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Session 1: Word List

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.

twirl

v. to rotate rapidly around a central point; to spin or whirl around in a circular or spiral motion

synonym : spin, swirl, rotate

(1) **twirl** a ribbon, (2) **twirl** a hula hoop

She **twirled** her hair absentmindedly as she listened to the conversation.

smack

v. to hit something or someone with force, often making a loud noise; to deliver a sharp criticism or rebuke

synonym : hit, slap, strike

(1) **smack** on the lips, (2) **smack** his knee

The baseball player **smacked** the ball out of the park, securing a home run.

adage

n. a short and memorable saying or phrase that expresses a commonly held truth or belief, often based on experience or tradition; a proverb or maxim

synonym : saying, proverb, maxim

(1) proverbial **adage**, (2) famous **adage**

He lived by the wise **adage** "honesty is the best policy" and was respected for his straightforward approach.

entrust

v. to delegate or assign responsibility or authority to someone else; to put trust or confidence in someone's abilities or judgment

synonym: trust, delegate, hand over

(1) **entrust** with responsibility, (2) **entrust** money to him
I **entrusted** my keys to my neighbor while I was on vacation.

conducive

adj. tending to make something likely or possible

synonym: beneficial, advantageous, helpful

(1) **conducive** question, (2) **conducive** to growth

The quiet and peaceful environment was **conducive** to concentration and productivity.

trustworthy

adj. reliable and dependable

synonym: reliable, dependable, honest

(1) **trustworthy** ally, (2) **trustworthy** source

People tend to believe **trustworthy** friends with their secrets.

rehabilitate

v. to restore to good health or physical condition; to help someone return to a normal life, especially after a period of illness, addiction, or imprisonment

synonym: reform, restore, renovate

(1) **rehabilitate** prisoners, (2) **rehabilitate** wildlife

The organization works to **rehabilitate** drug addicts and help them rebuild their lives.

confide

v. to reveal private or secret information to someone; to trust someone with a confidence

synonym: trust, reveal, impart

(1) **confide** in you, (2) **confide** a secret

He **confided** in her, telling her his deepest secrets.

reassure

v. to cause someone to feel sure; to give or restore confidence

synonym: comfort, soothe, bolster

(1) **reassure** anxious patients, (2) **reassure** market

The pilot tried to **reassure** the customers that the planes were safe.

unfavorable

adj. not advantageous or beneficial; opposed to one's interests or desires

synonym: adverse, negative, hostile

(1) **unfavorable** situation, (2) **unfavorable** reviews

The unforeseen weather change resulted in an **unfavorable** outcome for the outdoor event.

remit

n. the act of sending money or payment to someone; the area of responsibility or authority assigned to a particular person or group; (verb) to send money in payment or as a gift

synonym: payment, settlement, remittance

(1) tax **remit**, (2) **remit** by cable

The **remit** of the committee is to review the company's financial statements.

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.

backstage

adj. relating to or situated in the area behind the stage of a theater, concert, or other performance venues; relating to the private or hidden aspects of something, such as politics, business, or personal life

synonym: behind-the-scenes, offstage, private

(1) **backstage** access, (2) **backstage** crew

The **backstage** preparations for the concert took hours to complete.

adulterated

adj. made impure by adding extraneous, inferior, or fraudulent materials; debased

synonym: impure, corrupted, debased

(1) **adulterated** food, (2) **adulterated** with toxic substances

The food and drug administration warned consumers not to purchase **adulterated** medicine.

overage

adj. exceeding a required or expected age, quantity, or limit; being older or greater in number or amount compared to what is appropriate or expected

synonym: superannuated, over-the-hill, outdated

(1) **overage** policy, (2) **overage** charges

The **overage** fees for exceeding the data limit were surprisingly high.

needless

adj. describing something unnecessary, pointless, or superfluous and could be avoided without any harm or adverse consequences

synonym: unnecessary, pointless, superfluous

(1) **needless** argument, (2) **needless** waste

This **needless** paperwork is wasting our time and resources.

distill

v. to purify or refine; to extract the essential elements

synonym: extract, condense, purify

(1) **distill** a liquid, (2) **distill** information

She decided to **distill** her thoughts into a more manageable list.

obsess

v. to fill the mind of someone continually so that one can't think of anything else

synonym: torment, beset, engross

(1) **obsess** over her weight, (2) he is **obsessed** with the fear

He's utterly **obsessed** with his promotion.

