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Session 1: Word List

contemplate

v. to think about a possible future action or to think about something for a long time thoughtfully

synonym: think over, ponder, consider

(1) **contemplate** a marriage, (2) **contemplated** leaving school

I recently **contemplated** dropping out of school and getting a full-time job.

gherkin

n. a small cucumber that is typically pickled or used for its tangy flavor, often used as an ingredient in salads, sandwiches, or relishes

synonym: pickle, cucumber, vinegared cucumber

(1) pickled **gherkin**, (2) crunchy **gherkin**

The sandwich was topped with a slice of tangy **gherkin**.

sausage

n. a type of meat product usually made from pork, beef, or poultry, chopped into small pieces, put in a long tube of skin, then cooked or served cold in thin slices

synonym: bratwurst, wurst, frankfurter

(1) beef **sausage**, (2) German **sausage**

The mother sliced off a piece of **sausage**.

improvisation

n. the act of making something up on the spot or creating or performing something without preparation

synonym: spontaneity, ad-lib, extemporization

(1) **improvisation** on stage, (2) jazz **improvisation**

He created a beautiful piece of music using only **improvisation**.

turmoil

n. a state of great disturbance, confusion, or uncertainty, often marked by intense activity or strong emotions

synonym: chaos, confusion, disorder

(1) political **turmoil**, (2) the **turmoil** of the war

The company experienced financial **turmoil** after the CEO was arrested.

opportune

adj. suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose

synonym: suitable, timely, practical

(1) **opportune** occasion, (2) an **opportune** remark

The phone rang at the most **opportune** time.

aft

adj. (the opposite of "forward") located at or towards the rear or back of a ship, aircraft, or other vehicle

(1) **aft** cabin, (2) **aft** view

The **aft** section of the ship suffered significant damage after the collision with the reef.

postmodern

adj. relating to or characterized by a rejection of objective truth and global cultural narratives and instead emphasizing the role of personal interpretation

synonym: contemporary, poststructural, relativistic

(1) **postmodern** art, (2) **postmodern** anthropology

The **postmodern** architecture of the building was a contrast to the traditional designs in the neighborhood.

promiscuous

adj. having casual sexual relations frequently with different partners; indiscriminate in the choice of sexual partners; not selective of a single class or person

synonym : indiscriminate, unselective, libertine

(1) **promiscuous** bathing, (2) **promiscuous** lifestyle

He was known for his **promiscuous** behavior.

optimism

n. a feeling or the belief that good things will happen, or the quality of being full of hope and emphasizing the positive aspects of a situation

synonym : positiveness, sanguinity, bullishness

(1) sense of **optimism**, (2) political **optimism**

There is considerable **optimism** that the economy will recover soon.

avant-garde

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

synonym : innovative, experimental, unconventional

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

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

cliche

n. a phrase or expression that has become overused to the point that it has lost its original impact or meaning; a trite or unoriginal idea or statement

synonym : truism, platitude, stereotype

(1) **cliche** plot, (2) age-old **cliche**

Using the same **cliche** phrase in every conversation can take time and effort.

misunderstand

v. to interpret or understand something in the wrong way

synonym : misinterpret, misperceive, misapprehend

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

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

subspecies

n. a taxonomic category within a species comprising distinct populations of organisms that share certain

characteristics and are geographically or genetically isolated from other populations of the same species

synonym : variety, breed, race

(1) **subspecies** extinction, (2) distinct **subspecies**

The zoologist studied the different **subspecies** of birds in the area.

warp

v. to twist or bend out of shape, especially as a result of being heated; to distort or twist the meaning or sense of something

synonym : twist, distort, deform

(1) **warp** under pressure, (2) become **warped**

The ship's hull was **warped** from years of use in rough seas.

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.

happenstance

n. an occurrence that happens by chance; a fortuitous event, or a coincidence

synonym : coincidence, chance, accident

(1) **happenstance** event, (2) meet by **happenstance**

It was a mere **happenstance** that they both ended up at the same restaurant.

pavilion

n. a large, often ornate tent or booth, often used for entertainment or public events; a building or structure, often in a park or other public space, used for meetings, exhibitions, or social gatherings

synonym : gazebo, kiosk, pagoda

(1) garden **pavilion**, (2) beach **pavilion**

The outdoor wedding reception was held in a beautiful **pavilion** overlooking the lake.

exposition

n. a comprehensive description and explanation of an idea or theory; a collection of things, such as goods or works of art, etc., for public display

synonym: explanation, description, account

(1) an international **exposition**, (2) rational **exposition**

The **exposition** in the novel provides background information on the characters and setting.

