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Session 1: Word List

recite

v. to say a poem, piece of literature, etc. aloud from memory,

synonym : repeat, replicate, recount

(1) **recite** a charm, (2) **recite** a long list of the article

He could **recite** all of Shakespeare's works.

muffle

v. to wrap or cover something to deaden sound or prevent others from hearing it; to suppress or soften the sound of something; to decrease the intensity or impact of something

synonym : mute, stifle, embower

(1) **muffle** the sound, (2) **muffle** my cries

He tried to **muffle** his coughs during the movie not to disturb the other viewers.

typography

n. the art or process of printing with type; the design, layout, and arrangement of printed material, including text and images

synonym : printing, typesetting, font design

(1) **typography** skills, (2) **typography** layout

I love the bold **typography** used in this book's chapter heading.

resonate

v. to be filled with a deep echoing sound

synonym: echo, reverberate, resound

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

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

heresy

n. an opinion or belief that goes against the traditional or generally accepted view, especially in religion

synonym: dissent, apostasy, unorthodoxy

(1) the suppression of **heresy**, (2) persecution for **heresy**

The doctrine was considered **heresy** by the mainstream church.

ethereal

adj. delicate, light, and airy; extremely refined or subtle; heavenly or spiritual

synonym: airy, delicate, celestial

(1) **ethereal** beauty, (2) **ethereal** light

The **ethereal** music created a dreamlike atmosphere in the concert hall.

doe

n. a mature female of mammals of which the male is called a buck, such as a deer or a rabbit

synonym: rabbit, bunny, hare

(1) **doe** rabbit, (2) buck and **doe**

Hunters use a whistle that makes the **doe** sound to lure stags.

imaginative

adj. having or showing new and creative ideas

synonym: creative, innovative, inventive

(1) capable of **imaginative** creation, (2) **imaginative** as a child

She is a hard worker but not very **imaginative**.

puzzling

adj. confusing or difficult to understand; mysterious

synonym: baffling, confusing, enigmatic

(1) **puzzling** behavior, (2) **puzzling** questions

The detective found the clues **puzzling** and couldn't solve the case immediately.

innate

adj. existing naturally or from birth; inherent or inborn; not acquired or learned through experience

synonym : natural, inherent, inborn

(1) **innate** ability, (2) **innate** quality

The belief in **innate** human goodness is a common philosophical concept.

freehand

adj. done or created without the use of aids, tools, or guidelines; drawn, sketched, or created by hand without the use of stencils or other mechanical methods

synonym : hand-drawn, sketchy

(1) **freehand** drawing, (2) **freehand** signature

She drew a **freehand** sketch of the landscape, accurately capturing the mountains and rivers.

highbrow

adj. relating to or appealing to people who are highly educated or intellectual; involving or interested in serious artistic or cultural ideas

synonym : intellectual, cultured, refined

(1) **highbrow** conversation, (2) **highbrow** music

She only reads **highbrow** literature, such as classic novels and philosophical essays.

baroque

adj. of or relating to an ornate and elaborate style of art, architecture, and music that flourished in Europe in the late 16th and early 17th centuries; characterized by a sense of grandeur and drama

synonym : ornate, elaborate, decorative

(1) **baroque** music, (2) **baroque** architecture

The ornate architecture of the palace is a perfect example of the **baroque** style.

macaroni

n. a type of pasta in the form of small tubes often served with a cheese sauce; a popular dish in the United

States, particularly in the form of mac and cheese

synonym : pasta, noodles, spaghetti

(1) **macaroni** salad, (2) **macaroni** dish

The children delighted in doing **macaroni** art projects at school.

tinfoil

n. metal made into very thin sheets that is used mainly for wrapping something such as food

synonym : aluminum foil

(1) **tinfoil** hat, (2) a sheet of **tinfoil**

To make roast beef, you need to wrap it in **tinfoil** and roast the meat in the oven for several minutes.

impetus

n. a force, motivation, or stimulus that causes something to happen or be done; the driving force behind a particular action or change

synonym : stimulus, momentum, drive

(1) political **impetus**, (2) technological **impetus**

Getting a raise at work was the **impetus** to start looking for a new place to live.

