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Session 1: Word List

trance

n. a state of altered consciousness in which a person may seem to be asleep or unconscious but, in reality, is highly responsive to suggestion; a state of being deeply absorbed in thought or feeling, often characterized by a heightened awareness of one's surroundings and emotions

synonym : stupor, hypnosis, daydreaming

(1) **trance** state, (2) meditative **trance**

The rhythmic beat of the drums kept the audience in a **trance**.

soothe

v. to calm or comfort someone or something; to make something less painful or uncomfortable

synonym : calm, relax, comfort

(1) **soothe** anxiety, (2) **soothe** a baby to sleep

She applied aloe vera to **soothe** her sunburn.

midtown

n. the central area of a city or town, typically a busy commercial or business district

synonym : downtown, city center, central business district

(1) **midtown** traffic, (2) **midtown** coffee shop

The conference is being held in **midtown** Manhattan.

typewriter

n. a mechanical device used for writing, consisting of type keys that, when pressed, imprint ink onto paper or other writing material, mainly used before modern computers,

printers, and word processors took over

(1) **typewriter** keys, (2) electronic **typewriter**

I found an old **typewriter** at a thrift store and used it to write my novel.

outdo

v. to do better than someone; to surpass

synonym: excel, surpass, outshine

(1) **outdo** him in trickery, (2) **outdo** the competition

He tried to **outdo** his rival by breaking the world record.

serif

n. a small decorative stroke or design element added to the ends of the main strokes of a letter or other character in certain typefaces, often used to enhance legibility or create a specific style

synonym: finial, tail, extension

(1) **serif** font, (2) **serif** typeface

The book designer chose a font with an elegant **serif** to enhance readability.

pea

n. a small, round, green vegetable that grows in pods on a climbing plant and is eaten as a vegetable

synonym: legume, bean, pulse

(1) **pea** protein, (2) **pea** family

She shelled the **peas** and added them to the pot.

nationalist

adj. relating to or supporting a political ideology that emphasizes a strong sense of national identity and devotion to one's own country

synonym: chauvinist, patriotic, jingoist

(1) **nationalist** sentiment, (2) **nationalist** revolt

The **nationalist** rally attracted thousands of supporters.

detergent

n. a substance used for washing or cleaning, especially one that can remove dirt or stains effectively

synonym: soap, cleanser, disinfectant

(1) **detergent** solution, (2) laundry **detergent**

I use environmentally friendly **detergent** when I wash my clothes and dishes.

knack

n. a special talent or ability that comes naturally or with practice, particularly in a specific area or field; a clever or shrewd way of doing something

synonym: skill, talent, ability

(1) acquire a **knack** for painting, (2) artistic **knack**

She has a **knack** for solving difficult puzzles quickly.

amaze

v. to fill with wonder, surprise, or admiration

synonym: astound, surprise, stagger

(1) **amaze** and entertain visitors, (2) **amaze** everyone

The magician's tricks **amazed** the audience.

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.

neckline

n. the shape or style of the opening at the top of a garment that surrounds the neck, such as a shirt or dress

synonym: collarbone, neckband

(1) low **neckline**, (2) strapless **neckline**

The elegant dress featured a plunging **neckline** that accentuated the wearer's collarbone.

strangle

v. to choke or suffocate someone by compressing their neck; to inhibit or suppress something, such as a movement or idea

synonym: choke, suffocate, throttle

(1) **strangle** a cry, (2) **strangle** economic growth

The killer used his hands to **strangle** his victim.

sip

v. to drink a liquid by taking small mouthfuls; (noun) a small drink

synonym: taste, sample, drink

(1) **sip** a drink, (2) take a **sip** of beer

He **sipped** his tea slowly, savoring the taste.

ruthless

adj. lacking in pity or compassion; willing to do whatever it takes to achieve their goals, regardless of the consequences for others

synonym: heartless, pitiless, merciless

(1) show **ruthless** behavior, (2) **ruthless** brutality

The dictator was known for his **ruthless** tactics and had no qualms about using violence to maintain power.

stumble

v. to miss a step and fall or nearly fall; to walk unsteadily

synonym: bumble, struggle, misstep

(1) **stumble** financially, (2) **stumble** through life

She **stumbled** over the tree root.

curator

n. a person whose job is to manage the objects or artworks in a museum, art gallery, etc.

synonym: conservator, custodian, administrator

(1) **curator** of a library, (2) interim **curator**

The museum **curator** conserved the ancient manuscripts.

perplexity

n. confusion, doubt; state of being puzzled

synonym: confusion, bewilderment, uncertainty

(1) a **perplexity** issue, (2) resolve **perplexity**

The **perplexity** of the situation left everyone at a loss for words.

