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Session 1: Word List

smug

adj. excessively pleased with oneself; self-righteously complacent

synonym: self-satisfied, complacent, self-assured

(1) in a **smug** manner, (2) **smug** attitude

She felt **smug** about her performance in the competition.

amuse

v. to entertain or divert the mind; to make someone laugh

synonym: entertain, delight, divert

(1) **amuse** a baby with a rattle, (2) **amuse** guests

He **amused** himself by playing video games during his free time.

frightening

adj. causing fear or alarm, or very surprising and alarming

synonym: scary, terrifying, alarming

(1) cast **frightening** eyes, (2) **frightening** experience

The news of the pandemic was a **frightening** reminder of the fragility of human health.

carousel

n. a rotating platform, often used for amusement or entertainment, adorned with horses or other animals or vehicles for people to ride; a slideshow or display of images or information that cycles or repeats

synonym: merry-go-round, roundabout, whirligig

(1) baggage claim **carousel**, (2) children's **carousel**
The **carousel** operator made sure each child was safely seated before starting the ride

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.

drench

v. to completely soak or saturate with liquid, typically with the intent of making something thoroughly wet

synonym: soak, saturate, immerse

(1) **drench** with sweat, (2) **drench** the soil with fertilizer

The storm last night **drenched** everything in the yard, leaving puddles everywhere.

piazza

n. an open public square or marketplace in an Italian town, often surrounded by buildings and often used as a gathering place

synonym: square, plaza, market

(1) **piazza** fountain, (2) **piazza** seating

The famous **piazza** was filled with people enjoying the sun and chatting with each other.

humanly

adv. in a way that is characteristic of or relating to human beings; in a way that is possible for humans to achieve or accomplish

synonym: physically, mundanely, practically

(1) **humanly** possible, (2) **humanly** acceptable

It is **humanly** difficult to understand why some people choose to harm others for no reason

juxtaposition

n. the act or an instance of placing two or more things close to one another, often to highlight a contrast or comparison between them

synonym: apposition, contrast, adjacency

(1) artistic **juxtaposition**, (2) unusual **juxtaposition**
The painting's **juxtaposition** of bright colors and dark shadows created a striking effect.

scoot

v. to move or glide along quickly and smoothly on a surface, especially on a scooter or similar device
synonym: glide, slide, scurry

(1) **scoot** out of my room, (2) **scoot** over

I have to **scoot** over to the next desk because there's not enough room for me to sit comfortably.

dirigible

n. a type of airship or blimp that is capable of being steered and propelled through the air; a lighter-than-air craft that can be controlled and maneuvered

synonym: airship, blimp, zeppelin

(1) **dirigible** tour, (2) historic **dirigible**

His dream was to experience a **dirigible** flight over the city, observing the skyline from a unique vantage point.

whatnot

n. unspecified or unimportant objects, things, or details; miscellaneous items or things; a small, open shelving unit or stand used for displaying various objects or curios

synonym: odds and ends, gizmos, etcetera

(1) books and **whatnot**, (2) clothes and **whatnot**

I need to pick up some groceries, toiletries, and **whatnot** at the store.

juxtapose

v. to place two or more things side by side, often to compare or contrast them or to create an effect of surprise or incongruity

synonym: place side by side, compare, contrast

(1) **juxtapose** images, (2) **juxtapose** two ideas

The artist likes to **juxtapose** different styles and colors in her paintings.

pantheon

n. a temple dedicated to all the gods or goddesses of a particular religion or mythology; a group of something or someone that is remarkably respected, famous, or important

synonym: temple, shrine, sanctuary

(1) **pantheon** of products, (2) ancient **pantheon**

The **pantheon** of Greek gods and goddesses is well-known throughout Western culture.

sniff

v. to inhale audibly through the nose, often to detect or identify a smell; to draw in air through the nostrils with a quick, audible intake of breath

synonym: smell, inhale, scent

(1) **sniff** the air, (2) **sniff** the perfume

The dog stopped to **sniff** around the tree, looking for something interesting.

nudge

v. to push someone or something gently, especially with your elbow, to attract the person's attention; (noun) a small push or prod to encourage a desired action or behavior

synonym: bump, elbow, (noun) prod

(1) **nudge** price levels up, (2) give a person a **nudge**

The teacher **nudged** the student to get his attention and asked him a question.

oculist

n. a medical professional who specializes in the treatment of diseases and disorders of the eye; an ophthalmologist or an optometrist

synonym: optician, eye doctor, ophthalmologist

(1) skilled **oculist**, (2) pediatric **oculist**

My grandmother visited the renowned **oculist** for her annual eye examination.

tangle

n. a confused mass of something twisted together

synonym: knot, snarl, entanglement

(1) in a **tangle**, (2) **tangle** wires

The cords behind my computer were a **tangled** mess.

yank

v. to pull something or someone forcefully with a sudden movement

synonym: draw, jerk, tug

(1) **yank** out a tooth, (2) **yank** at a rope

He tried to **yank** the memories from his brain.

terrifying

adj. very frightening or intimidating

synonym: frightening, intimidating, alarming

(1) **terrifying** experience, (2) **terrifying** events

Large earthquakes often generate **terrifying** tsunamis.