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.

boulder

n. a large, smooth rock, typically one that has been worn away from a cliff or mountain by erosion

synonym : rock, stone, clump

(1) **boulder** field, (2) lava **boulder**

The hikers had to climb over a **boulder** that was blocking their path.

whisper

v. to speak very quietly to somebody using the breath rather than the voice so that only those close to you can hear you

synonym : murmur, rumor, mutter

(1) answer in a **whisper**, (2) the **whisper** of the leaves

He took me aside and **whispered** in my ear.

creditor

n. a person, company, etc. to whom a debtor owes money

(1) the **creditor's** claims, (2) bankrupt **creditor**

I asked the lawyer to initiate **creditor** negotiations for voluntary liquidation.

trench

n. a long, deep ditch made in the ground, usually parallel to a plate boundary and marking a subduction zone; a long ditch built in the ground for carrying away water

synonym : aqueduct, ditch, channel

(1) deep-sea **trench**, (2) **trench** excavator

A **trench** was being dug alongside the road by workers.

applause

n. a demonstration of approval or praise by clapping the hands together

synonym : clapping, cheering, acclaim

(1) round of **applause**, (2) earn **applause**

The **applause** burst from the audience.

heckler

n. a person who interrupts or jeers at a public speaker, performer, or event, typically to be disruptive or critical; someone who engages in the act of harassing

synonym: critic, mocker, harasser

(1) political **heckler**, (2) a relentless **heckler**

The comedian dealt with a persistent **heckler** during his stand-up routine.

moron

n. (offensive and derogatory term) a person who is considered very foolish, stupid, or lacking intelligence or common sense

synonym: idiot, fool, imbecile

(1) social **moron**, (2) complete **moron**

The internet troll accused her of being a **moron** for her political views.

coo

n. a low, soft, murmuring sound made by a dove, pigeon, or other bird; an expression of tenderness or affection; (stands for Chief Operating Officer) a senior executive position in an organization responsible for overseeing the day-to-day operations and managing various departments and functions within the company

synonym: murmur, cooing, whisper

(1) baby **coo**, (2) the **COO** of the company

The baby let out a gentle **coo** as she was rocked to sleep.

applaud

v. to express approval of someone or something by clapping the hands

synonym: clap, celebrate, praise

(1) **applaud** his courage, (2) **applaud** the orchestra

I enthusiastically **applaud** my rival's achievement.

heroic

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

synonym: brave, courageous, daring

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

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

singe

v. to burn something slightly or superficially, usually by mistake

synonym: sear, char, burn

(1) **singe** off the hair over the flames, (2) **singe** the edges of a fabric

I didn't realize the iron was still hot and **singed** my dress.

atheist

n. a person who denies or disbelieves the existence of a deity or deities

synonym: nonbeliever, unbeliever, secularist

(1) **atheist** community, (2) **atheist** belief

She was an **atheist** without any belief in a higher power.

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.

sarcastic

adj. using irony and cutting language to mock, ridicule, or convey contempt; saying the opposite of what is meant in a mocking tone

synonym: mocking, ironic, sardonic

(1) use **sarcastic** language, (2) **sarcastic** sense of humor

Her **sarcastic** remarks made it clear that she wasn't happy with the situation.

perpetual

adj. continuing for an extended period in the same way without stopping or being interrupted

synonym: enduring, unchanging, incessant

(1) **perpetual** motion machine, (2) **perpetual** struggle

The company employs a **perpetual** inventory system.

