **sentient** beings, (2) **sentient** robots

Animals such as dolphins and elephants are highly **sentient** and intelligent creatures.

reciprocity

n. a mutual exchange of help and advantages; privileges granted in return for similar privileges

synonym : mutuality, interchange, exchange

(1) **reciprocity** relationship, (2) **reciprocity** exchange

The policy of **reciprocity** between the two countries allowed for visa-free travel.

untenable

adj. cannot be supported or defended against attack or criticism; indefensible

synonym : indefensible, unsustainable

(1) **untenable** situation, (2) **untenable** amount of debt

The proposal was deemed **untenable** due to financial constraints.

cosmopolitanism

n. the ideology or belief in the idea that all human beings belong to a single worldwide community and share a common set of moral and ethical values; the acceptance and embrace of diverse cultures and lifestyles

synonym : globalism, internationalism, worldliness

(1) **cosmopolitanism** movement, (2) cultural **cosmopolitanism**

The author's unique blend of literary **cosmopolitanism** has made his books popular worldwide.

memoir

n. a historical account or biography written from the writer's knowledge of famous people, places, or events

synonym: bio, biography

(1) family **memoir**, (2) publish a **memoir**

He wrote his **memoirs** while awaiting trial.

empath

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

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

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

akin

adj. similar or related in nature, character, or origin

synonym: similar, related, alike

(1) **akin** to anger, (2) **akin** to the prior experiences

Her interests are **akin** to mine.

Session 2: Spelling

1. have a s__w of ideas
v. to turn or slip abruptly and sharply; (past for of) slay; (noun) a large number or amount or extent
2. se_____nt robots
adj. having the ability to perceive or feel things, particularly through sense perception like touch or sight, especially at higher levels of intelligence and consciousness
3. silly p_n
n. a humorous play on words or use of words that sound similar but have different meanings, often for a comedic effect; a form of wordplay
4. non_____ce protest
n. the use of peaceful means, such as civil disobedience or passive resistance, rather than violence to achieve a goal, especially in the context of political or social change
5. hu_____g sound
adj. producing a continuous, low, vibrating sound like that of the bee
6. ethnic po___m
n. an organized massacre or persecution of a minority group, especially Jews
7. commit at_____ty
n. brutal act; an extremely wicked or cruel act
8. fo___e for information
v. to search or hunt for food, provisions, or other necessities; to scavenge or seek out resources in a determined or systematic manner

ANSWERS: 1. slew, 2. sentient, 3. pun, 4. nonviolence, 5. humming, 6. pogrom, 7. atrocity, 8. forage

9. s__r the memory into your mind *v.* to char, scorch, or burn the surface of something with intense heat; (of pain or experience) to be deeply felt or remembered over a long time
10. g__y details *adj.* involving or characterized by bloodshed, violence, or gruesomeness; exceedingly bloody, horrifying, or graphic
11. m__k lifestyle *n.* a member of a religious community of men living under vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience
12. ad____ry scandal *n.* voluntary sexual intercourse between a married person and someone who is not their spouse
13. use of so____ry confinement *adj.* existing, living, or doing without others
14. presently non_____ent *adj.* not real; not existing or having no real existence
15. publish a me____r *n.* a historical account or biography written from the writer's knowledge of famous people, places, or events
16. c__p a meet with a knife *v.* to cut something into pieces with a sharp tool, such as a knife
17. the same i_k *n.* a type or kind of person or thing; a sort; a class or category of people or things with particular shared characteristics or qualities
18. tha_____ing traditions *n.* an annual holiday celebrated primarily in the United States and Canada, typically observed on the fourth Thursday in November in the U.S. and on the second Monday in October in Canada, that commemorates the giving of thanks for the blessings of the previous year

ANSWERS: 9. sear, 10. gory, 11. monk, 12. adultery, 13. solitary, 14. non-existent, 15. memoir, 16. chop, 17. ilk, 18. thanksgiving

19. human in_____ct *n.* the ability to think logically and comprehend information, especially at an advanced level
20. civilian ca_____ty *n.* a person who has been killed or injured in a war, accident, or other disasters; a victim
21. pl_____ting sales *v.* to fall or drop suddenly and steeply; to decline rapidly or sharply
22. em_____l him in a controversy *v.* to involve or entangle someone or something in a difficult, complicated, or unpleasant situation; to implicate or incriminate
23. n__b with cold *adj.* unable to feel physical sensation and movement; not showing human feeling or sensitivity
24. fr_____l art *n.* a complex geometric pattern or shape that repeats itself on smaller and smaller scales, often occurring in nature or mathematical equations
25. pi____l shot *n.* a handgun, typically one that can be held in one hand
26. Imperial sa_____on *n.* official permission or approval for an action, especially an economic or political action by a government or international organization; a penalty or punishment imposed for breaking the law, rule, or agreement; (verb) to impose a penalty or punishment for breaking the law, rule, or agreement
27. hi_____nd agriculture *adj.* an area of elevated land or hilly terrain

ANSWERS: 19. intellect, 20. casualty, 21. plummet, 22. embroil, 23. numb, 24. fractal, 25. pistol, 26. sanction, 27. highland

28. ho__t the anchor *v.* to elevate or drag anything to a higher position, usually with the help of ropes or specific equipment
29. cultural cos_____ism *n.* the ideology or belief in the idea that all human beings belong to a single worldwide community and share a common set of moral and ethical values; the acceptance and embrace of diverse cultures and lifestyles
30. em_____l in controversy *v.* to involve or entangle someone or something in a difficult, complicated, or unpleasant situation; to implicate or incriminate
31. sc__r a pot *v.* to clean thoroughly and vigorously by scrubbing or rubbing; to search or examine something thoroughly and systematically
32. serial ho_____de *n.* the act or instance of killing another person; murder, manslaughter, or other unlawful violent killings
33. pro_____tic model *adj.* characterized by the influence of chance or probability; involving the use of statistical models or methods to estimate likelihoods or risks
34. caught the bu_____r *n.* a person who unlawfully enters a building or other property to steal or commit another crime
35. re_____te for the blow *v.* to respond to an action or attack with a similar action, especially one that is intended to harm or punish the other person

