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Session 1: Word List

filmmaking

n. the process or art of making movies

synonym: movie-making, film production, cinema

(1) **filmmaking** industry, (2) retire from **filmmaking**

The history of **filmmaking** dates back to the late 19th century when motion pictures were first shown to audiences.

annoy

v. to make someone angry, anxious, or irritating slightly

synonym: aggravate, irritate, unsettle

(1) **annoy** at the time, (2) **annoy** everyone else

Her constant chatter was starting to **annoy** the neighbors.

compulsive

adj. relating to or involving an irresistible urge to do something repeatedly or excessively, often in a way that is harmful or detrimental to one's well-being or relationships

synonym: compelling, obsessive, uncontrollable

(1) **compulsive** gambling, (2) **compulsive** behavior

He had a **compulsive** need to check the stove was turned off every time he left the house.

sensational

adj. extremely or remarkably good; causing great public interest or excitement

synonym: amazing, incredible, phenomenal

(1) **sensational** crime, (2) **sensational** news

The performance was **sensational**, with standing ovations throughout.

immerse

v. to become fully involved in a particular activity; to dip or submerge in a liquid, especially so that they or it are entirely covered

synonym: dip, inundate, submerge

(1) **immerse** the cloth in the dye, (2) completely **immerse** the ingredient

He **immersed** himself in his research.

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.

storytelling

n. the act or art of narrating or writing stories

synonym: narrating, relating, recounting

(1) **storytelling** performance, (2) courtroom **storytelling**

She was skilled in **storytelling** techniques, such as using different voices for other characters.

elude

v. to escape or avoid capture or detection, often by being clever or cunning

synonym: evade, avoid, dodge

(1) **elude** the law, (2) **elude** responsibility for the failure

The suspect **eluded** capture for weeks before being caught by the police.

paradoxical

adj. seemingly contradictory or absurd because of having two opposite features or facts, though it is probably true

synonym: contradictory, conflicting, perplexing

(1) a **paradoxical** anecdote, (2) apparently **paradoxical** it is **paradoxical** that the French, who prefer animal foods,

live longer than people in other countries.

transcend

v. to rise above or go beyond the limits of something
synonym: surpass, exceed, overcome

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

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

intangible

n. not having physical form or substance; difficult to touch or grasp

synonym: abstract, immaterial

(1) **intangible** asset, (2) **intangible** property rights

The **intangible** qualities of love and kindness are immeasurable.

exemplify

v. to serve as a typical example of something
synonym: illustrate, show, demonstrate

(1) **exemplify** the importance, (2) **exemplify** the solution

The example of a successful startup serves to **exemplify** the potential of the industry.

tenet

n. one of the fundamental ideas or beliefs upon which a theory or broader group of views is founded

synonym: dogma, creed, principle

(1) basic **tenets**, (2) a fundamental **tenet** of Judaism

This section explains a central **tenet** of economics.

stark

adj. empty, simple, or apparent; devoid of any qualifications
synonym: crude, blunt, desolate

(1) **stark** landscape, (2) **stark** truth

The scenery of the battlefield was **stark** and grey.

prolific

adj. producing many works, results, or offspring
synonym: productive, fertile, abundant

(1) **prolific** apple tree, (2) **prolific** period

The **prolific** author had written over 20 books in just five

years.

unspeakable

adj. too terrible, shocking, or distressing to speak about
synonym : unspeakably horrible, indescribable, unutterable

(1) **unspeakable** crime, (2) **unspeakable** pain

The survivors of the plane crash could only describe the **unspeakable** horror of the experience.

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.

destitute

adj. lacking basic material necessities such as food, shelter, and clothing; impoverished

synonym : poor, impoverished, needy

(1) **destitute** refugees, (2) living in **destitute** conditions

The hurricane left many families **destitute** and without homes.

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.

baptize

v. to make someone officially a member of the Christian Church by baptism (= a form of Christian ritual purification)

synonym : purify, immerse

(1) **baptize** a baby, (2) **baptize** with water

The priest **baptized** my father on his deathbed.