entitle

v. to give someone the right to have or do something; to give a title to someone or something

synonym: allow, permit, enable

(1) **entitle** him to a pension, (2) **entitle** the company to use the logo

The employee was **entitled** to a week of vacation time.

cubicle

n. a small, partitioned area or booth intended for working or studying, often in an office or educational setting

synonym: compartment, booth, workspace

(1) **cubicle** partition, (2) camping **cubicle**

I worked in an office **cubicle** surrounded by walls and fluorescent lights.

stanza

n. a group of lines of poetry that form a unit; a division of a poem consisting of a series of lines arranged together, usually with a recurring pattern of meter and rhyme

synonym: verse, division, section

(1) poetic **stanza**, (2) opening **stanza**

The poem was divided into three **stanzas**, each with its unique message and rhythm.

synthesizer

n. an electronic musical instrument that generates audio signals and is used to create a wide range of sounds, from imitations of traditional instruments to entirely new sounds

synonym: sampler, sequencer, module

(1) **synthesizer** bass, (2) music **synthesizer**

The electronic **synthesizer** created a range of unique sounds for the music.

maverick

adj. characterized by independence or nonconformity; unconventional, idiosyncratic, or rebellious

synonym: unconventional, nonconformist, independent-minded

(1) **maverick** behavior, (2) **maverick** politician

The **maverick** artist refused to follow traditional painting styles and created his unique art.

pretension

n. the act of claiming or asserting something, especially without good reason or without evidence; an unfounded or excessive claim or ambition

synonym: presumption, pretense, affectation

(1) **pretension** to authority, (2) baseless **pretension**

His **pretensions** of being a gourmet were quickly exposed

when he could not identify basic herbs and spices.

demining

n. the process of removing landmines from a given area
synonym : mine clearance, mine sweeping, landmine removal

(1) **demining** operation, (2) **demining** team

The **demining** effort successfully removed most explosive devices from the area, making them safe for civilian use.

sterilize

v. to make something free of all forms of life, especially bacteria or viruses, by using heat, chemicals, or radiation

synonym : disinfect, sanitize, cleanse

(1) **sterilize** chemically, (2) **sterilize** surfaces

The nurse **sterilized** the instruments before the surgery to prevent any infections.

disobedience

n. the act of refusing or failing to follow orders or rules
synonym : rebelliousness, insubordination, defiance

(1) **disobedience** to authority, (2) civil **disobedience**

The **disobedience** of the soldiers resulted in a court martial.

riot

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

synonym : disturbance, unrest, upheaval

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

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

loudspeaker

n. an electronic device that amplifies sound, typically used to address a large audience or to play music or other audio content in public areas

synonym : speaker, loudhailer, megaphone

(1) wireless **loudspeaker**, (2) **loudspeaker** system

The teacher spoke through the **loudspeaker** so that every student could hear the announcement.

heartbeat

n. the regular movement or sound of the heart as it sends blood around the body; an animating or vital unifying force

synonym : beat, pulse, force

(1) **heartbeat** abnormality, (2) a pounding **heartbeat**
New York is the commercial **heartbeat** of America.

amplify

v. to enhance something, particularly sound or brightness

synonym : intensify, boost, argument

(1) **amplify** a signal, (2) **amplify** the effect
You might need to **amplify** this point.

anguish

n. severe physical or emotional pain or suffering; distress or mental agony

synonym : distress, torment, agony

(1) **anguish** and pain, (2) emotional **anguish**
She suffered from a deep sense of **anguish** following the loss of her loved one.

paranoia

n. a mental condition characterized by delusions of persecution, unwarranted jealousy, or exaggerated self-importance, typically compounded by feelings of anxiety or irritability

synonym : suspicion, mistrust, delusions

(1) encourage **paranoia**, (2) suffering from **paranoia**
His **paranoia** about being followed made him constantly look over his shoulder.

hideaway

n. a place or location that is concealed, private, or secluded, often used as a retreat or escape from the demands of everyday life

synonym : retreat, sanctuary, refuge

(1) secluded **hideaway**, (2) romantic **hideaway**
I found a peaceful **hideaway** in the mountains to relax and recharge.

mushroom

n. a type of fungus that grows on dead or decaying organic matter and typically has a stalk and an umbrella-shaped cap

synonym : fungus, toadstool

(1) **mushroom** spores, (2) **mushroom** cultivation

The **mushroom** risotto was delicious, but I couldn't identify all the mushrooms in it.

impair

v. to damage something or make it weaker or worse

synonym : degrade, mar, deface

(1) **impair** my health, (2) **impair** insulin sensitivity

The accident made his vision **impaired**.

fluffy

adj. soft and light, often with a texture that resembles feathers or fur

synonym : soft, feathery, puffy

(1) **fluffy** clouds, (2) **fluffy** blanket

The kitten had **fluffy** fur that was soft to the touch.