ANSWERS: 28. hoist, 29. cosmopolitanism, 30. embroil, 31. scour, 32. homicide, 33. probabilistic, 34. burglar, 35. retaliate

36. br__e force *n.* a violent, wild, or feral animal; a person who is cruel, uncivilized, or lacking in intelligence or sensitivity; a physical force or power
37. com_____on feeling *n.* a feeling of guilt, unease, or remorse arising from doing something wrong or causing harm to others; a sense of moral or ethical discomfort or hesitation
38. un_____le situation *adj.* cannot be supported or defended against attack or criticism; indefensible
39. non_____ce movement *n.* the use of peaceful means, such as civil disobedience or passive resistance, rather than violence to achieve a goal, especially in the context of political or social change
40. an_____y in the classroom *n.* a state of society without government or law
41. inf_____on of a rule *n.* a violation of a law or rule, especially a minor one
42. a burning th___t *n.* a feeling of needing something to drink; a strong desire for something
43. h__l at the moon *v.* to make a prolonged, loud, mournful cry or noise, typically as a signal of distress, pain, or an intense emotion; to express one's strong feelings or emotions in a loud and unrestrained manner; (noun) a long, loud, mournful sound made by a person or an animal, often in response to pain, fear, or sadness

ANSWERS: 36. brute, 37. compunction, 38. untenable, 39. nonviolence, 40. anarchy, 41. infraction, 42. thirst, 43. howl

44. brutal ca_____e *n.* the killing or slaughter of a large number of people, especially in a battle or war; a situation in which many people are killed or injured in a violent way
45. environmental pe__l *n.* serious and great danger or risk
46. speak with com_____on *n.* a feeling of guilt, unease, or remorse arising from doing something wrong or causing harm to others; a sense of moral or ethical discomfort or hesitation
47. prehistoric arc_____gy *n.* the branch of anthropology that studies prehistoric people and their cultures
48. in___e his privacy *v.* to enter aggressively into another's territory by military force for conquest and occupation
49. act with im_____ty *n.* exemption or freedom from punishment or harm; a state of being immune to negative consequences or legal accountability
50. a doping inf_____on *n.* a violation of a law or rule, especially a minor one
51. l__f around during the day *n.* a quantity of bread that is shaped and baked in one piece and usually sliced for serving; (verb) to be lazy or idle
52. a__n to anger *adj.* similar or related in nature, character, or origin
53. emotional er_____on *n.* an instance of a sudden and violent release of lava, gas, or ash from a volcano; a sudden outburst or explosion of something

ANSWERS: 44. carnage, 45. peril, 46. compunction, 47. archaeology, 48. invade, 49. impunity, 50. infraction, 51. loaf, 52. akin, 53. eruption

54. so____o singer *n.* the highest-pitched voice or vocal range of a female or child singer; a female or child singer with a soprano voice; the highest-pitched member of an instrumental family, such as a violin or clarinet
55. abolished id____ry *n.* the worship of idols or images; the excessive or blind adoration, reverence, devotion, or worship of something or someone
56. be____th a legacy *v.* to leave or pass on property, assets, or personal belongings to someone in a will or testament; to hand down or transmit knowledge, traditions, and skills to future generations
57. br__e beasts *n.* a violent, wild, or feral animal; a person who is cruel, uncivilized, or lacking in intelligence or sensitivity; a physical force or power
58. ou____ip competitors *v.* to exceed or surpass a particular, measurable quality or attribute, such as speed, efficiency, or quality
59. fr____l pattern *n.* a complex geometric pattern or shape that repeats itself on smaller and smaller scales, often occurring in nature or mathematical equations
60. em____h skills *n.* a person who can understand and share the feelings and experiences of others, often described as having a high degree of empathy

ANSWERS: 54. soprano, 55. idolatry, 56. bequeath, 57. brute, 58. outstrip, 59. fractal, 60. empath

61. c__p wood *v.* to cut something into pieces with a sharp tool, such as a knife
62. heroic ch_____le *n.* a historical account of events arranged in order of time, typically without analysis or interpretation
63. s__r to new heights *v.* to fly or rise very high or to a great height, often with great grace or ease
64. sab_____al leave *n.* a period of leave granted to a person for rest, travel, or other pursuits, often in academia or other professions
65. sa_____ic behavior *adj.* deriving pleasure from inflicting pain, suffering, or humiliation on others; cruel and brutal in a way that causes others to suffer
66. riverside bl__f *v.* to try to deceive someone into believing that you can or are going to do something, or that you have knowledge or abilities; (noun) a high steep bank, usually formed by river erosion
67. sc__r the Internet *v.* to clean thoroughly and vigorously by scrubbing or rubbing; to search or examine something thoroughly and systematically
68. th___t for authority *n.* a feeling of needing something to drink; a strong desire for something
69. up___k in crime *n.* a slight increase or upward trend in something, such as a stock price or a particular statistic or trend
70. an ob_____e story *adj.* offensive, rude, or disgusting, usually because of being related to sex

ANSWERS: 61. chop, 62. chronicle, 63. soar, 64. sabbatical, 65. sadistic, 66. bluff, 67. scour, 68. thirst, 69. uptick, 70. obscene

71. commit bl_____my *n.* action, attitude, or language that is offensive or shows a lack of respect for sacred character or religion
72. dis_____el a fish *v.* to remove the internal organs, especially from an animal or carcass; to gut or eviscerate
73. the institute of arc_____gy *n.* the branch of anthropology that studies prehistoric people and their cultures
74. in___e other tissues *v.* to enter aggressively into another's territory by military force for conquest and occupation
75. a car-wr___t *n.* a person who makes or repairs something, especially a craftsman or artisan who works with wood or metal
76. s___r tissue using a hot iron *v.* to char, scorch, or burn the surface of something with intense heat; (of pain or experience) to be deeply felt or remembered over a long time
77. rec_____ty exchange *n.* a mutual exchange of help and advantages; privileges granted in return for similar privileges
78. ex-convict bu_____r *n.* a person who unlawfully enters a building or other property to steal or commit another crime
79. non_____tal aid worker *adj.* not belonging to or controlled by a government
80. bl___f the other side *v.* to try to deceive someone into believing that you can or are going to do something, or that you have knowledge or abilities; (noun) a high steep bank, usually formed by river erosion