peacock

n. a large, colorful, and majestic bird of the pheasant family

(1) as proud as a **peacock**, (2) male **peacock**

The vibrant feathers of the **peacock** made it stand out in the garden.

grandeur

n. the quality of being impressive or magnificent in appearance, size, or scope; the state of being majestic, impressive, or awe-inspiring

synonym : splendor, majesty, greatness

(1) natural **grandeur**, (2) lost in **grandeur**

The castle's **grandeur** was breathtaking, with its towering turrets and sweeping arches.

writ

n. a written legal order or command

synonym : legal document, order, legal process

(1) a **writ** of summons, (2) issue a **writ**

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

interdependent

adj. depending on each other; mutually reliant or interconnected

synonym: interconnected, interrelated, mutual

(1) **interdependent** systems, (2) develop **interdependent** skills

In nature, all living things are **interdependent** and rely on each other for survival.

seductive

adj. tempting or alluring attractively or persuasively; often used to describe a person, behavior, or idea that is intended to lure or entice someone into a specific action or belief

synonym: alluring, tempting, enticing

(1) a **seductive** smile, (2) **seductive** behavior

The actor's **seductive** gaze drew the audience's attention on stage.

woe

n. significant problems or troubles; great unhappiness

synonym: anguish, despair, suffering

(1) economic **woe**, (2) full of **woe**

Recurrent financial **woes** hampered his subsequent career.

mystification

n. the act or process of making something difficult to understand or explain, often to deceive or manipulate

synonym: puzzle, perplexity, confusion

(1) **mystification** of the public, (2) **mystification** of the subject

The magician's tricks were a source of **mystification** for 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.

ornamental

adj. describing something that is intended to be decorative or add beauty; serving as a decoration or adornment

synonym: decorative, embellished, fancy

(1) **ornamental** ironwork, (2) **ornamental** design

The garden is filled with **ornamental** plants and flowers.

detract

v. to diminish the value or worth of a quality or performance

synonym: take away, draw away, diminish

(1) **detract** from quality of life, (2) **detract** from his fame

His terrible manners **detract** from his good character.

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.

intermission

n. a break or pause in performance, play, or event

synonym: break, pause, hiatus

(1) short **intermission**, (2) without **intermission**

During **intermission**, the audience could stretch their legs and grab a drink.

valentine

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

synonym: lover, sweetheart, beloved

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

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

best friend.

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**.

devise

v. to come up with an idea, plan, theory, etc., using your intelligence or imagination

synonym: create, concoct, invent

(1) **devise** a plan, (2) **devise** a literary plot

They had to **devise** a system that did not depend on fossil fuels.

piecemeal

adv. gradually or in small increments, usually referring to a process or action that is done in stages or bit by bit; (adjective) consisting of many small parts or pieces; done gradually or bit by bit

synonym: gradually, incrementally, (adjective) bit by bit

(1) **piecemeal** approach, (2) **piecemeal** changes

The building was constructed **piecemeal** over several years.

quirk

n. a peculiar behavior, habit, or characteristic that is distinctive to an individual or group

synonym: eccentricity, idiosyncrasy, peculiarity

(1) personality **quirk**, (2) a **quirk** of fate

One of her **quirks** is that she always wears mismatched socks.

endear

v. to make someone loved or appreciated or to cause someone to feel fondness or affection for someone or something

synonym: fondle, cherish, love

(1) **endear** a character to young readers, (2) **endear** to everyone

The baby's smile **endeared** her to everyone who saw her.