campo

n. (also "cerrado") a rural or agricultural area, typically in Latin American countries; an open field or countryside

synonym: field, meadow, plain

(1) vast **campo**, (2) rural **campo** landscape

They booked a weekend getaway at a **campo-style** retreat to escape the city's hustle and bustle.

flourish

v. to grow or develop vigorously or successfully

synonym: boom, advance, succeed

(1) **flourish** economically, (2) **flourish** worldwide

The Ottoman Empire **flourished** for over five centuries.

tablecloth

n. a cloth used to cover a table, especially for protection or decoration

synonym: table cover, linens

(1) checkered **tablecloth**, (2) **tablecloth** size

The beautiful **tablecloth** added a touch of elegance to the dinner party.

colosseum

n. (also "coliseum") a large amphitheater (= an open-air venue used for entertainment, performances, and sports) in Rome whose construction was begun by Vespasian about AD 75 or 80

(1) build a **colosseum** for gladiators, (2) **Colosseum** area

Rome's **Colosseum** gets busy in peak season.

untie

v. to unfasten or loosen a knot, tie, or fastening; to release or free something that has been tied or bound

synonym: untangle, unfasten, undo

(1) **untie** the ribbon, (2) **untie** shoelaces

I needed to **untie** the knots in my shoelaces before I could put my shoes on.

disturb

v. to interrupt someone who is trying to work, sleep, etc.

synonym: agitate, bother, intrude

(1) **disturb** the peace, (2) **disturb** his sleep

Tourists frequently **disturb** the island's delicate natural balance.

backstreet

adj. located in a less prominent or central area of a city or town, often associated with poorer or seedier neighborhoods or establishments

synonym: underground, illicit, shady

(1) **backstreet** bar, (2) **backstreet** deals

The concert was held on a **backstreet** stage, giving it a unique and intimate atmosphere.

unsuspecting

adj. unaware of the presence of danger; not suspicious

synonym: unaware, unassuming, gullible

(1) **unsuspecting** boys and girls, (2) **unsuspecting** victim

The thief stole the wallet from the **unsuspecting** tourist.

plat

n. a map or a plan that shows the division and layout of land into lots or parcels; a piece of land typically used for building or agricultural purposes

synonym: map, chart, diagram

(1) **plat** book, (2) a former **plat** of farmland

The city planning department keeps detailed **plats** of all the local properties.

- clam** *n.* a marine mollusk that burrows and lives on sand or mud, the shell closes with viselike firmness
(1) giant **clam**, (2) shuck a **clam**
The **clam** digs through the sand to a significant depth.
- scaffold** *n.* a temporary platform or structure used to support workers and materials during construction or maintenance work
synonym: platform, staging, framework
(1) **scaffold** construction, (2) go to the **scaffold**
The construction workers set up the **scaffold** to reach the top of the building.
- wreak** *v.* to cause or bring about something, often as a result of harmful or destructive actions or events
synonym: cause, inflict, bring about
(1) **wreak** a lot of changes, (2) **wreak** further damage
The virus has **wreaked** havoc on the healthcare system, overwhelming hospitals and causing shortages of supplies.
- havoc** *n.* widespread destruction or devastation, often caused by natural disasters, war, or other violent events
synonym: destruction, devastation, ruin
(1) cause **havoc**, (2) play **havoc** in the mind
The storm wreaked **havoc** on the town, causing widespread damage and power outages.
- exuberance** *n.* the quality of being full of energy, excitement, and cheerfulness; an overflowing or excessive display of energy, enthusiasm, excitement, or joy
synonym: enthusiasm, exultation, buoyancy
(1) financial **exuberance**, (2) **exuberance** of joy
The children's **exuberance** at the amusement park was contagious and filled the air with laughter.
- saunter** *n.* a leisurely and unhurried walk or stroll, often taken for pleasure or to enjoy the surroundings; (verb) to walk in a

slow, relaxed, and leisurely way, often in a confident and self-assured manner

synonym : stroll, walk, amble

(1) leisurely **saunter**, (2) **saunter** down the street

I went for a **saunter** through the park on a beautiful afternoon.

courtyard

n. an open space surrounded by buildings or walls, often in the center of a building or group of buildings

synonym : patio, garden, atrium

(1) quiet **courtyard**, (2) spacious **courtyard**

The hotel's beautiful **courtyard** was the perfect spot for a wedding reception.

custodian

n. a person who is responsible for the care and maintenance of a building, institution, or collection; a guardian or keeper of something valuable or important

synonym : caretaker, keeper, guardian

(1) **custodian** bank, (2) **custodian** of the records

The school **custodian** worked tirelessly to keep the building clean and maintained for the students and faculty.

restless

adj. unwilling or unable to stay still or relax because you are worried and uneasy

synonym : agitated, anxious, disturbed

(1) a **restless** person, (2) **restless** waves

He felt **restless** and constantly changed his postures.

staircase

n. a set of stairs inside a building, usually with posts and bars that are fixed at the side

synonym : stairway, stairwell

(1) spiral **staircase**, (2) beetle up the **staircase**

She walked urgently down the emergency **staircase**.