mascot

n. a person, animal, or object that is believed to bring good luck, often adopted by a sports team or organization as a symbol of their identity or values

synonym: symbol, emblem, icon

(1) team **mascot**, (2) corporate **mascot**

The city's **mascot** is a famous landmark that attracts tourists.

industrious

adj. hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort

synonym: diligent, hardworking, assiduous

(1) **industrious** worker, (2) **industrious** student

He was known to be very **industrious** and would often work late into the night.

skyscraper

n. a very tall building, typically one in a city

synonym: high-rise, tower

(1) **skyscraper** apartment house, (2) steel-framed **skyscraper**

The 50-floor **skyscraper** loomed over the city, dwarfing the other buildings.

profoundly

adv. to a great or complete degree; deeply

synonym: deeply, greatly, completely

(1) **profoundly** insightful, (2) sleep **profoundly**

The novel affected her **profoundly**, causing her to question her beliefs and values.

protestant

adj. a member of a Western Christian church that is separate from the Roman Catholic Church and that is based on the teachings of Martin Luther and other Reformers

synonym : reformed, evangelical, nonconformist

(1) hard-line **Protestant**, (2) **protestant** theology

The **Protestant** church was the dominant religion in the area.

swan

n. a large waterbird with a long neck, bill, and webbed feet; known for their elegant and graceful appearance

synonym : cygnet, waterfowl, bird

(1) **swan** song, (2) black **swan**

The **swan's** feathers glistened in the sunlight.

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.

emperor

n. the male ruler of an empire

synonym : ruler, king, dictator

(1) **emperor** of Rome, (2) former **emperor**

The **Emperor** once lived in the vast palace.

matchstick

n. a small, thin stick made of wood or cardboard, typically coated with a combustible substance on one end, used for lighting fires or as a component of a match

(1) burning **matchstick**, (2) **matchstick** figure

She carved the carrot into **matchstick-sized** pieces for the salad.

mermaid

n. a mythical sea creature with the upper body of a human and the tail of a fish

synonym : siren, naiad, sea-maiden

(1) **mermaid** costume, (2) **mermaid** tail

The movie tells the enchanting tale of a young girl discovering a secret **mermaid** kingdom beneath the sea.

commute

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

synonym : travel, journey, trip

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

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

reintroduce

v. to bring back something that has been previously abolished or discontinued

synonym : bring back, restore, reestablish

(1) **reintroduce** species, (2) **reintroduce** capital punishment

The government is planning to **reintroduce** wolves to the national park to restore the balance of the ecosystem.

ballast

n. heavy material, usually stones or sand, used to stabilize a ship or other structure; anything that provides stability or support

synonym : weight, stabilizer, counterbalance

(1) **ballast** weight, (2) **ballast** water

The ship's **ballast** helped to keep it stable during the storm.

hitch

v. to move something into a different position jerkily; to travel by getting free rides from motorists; to hook or entangle

synonym : fasten, jerk, tether

(1) **hitch** a ride, (2) **hitch** up my trousers

The mechanics **hitched** the trailer to the broken-down car.

reinterpretation

n. a new or different interpretation or explanation of something, especially a text or piece of artwork

synonym : re-evaluation, re-assessment, re-examination

(1) **reinterpretation** of history, (2) **reinterpretation** of the Constitution

The artist's **reinterpretation** of the classic painting received mixed reviews.

bailout

n. the provision of financial help to a corporation or country which is on the brink of bankruptcy

synonym : help, aid, support

(1) **bailout** bill, (2) **bailout** bottle

Many countries provided a **bailout** to the private sector to minimize the economic impact of the coronavirus pandemic.

triangular

adj. having three angles or sides; forming or shaped like a triangle (= a three-sided polygon)

synonym : three-cornered, trilateral

(1) a **triangular** alliance, (2) **triangular** form

The **triangular** shape of the pyramid was an important architectural feature.

zigzag

adj. having short sharp turns or angles

synonym : bent, crinkled, crooked

(1) **zigzag** sewing machine, (2) a **zigzag** line

We had to go through a **zigzag** course.

penthouse

n. a luxurious apartment or living space situated on the highest floor or roof of a building, often with additional amenities or features such as a balcony, terrace, or panoramic view; the top floor or floors of a building

synonym : apartment, suite, flat

(1) **penthouse** apartment, (2) **penthouse** terrace

The **penthouse** in the city center offers stunning views of the skyline.

podium

n. a raised platform or stand that is used for delivering speeches, conducting meetings, or presenting awards

synonym : lectern, stand, dais

(1) win a **podium** position, (2) **podium** finisher

The speaker stood confidently on the **podium** while delivering their speech.