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.

evangelist

n. a person who seeks to convert others to their religious beliefs, especially through public preaching

synonym : preacher, missionary, revivalist

(1) television **evangelist**, (2) technology **evangelist**

The religious **evangelist** traveled the world, spreading the gospel and winning converts.

absolve

v. (especially in religion or law) to declare someone free from guilt, punishment, or responsible for something

synonym : exempt, acquit, forgive

(1) **absolve** you from this responsibility, (2) **absolve** a person of a sin

The lender offered to **absolve** him of \$500 in debt on condition of work.

disobedient

adj. refusing to follow the rules or orders, often deliberately or defiantly; showing a lack of respect for authority or established norms

synonym : insubordinate, unruly, defiant

(1) **disobedient** attitude, (2) **disobedient** dog

The **disobedient** child refused to clean up after themselves despite constant requests from their parents.

slum

n. a heavily populated urban area characterized by poor, run-down housing and infrastructure, often associated with poverty and social neglect

synonym : shantytown, slumdwelling, ghetto

(1) **slum** area, (2) **slum** dwellers

The government needs to invest more in affordable housing options to reduce the number of people living in **slums**.

soapbox

- n.* a makeshift platform or podium, typically one that is improvised in a public place, used for making impromptu speeches or for expressing opinions on various topics;
(verb) to express one's opinions or deliver a speech in a passionate, forceful, or assertive manner

synonym: platform, podium, soap opera

- (1) **soapbox** about climate change, (2) get on a **soapbox**

The politician climbed onto his **soapbox** and began his campaign speech.

spokesperson

- n.* a person who represents or speaks on behalf of an organization, group, or individual to the media or the public

synonym: representative, interpreter, mouthpiece

- (1) company **spokesperson**, (2) official **spokesperson**

The celebrity **spokesperson** made an appearance at the product launch event.

peacekeeping

- n.* the act of maintaining peace, especially in conflict-prone regions or between hostile groups, usually through the deployment of a neutral military force or diplomatic initiatives

synonym: peacebuilding, peacemaking, reconciliation

- (1) **peacekeeping** efforts, (2) **peacekeeping** force

The **peacekeeping** mission in the war-torn country was challenging but necessary.

devastate

- v.* to wreck a place or an area or cause significant damage

synonym: demolish, destroy, crush

- (1) **devastate** an area, (2) **devastate** the economy

Earthquakes can also trigger tsunamis, which **devastate** coastal areas.

scar

- n.* a mark that remains on the skin after a wound has healed

synonym: blemish, imperfection, blotch

- (1) burn **scar**, (2) carry a **scar**

Even after the wound has healed, a **scar** remains.

diffuse

adj. spread out widely; not concentrated in one place

synonym : spread, scatter

(1) **diffuse** bleeding, (2) **diffuse** cloud

Direct lighting is preferable to **diffuse** lighting when reading.

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.

passee

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

synonym : outdated, old-fashioned, antique

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

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

lewd

adj. crude, vulgar, or offensive in a sexual manner; given to lustful or licentious behavior

synonym : indecent, vulgar, obscene

(1) **lewd** behavior, (2) **lewd** comments

The comedian's **lewd** jokes offended some of the audience members.

incessant

adj. continuing without interruption; constant, unceasing, or unremitting

synonym : constant, unending, ceaseless

(1) **incessant** chatter, (2) **incessant** rain

The **incessant** barking of the dog next door kept me up all night.

ravage

v. to cause damage to something badly

synonym: devastate, ruin, destroy

(1) **ravage** a country, (2) **ravage** the brain

A large fire **ravaged** the forest.

terrify

v. to frighten someone very much

synonym: unnerve, scare, horrify

(1) **terrify** people, (2) the threats **terrify** him

It would be best not to **terrify** your associates into doing complex tasks.

hostility

n. aggressive or unfriendly feelings or behavior

synonym: antagonism, antipathy, estrangement

(1) an act of **hostility**, (2) bitter **hostility**

Her unconcealed **hostility** made us unpleasant.

firefighter

n. a person whose job is to extinguish fires

(1) forest **firefighter**, (2) decided to be a **firefighter**

The **firefighter** broke into the house bravely to rescue the children.