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.

flit

v. to move quickly and lightly from place to place, often without purpose or direction; to flutter or dart quickly, like a bird or insect

synonym : flutter, dart, skim

(1) **flit** away into the darkness, (2) **flit** from place to place

The butterfly would **flit** from flower to flower, collecting nectar.

dart

n. a small narrow pointed object, sometimes with feathers to help it fly, that is thrown or shot; (verb) to move along rapidly and lightly

synonym : arrow, (verb) dash

(1) blow **dart**, (2) **dart** here and there

A poison **dart** hit him.

disconcert

v. to cause confusion, uncertainty, or embarrassment in someone; to make someone feel uneasy or uncertain

synonym : unsettle, perturb, discomfit

(1) **disconcert** his plans, (2) **disconcert** the enthusiast

His sudden departure **disconcerted** the team.

elusive

adj. difficult to find, define, achieve, or remember

synonym : mysterious, ambiguous, inapproachable

(1) an **elusive** criminal, (2) track down an **elusive** fact

The physicist who found the **elusive** particle won the Nobel Prize.

embarrass

v. to cause someone to feel awkward, worried, or ashamed

synonym : disconcert, unsettle, agitate

(1) **embarrass** political enemy, (2) **embarrass** my project

He looked for an opportunity to **embarrass** that actor in public.

blush

v. to become red in the face from embarrassment, shame, or modesty

synonym: flush, redden, glow

(1) **blush** bright red, (2) **blush** for my mistake

She **blushed** when the boy complimented her.

self-doubt

n. lack of confidence in one's abilities or oneself

synonym: insecurity, uncertainty, diffident

(1) overcome **self-doubt**, (2) spiral of **self-doubt**

I was filled with **self-doubt**.

solicit

v. to ask for something, especially in an urgent or pleading manner; to seek something through entreaty

synonym: request, seek, ask

(1) **solicit** advice, (2) **solicit** patronage

The company **solicited** donations from its employees for the charity event.

sway

v. to move back and forth or side to side gently, often in response to external factors such as wind or water; to influence or persuade someone to do something; to control or dominate something

synonym: swing, oscillate, influence

(1) **sway** back and forth, (2) **sway** to the rhythm

The politician tried to **sway** public opinion in his favor, but his arguments fell flat.

confer

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

synonym: consult, meet, discuss

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

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

populace

n. the general public; the common people of a community or society; the population at large

synonym: public, citizens, community

(1) **populace** distribution, (2) urban **populace**

The politician's speech resonated with the poor **populace** who felt neglected by the authorities.

pollinate

v. to transfer pollen from the male part of a flower to the female part, thereby fertilizing the plant and allowing it to produce fruit or seeds; to spread or disseminate an idea or influence to others

synonym: fertilize, propagate

(1) **pollinate** plants, (2) **pollinate** fruit trees

Without bees to **pollinate** the flowers, many crops would not exist.

playwright

n. a person who writes plays

synonym: dramatist, scribe, librettist

(1) acclaimed **playwright**, (2) a **playwright** attached to the theatre

The **playwright's** work was praised by critics and audiences alike.

philanthropy

n. the practice of voluntarily helping the poor, especially by giving money

synonym: altruism, benevolence, generosity

(1) **philanthropy** organization, (2) private **philanthropy**

Tech billionaires often spend the majority of their time on **philanthropy**.

babysitter

n. a person hired to look after a child or children while the parents are away or occupied; someone who provides temporary care and supervision for children in the absence of their parents or guardians

synonym: childcare provider, nanny, nurse

(1) need a trustworthy **babysitter**, (2) experienced **babysitter**

Our regular **babysitter** was sick, so we had to find a replacement at the last minute.

quantify

v. to express or measure something in numerical terms

synonym: measure, express, determine

(1) **quantify** the results, (2) **quantify** blood flow

He tried to **quantify** the amount of product that was needed to complete the job.

undervalue

v. to assign too low a value to something

synonym: underrate, underestimate, devalue

(1) **undervalue** his contribution, (2) **undervalue** the potential

He **undervalued** the importance of teamwork and struggled to succeed.

Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. dis_____rt his plans | v. | to cause confusion, uncertainty, or embarrassment in someone; to make someone feel uneasy or uncertain |
| 2. mu___e my cries | v. | to wrap or cover something to deaden sound or prevent others from hearing it; to suppress or soften the sound of something; to decrease the intensity or impact of something |
| 3. en___r a character to young readers | v. | to make someone loved or appreciated or to cause someone to feel fondness or affection for someone or something |
| 4. a pla_____ht attached to the theatre | n. | a person who writes plays |
| 5. short int_____ion | n. | a break or pause in performance, play, or event |
| 6. experienced bab_____er | n. | a person hired to look after a child or children while the parents are away or occupied; someone who provides temporary care and supervision for children in the absence of their parents or guardians |
| 7. a qu__k of fate | n. | a peculiar behavior, habit, or characteristic that is distinctive to an individual or group |
| 8. re_____te in the same frequency | v. | to be filled with a deep echoing sound |
| 9. en___r to everyone | v. | to make someone loved or appreciated or to cause someone to feel fondness or affection for someone or something |

ANSWERS: 1. disconcert, 2. muffle, 3. endear, 4. playwright, 5. intermission, 6. babysitter, 7. quirk, 8. resonate, 9. endear

10. ma____ni dish *n.* a type of pasta in the form of small tubes often served with a cheese sauce; a popular dish in the United States, particularly in the form of mac and cheese
11. hi____ow music *adj.* relating to or appealing to people who are highly educated or intellectual; involving or interested in serious artistic or cultural ideas
12. ba____e architecture *adj.* of or relating to an ornate and elaborate style of art, architecture, and music that flourished in Europe in the late 16th and early 17th centuries; characterized by a sense of grandeur and drama
13. co____r honor *v.* to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something
14. de____t from his fame *v.* to diminish the value or worth of a quality or performance
15. fr____nd drawing *adj.* done or created without the use of aids, tools, or guidelines; drawn, sketched, or created by hand without the use of stencils or other mechanical methods
16. economic w_e *n.* significant problems or troubles; great unhappiness
17. d_e rabbit *n.* a mature female of mammals of which the male is called a buck, such as a deer or a rabbit
18. lost in gr____ur *n.* the quality of being impressive or magnificent in appearance, size, or scope; the state of being majestic, impressive, or awe-inspiring

ANSWERS: 10. macaroni, 11. highbrow, 12. baroque, 13. confer, 14. detract, 15. freehand, 16. woe, 17. doe, 18. grandeur

19. po____ce distribution *n.* the general public; the common people of a community or society; the population at large
20. bl__h bright red *v.* to become red in the face from embarrassment, shame, or modesty
21. typ_____hy layout *n.* the art or process of printing with type; the design, layout, and arrangement of printed material, including text and images
22. n__b with cold *adj.* unable to feel physical sensation and movement; not showing human feeling or sensitivity
23. de____t from quality of life *v.* to diminish the value or worth of a quality or performance
24. f__t from place to place *v.* to move quickly and lightly from place to place, often without purpose or direction; to flutter or dart quickly, like a bird or insect
25. em_____ss political enemy *v.* to cause someone to feel awkward, worried, or ashamed
26. und_____ue his contribution *v.* to assign too low a value to something
27. et____al beauty *adj.* delicate, light, and airy; extremely refined or subtle; heavenly or spiritual
28. ba_____e music *adj.* of or relating to an ornate and elaborate style of art, architecture, and music that flourished in Europe in the late 16th and early 17th centuries; characterized by a sense of grandeur and drama
29. pi_____al changes *adv.* gradually or in small increments, usually referring to a process or action that is done in stages or bit by bit; (adjective) consisting of many small parts or pieces; done gradually or bit by bit

ANSWERS: 19. populace, 20. blush, 21. typography, 22. numb, 23. detract, 24. flit, 25. embarrass, 26. undervalue, 27. ethereal, 28. baroque, 29. piecemeal

30. pu____ng questions *adj.* confusing or difficult to understand; mysterious
31. pi_____al approach *adv.* gradually or in small increments, usually referring to a process or action that is done in stages or bit by bit; (adjective) consisting of many small parts or pieces; done gradually or bit by bit
32. d__t here and there *n.* a small narrow pointed object, sometimes with feathers to help it fly, that is thrown or shot; (verb) to move along rapidly and lightly
33. so____t advice *v.* to ask for something, especially in an urgent or pleading manner; to seek something through entreaty
34. co____r degree *v.* to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something
35. in____e quality *adj.* existing naturally or from birth; inherent or inborn; not acquired or learned through experience
36. male pe____k *n.* a large, colorful, and majestic bird of the pheasant family
37. f__t away into the darkness *v.* to move quickly and lightly from place to place, often without purpose or direction; to flutter or dart quickly, like a bird or insect
38. human in_____ct *n.* the ability to think logically and comprehend information, especially at an advanced level