attic

n. a space or area, typically bounded by a roof and walls in a house that is located immediately below the roof; often used for storage or as an additional living space

synonym : loft, garret, crawlspace

(1) **attic** space, (2) dusty **attic**

I found an old photo album in the spacious **attic** filled with pictures of my grandparents when they were young.

peel

v. to remove the skin of fruit and vegetables

synonym : pare, unclothe, disrobe

(1) **peel** a fruit, (2) **peel** off easily

The storm had **peeled** all paint off the siding.

stucco

n. a type of plaster or cement mixture used as a decorative coating for exterior and interior walls and surfaces, often made of cement, sand, and lime and can be sculpted or textured for ornamental purposes

synonym : plaster, cement, render

(1) **stucco** walls, (2) decorative **stucco**

The old house had beautiful **stucco** walls that added to its charm.

scar

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

synonym : blemish, imperfection, blotch

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

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

foldout

adj. designed or constructed to unfold or open out, typically referring to a page or section of a book or document that can be unfolded to provide more space or additional content; (noun) a page that is larger than the other pages of a publication or book and is folded to fit within the book when not in use

synonym : extended, expanded

(1) **foldout** brochure, (2) **foldout** table

The **foldout** map displayed the entire city in one large sheet.

unfold

v. to open up or spread out something that is folded or rolled up; to reveal or disclose something that was

previously hidden or unknown

synonym: open, spread out, expose

(1) **unfold** the story, (2) **unfold** the stroller

The mystery **unfolded** as the detectives gathered more clues.

bury

v. to place a dead body in the ground, grave, or tomb

synonym: entomb, sink, forget

(1) **bury** in the earth, (2) **bury** emotion

There is plenty of space to **bury** everyone.

pigeon

n. a stout-bodied bird with a small head, short legs, and a short, cooing call, typically found in cities and domesticated for food

(1) a racing **pigeon**, (2) **pigeon** on the roof

The **pigeon** perched on the windowsill, pecking at the bread crumbs left for it.

catchy

adj. pleasing and easy to remember; likely to attract attention

synonym: captivating, haunting, memorable

(1) **catchy** nickname, (2) a **catchy** title for a movie

This track starts with a **catchy** guitar riff.

odyssey

n. a long wandering and eventful journey; a Greek epic poem attributed to Homer, describing the journey of Odysseus after the fall of Troy

(1) go on a serious **odyssey**, (2) cross-country **odyssey**

He continued the extraordinary **odyssey** with his brother.

garret

n. a small and usually cramped attic room, typically located at the top of a house or building; a makeshift living space or studio, often used by artists or writers

synonym: attic, loft, upper room

(1) dusty **garret**, (2) painter's **garret**

The artist's studio was located in a small **garret** on the top floor of the building.

herculean

adj. requiring great strength, effort, or endurance; of or relating to the legendary strength of the ancient Greek hero Hercules

synonym : challenging, formidable, strenuous

(1) **herculean** effort, (2) make **herculean** progress

Completing this project in such a short amount of time will be a **herculean** task.

collide

v. to hit something violently when moving

synonym : clash, slam, contradict

(1) **collide** head-on, (2) **collide** in midair

The interests of the two countries **collide**.

cornice

n. a decorative, horizontal molding that crowns a building or furniture; a ledge or shelf along the top of a wall

synonym : projection, molding, ledge

(1) **cornice** molding, (2) exterior **cornice**

The **cornice** of the old building added to its architectural charm.

swoop

v. to rapidly or forcefully descend upon something or someone from a great height or distance; to rush or pounce upon

synonym : dart, pounce

(1) **swoop** down the water slide, (2) **swoop** up the escalator

The eagle **swooped** down from the sky to catch its prey.

bastardize

v. to alter, modify, or degrade something in a way that undermines or violates its original integrity or quality; to create a less authentic or less desirable version of something

synonym : corrupt, debase, pervert

(1) **bastardize** a recipe, (2) **bastardize** culture

We do not want to **bastardize** the text's original meaning through poor translations.

believable

adj. able to be accepted or easily believed; convincing or plausible

synonym : plausible, credible, convincing

(1) **believable** story, (2) **believable** excuse

The novel's plot was so well-written that it seemed **believable** and realistic.

vanish

v. disappear or stop being present or existing suddenly and completely

synonym : disappear, go away, evaporate

(1) **vanish** into thin air, (2) **vanish** amid the crowd

Two months later, my tumor **vanished** utterly.

invariably

adv. in every case or on every occasion; without exception

synonym : consistently, always, uniformly

(1) **invariably** polite, (2) **invariably** correct

She **invariably** arrived at the office early each day.

rethink

v. to consider again a plan, idea, etc., especially to change it

synonym : reexplore, review, reconsider

(1) **rethink** a marketing plan, (2) **rethink** the role of the manager

We have to **rethink** our company's product lineup for further growth.

exuberant

adj. full of energy, enthusiasm, or excitement; lively, animated, or unrestrained in behavior or expression; characterized by abundant growth or profuse production

synonym : joyful, elated, ebullient

(1) **exuberant** performance, (2) **exuberant** personality

The young couple's **exuberant** energy was infectious, and everyone around them was smiling.

mimic

v. to imitate someone's speech, movement, or behavior, especially to make others laugh

synonym : mirror, imitate, ape

(1) **mimic** a human voice, (2) **mimic** numerous instruments
He is very popular at school because he can **mimic** all the teachers' accents.

carving

n. the act or process of cutting or shaping a hard material, such as wood or stone, into a specific form or design
synonym: cutting, engraving, sculpture

(1) a wood **carving**, (2) **carving** instrument

The intricate **carving** on the wooden box was the work of a master craftsman.

Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. co_____e in midair | <i>v.</i> to hit something violently when moving |
| 2. baggage claim ca_____el | <i>n.</i> a rotating platform, often used for amusement or entertainment, adorned with horses or other animals or vehicles for people to ride; a slideshow or display of images or information that cycles or repeats |
| 3. di_____le tour | <i>n.</i> a type of airship or blimp that is capable of being steered and propelled through the air; a lighter-than-air craft that can be controlled and maneuvered |
| 4. carry a s__r | <i>n.</i> a mark that remains on the skin after a wound has healed |
| 5. go on a serious od_____y | <i>n.</i> a long wandering and eventful journey; a Greek epic poem attributed to Homer, describing the journey of Odysseus after the fall of Troy |
| 6. va___h amid the crowd | <i>v.</i> disappear or stop being present or existing suddenly and completely |
| 7. play ha__c in the mind | <i>n.</i> widespread destruction or devastation, often caused by natural disasters, war, or other violent events |
| 8. children's ca_____el | <i>n.</i> a rotating platform, often used for amusement or entertainment, adorned with horses or other animals or vehicles for people to ride; a slideshow or display of images or information that cycles or repeats |

ANSWERS: 1. collide, 2. carousel, 3. dirigible, 4. scar, 5. odyssey, 6. vanish, 7. havoc, 8. carousel

9. dr___h the soil with fertilizer *v.* to completely soak or saturate with liquid, typically with the intent of making something thoroughly wet
10. am___e a baby with a rattle *v.* to entertain or divert the mind; to make someone laugh
11. a wood ca_____g *n.* the act or process of cutting or shaping a hard material, such as wood or stone, into a specific form or design
12. pi___n on the roof *n.* a stout-bodied bird with a small head, short legs, and a short, cooing call, typically found in cities and domesticated for food
13. unusual jux_____ion *n.* the act or an instance of placing two or more things close to one another, often to highlight a contrast or comparison between them
14. p___l off easily *v.* to remove the skin of fruit and vegetables
15. give a person a nu___e *v.* to push someone or something gently, especially with your elbow, to attract the person's attention; (noun) a small push or prod to encourage a desired action or behavior
16. re_____k a marketing plan *v.* to consider again a plan, idea, etc., especially to change it
17. spacious co_____rd *n.* an open space surrounded by buildings or walls, often in the center of a building or group of buildings
18. un___e shoelaces *v.* to unfasten or loosen a knot, tie, or fastening; to release or free something that has been tied or bound

ANSWERS: 9. drench, 10. amuse, 11. carving, 12. pigeon, 13. juxtaposition, 14. peel, 15. nudge, 16. rethink, 17. courtyard, 18. untie

19. a racing pi___n *n.* a stout-bodied bird with a small head, short legs, and a short, cooing call, typically found in cities and domesticated for food
20. nu__e price levels up *v.* to push someone or something gently, especially with your elbow, to attract the person's attention; (noun) a small push or prod to encourage a desired action or behavior
21. p__t book *n.* a map or a plan that shows the division and layout of land into lots or parcels; a piece of land typically used for building or agricultural purposes
22. spiral st_____se *n.* a set of stairs inside a building, usually with posts and bars that are fixed at the side
23. ca_____g instrument *n.* the act or process of cutting or shaping a hard material, such as wood or stone, into a specific form or design
24. sc__t out of my room *v.* to move or glide along quickly and smoothly on a surface, especially on a scooter or similar device
25. sc__t over *v.* to move or glide along quickly and smoothly on a surface, especially on a scooter or similar device
26. fri_____ng experience *adj.* causing fear or alarm, or very surprising and alarming
27. dusty ga___t *n.* a small and usually cramped attic room, typically located at the top of a house or building; a makeshift living space or studio, often used by artists or writers

ANSWERS: 19. pigeon, 20. nudge, 21. plat, 22. staircase, 23. carving, 24. scoot, 25. scoot, 26. frightening, 27. garret