ANSWERS: 71. blasphemy, 72. disembowel, 73. archaeology, 74. invade, 75. wright, 76. sear, 77. reciprocity, 78. burglar, 79. nongovernmental, 80. bluff

81. cos_____ism movement *n.* the ideology or belief in the idea that all human beings belong to a single worldwide community and share a common set of moral and ethical values; the acceptance and embrace of diverse cultures and lifestyles
82. gu___a coins *n.* a former British gold coin worth 21 shillings or a unit of currency used in some West African countries; (Guinea) a republic in western Africa on the Atlantic
83. pri_____al forms of life *adj.* existing from the beginning of time or the start of a particular process; relating to the earliest stage of the universe
84. commit ad_____ry *n.* voluntary sexual intercourse between a married person and someone who is not their spouse
85. nuclear de_____nt *n.* something that prevents or discourages someone from doing something or taking a particular action; a hindrance or obstacle
86. non_____tal agency *adj.* not belonging to or controlled by a government
87. pre_____us behavior *adj.* extremely steep or rapid; hasty or impulsive, often with negative consequences; (of science) relating to or characterized by rapid, abrupt changes
88. a so_____ry traveler *adj.* existing, living, or doing without others

ANSWERS: 81. cosmopolitanism, 82. guinea, 83. primordial, 84. adultery, 85. deterrent, 86. nongovernmental, 87. precipitous, 88. solitary

89. hal_____te with drug *v.* to experience a seemingly real perception of something that does not actually exist, usually as a result of a mental illness or drug use
90. fo___e for food *v.* to search or hunt for food, provisions, or other necessities; to scavenge or seek out resources in a determined or systematic manner
91. ve_____ta feud *n.* a prolonged and bitter feud or conflict, often characterized by a desire for revenge; a series of retaliatory acts or actions against a particular person or group
92. in a sen_____al mood *adj.* connected with or resulting from someone's emotions, rather than reason or realism
93. ca_____e on the battlefield *n.* the killing or slaughter of a large number of people, especially in a battle or war; a situation in which many people are killed or injured in a violent way
94. political ve_____ta *n.* a prolonged and bitter feud or conflict, often characterized by a desire for revenge; a series of retaliatory acts or actions against a particular person or group
95. pl_____t against other major currencies *v.* to fall or drop suddenly and steeply; to decline rapidly or sharply
96. sa___e attack *adj.* extremely wild, ferocious, or uncivilized
97. mass ho_____de *n.* the act or instance of killing another person; murder, manslaughter, or other unlawful violent killings

ANSWERS: 89. hallucinate, 90. forage, 91. vendetta, 92. sentimental, 93. carnage, 94. vendetta, 95. plummet, 96. savage, 97. homicide

98. gu___a pig *n.* a former British gold coin worth 21 shillings or a unit of currency used in some West African countries; (Guinea) a republic in western Africa on the Atlantic
99. aircraft wr___t *n.* a person who makes or repairs something, especially a craftsman or artisan who works with wood or metal
100. forensic cri_____gy *n.* the scientific study of crime, criminals, and the criminal justice system encompassing a wide range of disciplines, including sociology, psychology, law, and statistics, among others
101. reply in a sa___e voice *adj.* extremely wild, ferocious, or uncivilized
102. pa___e entertainment *adj.* no longer fashionable or current; outdated; considered to be old-fashioned or out of date
103. ob_____e literature *adj.* offensive, rude, or disgusting, usually because of being related to sex
104. s__r in popularity *v.* to fly or rise very high or to a great height, often with great grace or ease
105. sen_____al damage *adj.* connected with or resulting from someone's emotions, rather than reason or realism
106. em___h in a corporate environment *n.* a person who can understand and share the feelings and experiences of others, often described as having a high degree of empathy

ANSWERS: 98. guinea, 99. wright, 100. criminology, 101. savage, 102. passe, 103. obscene, 104. soar, 105. sentimental, 106. empath

107. the po___m against a minority *n.* an organized massacre or persecution of a minority group, especially Jews
108. sl__g an arrow *v.* to throw or drop something somewhere carelessly; to hang loosely or freely; (noun) a length of rope, fabric, or chain used to support or lift something
109. a dramatic up___k in sales *n.* a slight increase or upward trend in something, such as a stock price or a particular statistic or trend
110. ba_____ic act *adj.* characterized by extreme cruelty or brutal violence; resembling the behaviors or practices of a barbarian or uncivilized society
111. ch_____le of the war *n.* a historical account of events arranged in order of time, typically without analysis or interpretation
112. ru___e up a meal *v.* to make a soft, crackling sound, like the sound caused by the movement of dry leaves or paper; to move quietly or furtively to avoid being heard or noticed
113. ou_____e market share *v.* to move or proceed at a faster rate than someone or something else; to surpass or exceed someone's or something's performance or ability
114. dis_____el an enemy *v.* to remove the internal organs, especially from an animal or carcass; to gut or eviscerate
115. path toward mo_____ty *n.* the quality or condition of being modern; the state or era of being up-to-date in technology, science, and culture

ANSWERS: 107. pogrom, 108. sling, 109. uptick, 110. barbaric, 111. chronicle, 112. rustle, 113. outpace, 114. disembowel, 115. modernity