splendor

n. great brightness; brilliant or stunning appearance; magnificence

synonym : brightness, magnificence, grandeur

(1) **splendor** of nature, (2) **splendor** of art

The **splendor** of the palace was breathtaking.

facade

n. the face or front of a building, especially a large one; superficial or false appearance intended to conceal something unpleasant

synonym : front, camouflage, masquerade

(1) the outside **facade** of a castle, (2) **facade** of wealth

A gentle **facade** concealed his powerfulness.

ventilate

v. to supply fresh air to a room, building, etc.; to remove stale air from it

synonym : air out, circulate, freshen

(1) **ventilate** my opinion, (2) **ventilate** air

It's important to **ventilate** the room to avoid the buildup of harmful gases.

perforate

v. to make small holes or punctures in something, often with a tool or sharp object

synonym : puncture, pierce, penetrate

(1) **perforate** paper, (2) **perforate** eardrum

After the medical exam, the doctor suspected that the patient's ulcer might have **perforated**, leading to more severe health complications.

raster

n. a grid pattern of pixels used to represent an image or facilitate the display of graphics in computer systems

synonym : grid, matrix, pattern

(1) **raster** scanning, (2) color **raster**

The graphic designer used a **raster** image to create a realistic digital painting.

rainwater

n. water that falls from the clouds in the form of rain and is collected

synonym : precipitation, drizzle, showers

(1) **rainwater** acidity, (2) **rainwater** drainage

The company installed a **rainwater** harvesting system to collect and reuse it for manufacturing.

alchemy

n. a medieval chemical philosophy and speculative theory that aimed to transform base metals into gold or produce a universal elixir that could cure all diseases and grant immortality; a process of transformation or creation that appears magical or mysterious

synonym: sorcery, magic, transmutation

(1) **alchemy** experiment, (2) **alchemy** of emotions

Today, the study of **alchemy** remains an important part of the history of science and philosophy

improvise

v. to create or perform something on the spot, without preparation or planning; to use what one has available to do or create something

synonym: ad-lib, extemporize

(1) **improvise** a joke, (2) **improvise** an escape plan

We had to **improvise** a tent using a tarp and sticks since we didn't have a proper one.

excite

v. to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager

synonym: thrill, exhilarate, animate

(1) **excite** the crowd, (2) **excite** rebellion

The news of her promotion **excited** her.

recreate

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

synonym: renovate, vivify, revive

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

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

silhouette

n. an outline of a solid object that you see against a light background; a drawing of the outline of an object filled in

with some uniform color

synonym: outline, contour, shape

(1) a person's **silhouette**, (2) the **silhouette** of a garment
After the war, the **silhouette** of the country appears.

crescent

n. a shape that is curved and tapering, often resembling a moon's crescent shape

(1) **crescent** moon, (2) **crescent** beach

The river formed a **crescent** shape around the bend.

overlook

v. to fail to notice something; to watch over someone; to provide a view from above

synonym: disregard, look down, supervise

(1) **overlook** a street, (2) **overlook** that fact

We cannot **overlook** an opportunity for great success.

topography

n. the arrangement and physical features of a particular area or region, including its natural and artificial elements and their relative positions and elevations; the study or description of this arrangement and these features

synonym: terrain, landscape, geography

(1) **topography** map, (2) detailed **topography**

The **topography** of the region is rugged, with many hills and valleys.

inhabit

v. to live in a specific location; to reside

synonym: settle, occupy, populate

(1) **inhabit** a cave, (2) **inhabit** the stomach

I have no idea what sort of folks **inhabit** the neighborhood.

desalination

n. the process of removing salt, especially from seawater

(1) shut down a **desalination** plant, (2) water **desalination**

He worked on improving the equipment using the freeze-**desalination** method.

Session 2: Spelling

1. zi___g sewing machine *adj.* having short sharp turns or angles
2. ba_____t weight *n.* heavy material, usually stones or sand, used to stabilize a ship or other structure; anything that provides stability or support
3. crunchy gh_____n *n.* a small cucumber that is typically pickled or used for its tangy flavor, often used as an ingredient in salads, sandwiches, or relishes
4. con_____ted leaving school *v.* to think about a possible future action or to think about something for a long time thoughtfully
5. im_____se a joke *v.* to create or perform something on the spot, without preparation or planning; to use what one has available to do or create something
6. fa___e of wealth *n.* the face or front of a building, especially a large one; superficial or false appearance intended to conceal something unpleasant
7. pe_____se terrace *n.* a luxurious apartment or living space situated on the highest floor or roof of a building, often with additional amenities or features such as a balcony, terrace, or panoramic view; the top floor or floors of a building
8. pe_____te eardrum *v.* to make small holes or punctures in something, often with a tool or sharp object