36. ta___e wires *n.* a confused mass of something twisted together
37. dusty at__c *n.* a space or area, typically bounded by a roof and walls in a house that is located immediately below the roof; often used for storage or as an additional living space
38. inv_____ly correct *adv.* in every case or on every occasion; without exception
39. re_____k the role of the manager *v.* to consider again a plan, idea, etc., especially to change it
40. ter_____ng events *adj.* very frightening or intimidating
41. leisurely sa_____r *n.* a leisurely and unhurried walk or stroll, often taken for pleasure or to enjoy the surroundings; (verb) to walk in a slow, relaxed, and leisurely way, often in a confident and self-assured manner
42. he_____an effort *adj.* requiring great strength, effort, or endurance; of or relating to the legendary strength of the ancient Greek hero Hercules
43. fl_____sh economically *v.* to grow or develop vigorously or successfully
44. pediatric oc_____t *n.* a medical professional who specializes in the treatment of diseases and disorders of the eye; an ophthalmologist or an optometrist
45. checkered tab_____th *n.* a cloth used to cover a table, especially for protection or decoration

ANSWERS: 36. tangle, 37. attic, 38. invariably, 39. rethink, 40. terrifying, 41. saunter, 42. herculean, 43. flourish, 44. oculist, 45. tablecloth

46. shuck a c__m *n.* a marine mollusk that burrows and lives on sand or mud, the shell closes with viselike firmness
47. bel_____le excuse *adj.* able to be accepted or easily believed; convincing or plausible
48. dr___h with sweat *v.* to completely soak or saturate with liquid, typically with the intent of making something thoroughly wet
49. exterior co_____e *n.* a decorative, horizontal molding that crowns a building or furniture; a ledge or shelf along the top of a wall
50. s__g attitude *adj.* excessively pleased with oneself; self-righteously complacent
51. cu_____an bank *n.* a person who is responsible for the care and maintenance of a building, institution, or collection; a guardian or keeper of something valuable or important
52. y__k out a tooth *v.* to pull something or someone forcefully with a sudden movement
53. un__e the ribbon *v.* to unfasten or loosen a knot, tie, or fastening; to release or free something that has been tied or bound
54. hu_____y acceptable *adv.* in a way that is characteristic of or relating to human beings; in a way that is possible for humans to achieve or accomplish
55. painter's ga___t *n.* a small and usually cramped attic room, typically located at the top of a house or building; a makeshift living space or studio, often used by artists or writers

ANSWERS: 46. clam, 47. believable, 48. drench, 49. cornice, 50. smug, 51. custodian, 52. yank, 53. untie, 54. humanly, 55. garret

56. re_____ss waves *adj.* unwilling or unable to stay still or relax because you are worried and uneasy
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59. pa_____on of products *n.* a temple dedicated to all the gods or goddesses of a particular religion or mythology; a group of something or someone that is remarkably respected, famous, or important
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62. books and wh_____t *n.* unspecified or unimportant objects, things, or details; miscellaneous items or things; a small, open shelving unit or stand used for displaying various objects or curios
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ANSWERS: 56. restless, 57. bastardize, 58. juxtaposition, 59. pantheon, 60. dirigible, 61. bury, 62. whatnot, 63. courtyard

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70. ju____se two ideas *v.* to place two or more things side by side, often to compare or contrast them or to create an effect of surprise or incongruity
71. skilled oc____t *n.* a medical professional who specializes in the treatment of diseases and disorders of the eye; an ophthalmologist or an optometrist

ANSWERS: 64. sniff, 65. disturb, 66. piazza, 67. exuberance, 68. foldout, 69. campo, 70. juxtapose, 71. oculist

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77. go to the sc_____ld *n.* a temporary platform or structure used to support workers and materials during construction or maintenance work
78. ex_____nt performance *adj.* full of energy, enthusiasm, or excitement; lively, animated, or unrestrained in behavior or expression; characterized by abundant growth or profuse production
79. sn__f the air *v.* to inhale audibly through the nose, often to detect or identify a smell; to draw in air through the nostrils with a quick, audible intake of breath

ANSWERS: 72. smug, 73. plat, 74. herculean, 75. scaffold, 76. colosseum, 77. scaffold, 78. exuberant, 79. sniff

80. co____e head-on *v.* to hit something violently when moving
81. cross-country od____y *n.* a long wandering and eventful journey; a Greek epic poem attributed to Homer, describing the journey of Odysseus after the fall of Troy
82. sw__p up the escalator *v.* to rapidly or forcefully descend upon something or someone from a great height or distance; to rush or pounce upon
83. mi__c numerous instruments *v.* to imitate someone's speech, movement, or behavior, especially to make others laugh
84. st____o walls *n.* a type of plaster or cement mixture used as a decorative coating for exterior and interior walls and surfaces, often made of cement, sand, and lime and can be sculpted or textured for ornamental purposes
85. cu____an of the records *n.* a person who is responsible for the care and maintenance of a building, institution, or collection; a guardian or keeper of something valuable or important
86. di____b his sleep *v.* to interrupt someone who is trying to work, sleep, etc.
87. clothes and wh____t *n.* unspecified or unimportant objects, things, or details; miscellaneous items or things; a small, open shelving unit or stand used for displaying various objects or curios

ANSWERS: 80. collide, 81. odyssey, 82. swoop, 83. mimic, 84. stucco, 85. custodian, 86. disturb, 87. whatnot