116. cloistered m__k *n.* a member of a religious community of men living under vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience
117. pr_____t a financial crisis *v.* to act in advance to prevent something or to replace it with something else
118. enrich my in_____ct *n.* the ability to think logically and comprehend information, especially at an advanced level
119. co_____de with reality *v.* to take place at or near the same time
120. sa_____ic pleasure *adj.* deriving pleasure from inflicting pain, suffering, or humiliation on others; cruel and brutal in a way that causes others to suffer
121. re_____te in a like fashion *v.* to respond to an action or attack with a similar action, especially one that is intended to harm or punish the other person
122. sh___k with laughter *v.* to make a loud and high-pitched cry or scream, often in response to a sudden shock, surprise, or pain; to shout or protest loudly and forcefully
123. un_____le amount of debt *adj.* cannot be supported or defended against attack or criticism; indefensible
124. bl_____my against the law *n.* action, attitude, or language that is offensive or shows a lack of respect for sacred character or religion
125. sab_____al year *n.* a period of leave granted to a person for rest, travel, or other pursuits, often in academia or other professions

ANSWERS: 116. monk, 117. preempt, 118. intellect, 119. coincide, 120. sadistic, 121. retaliate, 122. shriek, 123. untenable, 124. blasphemy, 125. sabbatical

126. ho____ic condition *adj.* causing horror or disgust; gruesome and terrifying
127. lapse into an____y *n.* a state of society without government or law
128. r__t control gas *n.* a violent disturbance of the peace by a crowd, characterized by destruction of property, looting, arson, and attacks on individuals
129. in____us device *adj.* showing inventiveness and ability or skill
130. family me____r *n.* a historical account or biography written from the writer's knowledge of famous people, places, or events
131. military ca____ty *n.* a person who has been killed or injured in a war, accident, or other disasters; a victim
132. organized crime ma__a *n.* a secret criminal organization that engages in illegal activities such as gambling, extortion, racketeering, prostitution, and drug trafficking, typically maintains a strict code of loyalty, secrecy, and omertà (= silence or non-cooperation with authorities)
133. start to hal____te *v.* to experience a seemingly real perception of something that does not actually exist, usually as a result of a mental illness or drug use
134. cold-blooded at____ty *n.* brutal act; an extremely wicked or cruel act

ANSWERS: 126. horrific, 127. anarchy, 128. riot, 129. ingenious, 130. memoir, 131. casualty, 132. mafia, 133. hallucinate, 134. atrocity

135. ret_____on against discrimination *n.* the act of seeking vengeance or revenge in response to a perceived wrong or harm suffered, usually to cause harm to the person or group responsible for the initial act
136. pre_____us mountain *adj.* extremely steep or rapid; hasty or impulsive, often with negative consequences; (of science) relating to or characterized by rapid, abrupt changes
137. ret_____on tactics *n.* the act of seeking vengeance or revenge in response to a perceived wrong or harm suffered, usually to cause harm to the person or group responsible for the initial act
138. partly co_____de *v.* to take place at or near the same time
139. se_____nt beings *adj.* having the ability to perceive or feel things, particularly through sense perception like touch or sight, especially at higher levels of intelligence and consciousness
140. financial le_____an *n.* a monstrous sea creature or marine animal, often used as a metaphorical term for something big, overbearing, or powerful
141. le_____an of the sea *n.* a monstrous sea creature or marine animal, often used as a metaphorical term for something big, overbearing, or powerful
142. av____e a friend *v.* to get revenge or seek retribution for a perceived wrong or injury, often in the form of punishment, retaliation, or vindication

ANSWERS: 135. retaliation, 136. precipitous, 137. retaliation, 138. coincide, 139. sentient, 140. leviathan, 141. leviathan, 142. avenge

143. ma__a activities *n.* a secret criminal organization that engages in illegal activities such as gambling, extortion, racketeering, prostitution, and drug trafficking, typically maintains a strict code of loyalty, secrecy, and omertà (= silence or non-cooperation with authorities)
144. ha___t village *n.* a small village or settlement, often without a church
145. enjoy im_____ty *n.* exemption or freedom from punishment or harm; a state of being immune to negative consequences or legal accountability
146. earliest human an_____or *n.* a person from whom one is descended; a forefather
147. dramatic so_____o *n.* the highest-pitched voice or vocal range of a female or child singer; a female or child singer with a soprano voice; the highest-pitched member of an instrumental family, such as a violin or clarinet
148. sl__g shot *v.* to throw or drop something somewhere carelessly; to hang loosely or freely; (noun) a length of rope, fabric, or chain used to support or lift something
149. a log_____ic table *adj.* of or relating to logarithms (= the exponent that shows how many times a number has to be multiplied by itself to produce a given number)
150. spiritual enl_____ent *n.* education that results in understanding and the spread of knowledge

ANSWERS: 143. mafia, 144. hamlet, 145. impunity, 146. ancestor, 147. soprano, 148. sling, 149. logarithmic, 150. enlightenment

151. hu____g bird *adj.* producing a continuous, low, vibrating sound like that of the bee
152. physical mut_____on *n.* the act of severely damaging or injuring a person's body or body part, particularly through cutting or disfiguring; the condition of being so damaged or disfigured
153. ho__t the flags *v.* to elevate or drag anything to a higher position, usually with the help of ropes or specific equipment
154. ba_____ic treatment *adj.* characterized by extreme cruelty or brutal violence; resembling the behaviors or practices of a barbarian or uncivilized society
155. av___e an injustice *v.* to get revenge or seek retribution for a perceived wrong or injury, often in the form of punishment, retaliation, or vindication
156. ou_____ip population growth *v.* to exceed or surpass a particular, measurable quality or attribute, such as speed, efficiency, or quality
157. full of em_____y *n.* the ability to share another person's feelings or experiences by imagining that person's situation
158. pri_____al gas *adj.* existing from the beginning of time or the start of a particular process; relating to the earliest stage of the universe
159. ind_____ate violence *adj.* done or occurring without any particular aim, purpose, or discrimination; haphazard, random, or careless

ANSWERS: 151. humming, 152. mutilation, 153. hoist, 154. barbaric, 155. avenge, 156. outstrip, 157. empathy, 158. primordial, 159. indiscriminate