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.

herald

v. to be a sign or indication of something to come; to proclaim or announce something publicly, often with great enthusiasm or fanfare

synonym : announce, proclaim, declare

(1) **herald** the news, (2) **herald** a new era

The sound of the trumpet **heralded** the arrival of the king.

tribune

n. an official in ancient Rome who represented various social groups and had the power to veto decisions made by other officials; a platform or elevated area used for speaking or addressing a public audience

synonym : platform, podium, stand

(1) the position of **tribune**, (2) editorial **tribune**

The politician delivered his speech from the **tribune** to a crowd of cheering supporters.

recycle

v. to sort and collect things to process them and produce valuable materials that can be used again

synonym: reclaim, reuse, reprocess

(1) **recycle** the cardboard boxes, (2) **recycle** milk packaging into new paper

We largely **recycle** the circuit board of cell phones because they contain a lot of valuable metals.

squeak

v. to make a high-pitched, short, sharp noise; to speak or say something in a high-pitched, weak, or timid voice

synonym: squeal, whine, creak

(1) **squeak** out a few words, (2) mice **squeak**

The door **squeaked** when I opened it.

sack

v. to remove or dismiss someone from a position or place;
(noun) a large bag made of strong, rough material, such as burlap, that is used for storing or carrying things

synonym: discharge, remove, (noun) bag

(1) **sack** an employee, (2) a sleep **sack**

He was **sacked** from his job for stealing company property.

broth

n. a liquid in which meat, fish, or vegetables have been cooked, used as a base for soups and stews

synonym: bouillon, consomme, soup

(1) chicken **broth**, (2) remains of **broth**

I always add a bit of **broth** to my soup to give it more flavor.

impalpable

adj. unable to be felt by touch; not easily comprehended or understood; subtle or elusive

synonym: intangible, elusive, imperceptible

(1) **impalpable** sensation, (2) **impalpable** evidence

The room was filled with an **impalpable** tension that no one

could ignore.

hands-on

adj. actively involved, practical; having hands involved in the doing or making of something

synonym: practical, involved, hands-in

(1) **hands-on** activity, (2) take a **hands-on** approach

The **hands-on** workshop allowed attendees to work with tools and materials, developing their skills in a hands-on environment.

imprint

v. to make a mark or impression on a surface; to leave a lasting impression or influence on someone or something; (noun) a mark or impression made by pressing or stamping something onto a surface; a distinctive feature or characteristic that is left by something or someone

synonym: impress, stamp, engrave

(1) DNA **imprint**, (2) **imprint** a memory

He wanted to **imprint** his brand logo on the product.

bijou

adj. small, elegant, and highly fashionable; pertaining to something delicate, dainty, or of exquisite quality

synonym: small, tiny, petite

(1) **bijou** jewelry, (2) **bijou** accessories

She lived in a **bijou** apartment in the heart of the city.

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.

sinusoidal

adj. having a smooth, curved shape like a sine wave; characterized by regular, rhythmic oscillations or fluctuations

synonym: wave-like, undulating, wavy

(1) **sinusoidal** wave, (2) **sinusoidal** function

The brainwave displayed a **sinusoidal** pattern during the sleep study.

footprint

n. a mark of a foot, shoe, or animal's foot left on a surface

synonym: footmark, imprint, impression

(1) **footprints** in the snow, (2) the **footprints** of an earlier civilization

We choose transportation that has a smaller carbon **footprint**.

medicinal

adj. of or relating to the treatment or cure of disease

synonym: curative, therapeutic, healing

(1) **medicinal** chemistry, (2) traditional **medicinal**

The **medicinal** properties of this herb have been known to help with various ailments.

inflate

v. to fill something with air or gas so that it becomes bigger and rounder

synonym: blow up, expand, puff up

(1) **inflate** a tire, (2) **inflate** expense reports

She **inflated** the balloons for the party.

dermis

n. the layer of skin beneath the epidermis that contains blood vessels, nerves, and connective tissue

synonym: skin layer, corium, cutis

(1) hair follicle **dermis**, (2) skin **dermis**

The **dermis** layer contains nerve endings, which enable us to feel sensations such as pressure and pain.

gripe

n. a minor complaint or criticism, typically expressed in a grumbling or persistent manner; sudden, sharp pain or discomfort in the abdomen; (verb) to grumble or complain about something, often in a persistent, nagging manner

synonym: complaint, objection, grumble

(1) minor **gripe**, (2) **gripe** about his sore feet

One of the most common **gripes** employees have is that they

are not paid enough money for their work.

preoccupation

n. the state or condition of thinking about something continuously or obsessively

synonym: fetish, obsession, fixation

(1) **preoccupation** with work, (2) military **preoccupation**

She has an obsessive **preoccupation** with weight and shape.