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.

crayon

n. a stick of colored wax, charcoal, chalk, or other material used for drawing or coloring; (verb) to draw or color with crayons, which are sticks of colored wax, chalk, or charcoal used for drawing or coloring

synonym: chalk, pastel, (verb) draw

(1) **crayon** drawing, (2) **crayon** her coloring books

The teacher handed out several different colored **crayons** to each student.

bum

n. a person who is homeless or lives in poverty; a lazy, shiftless, or worthless person; a beggar; a person who spends time doing nothing productive

synonym: hobo, vagrant, tramp

(1) homeless **bum**, (2) lazy **bum**

He used to be a successful businessman, but now he's a washed-up **bum** with nothing to show.

scribble

v. to write or draw carelessly and in a hurry

synonym: scabble, scrawl, jot

(1) **scribble** on paper, (2) **scribble** notes

The words were **scribbled** in pencil.

postwar

adj. relating to the period following a war, particularly World War II; characterized by the rebuilding and recovery of countries and societies

synonym: subsequent, aftermath

(1) **postwar** years, (2) **postwar** society

The **postwar** period was marked by economic growth and rebuilding efforts.

germ

n. a very tiny living that causes the disease; a piece of something such as an organism, concept, etc., capable of growing into a new one or part of one

synonym : bacterium, microbe, pathogen

(1) antibiotic-resistant **germ**, (2) a **germ-free** environment

The **germ** of his idea came from watching birds flying in flocks.

etch

v. to carve, cut, or engrave (a design or text) into a hard surface; to corrode, erode or eat away at a metal surface using acid or another chemical substance to create a design or pattern

synonym : engrave, inscribe, carve

(1) **etch** a metal plate, (2) **etch** a design into wood

He used a sharp tool to **etch** his initials onto the metal.

partake

v. to participate or share in something; to consume or enjoy food or drink

synonym : consume, share, participate

(1) **partake** in a celebration, (2) **partake** in an activity

Let's all **partake** in the potluck and share our favorite dishes.

crappy

adj. of poor quality; not satisfactory

synonym : poor, unsatisfactory, inferior

(1) **crappy** service, (2) **crappy** Spanish

The food at the restaurant was **crappy** and overpriced.

marionette

n. a puppet that is manipulated by strings or wires attached to its joints; a doll or figurine that is animated or controlled by a puppeteer

synonym : puppet, doll, marotte

(1) wooden **marionette**, (2) the **marionette's** facial expressions

The **marionette** show enthralled the children, watching the puppets dance and interact.

darling

n. a term of endearment or affectionate term for someone you love or hold dear

synonym: sweetheart, beloved, dear

(1) have a **darling** baby, (2) medium **darling**

My **darling** child, I love you so much.

refurbish

v. to renovate or improve something old or worn out, typically by cleaning, repairing, or replacing parts to restore its original condition or appearance

synonym: renovate, revamp, remodel

(1) **refurbish** a room, (2) **refurbish** a classic car

I plan to **refurbish** my old dresser with a fresh coat of paint and new drawer handles.

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.

puppet

n. a doll or figure that is manipulated by strings, wires, or hands to represent a person or animal; a person who is controlled or manipulated by someone else

synonym: marionette, dummy, mannequin

(1) **puppet** theater, (2) corporate **puppet**

The politician was merely a **puppet** for the wealthy elite.

Session 2: Spelling

1. unf_____le situation *adj.* not advantageous or beneficial; opposed to one's interests or desires
2. re__t by cable *n.* the act of sending money or payment to someone; the area of responsibility or authority assigned to a particular person or group; (verb) to send money in payment or as a gift
3. the wh_____r of the leaves *v.* to speak very quietly to somebody using the breath rather than the voice so that only those close to you can hear you
4. co_____ve question *adj.* tending to make something likely or possible
5. cr___y service *adj.* of poor quality; not satisfactory
6. co_____e in you *v.* to reveal private or secret information to someone; to trust someone with a confidence
7. re_____sh a room *v.* to renovate or improve something old or worn out, typically by cleaning, repairing, or replacing parts to restore its original condition or appearance
8. proverbial ad__e *n.* a short and memorable saying or phrase that expresses a commonly held truth or belief, often based on experience or tradition; a proverb or maxim
9. di_____l information *v.* to purify or refine; to extract the essential elements