160. su____an conditions *adj.* less than human in nature, quality, or dignity; regarded as inferior to or unworthy of being fully human
161. be____th property *v.* to leave or pass on property, assets, or personal belongings to someone in a will or testament; to hand down or transmit knowledge, traditions, and skills to future generations
162. in____t a heavier tax *v.* to cause harm, injury, or suffering to someone or something
163. pi____l grip *n.* a handgun, typically one that can be held in one hand
164. s__w around suddenly *v.* to turn or slip abruptly and sharply; (past for of) slay; (noun) a large number or amount or extent
165. tr____e tart *n.* a thick, dark syrup made from cane sugar; a sweet, sticky, cloying sentimentality or overly sentimental speech or writing
166. rec____ty relationship *n.* a mutual exchange of help and advantages; privileges granted in return for similar privileges
167. historic ha____t *n.* a small village or settlement, often without a church
168. the pe__l of the sea *n.* serious and great danger or risk
169. in____us idea *adj.* showing inventiveness and ability or skill
170. h__l of anger *v.* to make a prolonged, loud, mournful cry or noise, typically as a signal of distress, pain, or an intense emotion; to express one's strong feelings or emotions in a loud and unrestrained manner; (noun) a long, loud, mournful sound made by a person or an animal, often in response to pain, fear, or sadness

ANSWERS: 160. subhuman, 161. bequeath, 162. inflict, 163. pistol, 164. slew, 165. treacle, 166. reciprocity, 167. hamlet, 168. peril, 169. ingenious, 170. howl

171. mass sp_____or sport *n.* someone present at an event, such as a sports game, play, or concert, to watch or observe it
172. pr_____t trouble *v.* to act in advance to prevent something or to replace it with something else
173. non_____ent resources *adj.* not real; not existing or having no real existence
174. tha_____ing parade *n.* an annual holiday celebrated primarily in the United States and Canada, typically observed on the fourth Thursday in November in the U.S. and on the second Monday in October in Canada, that commemorates the giving of thanks for the blessings of the previous year
175. pa__e trend *adj.* no longer fashionable or current; outdated; considered to be old-fashioned or out of date
176. su_____an species *adj.* less than human in nature, quality, or dignity; regarded as inferior to or unworthy of being fully human
177. log_____ic function *adj.* of or relating to logarithms (= the exponent that shows how many times a number has to be multiplied by itself to produce a given number)
178. in_____t a hard blow *v.* to cause harm, injury, or suffering to someone or something
179. enl_____ent activity *n.* education that results in understanding and the spread of knowledge

ANSWERS: 171. spectator, 172. preempt, 173. non-existent, 174. thanksgiving, 175. passe, 176. subhuman, 177. logarithmic, 178. inflict, 179. enlightenment

180. spirit of mo_____ty *n.* the quality or condition of being modern; the state or era of being up-to-date in technology, science, and culture
181. ind_____ate use of force *adj.* done or occurring without any particular aim, purpose, or discrimination; haphazard, random, or careless
182. in_____ct for self-preservation *n.* an inborn behavioral pattern that is often responsive to specific stimuli; an innate feeling that causes you to act or believe that something is true
183. r__t police *n.* a violent disturbance of the peace by a crowd, characterized by destruction of property, looting, arson, and attacks on individuals
184. an_____or language *n.* a person from whom one is descended; a forefather
185. ou_____e economic growth *v.* to move or proceed at a faster rate than someone or something else; to surpass or exceed someone's or something's performance or ability
186. crusty l__f *n.* a quantity of bread that is shaped and baked in one piece and usually sliced for serving; (verb) to be lazy or idle
187. g__y accident *adj.* involving or characterized by bloodshed, violence, or gruesomeness; exceedingly bloody, horrifying, or graphic
188. behavioral cri_____gy *n.* the scientific study of crime, criminals, and the criminal justice system encompassing a wide range of disciplines, including sociology, psychology, law, and statistics, among others

ANSWERS: 180. modernity, 181. indiscriminate, 182. instinct, 183. riot, 184. ancestor, 185. outpace, 186. loaf, 187. gory, 188. criminology

189. em____y for patients *n.* the ability to share another person's feelings or experiences by imagining that person's situation
190. a n__b mind *adj.* unable to feel physical sensation and movement; not showing human feeling or sensitivity
191. tr____e moon *n.* a thick, dark syrup made from cane sugar; a sweet, sticky, cloying sentimentality or overly sentimental speech or writing
192. ru___e paper *v.* to make a soft, crackling sound, like the sound caused by the movement of dry leaves or paper; to move quietly or furtively to avoid being heard or noticed
193. er____on alert level *n.* an instance of a sudden and violent release of lava, gas, or ash from a volcano; a sudden outburst or explosion of something
194. criminal de____nt *n.* something that prevents or discourages someone from doing something or taking a particular action; a hindrance or obstacle
195. a__n to the prior experiences *adj.* similar or related in nature, character, or origin
196. people of his i_k *n.* a type or kind of person or thing; a sort; a class or category of people or things with particular shared characteristics or qualities
197. pro______tic approach *adj.* characterized by the influence of chance or probability; involving the use of statistical models or methods to estimate likelihoods or risks

ANSWERS: 189. empathy, 190. numb, 191. treacle, 192. rustle, 193. eruption, 194. deterrent, 195. akin, 196. ilk, 197. probabilistic

198. ho____ic experience *adj.* causing horror or disgust; gruesome and terrifying
199. popular sa____on *n.* official permission or approval for an action, especially an economic or political action by a government or international organization; a penalty or punishment imposed for breaking the law, rule, or agreement; (verb) to impose a penalty or punishment for breaking the law, rule, or agreement
200. mut_____on crime *n.* the act of severely damaging or injuring a person's body or body part, particularly through cutting or disfiguring; the condition of being so damaged or disfigured
201. id____ry worship *n.* the worship of idols or images; the excessive or blind adoration, reverence, devotion, or worship of something or someone
202. sp_____or seat *n.* someone present at an event, such as a sports game, play, or concert, to watch or observe it
203. sh___k in fear *v.* to make a loud and high-pitched cry or scream, often in response to a sudden shock, surprise, or pain; to shout or protest loudly and forcefully
204. witty p_n *n.* a humorous play on words or use of words that sound similar but have different meanings, often for a comedic effect; a form of wordplay