Session 2: Spelling

1. bi__u accessories *adj.* small, elegant, and highly fashionable; pertaining to something delicate, dainty, or of exquisite quality
2. artistic kn__k *n.* a special talent or ability that comes naturally or with practice, particularly in a specific area or field; a clever or shrewd way of doing something
3. resolve per_____ty *n.* confusion, doubt; state of being puzzled
4. fo_____nts in the snow *n.* a mark of a foot, shoe, or animal's foot left on a surface
5. laundry de_____nt *n.* a substance used for washing or cleaning, especially one that can remove dirt or stains effectively
6. take a ha_____on approach *adj.* actively involved, practical; having hands involved in the doing or making of something
7. he___d the news *v.* to be a sign or indication of something to come; to proclaim or announce something publicly, often with great enthusiasm or fanfare
8. ind_____us student *adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
9. a sleep s__k *v.* to remove or dismiss someone from a position or place; (noun) a large bag made of strong, rough material, such as burlap, that is used for storing or carrying things

ANSWERS: 1. bijou, 2. knack, 3. perplexity, 4. footprint, 5. detergent, 6. hands-on, 7. herald, 8. industrious, 9. sack

10. a pounding he_____at *n.* the regular movement or sound of the heart as it sends blood around the body; an animating or vital unifying force
11. romantic hi_____ay *n.* a place or location that is concealed, private, or secluded, often used as a retreat or escape from the demands of everyday life
12. ou__o the competition *v.* to do better than someone; to surpass
13. traditional me_____al *adj.* of or relating to the treatment or cure of disease
14. skin de____s *n.* the layer of skin beneath the epidermis that contains blood vessels, nerves, and connective tissue
15. mi_____n traffic *n.* the central area of a city or town, typically a busy commercial or business district
16. cu_____r of a library *n.* a person whose job is to manage the objects or artworks in a museum, art gallery, etc.
17. the position of tr_____e *n.* an official in ancient Rome who represented various social groups and had the power to veto decisions made by other officials; a platform or elevated area used for speaking or addressing a public audience
18. acquire a kn__k for painting *n.* a special talent or ability that comes naturally or with practice, particularly in a specific area or field; a clever or shrewd way of doing something

ANSWERS: 10. heartbeat, 11. hideaway, 12. outdo, 13. medicinal, 14. dermis, 15. midtown, 16. curator, 17. tribune, 18. knack

19. nat_____st revolt *adj.* relating to or supporting a political ideology that emphasizes a strong sense of national identity and devotion to one's own country
20. syn_____er bass *n.* an electronic musical instrument that generates audio signals and is used to create a wide range of sounds, from imitations of traditional instruments to entirely new sounds
21. st_____le a cry *v.* to choke or suffocate someone by compressing their neck; to inhibit or suppress something, such as a movement or idea
22. s_p a drink *v.* to drink a liquid by taking small mouthfuls; (noun) a small drink
23. im____r insulin sensitivity *v.* to damage something or make it weaker or worse
24. opening st____a *n.* a group of lines of poetry that form a unit; a division of a poem consisting of a series of lines arranged together, usually with a recurring pattern of meter and rhyme
25. se__f font *n.* a small decorative stroke or design element added to the ends of the main strokes of a letter or other character in certain typefaces, often used to enhance legibility or create a specific style
26. baseless pre_____on *n.* the act of claiming or asserting something, especially without good reason or without evidence; an unfounded or excessive claim or ambition

ANSWERS: 19. nationalist, 20. synthesizer, 21. strangle, 22. sip, 23. impair, 24. stanza, 25. serif, 26. pretension

36. imp_____le sensation *adj.* unable to be felt by touch; not easily comprehended or understood; subtle or elusive
37. ind_____us worker *adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
38. r__t control gas *n.* a violent disturbance of the peace by a crowd, characterized by destruction of property, looting, arson, and attacks on individuals
39. civil dis_____nce *n.* the act of refusing or failing to follow orders or rules
40. strapless ne_____ne *n.* the shape or style of the opening at the top of a garment that surrounds the neck, such as a shirt or dress
41. mi_____n coffee shop *n.* the central area of a city or town, typically a busy commercial or business district
42. de_____ng operation *n.* the process of removing landmines from a given area
43. ma_____ck behavior *adj.* characterized by independence or nonconformity; unconventional, idiosyncratic, or rebellious
44. p_a protein *n.* a small, round, green vegetable that grows in pods on a climbing plant and is eaten as a vegetable
45. nat_____st sentiment *adj.* relating to or supporting a political ideology that emphasizes a strong sense of national identity and devotion to one's own country