gauntlet

n. a type of protective glove covering the wrist and part of the arm, often made of leather or metal; a challenge or trial that must be endured or overcome, often a difficult or dangerous one

synonym: challenge, provocation, obstacle

(1) accept the **gauntlet**, (2) throw down the **gauntlet**

He ran the **gauntlet** of critics' reviews after the release of his latest movie.

motorbike

n. a lightweight, two-wheeled vehicle with an engine designed for use on roads; also known as a motorcycle

synonym: motorcycle, bike, two-wheeler

(1) **motorbike** ride, (2) stolen **motorbike**

She identified the **motorbike** thief using the CCTV footage.

forcibly

adv. done by physical power or violence; against someone's will

synonym: violently, roughly, aggressively

(1) **forcibly** remove, (2) **forcibly** taken into a car

The police officer **forcibly** removed the protesters from the public park.

linger

v. to stay in a place or exist longer than expected

synonym: dawdle, tarry, loiter

(1) **linger** in the mind, (2) **linger** over your work

She **lingered** for a moment before leaving the room.

overcrowded

adj. containing too many people or things in a particular space, making it cramped or uncomfortable

synonym: packed, congested, jammed

(1) **overcrowded** refugee camp, (2) **overcrowded** with passengers

The school district is facing a problem with **overcrowded** classrooms.

amenity

n. a feature or aspect that adds comfort, convenience, or enjoyment to a place or situation; a pleasant or desirable quality or attribute; to features or services in a building, neighborhood, or public space

synonym: pleasantry, convenience, facility

(1) luxury **amenity**, (2) an **amenity** of professional coaching

While the hotel was quaint and charming, it lacked the modern **amenity** of high-speed internet.

petrochemical

n. a chemical compound derived from petroleum or natural gas, used as a raw material in the manufacture of plastics, synthetic fibers, and other products

synonym: oil-based, chemical-based, refinery product

(1) **petrochemical** complex, (2) **petrochemical** plant

The town's economy relies heavily on the **petrochemical** industry.

blazing

adj. burning and emitting intense heat and light; powerful and impressive

synonym : burning, fiery, scorching

(1) **blazing** fury, (2) **blazing** fire

The **blazing** sun beat down on the desert.

explode

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

synonym : detonate, blast, rupture

(1) **explode** in anger, (2) **explode** in popularity

The old building **exploded** in a fiery inferno.

firefight

n. a struggle to extinguish a fire; a military engagement in which small arms and other weapons are used

synonym : battle, conflict, fight

(1) killed in a **firefight**, (2) turn into a **firefight**

The platoon experienced a full-scale **firefight**.

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.

hut

n. a small, simple, and often crude shelter or dwelling, typically made of natural materials such as wood or mud

synonym : shack, cabin, cottage

(1) shepherd's **hut**, (2) fishing **hut**

The little girl lived in a small **hut** in the woods with her family.

heroic

adj. courageous and daring; having or displaying qualities appropriate for legendary figures that is courage and daring

synonym : brave, courageous, daring

(1) a **heroic** poem, (2) **heroic** explorers

The **heroic** actions of individuals are now easily spread worldwide by SNS.

dignify

v. to make something worthy of respect or honor; to elevate or give importance to something that may otherwise be considered insignificant

synonym: elevate, ennoble, honor

(1) **dignify** the role, (2) **dignify** the occasion

It's important to **dignify** other people's opinions and not dismiss them without consideration.

magnify

v. to make something look bigger than it really is, especially by looking at it through a lens; to make something bigger, stronger, or louder

synonym: enlarge, elaborate, intensify

(1) **magnify** the danger, (2) **magnify** the image for display

Terrorists often attempt to **magnify** the economic impact of their acts of destruction.

protagonist

n. the main character in a literary work, film, or other stories

synonym: hero, central figure, leading character

(1) **protagonist** of drama, (2) play a **protagonist**

The **protagonist's** triumph over adversity was the theme of this play.

courageous

adj. able to face and deal with danger or fear without flinching

synonym: brave, valiant, fearless

(1) make a **courageous** decision, (2) **courageous** rescue attempt

He was a **courageous** soldier who had served his country with honor.

Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. fil_____ng industry | <i>n.</i> the process or art of making movies |
| 2. shepherd's h_t | <i>n.</i> a small, simple, and often crude shelter or dwelling, typically made of natural materials such as wood or mud |
| 3. ba_____e with water | <i>v.</i> to make someone officially a member of the Christian Church by baptism (= a form of Christian ritual purification) |
| 4. tr_____nd limits | <i>v.</i> to rise above or go beyond the limits of something |
| 5. ma_____y the danger | <i>v.</i> to make something look bigger than it really is, especially by looking at it through a lens; to make something bigger, stronger, or louder |
| 6. ra___e a country | <i>v.</i> to cause damage to something badly |
| 7. pet_____cal plant | <i>n.</i> a chemical compound derived from petroleum or natural gas, used as a raw material in the manufacture of plastics, synthetic fibers, and other products |
| 8. throw down the ga_____et | <i>n.</i> a type of protective glove covering the wrist and part of the arm, often made of leather or metal; a challenge or trial that must be endured or overcome, often a difficult or dangerous one |
| 9. ove_____ed refugee camp | <i>adj.</i> containing too many people or things in a particular space, making it cramped or uncomfortable |

ANSWERS: 1. filmmaking, 2. hut, 3. baptize, 4. transcend, 5. magnify, 6. ravage, 7. petrochemical, 8. gauntlet, 9. overcrowded

10. di____e cloud *adj.* spread out widely; not concentrated in one place
11. s__m area *n.* a heavily populated urban area characterized by poor, run-down housing and infrastructure, often associated with poverty and social neglect
12. 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
13. el__e responsibility for the failure *v.* to escape or avoid capture or detection, often by being clever or cunning
14. forest fir____er *n.* a person whose job is to extinguish fires
15. int____le property rights *n.* not having physical form or substance; difficult to touch or grasp
16. a he____c poem *adj.* courageous and daring; having or displaying qualities appropriate for legendary figures that is courage and daring
17. dis____nt attitude *adj.* refusing to follow the rules or orders, often deliberately or defiantly; showing a lack of respect for authority or established norms
18. 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
19. li____r in the mind *v.* to stay in a place or exist longer than expected

ANSWERS: 10. diffuse, 11. slum, 12. Christ, 13. elude, 14. firefighter, 15. intangible, 16. heroic, 17. disobedient, 18. Christ, 19. linger

20. 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
21. military ca_____ty *n.* a person who has been killed or injured in a war, accident, or other disasters; a victim
22. an__y everyone else *v.* to make someone angry, anxious, or irritating slightly
23. im_____e the cloth in the dye *v.* to become fully involved in a particular activity; to dip or submerge in a liquid, especially so that they or it are entirely covered
24. carry a s__r *n.* a mark that remains on the skin after a wound has healed
25. sto_____ing performance *n.* the act or art of narrating or writing stories
26. a fundamental te__t of Judaism *n.* one of the fundamental ideas or beliefs upon which a theory or broader group of views is founded
27. in_____nt chatter *adj.* continuing without interruption; constant, unceasing, or unremitting
28. Internet ad____t *n.* a person who cannot stop using or doing something as a habit, especially something harmful
29. de_____te the economy *v.* to wreck a place or an area or cause significant damage
30. bitter ho_____ty *n.* aggressive or unfriendly feelings or behavior

ANSWERS: 20. congratulation, 21. casualty, 22. annoy, 23. immerse, 24. scar, 25. storytelling, 26. tenet, 27. incessant, 28. addict, 29. devastate, 30. hostility

31. te____y people *v.* to frighten someone very much
32. fo____ly taken into a car *adv.* done by physical power or violence; against someone's will
33. the threats te____y him *v.* to frighten someone very much
34. an act of ho____ty *n.* aggressive or unfriendly feelings or behavior
35. ex____e in anger *v.* to burst or break open violently and noisily; to cause something to burst or break open
36. pa__e trend *adj.* no longer fashionable or current; outdated; considered to be old-fashioned or out of date
37. an am____y of professional coaching *n.* a feature or aspect that adds comfort, convenience, or enjoyment to a place or situation; a pleasant or desirable quality or attribute; to features or services in a building, neighborhood, or public space
38. ra____e the brain *v.* to cause damage to something badly
39. l__d comments *adj.* crude, vulgar, or offensive in a sexual manner; given to lustful or licentious behavior
40. company spo____son *n.* a person who represents or speaks on behalf of an organization, group, or individual to the media or the public
41. killed in a fi____ht *n.* a struggle to extinguish a fire; a military engagement in which small arms and other weapons are used
42. an____e his soul *v.* to make something full of interest and energy