ANSWERS: 1. unfavorable, 2. remit, 3. whisper, 4. conducive, 5. crappy, 6. confide, 7. refurbish, 8. adage, 9. distill

10. ov____e charges *adj.* exceeding a required or expected age, quantity, or limit; being older or greater in number or amount compared to what is appropriate or expected
11. pu____t theater *n.* a doll or figure that is manipulated by strings, wires, or hands to represent a person or animal; a person who is controlled or manipulated by someone else
12. baby c_o *n.* a low, soft, murmuring sound made by a dove, pigeon, or other bird; an expression of tenderness or affection; (stands for Chief Operating Officer) a senior executive position in an organization responsible for overseeing the day-to-day operations and managing various departments and functions within the company
13. reh____ate wildlife *v.* to restore to good health or physical condition; to help someone return to a normal life, especially after a period of illness, addiction, or imprisonment
14. co____e a secret *v.* to reveal private or secret information to someone; to trust someone with a confidence
15. re____re market *v.* to cause someone to feel sure; to give or restore confidence
16. re____re anxious patients *v.* to cause someone to feel sure; to give or restore confidence
17. a w__t of summons *n.* a written legal order or command

ANSWERS: 10. overage, 11. puppet, 12. coo, 13. rehabilitate, 14. confide, 15. reassure, 16. reassure, 17. writ

18. sm__k his knee
v. to hit something or someone with force, often making a loud noise; to deliver a sharp criticism or rebuke
19. sa_____ic sense of humor
adj. using irony and cutting language to mock, ridicule, or convey contempt; saying the opposite of what is meant in a mocking tone
20. the cr_____or's claims
n. a person, company, etc. to whom a debtor owes money
21. pe_____al struggle
adj. continuing for an extended period in the same way without stopping or being interrupted
22. co___r degree
v. to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something
23. homeless b_m
n. a person who is homeless or lives in poverty; a lazy, shiftless, or worthless person; a beggar; a person who spends time doing nothing productive
24. tru_____hy ally
adj. reliable and dependable
25. ap_____d his courage
v. to express approval of someone or something by clapping the hands
26. e__h a metal plate
v. to carve, cut, or engrave (a design or text) into a hard surface; to corrode, erode or eat away at a metal surface using acid or another chemical substance to create a design or pattern
27. unf_____le reviews
adj. not advantageous or beneficial; opposed to one's interests or desires

ANSWERS: 18. smack, 19. sarcastic, 20. creditor, 21. perpetual, 22. confer, 23. bum, 24. trustworthy, 25. applaud, 26. etch, 27. unfavorable

28. adu_____ed with toxic substances *adj.* made impure by adding extraneous, inferior, or fraudulent materials; debased
29. famous ad__e *n.* a short and memorable saying or phrase that expresses a commonly held truth or belief, often based on experience or tradition; a proverb or maxim
30. ne_____ss argument *adj.* describing something unnecessary, pointless, or superfluous and could be avoided without any harm or adverse consequences
31. the mar_____te's facial expressions *n.* a puppet that is manipulated by strings or wires attached to its joints; a doll or figurine that is animated or controlled by a puppeteer
32. bo_____r field *n.* a large, smooth rock, typically one that has been worn away from a cliff or mountain by erosion
33. wooden mar_____te *n.* a puppet that is manipulated by strings or wires attached to its joints; a doll or figurine that is animated or controlled by a puppeteer
34. have a da_____g baby *n.* a term of endearment or affectionate term for someone you love or hold dear
35. social mo__n *n.* (offensive and derogatory term) a person who is considered very foolish, stupid, or lacking intelligence or common sense
36. earn ap_____se *n.* a demonstration of approval or praise by clapping the hands together

ANSWERS: 28. adulterated, 29. adage, 30. needless, 31. marionette, 32. boulder, 33. marionette, 34. darling, 35. moron, 36. applause