ANSWERS: 30. puzzling, 31. piecemeal, 32. dart, 33. solicit, 34. confer, 35. innate, 36. peacock, 37. flit, 38. intellect

39. em_____ss my project *v.* to cause someone to feel awkward, worried, or ashamed
40. op_____ne occasion *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
41. buck and d_e *n.* a mature female of mammals of which the male is called a buck, such as a deer or a rabbit
42. an op_____ne remark *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
43. qu_____fy the results *v.* to express or measure something in numerical terms
44. et_____al light *adj.* delicate, light, and airy; extremely refined or subtle; heavenly or spiritual
45. a se_____ve smile *adj.* tempting or alluring attractively or persuasively; often used to describe a person, behavior, or idea that is intended to lure or entice someone into a specific action or belief
46. se_____ve behavior *adj.* tempting or alluring attractively or persuasively; often used to describe a person, behavior, or idea that is intended to lure or entice someone into a specific action or belief
47. a w__t of summons *n.* a written legal order or command
48. mys_____ion of the subject *n.* the act or process of making something difficult to understand or explain, often to deceive or manipulate

ANSWERS: 39. embarrass, 40. opportune, 41. doe, 42. opportune, 43. quantify, 44. ethereal, 45. seductive, 46. seductive, 47. writ, 48. mystification

49. ima_____ve as a child *adj.* having or showing new and creative ideas
50. political im_____s *n.* a force, motivation, or stimulus that causes something to happen or be done; the driving force behind a particular action or change
51. capable of ima_____ve creation *adj.* having or showing new and creative ideas
52. mys_____ion of the public *n.* the act or process of making something difficult to understand or explain, often to deceive or manipulate
53. urban po_____ce *n.* the general public; the common people of a community or society; the population at large
54. de___e a literary plot *v.* to come up with an idea, plan, theory, etc., using your intelligence or imagination
55. develop int_____ent skills *adj.* depending on each other; mutually reliant or interconnected
56. de___e a plan *v.* to come up with an idea, plan, theory, etc., using your intelligence or imagination
57. typ_____hy skills *n.* the art or process of printing with type; the design, layout, and arrangement of printed material, including text and images
58. spirals of sel_____bt *n.* lack of confidence in one's abilities or oneself
59. the suppression of he___y *n.* an opinion or belief that goes against the traditional or generally accepted view, especially in religion

ANSWERS: 49. imaginative, 50. impetus, 51. imaginative, 52. mystification, 53. populace, 54. devise, 55. interdependent, 56. devise, 57. typography, 58. self-doubt, 59. heresy

60. acclaimed pla_____ht *n.* a person who writes plays
61. pa__e trend *adj.* no longer fashionable or current; outdated; considered to be old-fashioned or out of date
62. mu___e the sound *v.* to wrap or cover something to deaden sound or prevent others from hearing it; to suppress or soften the sound of something; to decrease the intensity or impact of something
63. pu_____ng behavior *adj.* confusing or difficult to understand; mysterious
64. technological im_____s *n.* a force, motivation, or stimulus that causes something to happen or be done; the driving force behind a particular action or change
65. re___e a charm *v.* to say a poem, piece of literature, etc. aloud from memory,
66. ti_____l hat *n.* metal made into very thin sheets that is used mainly for wrapping something such as food
67. s__y back and forth *v.* to move back and forth or side to side gently, often in response to external factors such as wind or water; to influence or persuade someone to do something; to control or dominate something
68. und_____ue the potential *v.* to assign too low a value to something
69. overcome sel_____bt *n.* lack of confidence in one's abilities or oneself