ANSWERS: 36. impalpable, 37. industrious, 38. riot, 39. disobedience, 40. neckline, 41. midtown, 42. demining, 43. maverick, 44. pea, 45. nationalist

46. fl___y clouds *adj.* soft and light, often with a texture that resembles feathers or fur
47. DNA im____t *v.* to make a mark or impression on a surface; to leave a lasting impression or influence on someone or something; (noun) a mark or impression made by pressing or stamping something onto a surface; a distinctive feature or characteristic that is left by something or someone
48. co___r honor *v.* to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something
49. st____e through life *v.* to miss a step and fall or nearly fall; to walk unsteadily
50. in____e a tire *v.* to fill something with air or gas so that it becomes bigger and rounder
51. dis_____nce to authority *n.* the act of refusing or failing to follow orders or rules
52. lou_____er system *n.* an electronic device that amplifies sound, typically used to address a large audience or to play music or other audio content in public areas
53. imp_____le evidence *adj.* unable to be felt by touch; not easily comprehended or understood; subtle or elusive
54. mu_____om cultivation *n.* a type of fungus that grows on dead or decaying organic matter and typically has a stalk and an umbrella-shaped cap

ANSWERS: 46. fluffy, 47. imprint, 48. confer, 49. stumble, 50. inflate, 51. disobedience, 52. loudspeaker, 53. impalpable, 54. mushroom

55. mis_____and entirely about her *v.* to interpret or understand something in the wrong way
56. r__t police *n.* a violent disturbance of the peace by a crowd, characterized by destruction of property, looting, arson, and attacks on individuals
57. he_____at abnormality *n.* the regular movement or sound of the heart as it sends blood around the body; an animating or vital unifying force
58. am__e and entertain visitors *v.* to fill with wonder, surprise, or admiration
59. hair follicle de___s *n.* the layer of skin beneath the epidermis that contains blood vessels, nerves, and connective tissue
60. chicken br__h *n.* a liquid in which meat, fish, or vegetables have been cooked, used as a base for soups and stews
61. bi__u jewelry *adj.* small, elegant, and highly fashionable; pertaining to something delicate, dainty, or of exquisite quality
62. remains of br__h *n.* a liquid in which meat, fish, or vegetables have been cooked, used as a base for soups and stews
63. camping cu_____e *n.* a small, partitioned area or booth intended for working or studying, often in an office or educational setting
64. gr__e about his sore feet *n.* a minor complaint or criticism, typically expressed in a grumbling or persistent manner; sudden, sharp pain or discomfort in the abdomen; (verb) to grumble or complain about something, often in a persistent, nagging manner

ANSWERS: 55. misunderstand, 56. riot, 57. heartbeat, 58. amaze, 59. dermis, 60. broth, 61. bijou, 62. broth, 63. cubicle, 64. gripe

65. low ne____ne *n.* the shape or style of the opening at the top of a garment that surrounds the neck, such as a shirt or dress
66. ou__o him in trickery *v.* to do better than someone; to surpass
67. the fo_____nts of an earlier civilization *n.* a mark of a foot, shoe, or animal's foot left on a surface
68. wireless lou_____er *n.* an electronic device that amplifies sound, typically used to address a large audience or to play music or other audio content in public areas
69. meditative tr____e *n.* a state of altered consciousness in which a person may seem to be asleep or unconscious but, in reality, is highly responsive to suggestion; a state of being deeply absorbed in thought or feeling, often characterized by a heightened awareness of one's surroundings and emotions
70. mu_____om spores *n.* a type of fungus that grows on dead or decaying organic matter and typically has a stalk and an umbrella-shaped cap
71. im____r my health *v.* to damage something or make it weaker or worse
72. minor gr__e *n.* a minor complaint or criticism, typically expressed in a grumbling or persistent manner; sudden, sharp pain or discomfort in the abdomen; (verb) to grumble or complain about something, often in a persistent, nagging manner

ANSWERS: 65. neckline, 66. outdo, 67. footprint, 68. loudspeaker, 69. trance, 70. mushroom, 71. impair, 72. gripe

73. am____y the effect v. to enhance something, particularly sound or brightness
74. s__k an employee v. to remove or dismiss someone from a position or place; (noun) a large bag made of strong, rough material, such as burlap, that is used for storing or carrying things
75. mis_____and each other v. to interpret or understand something in the wrong way
76. st_____ze chemically v. to make something free of all forms of life, especially bacteria or viruses, by using heat, chemicals, or radiation
77. sq____k out a few words v. to make a high-pitched, short, sharp noise; to speak or say something in a high-pitched, weak, or timid voice
78. im_____t a memory v. to make a mark or impression on a surface; to leave a lasting impression or influence on someone or something; (noun) a mark or impression made by pressing or stamping something onto a surface; a distinctive feature or characteristic that is left by something or someone
79. typ_____er keys n. a mechanical device used for writing, consisting of type keys that, when pressed, imprint ink onto paper or other writing material, mainly used before modern computers, printers, and word processors took over
80. co____r degree v. to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something