ANSWERS: 1. zigzag, 2. ballast, 3. gherkin, 4. contemplate, 5. improvise, 6. facade, 7. penthouse, 8. perforate

9. co_____e to work *v.* to regularly travel a particular journey, especially between one's home and place of work; (noun) a regular journey of some distance to and from your place of work
10. the tu_____l of the war *n.* a state of great disturbance, confusion, or uncertainty, often marked by intense activity or strong emotions
11. hap_____nce event *n.* an occurrence that happens by chance; a fortuitous event, or a coincidence
12. burning mat_____ck *n.* a small, thin stick made of wood or cardboard, typically coated with a combustible substance on one end, used for lighting fires or as a component of a match
13. steel-framed sky_____er *n.* a very tall building, typically one in a city
14. mis_____and each other *v.* to interpret or understand something in the wrong way
15. imp_____ion on stage *n.* the act of making something up on the spot or creating or performing something without preparation
16. hard-line Pro_____nt *adj.* a member of a Western Christian church that is separate from the Roman Catholic Church and that is based on the teachings of Martin Luther and other Reformers
17. corporate ma____t *n.* a person, animal, or object that is believed to bring good luck, often adopted by a sports team or organization as a symbol of their identity or values

ANSWERS: 9. commute, 10. turmoil, 11. happenstance, 12. matchstick, 13. skyscraper, 14. misunderstand, 15. improvisation, 16. protestant, 17. mascot

18. pro_____us lifestyle *adj.* having casual sexual relations frequently with different partners; indiscriminate in the choice of sexual partners; not selective of a single class or person
19. ve_____te air *v.* to supply fresh air to a room, building, etc.; to remove stale air from it
20. an international exp_____on *n.* a comprehensive description and explanation of an idea or theory; a collection of things, such as goods or works of art, etc., for public display
21. pro_____nt theology *adj.* a member of a Western Christian church that is separate from the Roman Catholic Church and that is based on the teachings of Martin Luther and other Reformers
22. 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
23. pro_____us bathing *adj.* having casual sexual relations frequently with different partners; indiscriminate in the choice of sexual partners; not selective of a single class or person
24. 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
25. rational exp_____on *n.* a comprehensive description and explanation of an idea or theory; a collection of things, such as goods or works of art, etc., for public display

ANSWERS: 18. promiscuous, 19. ventilate, 20. exposition, 21. protestant, 22. Christ, 23. promiscuous, 24. Christ, 25. exposition

26. rei_____ce species *v.* to bring back something that has been previously abolished or discontinued
27. ve_____te my opinion *v.* to supply fresh air to a room, building, etc.; to remove stale air from it
28. ov_____ok a street *v.* to fail to notice something; to watch over someone; to provide a view from above
29. rei_____ion of the Constitution *n.* a new or different interpretation or explanation of something, especially a text or piece of artwork
30. ra_____er drainage *n.* water that falls from the clouds in the form of rain and is collected
31. a tri_____ar alliance *adj.* having three angles or sides; forming or shaped like a triangle (= a three-sided polygon)
32. a_t view *adj.* (the opposite of "forward") located at or towards the rear or back of a ship, aircraft, or other vehicle
33. age-old cl___e *n.* a phrase or expression that has become overused to the point that it has lost its original impact or meaning; a trite or unoriginal idea or statement
34. a zi___g line *adj.* having short sharp turns or angles
35. re_____te a single country *v.* to make something that existed previously happen or appear to exist again
36. sleep pro_____ly *adv.* to a great or complete degree; deeply
37. black s___n *n.* a large waterbird with a long neck, bill, and webbed feet; known for their elegant and graceful appearance

ANSWERS: 26. reintroduce, 27. ventilate, 28. overlook, 29. reinterpretation, 30. rainwater, 31. triangular, 32. aft, 33. cliché, 34. zigzag, 35. recreate, 36. profoundly, 37. swan