88. uns_____ing boys and girls *adj.* unaware of the presence of danger; not suspicious
89. at__c space *n.* a space or area, typically bounded by a roof and walls in a house that is located immediately below the roof; often used for storage or as an additional living space
90. tab_____th size *n.* a cloth used to cover a table, especially for protection or decoration
91. wr__k a lot of changes *v.* to cause or bring about something, often as a result of harmful or destructive actions or events
92. wr__k further damage *v.* to cause or bring about something, often as a result of harmful or destructive actions or events
93. in a ta___e *n.* a confused mass of something twisted together
94. co_____e molding *n.* a decorative, horizontal molding that crowns a building or furniture; a ledge or shelf along the top of a wall
95. y__k at a rope *v.* to pull something or someone forcefully with a sudden movement
96. decorative st___o *n.* a type of plaster or cement mixture used as a decorative coating for exterior and interior walls and surfaces, often made of cement, sand, and lime and can be sculpted or textured for ornamental purposes
97. beetle up the st_____se *n.* a set of stairs inside a building, usually with posts and bars that are fixed at the side

ANSWERS: 88. unsuspecting, 89. attic, 90. tablecloth, 91. wreak, 92. wreak, 93. tangle, 94. cornice, 95. yank, 96. stucco, 97. staircase

98. fl____sh worldwide
v. to grow or develop vigorously or successfully
99. an op_____ne remark
adj. suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
100. inv_____ly polite
adv. in every case or on every occasion; without exception
101. cast fri_____ng eyes
adj. causing fear or alarm, or very surprising and alarming
102. giant c__m
n. a marine mollusk that burrows and lives on sand or mud, the shell closes with viselike firmness
103. bas_____ze a recipe
v. to alter, modify, or degrade something in a way that undermines or violates its original integrity or quality; to create a less authentic or less desirable version of something
104. bel_____le story
adj. able to be accepted or easily believed; convincing or plausible
105. hu_____y possible
adv. in a way that is characteristic of or relating to human beings; in a way that is possible for humans to achieve or accomplish
106. uns_____ing victim
adj. unaware of the presence of danger; not suspicious
107. ter_____ng experience
adj. very frightening or intimidating
108. mi__c a human voice
v. to imitate someone's speech, movement, or behavior, especially to make others laugh

ANSWERS: 98. flourish, 99. opportune, 100. invariably, 101. frightening, 102. clam, 103. bastardize, 104. believable, 105. humanly, 106. unsuspecting, 107. terrifying, 108. mimic

109. burn s__r *n.* a mark that remains on the skin after a wound has healed
110. cause ha__c *n.* widespread destruction or devastation, often caused by natural disasters, war, or other violent events
111. am__e guests *v.* to entertain or divert the mind; to make someone laugh
112. p__l a fruit *v.* to remove the skin of fruit and vegetables
113. ju_____se images *v.* to place two or more things side by side, often to compare or contrast them or to create an effect of surprise or incongruity
114. bac_____et bar *adj.* located in a less prominent or central area of a city or town, often associated with poorer or seedier neighborhoods or establishments
115. va___h into thin air *v.* disappear or stop being present or existing suddenly and completely
116. rural ca__o landscape *n.* (also "cerrado") a rural or agricultural area, typically in Latin American countries; an open field or countryside
117. ca___y nickname *adj.* pleasing and easy to remember; likely to attract attention
118. ex_____nt personality *adj.* full of energy, enthusiasm, or excitement; lively, animated, or unrestrained in behavior or expression; characterized by abundant growth or profuse production

ANSWERS: 109. scar, 110. havoc, 111. amuse, 112. peel, 113. juxtapose, 114. backstreet, 115. vanish, 116. campo, 117. catchy, 118. exuberant

119. op_____ne occasion *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
120. ancient pa_____on *n.* a temple dedicated to all the gods or goddesses of a particular religion or mythology; a group of something or someone that is remarkably respected, famous, or important
121. un____d the stroller *v.* to open up or spread out something that is folded or rolled up; to reveal or disclose something that was previously hidden or unknown
122. fo_____t table *adj.* designed or constructed to unfold or open out, typically referring to a page or section of a book or document that can be unfolded to provide more space or additional content; (noun) a page that is larger than the other pages of a publication or book and is folded to fit within the book when not in use
123. a ca____y title for a movie *adj.* pleasing and easy to remember; likely to attract attention
124. un____d the story *v.* to open up or spread out something that is folded or rolled up; to reveal or disclose something that was previously hidden or unknown

ANSWERS: 119. opportune, 120. pantheon, 121. unfold, 122. foldout, 123. catchy, 124. unfold

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The novel's plot was so well-written that it seemed _____ and realistic.
adj. able to be accepted or easily believed; convincing or plausible

2. His dream was to experience a _____ flight over the city, observing the skyline from a unique vantage point.
n. a type of airship or blimp that is capable of being steered and propelled through the air; a lighter-than-air craft that can be controlled and maneuvered

3. We do not want to _____ the text's original meaning through poor translations.
v. to alter, modify, or degrade something in a way that undermines or violates its original integrity or quality; to create a less authentic or less desirable version of something

4. The _____ digs through the sand to a significant depth.
n. a marine mollusk that burrows and lives on sand or mud, the shell closes with viselike firmness