ANSWERS: 60. playwright, 61. passe, 62. muffle, 63. puzzling, 64. impetus, 65. recite, 66. tinfoil, 67. sway, 68. undervalue, 69. self-doubt

70. an el_____e criminal *adj.* difficult to find, define, achieve, or remember
71. va_____ne gift *n.* a person who is loved or dearly admired; a card or message, typically anonymous, sent on Valentine's Day (February 14th) to a person one loves or is attracted to; (uppercase "Valentine") a priest in Rome who was martyred around AD 269
72. persecution for he____y *n.* an opinion or belief that goes against the traditional or generally accepted view, especially in religion
73. int_____ent systems *adj.* depending on each other; mutually reliant or interconnected
74. without int_____ion *n.* a break or pause in performance, play, or event
75. hi_____ow conversation *adj.* relating to or appealing to people who are highly educated or intellectual; involving or interested in serious artistic or cultural ideas
76. so_____t patronage *v.* to ask for something, especially in an urgent or pleading manner; to seek something through entreaty
77. fr_____nd signature *adj.* done or created without the use of aids, tools, or guidelines; drawn, sketched, or created by hand without the use of stencils or other mechanical methods
78. dis_____rt the enthusiast *v.* to cause confusion, uncertainty, or embarrassment in someone; to make someone feel uneasy or uncertain

ANSWERS: 70. elusive, 71. valentine, 72. heresy, 73. interdependent, 74. intermission, 75. highbrow, 76. solicit, 77. freehand, 78. disconcert

79. ma_____ni salad *n.* a type of pasta in the form of small tubes often served with a cheese sauce; a popular dish in the United States, particularly in the form of mac and cheese
80. deeply re_____te with the consumers *v.* to be filled with a deep echoing sound
81. po_____te fruit trees *v.* to transfer pollen from the male part of a flower to the female part, thereby fertilizing the plant and allowing it to produce fruit or seeds; to spread or disseminate an idea or influence to others
82. va_____ne's bouquet *n.* a person who is loved or dearly admired; a card or message, typically anonymous, sent on Valentine's Day (February 14th) to a person one loves or is attracted to; (uppercase "Valentine") a priest in Rome who was martyred around AD 269
83. po_____te plants *v.* to transfer pollen from the male part of a flower to the female part, thereby fertilizing the plant and allowing it to produce fruit or seeds; to spread or disseminate an idea or influence to others
84. natural gr_____ur *n.* the quality of being impressive or magnificent in appearance, size, or scope; the state of being majestic, impressive, or awe-inspiring
85. phi_____opy organization *n.* the practice of voluntarily helping the poor, especially by giving money

ANSWERS: 79. macaroni, 80. resonate, 81. pollinate, 82. valentine, 83. pollinate, 84. grandeur, 85. philanthropy

86. private phi_____opy *n.* the practice of voluntarily helping the poor, especially by giving money
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95. track down an el_____e fact *adj.* difficult to find, define, achieve, or remember
96. re___e a long list of the article *v.* to say a poem, piece of literature, etc. aloud from memory,

ANSWERS: 86. philanthropy, 87. sway, 88. woe, 89. numb, 90. ornamental, 91. dart, 92. passe, 93. peacock, 94. writ, 95. elusive, 96. recite

97. enrich my in_____ct *n.* the ability to think logically and comprehend information, especially at an advanced level
98. qu_____fy blood flow *v.* to express or measure something in numerical terms
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102. personality qu__k *n.* a peculiar behavior, habit, or characteristic that is distinctive to an individual or group
103. bl__h for my mistake *v.* to become red in the face from embarrassment, shame, or modesty
104. in___e ability *adj.* existing naturally or from birth; inherent or inborn; not acquired or learned through experience

ANSWERS: 97. intellect, 98. quantify, 99. tinfoil, 100. ornamental, 101. babysitter, 102. quirk, 103. blush, 104. innate