ANSWERS: 31. terrify, 32. forcibly, 33. terrify, 34. hostility, 35. explode, 36. passe, 37. amenity, 38. ravage, 39. lewd, 40. spokesperson, 41. firefight, 42. animate

43. luxury am____y *n.* a feature or aspect that adds comfort, convenience, or enjoyment to a place or situation; a pleasant or desirable quality or attribute; to features or services in a building, neighborhood, or public space
44. el__e the law *v.* to escape or avoid capture or detection, often by being clever or cunning
45. fo____ly remove *adv.* done by physical power or violence; against someone's will
46. a drug ad____t *n.* a person who cannot stop using or doing something as a habit, especially something harmful
47. an__y at the time *v.* to make someone angry, anxious, or irritating slightly
48. decided to be a fir____er *n.* a person whose job is to extinguish fires
49. dis____nt dog *adj.* refusing to follow the rules or orders, often deliberately or defiantly; showing a lack of respect for authority or established norms
50. ma____y the image for display *v.* to make something look bigger than it really is, especially by looking at it through a lens; to make something bigger, stronger, or louder
51. pr____ic apple tree *adj.* producing many works, results, or offspring
52. in____nt rain *adj.* continuing without interruption; constant, unceasing, or unremitting
53. a par____al anecdote *adj.* seemingly contradictory or absurd because of having two opposite features or facts, though it is probably true

ANSWERS: 43. amenity, 44. elude, 45. forcibly, 46. addict, 47. annoy, 48. firefighter, 49. disobedient, 50. magnify, 51. prolific, 52. incessant, 53. paradoxical

54. cou_____us rescue attempt *adj.* able to face and deal with danger or fear without flinching
55. di_____y the role *v.* to make something worthy of respect or honor; to elevate or give importance to something that may otherwise be considered insignificant
56. make a cou_____us decision *adj.* able to face and deal with danger or fear without flinching
57. ab_____e you from this responsibility *v.* (especially in religion or law) to declare someone free from guilt, punishment, or responsible for something
58. pea_____ing force *n.* the act of maintaining peace, especially in conflict-prone regions or between hostile groups, usually through the deployment of a neutral military force or diplomatic initiatives
59. de_____te an area *v.* to wreck a place or an area or cause significant damage
60. retire from fil_____ng *n.* the process or art of making movies
61. int_____le asset *n.* not having physical form or substance; difficult to touch or grasp
62. ex_____fy the importance *v.* to serve as a typical example of something
63. civilian ca_____ty *n.* a person who has been killed or injured in a war, accident, or other disasters; a victim
64. 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

ANSWERS: 54. courageous, 55. dignify, 56. courageous, 57. absolve, 58. peacekeeping, 59. devastate, 60. filmmaking, 61. intangible, 62. exemplify, 63. casualty, 64. congratulation

65. pr____ic period *adj.* producing many works, results, or offspring
66. ove_____ed with passengers *adj.* containing too many people or things in a particular space, making it cramped or uncomfortable
67. turn into a fi_____ht *n.* a struggle to extinguish a fire; a military engagement in which small arms and other weapons are used
68. li____r over your work *v.* to stay in a place or exist longer than expected
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70. bl_____g fire *adj.* burning and emitting intense heat and light; powerful and impressive
71. bl_____g fury *adj.* burning and emitting intense heat and light; powerful and impressive
72. tr_____nd boundaries *v.* to rise above or go beyond the limits of something
73. di_____e bleeding *adj.* spread out widely; not concentrated in one place
74. technology eva_____st *n.* a person who seeks to convert others to their religious beliefs, especially through public preaching
75. pea_____ing efforts *n.* the act of maintaining peace, especially in conflict-prone regions or between hostile groups, usually through the deployment of a neutral military force or diplomatic initiatives