38. German sa_____e *n.* a type of meat product usually made from pork, beef, or poultry, chopped into small pieces, put in a long tube of skin, then cooked or served cold in thin slices
39. ind_____us student *adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
40. sp_____or of art *n.* great brightness; brilliant or stunning appearance; magnificence
41. sense of op_____sm *n.* a feeling or the belief that good things will happen, or the quality of being full of hope and emphasizing the positive aspects of a situation
42. sub_____es extinction *n.* a taxonomic category within a species comprising distinct populations of organisms that share certain characteristics and are geographically or genetically isolated from other populations of the same species
43. a person's sil_____te *n.* an outline of a solid object that you see against a light background; a drawing of the outline of an object filled in with some uniform color
44. pe_____se apartment *n.* a luxurious apartment or living space situated on the highest floor or roof of a building, often with additional amenities or features such as a balcony, terrace, or panoramic view; the top floor or floors of a building
45. jazz imp_____ion *n.* the act of making something up on the spot or creating or performing something without preparation

ANSWERS: 38. sausage, 39. industrious, 40. splendor, 41. optimism, 42. subspecies, 43. silhouette, 44. penthouse, 45. improvisation

46. pos_____rn anthropology *adj.* relating to or characterized by a rejection of objective truth and global cultural narratives and instead emphasizing the role of personal interpretation
47. mis_____and entirelyly about her *v.* to interpret or understand something in the wrong way
48. beef sa_____e *n.* a type of meat product usually made from pork, beef, or poultry, chopped into small pieces, put in a long tube of skin, then cooked or served cold in thin slices
49. tri_____ar form *adj.* having three angles or sides; forming or shaped like a triangle (= a three-sided polygon)
50. al_____y experiment *n.* a medieval chemical philosophy and speculative theory that aimed to transform base metals into gold or produce a universal elixir that could cure all diseases and grant immortality; a process of transformation or creation that appears magical or mysterious
51. in_____t a cave *v.* to live in a specific location; to reside
52. w__p under pressure *v.* to twist or bend out of shape, especially as a result of being heated; to distort or twist the meaning or sense of something
53. ba_____t bottle *n.* the provision of financial help to a corporation or country which is on the brink of bankruptcy

ANSWERS: 46. postmodern, 47. misunderstand, 48. sausage, 49. triangular, 50. alchemy, 51. inhabit, 52. warp, 53. bailout

54. detailed top_____hy *n.* the arrangement and physical features of a particular area or region, including its natural and artificial elements and their relative positions and elevations; the study or description of this arrangement and these features
55. beach pa_____on *n.* a large, often ornate tent or booth, often used for entertainment or public events; a building or structure, often in a park or other public space, used for meetings, exhibitions, or social gatherings
56. em_____r of Rome *n.* the male ruler of an empire
57. cr_____nt moon *n.* a shape that is curved and tapering, often resembling a moon's crescent shape
58. ex_____e rebellion *v.* to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager
59. con_____te a marriage *v.* to think about a possible future action or to think about something for a long time thoughtfully
60. sp_____or of nature *n.* great brightness; brilliant or stunning appearance; magnificence
61. pickled gh_____n *n.* a small cucumber that is typically pickled or used for its tangy flavor, often used as an ingredient in salads, sandwiches, or relishes
62. in_____t the stomach *v.* to live in a specific location; to reside
63. distinct sub_____es *n.* a taxonomic category within a species comprising distinct populations of organisms that share certain characteristics and are geographically or genetically isolated from other populations of the same species

ANSWERS: 54. topography, 55. pavilion, 56. emperor, 57. crescent, 58. excite, 59. contemplate, 60. splendor, 61. gherkin, 62. inhabit, 63. subspecies

64. sto_____ing performance *n.* the act or art of narrating or writing stories
65. me_____d tail *n.* a mythical sea creature with the upper body of a human and the tail of a fish
66. ba_____t water *n.* heavy material, usually stones or sand, used to stabilize a ship or other structure; anything that provides stability or support
67. re_____te the feeling of the 1920s *v.* to make something that existed previously happen or appear to exist again
68. political op_____sm *n.* a feeling or the belief that good things will happen, or the quality of being full of hope and emphasizing the positive aspects of a situation
69. ava_____de art *adj.* relating to or characteristic of experimental or innovative ideas, especially in the arts, culture, or politics; pushing boundaries and challenging established norms and traditions
70. mat_____ck figure *n.* a small, thin stick made of wood or cardboard, typically coated with a combustible substance on one end, used for lighting fires or as a component of a match
71. hi__h a ride *v.* to move something into a different position jerkily; to travel by getting free rides from motorists; to hook or entangle
72. color ra____r *n.* a grid pattern of pixels used to represent an image or facilitate the display of graphics in computer systems

ANSWERS: 64. storytelling, 65. mermaid, 66. ballast, 67. recreate, 68. optimism, 69. avant-garde, 70. matchstick, 71. hitch, 72. raster