37. use sa_____ic language *adj.* using irony and cutting language to mock, ridicule, or convey contempt; saying the opposite of what is meant in a mocking tone
38. cr___y Spanish *adj.* of poor quality; not satisfactory
39. medium da_____g *n.* a term of endearment or affectionate term for someone you love or hold dear
40. ap_____d the orchestra *v.* to express approval of someone or something by clapping the hands
41. pa_____e in a celebration *v.* to participate or share in something; to consume or enjoy food or drink
42. re_____te in the same frequency *v.* to be filled with a deep echoing sound
43. adu_____ed food *adj.* made impure by adding extraneous, inferior, or fraudulent materials; debased
44. cr___n drawing *n.* a stick of colored wax, charcoal, chalk, or other material used for drawing or coloring; (verb) to draw or color with crayons, which are sticks of colored wax, chalk, or charcoal used for drawing or coloring
45. tax re__t *n.* the act of sending money or payment to someone; the area of responsibility or authority assigned to a particular person or group; (verb) to send money in payment or as a gift
46. complete mo__n *n.* (offensive and derogatory term) a person who is considered very foolish, stupid, or lacking intelligence or common sense

ANSWERS: 37. sarcastic, 38. crappy, 39. darling, 40. applaud, 41. partake, 42. resonate, 43. adulterated, 44. crayon, 45. remit, 46. moron

47. 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
48. di_____l a liquid *v.* to purify or refine; to extract the essential elements
49. answer in a wh_____r *v.* to speak very quietly to somebody using the breath rather than the voice so that only those close to you can hear you
50. cr___n her coloring books *n.* a stick of colored wax, charcoal, chalk, or other material used for drawing or coloring; (verb) to draw or color with crayons, which are sticks of colored wax, chalk, or charcoal used for drawing or coloring
51. ne_____ss waste *adj.* describing something unnecessary, pointless, or superfluous and could be avoided without any harm or adverse consequences
52. deeply re_____te with the consumers *v.* to be filled with a deep echoing sound
53. sm__k on the lips *v.* to hit something or someone with force, often making a loud noise; to deliver a sharp criticism or rebuke
54. he___c explorers *adj.* courageous and daring; having or displaying qualities appropriate for legendary figures that is courage and daring
55. ob___s over her weight *v.* to fill the mind of someone continually so that one can't think of anything else

ANSWERS: 47. Christ, 48. distill, 49. whisper, 50. crayon, 51. needless, 52. resonate, 53. smack, 54. heroic, 55. obsess

56. 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
57. a relentless he_____r *n.* a person who interrupts or jeers at a public speaker, performer, or event, typically to be disruptive or critical; someone who engages in the act of harassing
58. the C_O of the company *n.* a low, soft, murmuring sound made by a dove, pigeon, or other bird; an expression of tenderness or affection; (stands for Chief Operating Officer) a senior executive position in an organization responsible for overseeing the day-to-day operations and managing various departments and functions within the company
59. a he___c poem *adj.* courageous and daring; having or displaying qualities appropriate for legendary figures that is courage and daring
60. en_____t money to him *v.* to delegate or assign responsibility or authority to someone else; to put trust or confidence in someone's abilities or judgment
61. he is ob___sed with the fear *v.* to fill the mind of someone continually so that one can't think of anything else
62. reh_____ate prisoners *v.* to restore to good health or physical condition; to help someone return to a normal life, especially after a period of illness, addiction, or imprisonment

ANSWERS: 56. Christ, 57. heckler, 58. coo, 59. heroic, 60. entrust, 61. obsess, 62. rehabilitate

63. tr___h excavator *n.* a long, deep ditch made in the ground, usually parallel to a plate boundary and marking a subduction zone; a long ditch built in the ground for carrying away water
64. sc_____le on paper *v.* to write or draw carelessly and in a hurry
65. round of ap_____se *n.* a demonstration of approval or praise by clapping the hands together
66. political he_____r *n.* a person who interrupts or jeers at a public speaker, performer, or event, typically to be disruptive or critical; someone who engages in the act of harassing
67. tw___l a ribbon *v.* to rotate rapidly around a central point; to spin or whirl around in a circular or spiral motion
68. at_____t community *n.* a person who denies or disbelieves the existence of a deity or deities
69. pa_____e in an activity *v.* to participate or share in something; to consume or enjoy food or drink
70. en_____t with responsibility *v.* to delegate or assign responsibility or authority to someone else; to put trust or confidence in someone's abilities or judgment
71. po_____r years *adj.* relating to the period following a war, particularly World War II; characterized by the rebuilding and recovery of countries and societies