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. I was filled with _____.
n. lack of confidence in one's abilities or oneself
2. The sound _____ well in this theater.
v. to be filled with a deep echoing sound
3. The castle's _____ was breathtaking, with its towering turrets and sweeping arches.
n. the quality of being impressive or magnificent in appearance, size, or scope; the state of being majestic, impressive, or awe-inspiring
4. The belief in _____ human goodness is a common philosophical concept.
adj. existing naturally or from birth; inherent or inborn; not acquired or learned through experience
5. Hunters use a whistle that makes the ____ sound to lure stags.
n. a mature female of mammals of which the male is called a buck, such as a deer or a rabbit
6. She drew a _____ sketch of the landscape, accurately capturing the mountains and rivers.
adj. done or created without the use of aids, tools, or guidelines; drawn, sketched, or created by hand without the use of stencils or other mechanical methods
7. The actor's _____ gaze drew the audience's attention on stage.
adj. tempting or alluring attractively or persuasively; often used to describe a person, behavior, or idea that is intended to lure or entice someone into a specific action or belief

ANSWERS: 1. self-doubt, 2. resonates, 3. grandeur, 4. innate, 5. doe, 6. freehand, 7. seductive

8. She wrote a heartfelt message in the _____ card for her best friend.
n. a person who is loved or dearly admired; a card or message, typically anonymous, sent on Valentine's Day (February 14th) to a person one loves or is attracted to; (uppercase "Valentine") a priest in Rome who was martyred around AD 269
9. The _____ work was praised by critics and audiences alike.
n. a person who writes plays
10. During _____ the audience could stretch their legs and grab a drink.
n. a break or pause in performance, play, or event
11. In nature, all living things are _____ and rely on each other for survival.
adj. depending on each other; mutually reliant or interconnected
12. The magician's tricks were a source of _____ for the audience.
n. the act or process of making something difficult to understand or explain, often to deceive or manipulate
13. The doctrine was considered _____ by the mainstream church.
n. an opinion or belief that goes against the traditional or generally accepted view, especially in religion
14. She only reads _____ literature, such as classic novels and philosophical essays.
adj. relating to or appealing to people who are highly educated or intellectual; involving or interested in serious artistic or cultural ideas
15. He _____ the importance of teamwork and struggled to succeed.
v. to assign too low a value to something

ANSWERS: 8. valentine, 9. playwright's, 10. intermission, 11. interdependent, 12. mystification, 13. heresy, 14. highbrow, 15. undervalued

16. The detective found the clues _____ and couldn't solve the case immediately.
adj. confusing or difficult to understand; mysterious
17. The company _____ donations from its employees for the charity event.
v. to ask for something, especially in an urgent or pleading manner; to seek something through entreaty
18. Recurrent financial _____ hampered his subsequent career.
n. significant problems or troubles; great unhappiness
19. They had to _____ a system that did not depend on fossil fuels.
v. to come up with an idea, plan, theory, etc., using your intelligence or imagination
20. The politician's speech resonated with the poor _____ who felt neglected by the authorities.
n. the general public; the common people of a community or society; the population at large
21. Getting a raise at work was the _____ to start looking for a new place to live.
n. a force, motivation, or stimulus that causes something to happen or be done; the driving force behind a particular action or change
22. A poison _____ hit him.
n. a small narrow pointed object, sometimes with feathers to help it fly, that is thrown or shot; (verb) to move along rapidly and lightly
23. The garden is filled with _____ plants and flowers.
adj. describing something that is intended to be decorative or add beauty; serving as a decoration or adornment

ANSWERS: 16. puzzling, 17. solicited, 18. woes, 19. devise, 20. populace, 21. impetus, 22. dart, 23. ornamental