ANSWERS: 65. prolific, 66. overcrowded, 67. firefight, 68. linger, 69. hut, 70. blazing, 71. blazing, 72. transcend, 73. diffuse, 74. evangelist, 75. peacekeeping

76. so____x about climate change *n.* a makeshift platform or podium, typically one that is improvised in a public place, used for making impromptu speeches or for expressing opinions on various topics; (verb) to express one's opinions or deliver a speech in a passionate, forceful, or assertive manner
77. st__k landscape *adj.* empty, simple, or apparent; devoid of any qualifications
78. pro____st of drama *n.* the main character in a literary work, film, or other stories
79. s__m dwellers *n.* a heavily populated urban area characterized by poor, run-down housing and infrastructure, often associated with poverty and social neglect
80. sen____al news *adj.* extremely or remarkably good; causing great public interest or excitement
81. ab____e a person of a sin *v.* (especially in religion or law) to declare someone free from guilt, punishment, or responsible for something
82. ho____ic experience *adj.* causing horror or disgust; gruesome and terrifying
83. sen____al crime *adj.* extremely or remarkably good; causing great public interest or excitement
84. he____c explorers *adj.* courageous and daring; having or displaying qualities appropriate for legendary figures that is courage and daring

ANSWERS: 76. soapbox, 77. stark, 78. protagonist, 79. slum, 80. sensational, 81. absolve, 82. horrific, 83. sensational, 84. heroic

85. com_____ve behavior *adj.* relating to or involving an irresistible urge to do something repeatedly or excessively, often in a way that is harmful or detrimental to one's well-being or relationships
86. de_____te refugees *adj.* lacking basic material necessities such as food, shelter, and clothing; impoverished
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92. ba_____e a baby *v.* to make someone officially a member of the Christian Church by baptism (= a form of Christian ritual purification)
93. get on a so_____x *n.* a makeshift platform or podium, typically one that is improvised in a public place, used for making impromptu speeches or for expressing opinions on various topics; (verb) to express one's opinions or deliver a speech in a passionate, forceful, or assertive manner

ANSWERS: 85. compulsive, 86. destitute, 87. tenet, 88. gauntlet, 89. exemplify, 90.

spokesperson, 91. immerse, 92. baptize, 93. soapbox

94. an____e the body *v.* to make something full of interest and energy
95. di____y the occasion *v.* to make something worthy of respect or honor; to elevate or give importance to something that may otherwise be considered insignificant
96. courtroom sto____ing *n.* the act or art of narrating or writing stories
97. ho____ic condition *adj.* causing horror or disgust; gruesome and terrifying
98. l__d behavior *adj.* crude, vulgar, or offensive in a sexual manner; given to lustful or licentious behavior
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103. pa__e entertainment *adj.* no longer fashionable or current; outdated; considered to be old-fashioned or out of date
104. pet____cal complex *n.* a chemical compound derived from petroleum or natural gas, used as a raw material in the manufacture of plastics, synthetic fibers, and other products

ANSWERS: 94. animate, 95. dignify, 96. storytelling, 97. horrific, 98. lewd, 99. destitute, 100. paradoxical, 101. explode, 102. protagonist, 103. passe, 104. petrochemical

105. uns_____le pain *adj.* too terrible, shocking, or distressing to speak about
106. burn s__r *n.* a mark that remains on the skin after a wound has healed
107. mo_____ke ride *n.* a lightweight, two-wheeled vehicle with an engine designed for use on roads; also known as a motorcycle
108. television eva_____st *n.* a person who seeks to convert others to their religious beliefs, especially through public preaching
109. stolen mo_____ke *n.* a lightweight, two-wheeled vehicle with an engine designed for use on roads; also known as a motorcycle
110. com_____ve gambling *adj.* relating to or involving an irresistible urge to do something repeatedly or excessively, often in a way that is harmful or detrimental to one's well-being or relationships
111. st__k truth *adj.* empty, simple, or apparent; devoid of any qualifications
112. uns_____le crime *adj.* too terrible, shocking, or distressing to speak about