73. ex___e the crowd *v.* to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager
74. op_____ne occasion *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
75. rei_____ion of history *n.* a new or different interpretation or explanation of something, especially a text or piece of artwork
76. the outside fa___e of a castle *n.* the face or front of a building, especially a large one; superficial or false appearance intended to conceal something unpleasant
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78. pos_____rn art *adj.* relating to or characterized by a rejection of objective truth and global cultural narratives and instead emphasizing the role of personal interpretation
79. ind_____us worker *adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
80. al_____y of emotions *n.* a medieval chemical philosophy and speculative theory that aimed to transform base metals into gold or produce a universal elixir that could cure all diseases and grant immortality; a process of transformation or creation that appears magical or mysterious

ANSWERS: 73. excite, 74. opportune, 75. reinterpretation, 76. facade, 77. pavilion, 78. postmodern, 79. industrious, 80. alchemy

81. ra___r scanning *n.* a grid pattern of pixels used to represent an image or facilitate the display of graphics in computer systems
82. water des_____ion *n.* the process of removing salt, especially from seawater
83. sky_____er apartment house *n.* a very tall building, typically one in a city
84. a_t cabin *adj.* (the opposite of "forward") located at or towards the rear or back of a ship, aircraft, or other vehicle
85. former em_____r *n.* the male ruler of an empire
86. ra_____er acidity *n.* water that falls from the clouds in the form of rain and is collected
87. ava_____de music *adj.* relating to or characteristic of experimental or innovative ideas, especially in the arts, culture, or politics; pushing boundaries and challenging established norms and traditions
88. s__n song *n.* a large waterbird with a long neck, bill, and webbed feet; known for their elegant and graceful appearance
89. courtroom sto_____ing *n.* the act or art of narrating or writing stories
90. ov_____ok that fact *v.* to fail to notice something; to watch over someone; to provide a view from above
91. become w__ped *v.* to twist or bend out of shape, especially as a result of being heated; to distort or twist the meaning or sense of something

ANSWERS: 81. raster, 82. desalination, 83. skyscraper, 84. aft, 85. emperor, 86. rainwater, 87. avant-garde, 88. swan, 89. storytelling, 90. overlook, 91. warp

92. cl___e plot *n.* a phrase or expression that has become overused to the point that it has lost its original impact or meaning; a trite or unoriginal idea or statement
93. the sil_____te of a garment *n.* an outline of a solid object that you see against a light background; a drawing of the outline of an object filled in with some uniform color
94. me_____d costume *n.* a mythical sea creature with the upper body of a human and the tail of a fish
95. im_____se an escape plan *v.* to create or perform something on the spot, without preparation or planning; to use what one has available to do or create something
96. po___m finisher *n.* a raised platform or stand that is used for delivering speeches, conducting meetings, or presenting awards
97. rei_____ce capital punishment *v.* to bring back something that has been previously abolished or discontinued
98. hi__h up my trousers *v.* to move something into a different position jerkily; to travel by getting free rides from motorists; to hook or entangle
99. daily co_____e *v.* to regularly travel a particular journey, especially between one's home and place of work; (noun) a regular journey of some distance to and from your place of work
100. pe_____te paper *v.* to make small holes or punctures in something, often with a tool or sharp object

ANSWERS: 92. cliché, 93. silhouette, 94. mermaid, 95. improvise, 96. podium, 97. reintroduce, 98. hitch, 99. commute, 100. perforate

101. pro_____ly insightful *adv.* to a great or complete degree; deeply
102. cr_____nt beach *n.* a shape that is curved and tapering, often resembling a moon's crescent shape
103. shut down a des_____ion plant *n.* the process of removing salt, especially from seawater
104. ba_____t bill *n.* the provision of financial help to a corporation or country which is on the brink of bankruptcy
105. win a po____m position *n.* a raised platform or stand that is used for delivering speeches, conducting meetings, or presenting awards
106. political tu_____l *n.* a state of great disturbance, confusion, or uncertainty, often marked by intense activity or strong emotions
107. meet by hap_____nce *n.* an occurrence that happens by chance; a fortuitous event, or a coincidence
108. an op_____ne remark *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
109. team ma_____t *n.* a person, animal, or object that is believed to bring good luck, often adopted by a sports team or organization as a symbol of their identity or values
110. top_____hy map *n.* the arrangement and physical features of a particular area or region, including its natural and artificial elements and their relative positions and elevations; the study or description of this arrangement and these features

ANSWERS: 101. profoundly, 102. crescent, 103. desalination, 104. bailout, 105. podium, 106. turmoil, 107. happenstance, 108. opportune, 109. mascot, 110. topography

ANSWERS:

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The zoologist studied the different _____ of birds in the area.
n. a taxonomic category within a species comprising distinct populations of organisms that share certain characteristics and are geographically or genetically isolated from other populations of the same species
2. We had to go through a _____ course.
adj. having short sharp turns or angles
3. I have no idea what sort of folks _____ the neighborhood.
v. to live in a specific location; to reside
4. The company experienced financial _____ after the CEO was arrested.
n. a state of great disturbance, confusion, or uncertainty, often marked by intense activity or strong emotions
5. He created a beautiful piece of music using only _____.
n. the act of making something up on the spot or creating or performing something without preparation
6. She _____ the atmosphere of the pre-war age with her stage setting.
v. to make something that existed previously happen or appear to exist again
7. The outdoor wedding reception was held in a beautiful _____ overlooking the lake.
n. a large, often ornate tent or booth, often used for entertainment or public events; a building or structure, often in a park or other public space, used for meetings, exhibitions, or social gatherings

ANSWERS: 1. subspecies, 2. zigzag, 3. inhabit, 4. turmoil, 5. improvisation, 6. recreated, 7. pavilion

8. The _____ once lived in the vast palace.
n. the male ruler of an empire
9. We cannot _____ an opportunity for great success.
v. to fail to notice something; to watch over someone; to provide a view from above
10. The _____ shape of the pyramid was an important architectural feature.
adj. having three angles or sides; forming or shaped like a triangle (= a three-sided polygon)
11. The graphic designer used a _____ image to create a realistic digital painting.
n. a grid pattern of pixels used to represent an image or facilitate the display of graphics in computer systems
12. The _____ of the region is rugged, with many hills and valleys.
n. the arrangement and physical features of a particular area or region, including its natural and artificial elements and their relative positions and elevations; the study or description of this arrangement and these features
13. The _____ church was the dominant religion in the area.
adj. a member of a Western Christian church that is separate from the Roman Catholic Church and that is based on the teachings of Martin Luther and other Reformers
14. There is considerable _____ that the economy will recover soon.
n. a feeling or the belief that good things will happen, or the quality of being full of hope and emphasizing the positive aspects of a situation
15. The mechanics _____ the trailer to the broken-down car.
v. to move something into a different position jerkily; to travel by getting free rides from motorists; to hook or entangle

ANSWERS: 8. Emperor, 9. overlook, 10. triangular, 11. raster, 12. topography, 13. Protestant, 14. optimism, 15. hitched

16. The _____ in the city center offers stunning views of the skyline.
- n.* a luxurious apartment or living space situated on the highest floor or roof of a building, often with additional amenities or features such as a balcony, terrace, or panoramic view; the top floor or floors of a building
17. The _____ feathers glistened in the sunlight.
- n.* a large waterbird with a long neck, bill, and webbed feet; known for their elegant and graceful appearance
18. Using the same _____ phrase in every conversation can take time and effort.
- n.* a phrase or expression that has become overused to the point that it has lost its original impact or meaning; a trite or unoriginal idea or statement
19. The speaker stood confidently on the _____ while delivering their speech.
- n.* a raised platform or stand that is used for delivering speeches, conducting meetings, or presenting awards
20. The movie tells the enchanting tale of a young girl discovering a secret _____ kingdom beneath the sea.
- n.* a mythical sea creature with the upper body of a human and the tail of a fish
21. He worked on improving the equipment using the freeze-_____ method.
- n.* the process of removing salt, especially from seawater
22. She carved the carrot into _____ pieces for the salad.
- n.* a small, thin stick made of wood or cardboard, typically coated with a combustible substance on one end, used for lighting fires or as a component of a match
23. Many countries provided a _____ to the private sector to minimize the economic impact of the coronavirus pandemic.
- n.* the provision of financial help to a corporation or country which is on the brink of bankruptcy

ANSWERS: 16. penthouse, 17. swan's, 18. cliché, 19. podium, 20. mermaid, 21. desalination, 22. matchstick-sized, 23. bailout