24. Our regular _____ was sick, so we had to find a replacement at the last minute.
- n.* a person hired to look after a child or children while the parents are away or occupied; someone who provides temporary care and supervision for children in the absence of their parents or guardians
25. His terrible manners _____ from his good character.
- v.* to diminish the value or worth of a quality or performance
26. The butterfly would _____ from flower to flower, collecting nectar.
- v.* to move quickly and lightly from place to place, often without purpose or direction; to flutter or dart quickly, like a bird or insect
27. The vibrant feathers of the _____ made it stand out in the garden.
- n.* a large, colorful, and majestic bird of the pheasant family
28. My left arm became _____.
- adj.* unable to feel physical sensation and movement; not showing human feeling or sensitivity
29. Without bees to _____ the flowers, many crops would not exist.
- v.* to transfer pollen from the male part of a flower to the female part, thereby fertilizing the plant and allowing it to produce fruit or seeds; to spread or disseminate an idea or influence to others
30. The phone rang at the most _____ time.
- adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
31. 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: 24. babysitter, 25. detract, 26. flit, 27. peacock, 28. numb, 29. pollinate, 30. opportune, 31. passe

32. The physicist who found the _____ particle won the Nobel Prize.
adj. difficult to find, define, achieve, or remember
33. The baby's smile _____ her to everyone who saw her.
v. to make someone loved or appreciated or to cause someone to feel fondness or affection for someone or something
34. One of her _____ is that she always wears mismatched socks.
n. a peculiar behavior, habit, or characteristic that is distinctive to an individual or group
35. He could _____ all of Shakespeare's works.
v. to say a poem, piece of literature, etc. aloud from memory,
36. Tech billionaires often spend the majority of their time on _____.
n. the practice of voluntarily helping the poor, especially by giving money
37. Your _____ is capable of distinguishing among similar objects.
n. the ability to think logically and comprehend information, especially at an advanced level
38. His sudden departure _____ the team.
v. to cause confusion, uncertainty, or embarrassment in someone; to make someone feel uneasy or uncertain
39. She _____ when the boy complimented her.
v. to become red in the face from embarrassment, shame, or modesty
40. The _____ music created a dreamlike atmosphere in the concert hall.
adj. delicate, light, and airy; extremely refined or subtle; heavenly or spiritual

ANSWERS: 32. elusive, 33. endeared, 34. quirks, 35. recite, 36. philanthropy, 37. intellect, 38. disconcerted, 39. blushed, 40. ethereal

41. The children delighted in doing _____ art projects at school.
n. a type of pasta in the form of small tubes often served with a cheese sauce; a popular dish in the United States, particularly in the form of mac and cheese
42. The ornate architecture of the palace is a perfect example of the _____ style.
adj. of or relating to an ornate and elaborate style of art, architecture, and music that flourished in Europe in the late 16th and early 17th centuries; characterized by a sense of grandeur and drama
43. To make roast beef, you need to wrap it in _____ and roast the meat in the oven for several minutes.
n. metal made into very thin sheets that is used mainly for wrapping something such as food
44. She is a hard worker but not very _____.
adj. having or showing new and creative ideas
45. He looked for an opportunity to _____ that actor in public.
v. to cause someone to feel awkward, worried, or ashamed
46. He tried to _____ his coughs during the movie not to disturb the other viewers.
v. to wrap or cover something to deaden sound or prevent others from hearing it; to suppress or soften the sound of something; to decrease the intensity or impact of something
47. The building was constructed _____ over several years.
adv. gradually or in small increments, usually referring to a process or action that is done in stages or bit by bit; (adjective) consisting of many small parts or pieces; done gradually or bit by bit

ANSWERS: 41. macaroni, 42. baroque, 43. tinfoil, 44. imaginative, 45. embarrass, 46. muffle, 47. piecemeal

48. The politician tried to _____ public opinion in his favor, but his arguments fell flat.
- v.* to move back and forth or side to side gently, often in response to external factors such as wind or water; to influence or persuade someone to do something; to control or dominate something
49. He was served with a _____ of eviction, giving him the notice to vacate the property.
- n.* a written legal order or command
50. He tried to _____ the amount of product that was needed to complete the job.
- v.* to express or measure something in numerical terms
51. I love the bold _____ used in this book's chapter heading.
- n.* the art or process of printing with type; the design, layout, and arrangement of printed material, including text and images
52. The leaders of the two countries met to _____ on the issue.
- v.* to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something

ANSWERS: 48. sway, 49. writ, 50. quantify, 51. typography, 52. confer