ANSWERS: 105. unspeakable, 106. scar, 107. motorbike, 108. evangelist, 109. motorbike, 110. compulsive, 111. stark, 112. unspeakable

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The priest _____ my father on his deathbed.
v. to make someone officially a member of the Christian Church by baptism (= a form of Christian ritual purification)

2. Direct lighting is preferable to _____ lighting when reading.
adj. spread out widely; not concentrated in one place

3. The government needs to invest more in affordable housing options to reduce the number of people living in _____.
n. a heavily populated urban area characterized by poor, run-down housing and infrastructure, often associated with poverty and social neglect

4. The celebrity _____ made an appearance at the product launch event.
n. a person who represents or speaks on behalf of an organization, group, or individual to the media or the public

5. The little girl lived in a small ____ in the woods with her family.
n. a small, simple, and often crude shelter or dwelling, typically made of natural materials such as wood or mud

6. The _____ sun beat down on the desert.
adj. burning and emitting intense heat and light; powerful and impressive

7. it is _____ that the French, who prefer animal foods, live longer than people in other countries.
adj. seemingly contradictory or absurd because of having two opposite features or facts, though it is probably true

ANSWERS: 1. baptized, 2. diffuse, 3. slums, 4. spokesperson, 5. hut, 6. blazing, 7. paradoxical

8. The _____ barking of the dog next door kept me up all night.
adj. continuing without interruption; constant, unceasing, or unremitting
9. The religious _____ traveled the world, spreading the gospel and winning converts.
n. a person who seeks to convert others to their religious beliefs, especially through public preaching
10. The politician climbed onto his _____ and began his campaign speech.
n. a makeshift platform or podium, typically one that is improvised in a public place, used for making impromptu speeches or for expressing opinions on various topics; (verb) to express one's opinions or deliver a speech in a passionate, forceful, or assertive manner
11. The lender offered to _____ him of \$500 in debt on condition of work.
v. (especially in religion or law) to declare someone free from guilt, punishment, or responsible for something
12. _____ 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
13. This section explains a central _____ of economics.
n. one of the fundamental ideas or beliefs upon which a theory or broader group of views is founded
14. Earthquakes can also trigger tsunamis, which _____ coastal areas.
v. to wreck a place or an area or cause significant damage
15. 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: 8. incessant, 9. evangelist, 10. soapbox, 11. absolve, 12. Christmas, 13. tenet, 14. devastate, 15. passe

16. 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
17. The scenery of the battlefield was _____ and grey.
adj. empty, simple, or apparent; devoid of any qualifications
18. He _____ himself in his research.
v. to become fully involved in a particular activity; to dip or submerge in a liquid, especially so that they or it are entirely covered
19. The _____ child refused to clean up after themselves despite constant requests from their parents.
adj. refusing to follow the rules or orders, often deliberately or defiantly; showing a lack of respect for authority or established norms
20. Her constant chatter was starting to _____ the neighbors.
v. to make someone angry, anxious, or irritating slightly
21. The _____ qualities of love and kindness are immeasurable.
n. not having physical form or substance; difficult to touch or grasp
22. The accident scene was _____ with bodies and debris scattered everywhere.
adj. causing horror or disgust; gruesome and terrifying
23. She _____ for a moment before leaving the room.
v. to stay in a place or exist longer than expected

ANSWERS: 16. casualty, 17. stark, 18. immersed, 19. disobedient, 20. annoy, 21. intangible, 22. horrific, 23. lingered

24. The _____ broke into the house bravely to rescue the children.
n. a person whose job is to extinguish fires
25. He was a _____ soldier who had served his country with honor.
adj. able to face and deal with danger or fear without flinching
26. The hurricane left many families _____ and without homes.
adj. lacking basic material necessities such as food, shelter, and clothing; impoverished
27. Even after the wound has healed, a _____ remains.
n. a mark that remains on the skin after a wound has healed
28. The old building _____ in a fiery inferno.
v. to burst or break open violently and noisily; to cause something to burst or break open
29. It's important to _____ other people's opinions and not dismiss them without consideration.
v. to make something worthy of respect or honor; to elevate or give importance to something that may otherwise be considered insignificant
30. The town's economy relies heavily on the _____ industry.
n. a chemical compound derived from petroleum or natural gas, used as a raw material in the manufacture of plastics, synthetic fibers, and other products
31. The positive attitude of the supervisor _____ the discussion.
v. to make something full of interest and energy