ANSWERS: 198. horrific, 199. sanction, 200. mutilation, 201. idolatry, 202. spectator, 203. shriek, 204. pun

205. aggressive in____ct

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

206. hi____nd Indian

adj. an area of elevated land or hilly terrain

ANSWERS: 205. instinct, 206. highland

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. Her running speed allowed her to _____ her competitors and win the race.
 - v. to move or proceed at a faster rate than someone or something else; to surpass or exceed someone's or something's performance or ability

2. The wolves began to _____ in the distance as the sunset.
 - v. to make a prolonged, loud, mournful cry or noise, typically as a signal of distress, pain, or an intense emotion; to express one's strong feelings or emotions in a loud and unrestrained manner; (noun) a long, loud, mournful sound made by a person or an animal, often in response to pain, fear, or sadness

3. My family gathers together every year for _____ dinner.
 - n. an annual holiday celebrated primarily in the United States and Canada, typically observed on the fourth Thursday in November in the U.S. and on the second Monday in October in Canada, that commemorates the giving of thanks for the blessings of the previous year

4. I have no intention to _____ your privacy.
 - v. to enter aggressively into another's territory by military force for conquest and occupation

5. The professor of _____ conducted an extensive study on the relationship between poverty and crime.
 - n. the scientific study of crime, criminals, and the criminal justice system encompassing a wide range of disciplines, including sociology, psychology, law, and statistics, among others

6. Martin Luther King Jr. was a champion of _____ in the fight for civil rights.
 - n. the use of peaceful means, such as civil disobedience or passive resistance, rather than violence to achieve a goal, especially in the context of political or social change

ANSWERS: 1. outpace, 2. howl, 3. thanksgiving, 4. invade, 5. criminology, 6. nonviolence

7. The _____ of the artwork was a devastating loss for the artist.
- n.* the act of severely damaging or injuring a person's body or body part, particularly through cutting or disfiguring; the condition of being so damaged or disfigured
8. The _____ treatment of prisoners at the detention center was shocking and inhumane.
- adj.* less than human in nature, quality, or dignity; regarded as inferior to or unworthy of being fully human
9. Sleep-deprived people gradually lose their concentration and may _____.
- v.* to experience a seemingly real perception of something that does not actually exist, usually as a result of a mental illness or drug use
10. She would _____ through her massive handbag every morning to find her keys.
- v.* to search or hunt for food, provisions, or other necessities; to scavenge or seek out resources in a determined or systematic manner
11. Being an _____ in a relationship requires the partner to understand the empath's unique emotional needs.
- n.* a person who can understand and share the feelings and experiences of others, often described as having a high degree of empathy
12. He sought to _____ his brother's death by seeking justice through the legal system.
- v.* to get revenge or seek retribution for a perceived wrong or injury, often in the form of punishment, retaliation, or vindication
13. She was a skilled _____ able to craft intricate pieces of furniture.
- n.* a person who makes or repairs something, especially a craftsman or artisan who works with wood or metal

ANSWERS: 7. mutilation, 8. subhuman, 9. hallucinate, 10. forage, 11. empath, 12. avenge, 13. wright,

14. The storm _____ significant damage on the town.
v. to cause harm, injury, or suffering to someone or something
15. The animal was injured and became _____ attacking anyone who approached.
adj. extremely wild, ferocious, or uncivilized
16. He finally brought his _____ to perfection.
n. education that results in understanding and the spread of knowledge
17. She had to _____ the kitchen to find a clean dish to use for dinner.
v. to clean thoroughly and vigorously by scrubbing or rubbing; to search or examine something thoroughly and systematically
18. When faced with a dangerous situation, his initial _____ was to flee.
n. an inborn behavioral pattern that is often responsive to specific stimuli; an innate feeling that causes you to act or believe that something is true
19. The ascetic _____ spent his days in prayer and contemplation in the monastery.
n. a member of a religious community of men living under vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience
20. The sudden, _____ drop in temperature caught everyone off guard.
adj. extremely steep or rapid; hasty or impulsive, often with negative consequences; (of science) relating to or characterized by rapid, abrupt changes
21. The boss of the _____ was finally caught after years on the run.
n. a secret criminal organization that engages in illegal activities such as gambling, extortion, racketeering, prostitution, and drug trafficking, typically maintains a strict code of loyalty, secrecy, and omertà (= silence or non-cooperation with authorities)

ANSWERS: 14. inflicted, 15. savage, 16. enlightenment, 17. scour, 18. instinct, 19. monk, 20. precipitous, 21. mafia

22. Your _____ is capable of distinguishing among similar objects.
n. the ability to think logically and comprehend information, especially at an advanced level
23. Unfortunately, the driver was the only _____ in the car accident.
n. a person who has been killed or injured in a war, accident, or other disasters; a victim
24. On my way home from work, I picked up a _____ of bread from the bakery.
n. a quantity of bread that is shaped and baked in one piece and usually sliced for serving; (verb) to be lazy or idle
25. The company's sales have _____ expectations for the quarter.
v. to exceed or surpass a particular, measurable quality or attribute, such as speed, efficiency, or quality
26. My remote _____ immigrated to the United States from Ireland in the 1800s.
n. a person from whom one is descended; a forefather
27. These results _____ with our hypothesis.
v. to take place at or near the same time
28. The bird _____ through the sky, and its wings spread wide.
v. to fly or rise very high or to a great height, often with great grace or ease
29. The evidence for this theory is _____.
adj. not real; not existing or having no real existence
30. It is _____ to say such a thing.
n. action, attitude, or language that is offensive or shows a lack of respect for sacred character or religion

ANSWERS: 22. intellect, 23. casualty, 24. loaf, 25. outstripped, 26. ancestor, 27. coincide, 28. soared, 29. non-existent, 30. blasphemy

31. The skilled _____ bypassed the alarm system and entered the house without making a sound.

n. a person who unlawfully enters a building or other property to steal or commit another crime