24. The _____ of the palace was breathtaking.
- n.* great brightness; brilliant or stunning appearance; magnificence
25. The artist's _____ approach to sculpture challenged conventional ideas of art.
- adj.* relating to or characteristic of experimental or innovative ideas, especially in the arts, culture, or politics; pushing boundaries and challenging established norms and traditions
26. Today, the study of _____ remains an important part of the history of science and philosophy
- n.* a medieval chemical philosophy and speculative theory that aimed to transform base metals into gold or produce a universal elixir that could cure all diseases and grant immortality; a process of transformation or creation that appears magical or mysterious
27. The _____ in the novel provides background information on the characters and setting.
- n.* a comprehensive description and explanation of an idea or theory; a collection of things, such as goods or works of art, etc., for public display
28. The city's _____ is a famous landmark that attracts tourists.
- n.* a person, animal, or object that is believed to bring good luck, often adopted by a sports team or organization as a symbol of their identity or values
29. The sandwich was topped with a slice of tangy _____.
- n.* a small cucumber that is typically pickled or used for its tangy flavor, often used as an ingredient in salads, sandwiches, or relishes
30. The company installed a _____ harvesting system to collect and reuse it for manufacturing.
- n.* water that falls from the clouds in the form of rain and is collected

ANSWERS: 24. splendor, 25. avant-garde, 26. alchemy, 27. exposition, 28. mascot, 29. gherkin, 30. rainwater

31. The government is planning to _____ wolves to the national park to restore the balance of the ecosystem.
- v.* to bring back something that has been previously abolished or discontinued
32. You should not _____ the meaning of freedom.
- v.* to interpret or understand something in the wrong way
33. He had to _____ two hours each way to get to work.
- v.* to regularly travel a particular journey, especially between one's home and place of work; (noun) a regular journey of some distance to and from your place of work
34. The ship's _____ helped to keep it stable during the storm.
- n.* heavy material, usually stones or sand, used to stabilize a ship or other structure; anything that provides stability or support
35. The phone rang at the most _____ time.
- adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
36. After the war, the _____ of the country appears.
- n.* an outline of a solid object that you see against a light background; a drawing of the outline of an object filled in with some uniform color
37. The ship's hull was _____ from years of use in rough seas.
- v.* to twist or bend out of shape, especially as a result of being heated; to distort or twist the meaning or sense of something
38. It was a mere _____ that they both ended up at the same restaurant.
- n.* an occurrence that happens by chance; a fortuitous event, or a coincidence

ANSWERS: 31. reintroduce, 32. misunderstand, 33. commute, 34. ballast, 35. opportune, 36. silhouette, 37. warped, 38. happenstance

39. The 50-floor _____ loomed over the city, dwarfing the other buildings.
n. a very tall building, typically one in a city
40. He was known for his _____ behavior.
adj. having casual sexual relations frequently with different partners; indiscriminate in the choice of sexual partners; not selective of a single class or person
41. It's important to _____ the room to avoid the buildup of harmful gases.
v. to supply fresh air to a room, building, etc.; to remove stale air from it
42. The novel affected her _____ causing her to question her beliefs and values.
adv. to a great or complete degree; deeply
43. After the medical exam, the doctor suspected that the patient's ulcer might have _____ leading to more severe health complications.
v. to make small holes or punctures in something, often with a tool or sharp object
44. The artist's _____ of the classic painting received mixed reviews.
n. a new or different interpretation or explanation of something, especially a text or piece of artwork
45. _____ 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
46. The _____ architecture of the building was a contrast to the traditional designs in the neighborhood.
adj. relating to or characterized by a rejection of objective truth and global cultural narratives and instead emphasizing the role of personal interpretation

ANSWERS: 39. skyscraper, 40. promiscuous, 41. ventilate, 42. profoundly, 43. perforated, 44. reinterpretation, 45. Christmas, 46. postmodern

47. The news of her promotion _____ her.
v. to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager
48. A gentle _____ concealed his powerfulness.
n. the face or front of a building, especially a large one; superficial or false appearance intended to conceal something unpleasant
49. The mother sliced off a piece of _____.
n. a type of meat product usually made from pork, beef, or poultry, chopped into small pieces, put in a long tube of skin, then cooked or served cold in thin slices
50. She was skilled in _____ techniques, such as using different voices for other characters.
n. the act or art of narrating or writing stories
51. He was known to be very _____ and would often work late into the night.
adj. hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
52. We had to _____ a tent using a tarp and sticks since we didn't have a proper one.
v. to create or perform something on the spot, without preparation or planning; to use what one has available to do or create something
53. The ___ section of the ship suffered significant damage after the collision with the reef.
adj. (the opposite of "forward") located at or towards the rear or back of a ship, aircraft, or other vehicle
54. I recently _____ dropping out of school and getting a full-time job.
v. to think about a possible future action or to think about something for a long time thoughtfully

ANSWERS: 47. excited, 48. facade, 49. sausage, 50. storytelling, 51. industrious, 52. improvise, 53. aft, 54. contemplated

55. The river formed a _____ shape around the bend.

n. a shape that is curved and tapering, often resembling a moon's crescent shape

ANSWERS: 55. crescent