ANSWERS: 24. firefighter, 25. courageous, 26. destitute, 27. scar, 28. exploded, 29. dignify, 30. petrochemical, 31. animated

32. The _____ triumph over adversity was the theme of this play.
n. the main character in a literary work, film, or other stories
33. The police officer _____ removed the protesters from the public park.
adv. done by physical power or violence; against someone's will
34. The comedian's _____ jokes offended some of the audience members.
adj. crude, vulgar, or offensive in a sexual manner; given to lustful or licentious behavior
35. He ran the _____ of critics' reviews after the release of his latest movie.
n. a type of protective glove covering the wrist and part of the arm, often made of leather or metal; a challenge or trial that must be endured or overcome, often a difficult or dangerous one
36. A large fire _____ the forest.
v. to cause damage to something badly
37. The example of a successful startup serves to _____ the potential of the industry.
v. to serve as a typical example of something
38. It would be best not to _____ your associates into doing complex tasks.
v. to frighten someone very much
39. Her unconcealed _____ made us unpleasant.
n. aggressive or unfriendly feelings or behavior
40. She was skilled in _____ techniques, such as using different voices for other characters.
n. the act or art of narrating or writing stories

ANSWERS: 32. protagonist's, 33. forcibly, 34. lewd, 35. gauntlet, 36. ravaged, 37. exemplify, 38. terrify, 39. hostility, 40. storytelling

41. He had a _____ need to check the stove was turned off every time he left the house.

adj. relating to or involving an irresistible urge to do something repeatedly or excessively, often in a way that is harmful or detrimental to one's well-being or relationships

42. She identified the _____ thief using the CCTV footage.

n. a lightweight, two-wheeled vehicle with an engine designed for use on roads; also known as a motorcycle

43. The _____ actions of individuals are now easily spread worldwide by SNS.

adj. courageous and daring; having or displaying qualities appropriate for legendary figures that is courage and daring

44. 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

45. While the hotel was quaint and charming, it lacked the modern _____ of high-speed internet.

n. a feature or aspect that adds comfort, convenience, or enjoyment to a place or situation; a pleasant or desirable quality or attribute; to features or services in a building, neighborhood, or public space

46. The history of _____ dates back to the late 19th century when motion pictures were first shown to audiences.

n. the process or art of making movies

47. The suspect _____ capture for weeks before being caught by the police.

v. to escape or avoid capture or detection, often by being clever or cunning

ANSWERS: 41. compulsive, 42. motorbike, 43. heroic, 44. congratulations, 45. amenity, 46. filmmaking, 47. eluded

48. The survivors of the plane crash could only describe the _____ horror of the experience.

adj. too terrible, shocking, or distressing to speak about

49. The _____ author had written over 20 books in just five years.

adj. producing many works, results, or offspring

50. The music _____ cultural barriers and reached audiences globally.

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

51. The performance was _____ with standing ovations throughout.

adj. extremely or remarkably good; causing great public interest or excitement

52. Terrorists often attempt to _____ the economic impact of their acts of destruction.

v. to make something look bigger than it really is, especially by looking at it through a lens; to make something bigger, stronger, or louder

53. 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

54. The school district is facing a problem with _____ classrooms.

adj. containing too many people or things in a particular space, making it cramped or uncomfortable

55. The _____ mission in the war-torn country was challenging but necessary.

n. the act of maintaining peace, especially in conflict-prone regions or between hostile groups, usually through the deployment of a neutral military force or diplomatic initiatives

ANSWERS: 48. unspeakable, 49. prolific, 50. transcended, 51. sensational, 52. magnify, 53. addicts, 54. overcrowded, 55. peacekeeping

56. The platoon experienced a full-scale _____.

- n.* a struggle to extinguish a fire; a military engagement in which small arms and other weapons are used

ANSWERS: 56. firefight