5. He tried to _____ the memories from his brain.
v. to pull something or someone forcefully with a sudden movement

6. It is _____ difficult to understand why some people choose to harm others for no reason
adv. in a way that is characteristic of or relating to human beings; in a way that is possible for humans to achieve or accomplish

7. The news of the pandemic was a _____ reminder of the fragility of human health.
adj. causing fear or alarm, or very surprising and alarming

ANSWERS: 1. believable, 2. dirigible, 3. bastardize, 4. clam, 5. yank, 6. humanly, 7. frightening

8. The _____ perched on the windowsill, pecking at the bread crumbs left for it.
n. a stout-bodied bird with a small head, short legs, and a short, cooing call, typically found in cities and domesticated for food
9. There is plenty of space to _____ everyone.
v. to place a dead body in the ground, grave, or tomb
10. The Ottoman Empire _____ for over five centuries.
v. to grow or develop vigorously or successfully
11. She _____ arrived at the office early each day.
adv. in every case or on every occasion; without exception
12. She walked urgently down the emergency _____.
n. a set of stairs inside a building, usually with posts and bars that are fixed at the side
13. I need to pick up some groceries, toiletries, and _____ at the store.
n. unspecified or unimportant objects, things, or details; miscellaneous items or things; a small, open shelving unit or stand used for displaying various objects or curios
14. The _____ map displayed the entire city in one large sheet.
adj. designed or constructed to unfold or open out, typically referring to a page or section of a book or document that can be unfolded to provide more space or additional content; (noun) a page that is larger than the other pages of a publication or book and is folded to fit within the book when not in use
15. The city planning department keeps detailed _____ of all the local properties.
n. a map or a plan that shows the division and layout of land into lots or parcels; a piece of land typically used for building or agricultural purposes

ANSWERS: 8. pigeon, 9. bury, 10. flourished, 11. invariably, 12. staircase, 13. whatnot, 14. foldout, 15. plats

16. The old house had beautiful _____ walls that added to its charm.
- n.* a type of plaster or cement mixture used as a decorative coating for exterior and interior walls and surfaces, often made of cement, sand, and lime and can be sculpted or textured for ornamental purposes
17. The concert was held on a _____ stage, giving it a unique and intimate atmosphere.
- adj.* located in a less prominent or central area of a city or town, often associated with poorer or seedier neighborhoods or establishments
18. The dog stopped to _____ around the tree, looking for something interesting.
- v.* to inhale audibly through the nose, often to detect or identify a smell; to draw in air through the nostrils with a quick, audible intake of breath
19. The young couple's _____ energy was infectious, and everyone around them was smiling.
- adj.* full of energy, enthusiasm, or excitement; lively, animated, or unrestrained in behavior or expression; characterized by abundant growth or profuse production
20. The hotel's beautiful _____ was the perfect spot for a wedding reception.
- n.* an open space surrounded by buildings or walls, often in the center of a building or group of buildings
21. The intricate _____ on the wooden box was the work of a master craftsman.
- n.* the act or process of cutting or shaping a hard material, such as wood or stone, into a specific form or design
22. Tourists frequently _____ the island's delicate natural balance.
- v.* to interrupt someone who is trying to work, sleep, etc.

ANSWERS: 16. stucco, 17. backstreet, 18. sniff, 19. exuberant, 20. courtyard, 21. carving, 22. disturb

23. He felt _____ and constantly changed his postures.

adj. unwilling or unable to stay still or relax because you are worried and uneasy

24. The mystery _____ as the detectives gathered more clues.

v. to open up or spread out something that is folded or rolled up; to reveal or disclose something that was previously hidden or unknown

25. The eagle _____ down from the sky to catch its prey.

v. to rapidly or forcefully descend upon something or someone from a great height or distance; to rush or pounce upon

26. I have to _____ over to the next desk because there's not enough room for me to sit comfortably.

v. to move or glide along quickly and smoothly on a surface, especially on a scooter or similar device

27. I needed to _____ the knots in my shoelaces before I could put my shoes on.

v. to unfasten or loosen a knot, tie, or fastening; to release or free something that has been tied or bound

28. The painting's _____ of bright colors and dark shadows created a striking effect.

n. the act or an instance of placing two or more things close to one another, often to highlight a contrast or comparison between them

29. The children's _____ at the amusement park was contagious and filled the air with laughter.

n. the quality of being full of energy, excitement, and cheerfulness; an overflowing or excessive display of energy, enthusiasm, excitement, or joy

ANSWERS: 23. restless, 24. unfolded, 25. swooped, 26. scoot, 27. untie, 28. juxtaposition, 29. exuberance