ANSWERS: 73. amplify, 74. sack, 75. misunderstand, 76. sterilize, 77. squeak, 78. imprint, 79. typewriter, 80. confer

81. st_____ze surfaces *v.* to make something free of all forms of life, especially bacteria or viruses, by using heat, chemicals, or radiation
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86. so____e a baby to sleep *v.* to calm or comfort someone or something; to make something less painful or uncomfortable
87. sin_____al function *adj.* having a smooth, curved shape like a sine wave; characterized by regular, rhythmic oscillations or fluctuations
88. an_____h and pain *n.* severe physical or emotional pain or suffering; distress or mental agony
89. pre_____on to authority *n.* the act of claiming or asserting something, especially without good reason or without evidence; an unfounded or excessive claim or ambition
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ANSWERS: 81. sterilize, 82. demining, 83. squeak, 84. anguish, 85. stanza, 86. soothe, 87. sinusoidal, 88. anguish, 89. pretension, 90. hideaway

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95. pre_____ion with work *n.* the state or condition of thinking about something continuously or obsessively
96. electronic typ_____er *n.* a mechanical device used for writing, consisting of type keys that, when pressed, imprint ink onto paper or other writing material, mainly used before modern computers, printers, and word processors took over
97. de_____nt solution *n.* a substance used for washing or cleaning, especially one that can remove dirt or stains effectively
98. se__f typeface *n.* a small decorative stroke or design element added to the ends of the main strokes of a letter or other character in certain typefaces, often used to enhance legibility or create a specific style

ANSWERS: 91. fluffy, 92. pea, 93. curator, 94. paranoia, 95. preoccupation, 96. typewriter, 97. detergent, 98. serif

99. show ru_____ss behavior *adj.* lacking in pity or compassion; willing to do whatever it takes to achieve their goals, regardless of the consequences for others
100. a per_____ty issue *n.* confusion, doubt; state of being puzzled
101. cu_____e partition *n.* a small, partitioned area or booth intended for working or studying, often in an office or educational setting
102. re_____e the cardboard boxes *v.* to sort and collect things to process them and produce valuable materials that can be used again
103. am_____y a signal *v.* to enhance something, particularly sound or brightness
104. tr____e state *n.* a state of altered consciousness in which a person may seem to be asleep or unconscious but, in reality, is highly responsive to suggestion; a state of being deeply absorbed in thought or feeling, often characterized by a heightened awareness of one's surroundings and emotions
105. editorial tr_____e *n.* an official in ancient Rome who represented various social groups and had the power to veto decisions made by other officials; a platform or elevated area used for speaking or addressing a public audience
106. re_____e milk packaging into new paper *v.* to sort and collect things to process them and produce valuable materials that can be used again

ANSWERS: 99. ruthless, 100. perplexity, 101. cubicle, 102. recycle, 103. amplify, 104. trance, 105. tribune, 106. recycle

107. so___e anxiety *v.* to calm or comfort someone or something; to make something less painful or uncomfortable
108. st_____e financially *v.* to miss a step and fall or nearly fall; to walk unsteadily
109. in_____e expense reports *v.* to fill something with air or gas so that it becomes bigger and rounder
110. military pre_____ion *n.* the state or condition of thinking about something continuously or obsessively
111. en___e him to a pension *v.* to give someone the right to have or do something; to give a title to someone or something
112. sin_____al wave *adj.* having a smooth, curved shape like a sine wave; characterized by regular, rhythmic oscillations or fluctuations
113. ma_____ck politician *adj.* characterized by independence or nonconformity; unconventional, idiosyncratic, or rebellious
114. music syn_____er *n.* an electronic musical instrument that generates audio signals and is used to create a wide range of sounds, from imitations of traditional instruments to entirely new sounds

ANSWERS: 107. soothe, 108. stumble, 109. inflate, 110. preoccupation, 111. entitle, 112. sinusoidal, 113. maverick, 114. synthesizer