ANSWERS: 63. trench, 64. scribble, 65. applause, 66. heckler, 67. twirl, 68. atheist, 69. partake, 70. entrust, 71. postwar

72. em_____ss my project *v.* to cause someone to feel awkward, worried, or ashamed
73. si__e off the hair over the flames *v.* to burn something slightly or superficially, usually by mistake
74. corporate pu___t *n.* a doll or figure that is manipulated by strings, wires, or hands to represent a person or animal; a person who is controlled or manipulated by someone else
75. a g__m-free environment *n.* a very tiny living that causes the disease; a piece of something such as an organism, concept, etc., capable of growing into a new one or part of one
76. at_____t belief *n.* a person who denies or disbelieves the existence of a deity or deities
77. ov_____e policy *adj.* exceeding a required or expected age, quantity, or limit; being older or greater in number or amount compared to what is appropriate or expected
78. deep-sea tr___h *n.* a long, deep ditch made in the ground, usually parallel to a plate boundary and marking a subduction zone; a long ditch built in the ground for carrying away water
79. re_____sh a classic car *v.* to renovate or improve something old or worn out, typically by cleaning, repairing, or replacing parts to restore its original condition or appearance
80. sc_____le notes *v.* to write or draw carelessly and in a hurry

ANSWERS: 72. embarrass, 73. singe, 74. puppet, 75. germ, 76. atheist, 77. overage, 78. trench, 79. refurbish, 80. scribble

81. issue a w__t *n.* a written legal order or command
82. e__h a design into wood *v.* to carve, cut, or engrave (a design or text) into a hard surface; to corrode, erode or eat away at a metal surface using acid or another chemical substance to create a design or pattern
83. lazy b_m *n.* a person who is homeless or lives in poverty; a lazy, shiftless, or worthless person; a beggar; a person who spends time doing nothing productive
84. pe_____al motion machine *adj.* continuing for an extended period in the same way without stopping or being interrupted
85. tru_____hy source *adj.* reliable and dependable
86. bankrupt cr_____or *n.* a person, company, etc. to whom a debtor owes money
87. si__e the edges of a fabric *v.* to burn something slightly or superficially, usually by mistake
88. po_____r society *adj.* relating to the period following a war, particularly World War II; characterized by the rebuilding and recovery of countries and societies
89. op_____ne occasion *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
90. lava bo_____r *n.* a large, smooth rock, typically one that has been worn away from a cliff or mountain by erosion

ANSWERS: 81. writ, 82. etch, 83. bum, 84. perpetual, 85. trustworthy, 86. creditor, 87. singe, 88. postwar, 89. opportune, 90. boulder

91. tw__l a hula hoop
v. to rotate rapidly around a central point; to spin or whirl around in a circular or spiral motion
92. antibiotic-resistant g__m
n. a very tiny living that causes the disease; a piece of something such as an organism, concept, etc., capable of growing into a new one or part of one
93. an op_____ne remark
adj. suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
94. co_____ve to growth
adj. tending to make something likely or possible
95. em_____ss political enemy
v. to cause someone to feel awkward, worried, or ashamed
96. co___r honor
v. to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something
97. ba_____ge crew
adj. relating to or situated in the area behind the stage of a theater, concert, or other performance venues; relating to the private or hidden aspects of something, such as politics, business, or personal life
98. ba_____ge access
adj. relating to or situated in the area behind the stage of a theater, concert, or other performance venues; relating to the private or hidden aspects of something, such as politics, business, or personal life

ANSWERS: 91. twirl, 92. germ, 93. opportune, 94. conducive, 95. embarrass, 96. confer, 97. backstage, 98. backstage