30. The famous _____ was filled with people enjoying the sun and chatting with each other.
- n.* an open public square or marketplace in an Italian town, often surrounded by buildings and often used as a gathering place
31. The construction workers set up the _____ to reach the top of the building.
- n.* a temporary platform or structure used to support workers and materials during construction or maintenance work
32. This track starts with a _____ guitar riff.
- adj.* pleasing and easy to remember; likely to attract attention
33. The school _____ worked tirelessly to keep the building clean and maintained for the students and faculty.
- n.* a person who is responsible for the care and maintenance of a building, institution, or collection; a guardian or keeper of something valuable or important
34. Large earthquakes often generate _____ tsunamis.
- adj.* very frightening or intimidating
35. Two months later, my tumor _____ utterly.
- v.* disappear or stop being present or existing suddenly and completely
36. He _____ himself by playing video games during his free time.
- v.* to entertain or divert the mind; to make someone laugh
37. The artist likes to _____ different styles and colors in her paintings.
- v.* to place two or more things side by side, often to compare or contrast them or to create an effect of surprise or incongruity

ANSWERS: 30. piazza, 31. scaffold, 32. catchy, 33. custodian, 34. terrifying, 35. vanished, 36. amused, 37. juxtapose

38. The storm last night _____ everything in the yard, leaving puddles everywhere.
- v.* to completely soak or saturate with liquid, typically with the intent of making something thoroughly wet
39. They booked a weekend getaway at a _____ retreat to escape the city's hustle and bustle.
- n.* (also "cerrado") a rural or agricultural area, typically in Latin American countries; an open field or countryside
40. My grandmother visited the renowned _____ for her annual eye examination.
- n.* a medical professional who specializes in the treatment of diseases and disorders of the eye; an ophthalmologist or an optometrist
41. The cords behind my computer were a _____ mess.
- n.* a confused mass of something twisted together
42. The _____ of the old building added to its architectural charm.
- n.* a decorative, horizontal molding that crowns a building or furniture; a ledge or shelf along the top of a wall
43. She felt _____ about her performance in the competition.
- adj.* excessively pleased with oneself; self-righteously complacent
44. Completing this project in such a short amount of time will be a _____ task.
- adj.* requiring great strength, effort, or endurance; of or relating to the legendary strength of the ancient Greek hero Hercules
45. The storm wreaked _____ on the town, causing widespread damage and power outages.
- n.* widespread destruction or devastation, often caused by natural disasters, war, or other violent events

ANSWERS: 38. drenched, 39. campo-style, 40. oculist, 41. tangled, 42. cornice, 43. smug, 44. herculean, 45. havoc

46. The interests of the two countries _____.
- v.* to hit something violently when moving
47. The thief stole the wallet from the _____ tourist.
- adj.* unaware of the presence of danger; not suspicious
48. The artist's studio was located in a small _____ on the top floor of the building.
- n.* a small and usually cramped attic room, typically located at the top of a house or building; a makeshift living space or studio, often used by artists or writers
49. The beautiful _____ added a touch of elegance to the dinner party.
- n.* a cloth used to cover a table, especially for protection or decoration
50. The phone rang at the most _____ time.
- adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
51. He is very popular at school because he can _____ all the teachers' accents.
- v.* to imitate someone's speech, movement, or behavior, especially to make others laugh
52. He continued the extraordinary _____ with his brother.
- n.* a long wandering and eventful journey; a Greek epic poem attributed to Homer, describing the journey of Odysseus after the fall of Troy
53. We have to _____ our company's product lineup for further growth.
- v.* to consider again a plan, idea, etc., especially to change it
54. The _____ of Greek gods and goddesses is well-known throughout Western culture.
- n.* a temple dedicated to all the gods or goddesses of a particular religion or mythology; a group of something or someone that is remarkably respected, famous, or important

ANSWERS: 46. collide, 47. unsuspecting, 48. garret, 49. tablecloth, 50. opportune, 51. mimic, 52. odyssey, 53. rethink, 54. pantheon

55. The virus has _____ havoc on the healthcare system, overwhelming hospitals and causing shortages of supplies.
- v. to cause or bring about something, often as a result of harmful or destructive actions or events
56. I found an old photo album in the spacious _____ filled with pictures of my grandparents when they were young.
- n. a space or area, typically bounded by a roof and walls in a house that is located immediately below the roof; often used for storage or as an additional living space
57. Rome's _____ gets busy in peak season.
- n. (also "coliseum") a large amphitheater (= an open-air venue used for entertainment, performances, and sports) in Rome whose construction was begun by Vespasian about AD 75 or 80
58. Even after the wound has healed, a _____ remains.
- n. a mark that remains on the skin after a wound has healed
59. The teacher _____ the student to get his attention and asked him a question.
- v. to push someone or something gently, especially with your elbow, to attract the person's attention; (noun) a small push or prod to encourage a desired action or behavior
60. I went for a _____ through the park on a beautiful afternoon.
- n. a leisurely and unhurried walk or stroll, often taken for pleasure or to enjoy the surroundings; (verb) to walk in a slow, relaxed, and leisurely way, often in a confident and self-assured manner
61. The storm had _____ all paint off the siding.
- v. to remove the skin of fruit and vegetables

ANSWERS: 55. wreaked, 56. attic, 57. Colosseum, 58. scar, 59. nudged, 60. saunter, 61. peeled

62. The _____ operator made sure each child was safely seated before starting the ride
- n.* a rotating platform, often used for amusement or entertainment, adorned with horses or other animals or vehicles for people to ride; a slideshow or display of images or information that cycles or repeats

ANSWERS: 62. carousel