32. He never uttered a _____ word.

adj. existing, living, or doing without others

33. The detective was called to investigate a _____ in the city.

n. the act or instance of killing another person; murder, manslaughter, or other unlawful violent killings

34. The winter snowstorm entirely engulfed the small _____.

n. a small village or settlement, often without a church

35. He _____ many Trojan warriors in this war.

v. to turn or slip abruptly and sharply; (past for of) slay; (noun) a large number or amount or extent

36. The _____ voice was so beautiful that it brought the audience to tears.

n. the highest-pitched voice or vocal range of a female or child singer; a female or child singer with a soprano voice; the highest-pitched member of an instrumental family, such as a violin or clarinet

37. The government imposed economic _____ on the country.

n. official permission or approval for an action, especially an economic or political action by a government or international organization; a penalty or punishment imposed for breaking the law, rule, or agreement; (verb) to impose a penalty or punishment for breaking the law, rule, or agreement

ANSWERS: 31. burglar, 32. solitary, 33. homicide, 34. hamlet, 35. slew, 36. soprano's, 37. sanctions

38. The surgeon _____ the patient onto the operation table.
- v.* to elevate or drag anything to a higher position, usually with the help of ropes or specific equipment
39. The cost of the antique vase is three _____.
- n.* a former British gold coin worth 21 shillings or a unit of currency used in some West African countries; (Guinea) a republic in western Africa on the Atlantic
40. I always look forward to reading his stories since they're so _____.
- adj.* showing inventiveness and ability or skill
41. The _____ character in the movie enjoyed inflicting pain on others for pleasure.
- adj.* deriving pleasure from inflicting pain, suffering, or humiliation on others; cruel and brutal in a way that causes others to suffer
42. After ten years of teaching, she took a _____ to travel the world.
- n.* a period of leave granted to a person for rest, travel, or other pursuits, often in academia or other professions
43. Animals such as dolphins and elephants are highly _____ and intelligent creatures.
- adj.* having the ability to perceive or feel things, particularly through sense perception like touch or sight, especially at higher levels of intelligence and consciousness
44. The horror film was so scary that it made me _____ out loud more than once.
- v.* to make a loud and high-pitched cry or scream, often in response to a sudden shock, surprise, or pain; to shout or protest loudly and forcefully

ANSWERS: 38. hoisted, 39. guineas, 40. ingenious, 41. sadistic, 42. sabbatical, 43. sentient, 44. shriek

45. After the other team scored, we _____ by playing even harder and scoring two quick goals.
- v.* to respond to an action or attack with a similar action, especially one that is intended to harm or punish the other person
46. The practice of _____ was common in ancient cultures.
- n.* the worship of idols or images; the excessive or blind adoration, reverence, devotion, or worship of something or someone
47. The horror movie was filled with _____ scenes that shocked and disturbed the audience.
- adj.* involving or characterized by bloodshed, violence, or gruesomeness; exceedingly bloody, horrifying, or graphic
48. Before his passing, my grandfather had _____ his antique pocket watch to me in his will.
- v.* to leave or pass on property, assets, or personal belongings to someone in a will or testament; to hand down or transmit knowledge, traditions, and skills to future generations
49. The _____ of the war left many children orphaned.
- n.* brutal act; an extremely wicked or cruel act
50. The coastline of Norway is one of the most famous examples of _____ geometry in nature.
- n.* a complex geometric pattern or shape that repeats itself on smaller and smaller scales, often occurring in nature or mathematical equations
51. 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

ANSWERS: 45. retaliated, 46. idolatry, 47. gory, 48. bequeathed, 49. atrocity, 50. fractal, 51. passe

52. _____ is also necessary to understand history.
- n.* the ability to share another person's feelings or experiences by imagining that person's situation
53. The stock prices have _____ in the last hour, causing concern for investors.
- v.* to fall or drop suddenly and steeply; to decline rapidly or sharply
54. The company faced heavy _____ from its competitors after releasing a controversial product.
- n.* the act of seeking vengeance or revenge in response to a perceived wrong or harm suffered, usually to cause harm to the person or group responsible for the initial act
55. The Jewish community was the victim of a _____ in the early 20th century.
- n.* an organized massacre or persecution of a minority group, especially Jews
56. The robbers were armed with _____ and demanded money.
- n.* a handgun, typically one that can be held in one hand
57. Stop being _____ and always speak the truth.
- adj.* connected with or resulting from someone's emotions, rather than reason or realism
58. The scandal _____ the company's CEO and other high-level executives.
- v.* to involve or entangle someone or something in a difficult, complicated, or unpleasant situation; to implicate or incriminate
59. She knew that having an affair with her neighbor would be considered _____ and could end her marriage.
- n.* voluntary sexual intercourse between a married person and someone who is not their spouse

ANSWERS: 52. Empathy, 53. plummeted, 54. retaliation, 55. pogrom, 56. pistols, 57. sentimental, 58. embroiled, 59. adultery

60. The company's new CEO was a corporate _____ known for his aggressive business tactics.

n. a monstrous sea creature or marine animal, often used as a metaphorical term for something big, overbearing, or powerful

61. Her interests are _____ to mine.

adj. similar or related in nature, character, or origin

62. The _____ practice of gladiator fighting was popular in ancient Rome.

adj. characterized by extreme cruelty or brutal violence; resembling the behaviors or practices of a barbarian or uncivilized society

63. She teaches _____ at the local university.

n. the branch of anthropology that studies prehistoric people and their cultures

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

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

65. The _____ behavior of the football players caused the game to be canceled.

n. a violent, wild, or feral animal; a person who is cruel, uncivilized, or lacking in intelligence or sensitivity; a physical force or power

66. He _____ a person out of going.

v. to try to deceive someone into believing that you can or are going to do something, or that you have knowledge or abilities; (noun) a high steep bank, usually formed by river erosion

67. The government _____ the release of sensitive information.

v. to act in advance to prevent something or to replace it with something else

ANSWERS: 60. leviathan, 61. akin, 62. barbaric, 63. archaeology, 64. probabilistic, 65. brute, 66. bluffed, 67. preempted