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The _____ of the soldiers resulted in a court martial.
n. the act of refusing or failing to follow orders or rules
2. He _____ his tea slowly, savoring the taste.
v. to drink a liquid by taking small mouthfuls; (noun) a small drink
3. We choose transportation that has a smaller carbon _____.
n. a mark of a foot, shoe, or animal's foot left on a surface
4. The nurse _____ the instruments before the surgery to prevent any infections.
v. to make something free of all forms of life, especially bacteria or viruses, by using heat, chemicals, or radiation
5. The _____ risotto was delicious, but I couldn't identify all the mushrooms in it.
n. a type of fungus that grows on dead or decaying organic matter and typically has a stalk and an umbrella-shaped cap
6. The rhythmic beat of the drums kept the audience in a _____.
n. a state of altered consciousness in which a person may seem to be asleep or unconscious but, in reality, is highly responsive to suggestion; a state of being deeply absorbed in thought or feeling, often characterized by a heightened awareness of one's surroundings and emotions
7. The conference is being held in _____ Manhattan.
n. the central area of a city or town, typically a busy commercial or business district

ANSWERS: 1. disobedience, 2. sipped, 3. footprint, 4. sterilized, 5. mushroom, 6. trance, 7. midtown

8. She applied aloe vera to _____ her sunburn.
- v.* to calm or comfort someone or something; to make something less painful or uncomfortable
9. The _____ layer contains nerve endings, which enable us to feel sensations such as pressure and pain.
- n.* the layer of skin beneath the epidermis that contains blood vessels, nerves, and connective tissue
10. The _____ workshop allowed attendees to work with tools and materials, developing their skills in a hands-on environment.
- adj.* actively involved, practical; having hands involved in the doing or making of something
11. The door _____ when I opened it.
- v.* to make a high-pitched, short, sharp noise; to speak or say something in a high-pitched, weak, or timid voice
12. His _____ about being followed made him constantly look over his shoulder.
- n.* a mental condition characterized by delusions of persecution, unwarranted jealousy, or exaggerated self-importance, typically compounded by feelings of anxiety or irritability
13. One of the most common _____ employees have is that they are not paid enough money for their work.
- n.* a minor complaint or criticism, typically expressed in a grumbling or persistent manner; sudden, sharp pain or discomfort in the abdomen; (verb) to grumble or complain about something, often in a persistent, nagging manner
14. The brainwave displayed a _____ pattern during the sleep study.
- adj.* having a smooth, curved shape like a sine wave; characterized by regular, rhythmic oscillations or fluctuations

ANSWERS: 8. soothe, 9. dermis, 10. hands-on, 11. squeaked, 12. paranoia, 13. gripes, 14. sinusoidal

15. The teacher spoke through the _____ so that every student could hear the announcement.
- n.* an electronic device that amplifies sound, typically used to address a large audience or to play music or other audio content in public areas
16. The electronic _____ created a range of unique sounds for the music.
- n.* an electronic musical instrument that generates audio signals and is used to create a wide range of sounds, from imitations of traditional instruments to entirely new sounds
17. She lived in a _____ apartment in the heart of the city.
- adj.* small, elegant, and highly fashionable; pertaining to something delicate, dainty, or of exquisite quality
18. The accident made his vision _____.
- v.* to damage something or make it weaker or worse
19. The _____ effort successfully removed most explosive devices from the area, making them safe for civilian use.
- n.* the process of removing landmines from a given area
20. She _____ over the tree root.
- v.* to miss a step and fall or nearly fall; to walk unsteadily
21. He tried to _____ his rival by breaking the world record.
- v.* to do better than someone; to surpass
22. The _____ rally attracted thousands of supporters.
- adj.* relating to or supporting a political ideology that emphasizes a strong sense of national identity and devotion to one's own country

ANSWERS: 15. loudspeaker, 16. synthesizer, 17. bijou, 18. impaired, 19. demining, 20. stumbled, 21. outdo, 22. nationalist

23. He wanted to _____ his brand logo on the product.

- v.* to make a mark or impression on a surface; to leave a lasting impression or influence on someone or something; (noun) a mark or impression made by pressing or stamping something onto a surface; a distinctive feature or characteristic that is left by something or someone

24. His _____ of being a gourmet were quickly exposed when he could not identify basic herbs and spices.

- n.* the act of claiming or asserting something, especially without good reason or without evidence; an unfounded or excessive claim or ambition

25. The room was filled with an _____ tension that no one could ignore.

- adj.* unable to be felt by touch; not easily comprehended or understood; subtle or elusive

26. The politician delivered his speech from the _____ to a crowd of cheering supporters.

- n.* an official in ancient Rome who represented various social groups and had the power to veto decisions made by other officials; a platform or elevated area used for speaking or addressing a public audience

27. I found a peaceful _____ in the mountains to relax and recharge.

- n.* a place or location that is concealed, private, or secluded, often used as a retreat or escape from the demands of everyday life

28. She _____ the balloons for the party.

- v.* to fill something with air or gas so that it becomes bigger and rounder

29. The dictator was known for his _____ tactics and had no qualms about using violence to maintain power.

- adj.* lacking in pity or compassion; willing to do whatever it takes to achieve their goals, regardless of the consequences for others

ANSWERS: 23. imprint, 24. pretensions, 25. impalpable, 26. tribune, 27. hideaway, 28. inflated, 29. ruthless

30. The book designer chose a font with an elegant _____ to enhance readability.
- n.* a small decorative stroke or design element added to the ends of the main strokes of a letter or other character in certain typefaces, often used to enhance legibility or create a specific style
31. The museum _____ conserved the ancient manuscripts.
- n.* a person whose job is to manage the objects or artworks in a museum, art gallery, etc.
32. 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
33. The killer used his hands to _____ his victim.
- v.* to choke or suffocate someone by compressing their neck; to inhibit or suppress something, such as a movement or idea
34. We largely _____ the circuit board of cell phones because they contain a lot of valuable metals.
- v.* to sort and collect things to process them and produce valuable materials that can be used again
35. You might need to _____ this point.
- v.* to enhance something, particularly sound or brightness
36. I found an old _____ at a thrift store and used it to write my novel.
- n.* a mechanical device used for writing, consisting of type keys that, when pressed, imprint ink onto paper or other writing material, mainly used before modern computers, printers, and word processors took over

ANSWERS: 30. serif, 31. curator, 32. confer, 33. strangle, 34. recycle, 35. amplify, 36. typewriter

37. You should not _____ the meaning of freedom.
v. to interpret or understand something in the wrong way
38. The magician's tricks _____ the audience.
v. to fill with wonder, surprise, or admiration
39. The elegant dress featured a plunging _____ that accentuated the wearer's collarbone.
n. the shape or style of the opening at the top of a garment that surrounds the neck, such as a shirt or dress
40. The _____ properties of this herb have been known to help with various ailments.
adj. of or relating to the treatment or cure of disease
41. I worked in an office _____ surrounded by walls and fluorescent lights.
n. a small, partitioned area or booth intended for working or studying, often in an office or educational setting
42. He was known to be very _____ and would often work late into the night.
adj. hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
43. I use environmentally friendly _____ when I wash my clothes and dishes.
n. a substance used for washing or cleaning, especially one that can remove dirt or stains effectively
44. The sound of the trumpet _____ the arrival of the king.
v. to be a sign or indication of something to come; to proclaim or announce something publicly, often with great enthusiasm or fanfare

ANSWERS: 37. misunderstand, 38. amazed, 39. neckline, 40. medicinal, 41. cubicle, 42. industrious, 43. detergent, 44. heralded

45. The _____ of the situation left everyone at a loss for words.
n. confusion, doubt; state of being puzzled
46. She suffered from a deep sense of _____ following the loss of her loved one.
n. severe physical or emotional pain or suffering; distress or mental agony
47. I always add a bit of _____ to my soup to give it more flavor.
n. a liquid in which meat, fish, or vegetables have been cooked, used as a base for soups and stews
48. She shelled the _____ and added them to the pot.
n. a small, round, green vegetable that grows in pods on a climbing plant and is eaten as a vegetable
49. The employee was _____ to a week of vacation time.
v. to give someone the right to have or do something; to give a title to someone or something
50. She has an obsessive _____ with weight and shape.
n. the state or condition of thinking about something continuously or obsessively
51. She has a _____ for solving difficult puzzles quickly.
n. a special talent or ability that comes naturally or with practice, particularly in a specific area or field; a clever or shrewd way of doing something
52. The _____ in the city have left many buildings damaged and several people injured.
n. a violent disturbance of the peace by a crowd, characterized by destruction of property, looting, arson, and attacks on individuals

ANSWERS: 45. perplexity, 46. anguish, 47. broth, 48. peas, 49. entitled, 50. preoccupation, 51. knack, 52. riots

53. New York is the commercial _____ of America.

- n.* the regular movement or sound of the heart as it sends blood around the body; an animating or vital unifying force

54. The poem was divided into three _____ each with its unique message and rhythm.

- n.* a group of lines of poetry that form a unit; a division of a poem consisting of a series of lines arranged together, usually with a recurring pattern of meter and rhyme

55. The kitten had _____ fur that was soft to the touch.

- adj.* soft and light, often with a texture that resembles feathers or fur

56. He was _____ from his job for stealing company property.

- v.* to remove or dismiss someone from a position or place; (noun) a large bag made of strong, rough material, such as burlap, that is used for storing or carrying things

57. The _____ artist refused to follow traditional painting styles and created his unique art.

- adj.* characterized by independence or nonconformity; unconventional, idiosyncratic, or rebellious

ANSWERS: 53. heartbeat, 54. stanzas, 55. fluffy, 56. sacked, 57. maverick