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The food and drug administration warned consumers not to purchase _____ medicine.
adj. made impure by adding extraneous, inferior, or fraudulent materials; debased
2. The quiet and peaceful environment was _____ to concentration and productivity.
adj. tending to make something likely or possible
3. He _____ in her, telling her his deepest secrets.
v. to reveal private or secret information to someone; to trust someone with a confidence
4. I enthusiastically _____ my rival's achievement.
v. to express approval of someone or something by clapping the hands
5. He used to be a successful businessman, but now he's a washed-up ___ with nothing to show.
n. a person who is homeless or lives in poverty; a lazy, shiftless, or worthless person; a beggar; a person who spends time doing nothing productive
6. The comedian dealt with a persistent _____ during his stand-up routine.
n. a person who interrupts or jeers at a public speaker, performer, or event, typically to be disruptive or critical; someone who engages in the act of harassing
7. The _____ actions of individuals are now easily spread worldwide by SNS.
adj. courageous and daring; having or displaying qualities appropriate for legendary figures that is courage and daring

ANSWERS: 1. adulterated, 2. conducive, 3. confided, 4. applaud, 5. bum, 6. heckler, 7. heroic

8. The _____ preparations for the concert took hours to complete.
adj. relating to or situated in the area behind the stage of a theater, concert, or other performance venues; relating to the private or hidden aspects of something, such as politics, business, or personal life
9. He lived by the wise _____ "honesty is the best policy" and was respected for his straightforward approach.
n. a short and memorable saying or phrase that expresses a commonly held truth or belief, often based on experience or tradition; a proverb or maxim
10. People tend to believe _____ friends with their secrets.
adj. reliable and dependable
11. The _____ of the committee is to review the company's financial statements.
n. the act of sending money or payment to someone; the area of responsibility or authority assigned to a particular person or group; (verb) to send money in payment or as a gift
12. He's utterly _____ with his promotion.
v. to fill the mind of someone continually so that one can't think of anything else
13. The unforeseen weather change resulted in an _____ outcome for the outdoor event.
adj. not advantageous or beneficial; opposed to one's interests or desires
14. A _____ was being dug alongside the road by workers.
n. a long, deep ditch made in the ground, usually parallel to a plate boundary and marking a subduction zone; a long ditch built in the ground for carrying away water

ANSWERS: 8. backstage, 9. adage, 10. trustworthy, 11. remit, 12. obsessed, 13. unfavorable, 14. trench

15. The organization works to _____ drug addicts and help them rebuild their lives.
- v.* to restore to good health or physical condition; to help someone return to a normal life, especially after a period of illness, addiction, or imprisonment
16. I didn't realize the iron was still hot and _____ my dress.
- v.* to burn something slightly or superficially, usually by mistake
17. He was served with a _____ of eviction, giving him the notice to vacate the property.
- n.* a written legal order or command
18. The company employs a _____ inventory system.
- adj.* continuing for an extended period in the same way without stopping or being interrupted
19. The _____ show enthralled the children, watching the puppets dance and interact.
- n.* a puppet that is manipulated by strings or wires attached to its joints; a doll or figurine that is animated or controlled by a puppeteer
20. The politician was merely a _____ for the wealthy elite.
- n.* a doll or figure that is manipulated by strings, wires, or hands to represent a person or animal; a person who is controlled or manipulated by someone else
21. The words were _____ in pencil.
- v.* to write or draw carelessly and in a hurry
22. I asked the lawyer to initiate _____ negotiations for voluntary liquidation.
- n.* a person, company, etc. to whom a debtor owes money

ANSWERS: 15. rehabilitate, 16. singed, 17. writ, 18. perpetual, 19. marionette, 20. puppet, 21. scribbled, 22. creditor

23. Her _____ remarks made it clear that she wasn't happy with the situation.
adj. using irony and cutting language to mock, ridicule, or convey contempt; saying the opposite of what is meant in a mocking tone
24. _____ 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
25. The _____ fees for exceeding the data limit were surprisingly high.
adj. exceeding a required or expected age, quantity, or limit; being older or greater in number or amount compared to what is appropriate or expected
26. The phone rang at the most _____ time.
adj. suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
27. I _____ my keys to my neighbor while I was on vacation.
v. to delegate or assign responsibility or authority to someone else; to put trust or confidence in someone's abilities or judgment
28. She decided to _____ her thoughts into a more manageable list.
v. to purify or refine; to extract the essential elements
29. The _____ burst from the audience.
n. a demonstration of approval or praise by clapping the hands together
30. I plan to _____ my old dresser with a fresh coat of paint and new drawer handles.
v. to renovate or improve something old or worn out, typically by cleaning, repairing, or replacing parts to restore its original condition or appearance

ANSWERS: 23. sarcastic, 24. Christmas, 25. overage, 26. opportune, 27. entrusted, 28. distill, 29. applause, 30. refurbish

31. He looked for an opportunity to _____ that actor in public.
- v. to cause someone to feel awkward, worried, or ashamed
32. The pilot tried to _____ the customers that the planes were safe.
- v. to cause someone to feel sure; to give or restore confidence
33. She _____ her hair absentmindedly as she listened to the conversation.
- v. to rotate rapidly around a central point; to spin or whirl around in a circular or spiral motion
34. The baby let out a gentle ____ as she was rocked to sleep.
- n. a low, soft, murmuring sound made by a dove, pigeon, or other bird; an expression of tenderness or affection; (stands for Chief Operating Officer) a senior executive position in an organization responsible for overseeing the day-to-day operations and managing various departments and functions within the company
35. This _____ paperwork is wasting our time and resources.
- adj. describing something unnecessary, pointless, or superfluous and could be avoided without any harm or adverse consequences
36. The teacher handed out several different colored _____ to each student.
- n. a stick of colored wax, charcoal, chalk, or other material used for drawing or coloring; (verb) to draw or color with crayons, which are sticks of colored wax, chalk, or charcoal used for drawing or coloring
37. Let's all _____ in the potluck and share our favorite dishes.
- v. to participate or share in something; to consume or enjoy food or drink
38. He used a sharp tool to _____ his initials onto the metal.
- v. to carve, cut, or engrave (a design or text) into a hard surface; to corrode, erode or eat away at a metal surface using acid or another chemical substance to create a design or pattern

ANSWERS: 31. embarrass, 32. reassure, 33. twirled, 34. coo, 35. needless, 36. crayons, 37. partake, 38. etch

39. He took me aside and _____ in my ear.

- v.* to speak very quietly to somebody using the breath rather than the voice so that only those close to you can hear you

40. The _____ period was marked by economic growth and rebuilding efforts.

- adj.* relating to the period following a war, particularly World War II; characterized by the rebuilding and recovery of countries and societies

41. The hikers had to climb over a _____ that was blocking their path.

- n.* a large, smooth rock, typically one that has been worn away from a cliff or mountain by erosion

42. She was an _____ without any belief in a higher power.

- n.* a person who denies or disbelieves the existence of a deity or deities

43. The food at the restaurant was _____ and overpriced.

- adj.* of poor quality; not satisfactory

44. The baseball player _____ the ball out of the park, securing a home run.

- v.* to hit something or someone with force, often making a loud noise; to deliver a sharp criticism or rebuke

45. The sound _____ well in this theater.

- v.* to be filled with a deep echoing sound

46. The internet troll accused her of being a _____ for her political views.

- n.* (offensive and derogatory term) a person who is considered very foolish, stupid, or lacking intelligence or common sense

ANSWERS: 39. whispered, 40. postwar, 41. boulder, 42. atheist, 43. crappy, 44. smacked, 45. resonates, 46. moron

47. 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

48. My _____ child, I love you so much.

- n.* a term of endearment or affectionate term for someone you love or hold dear

49. The _____ of his idea came from watching birds flying in flocks.

- n.* a very tiny living that causes the disease; a piece of something such as an organism, concept, etc., capable of growing into a new one or part of one

ANSWERS: 47. confer, 48. darling, 49. germ