68. The _____ of the kingdom's history was passed down through generations of royalty.
- n.* a historical account of events arranged in order of time, typically without analysis or interpretation
69. The mafia boss declared a _____ against the rival gang for encroaching on their territory.
- n.* a prolonged and bitter feud or conflict, often characterized by a desire for revenge; a series of retaliatory acts or actions against a particular person or group
70. The lion used its sharp claws to _____ large prey like zebras and antelopes.
- v.* to remove the internal organs, especially from an animal or carcass; to gut or eviscerate
71. The author's unique blend of literary _____ has made his books popular worldwide.
- n.* the ideology or belief in the idea that all human beings belong to a single worldwide community and share a common set of moral and ethical values; the acceptance and embrace of diverse cultures and lifestyles
72. This region has a humid subtropical and _____ climate.
- adj.* an area of elevated land or hilly terrain
73. The _____ scale of the graph made it easier to compare the different values.
- adj.* of or relating to logarithms (= the exponent that shows how many times a number has to be multiplied by itself to produce a given number)

ANSWERS: 68. chronicle, 69. vendetta, 70. disembowel, 71. cosmopolitanism, 72. highland, 73. logarithmic

74. The criminal was able to escape with _____ despite committing multiple offenses.
- n.* exemption or freedom from punishment or harm; a state of being immune to negative consequences or legal accountability
75. The comedian's ____ had the audience laughing out loud.
- n.* a humorous play on words or use of words that sound similar but have different meanings, often for a comedic effect; a form of wordplay
76. 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
77. The _____ organization works to promote human rights in developing countries.
- adj.* not belonging to or controlled by a government
78. The concept of _____ has been used in literature, music, and other art forms to explore ideas about power, freedom, and rebellion.
- n.* a state of society without government or law
79. The _____ in the city have left many buildings damaged and several people injured.
- n.* a violent disturbance of the peace by a crowd, characterized by destruction of property, looting, arson, and attacks on individuals
80. The accident scene was _____ with bodies and debris scattered everywhere.
- adj.* causing horror or disgust; gruesome and terrifying

ANSWERS: 74. impunity, 75. pun, 76. indiscriminate, 77. nongovernmental, 78. anarchy, 79. riots, 80. horrific,

81. The leaves _____ in the wind, creating a peaceful sound in the forest.
- v.* to make a soft, crackling sound, like the sound caused by the movement of dry leaves or paper; to move quietly or furtively to avoid being heard or noticed
82. He made an _____ gesture.
- adj.* offensive, rude, or disgusting, usually because of being related to sex
83. The threat of punishment serves as a _____ for many people who might consider committing a crime.
- n.* something that prevents or discourages someone from doing something or taking a particular action; a hindrance or obstacle
84. Be careful not to _____ the meat too long, as it can become tough and chewy.
- v.* to char, scorch, or burn the surface of something with intense heat; (of pain or experience) to be deeply felt or remembered over a long time
85. The _____ of the bees filled the air as she walked through the garden.
- adj.* producing a continuous, low, vibrating sound like that of the bee
86. The discovery of the _____ soup was a crucial step in understanding the origins of life on Earth.
- adj.* existing from the beginning of time or the start of a particular process; relating to the earliest stage of the universe
87. There was a noticeable _____ in customer complaints after implementing the new policy.
- n.* a slight increase or upward trend in something, such as a stock price or a particular statistic or trend
88. Due to hunger, the lives of the refugees were in _____.
- n.* serious and great danger or risk

ANSWERS: 81. rustled, 82. obscene, 83. deterrent, 84. sear, 85. humming, 86. primordial, 87. uptick, 88. peril

89. The cook _____ the vegetables for the soup.
v. to cut something into pieces with a sharp tool, such as a knife
90. She enjoyed watching the game as a _____.
n. someone present at an event, such as a sports game, play, or concert, to watch or observe it
91. The cake was covered in _____ making it too sweet for some people's taste.
n. a thick, dark syrup made from cane sugar; a sweet, sticky, cloying sentimentality or overly sentimental speech or writing
92. The volcanic _____ caused widespread destruction and left the area covered in ash.
n. an instance of a sudden and violent release of lava, gas, or ash from a volcano; a sudden outburst or explosion of something
93. He read books to quench his _____ for knowledge.
n. a feeling of needing something to drink; a strong desire for something
94. The battlefield was filled with _____ a terrible reminder of the horrors of war.
n. the killing or slaughter of a large number of people, especially in a battle or war; a situation in which many people are killed or injured in a violent way
95. The children were playing by _____ stones at the monument.
v. to throw or drop something somewhere carelessly; to hang loosely or freely;
(noun) a length of rope, fabric, or chain used to support or lift something
96. The proposal was deemed _____ due to financial constraints.
adj. cannot be supported or defended against attack or criticism; indefensible

ANSWERS: 89. chopped, 90. spectator, 91. treacle, 92. eruption, 93. thirst, 94. carnage, 95. slinging, 96. untenable

97. My left arm became _____.

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

98. After taking the last slice of pie, he felt a slight _____ for not sharing with his younger brother.

n. a feeling of guilt, unease, or remorse arising from doing something wrong or causing harm to others; a sense of moral or ethical discomfort or hesitation

99. The policy of _____ between the two countries allowed for visa-free travel.

n. a mutual exchange of help and advantages; privileges granted in return for similar privileges

100. He was fascinated by the contrasts between traditional life and the city's _____.

n. the quality or condition of being modern; the state or era of being up-to-date in technology, science, and culture

101. The driver was issued a citation for a minor _____ of the traffic laws.

n. a violation of a law or rule, especially a minor one

102. The company hired consultants of the same ____ to provide advice.

n. a type or kind of person or thing; a sort; a class or category of people or things with particular shared characteristics or qualities

103. He wrote his _____ while awaiting trial.

n. a historical account or biography written from the writer's knowledge of famous people, places, or events

ANSWERS: 97. numb, 98. compunction, 99. reciprocity, 100. modernity, 101. infraction, 102. ilk, 103. memoirs

ANSWERS: