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Session 1: Word List

graham

n. a type of flour made from whole wheat that has had the bran and germ removed and is often used to make crackers or cookies; a cracker made with this type of flour

synonym: cracker, biscuit, wafer

(1) **graham** bread, (2) **graham** flour

I enjoyed my camping trip with friends, toasting marshmallows over a glowing **graham** cracker.

domino

n. a small, flat, rectangular block used in a game that has pairs of dots on one or both sides; a consequence of an event that sets off a chain reaction of similar events

synonym: tile, block, ivory

(1) **domino** chain, (2) **domino** effect

We knocked over a stack of **dominoes** and watched them fall one by one.

jerry

adj. a slang term referring to something that is improvised, makeshift, or of poor quality; jerry-rigged

synonym: deceptive, deceitful, dishonest

(1) **jerry-built** foundation, (2) **jerry-made** toy

The **jerry-rigged** repair was only a temporary solution to the problem.

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.

excite

v. to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager

synonym : thrill, exhilarate, animate

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

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

decouple

v. to disconnect or separate something from something else that it was joined to or part of previously

synonym : disunite, disjoint, break up

(1) **decouple** a power supply, (2) **decouple** a space shuttle

We have to **decouple** our foreign policy from ideology.

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.

idealist

n. a person who is guided by ideals or principles rather than practical considerations or reality; a person who seeks to achieve a particular vision or goal for the betterment of society or humanity

synonym : dreamer, idealizer, visionary

(1) **idealist** at heart, (2) an **idealist** perspective

As a dedicated **idealist**, she always fought for what was right, no matter the cost.

geopolitical

adj. of or relating to political activity or relations between countries and groups of countries, as influenced by the physical features of a country or area

(1) the **geopolitical** situations, (2) reduce **geopolitical** risk

The country holds dominant **geopolitical** power over its

neighbors.

budge

v. to move or shift slightly, particularly with effort or resistance; to make or cause a slight change in something

synonym : move, shift, nudge

(1) **budge** an inch, (2) **budge** the shelf

No matter how hard I tried, I couldn't **budge** the heavy couch from its place in the room.

grizzled

adj. having gray or partly gray hair; having a worn or weathered appearance; marked by experience or endurance

synonym : gray-haired, hoary

(1) **grizzled** beard, (2) **grizzled** appearance

The **grizzled** veteran shared his war stories and experiences with the young soldiers.

orphanage

n. an institution for the care of orphans (= a child whose parents are dead)

synonym : home for orphans, children's home, foster home

(1) build an **orphanage**, (2) **orphanage** director

He grew up in a Christian **orphanage** and never knew his biological parents.

beard

n. hair that grows on a man's face, often around the mouth and chin

synonym : facial hair, whiskers, stubble

(1) a black **beard**, (2) shave my **beard**

He grew a thick **beard** to change his appearance.

famine

n. a severe shortage of food, often caused by drought, war, or economic reasons

synonym : hunger, starvation, drought

(1) **famine** relief, (2) coal **famine**

The severe **famine** caused by the drought has left many people without food.

orphan

n. a child whose parents are dead or have abandoned them

synonym: waif, stray, fatherless child

(1) **orphan** care, (2) asylum for **orphan** children

The little girl was a war **orphan** and lived in a group home.

stigmatize

v. to accuse, condemn, or openly or formally consider somebody or something as not deserving respect

synonym: brand, mark, denounce

(1) **stigmatize** the deviant as criminal, (2) **stigmatize** him as a swindler

She was **stigmatized** by society because she had a child out of wedlock.

farce

n. a type of comedy that relies on ridiculous situations, improbable coincidences, and exaggerated characters to provide humor

synonym: comedy, parody, spoof

(1) sports **farce**, (2) theatrical **farce**

The political scandal was like a **farce** straight out of a TV sitcom.

piety

n. devoutness or reverence towards a higher power or moral code; a deep respect for religious ideals and traditions

synonym: devoutness, religiousness, reverence

(1) **piety** in religion, (2) show **piety** towards god

The religious leader was known for his extreme **piety** and devotion to his faith.

hemorrhage

n. profuse bleeding, often caused by a ruptured vessel

synonym: heavy bleeding

(1) **hemorrhage** from a breast, (2) **hemorrhage** control

He had a severe brain **hemorrhage** that left him paralyzed.

brigade

n. a military unit typically consisting of several battalions, usually commanded by a brigadier general; a group of

people organized for a particular purpose or activity

synonym : squad, group, unit

(1) **brigade** commander, (2) rescue **brigade**

The culinary **brigade** prepared a delicious meal for the guests at the banquet.

extinguish

v. to cause a fire to stop burning or light to stop shining

synonym : quench, smother, blow out

(1) **extinguish** a cigarette, (2) **extinguish** the street lamp

Firefighters made every effort to **extinguish** the blaze immediately.

avert

v. to prevent something dangerous or undesirable from happening

synonym : discourage, prevent, deter

(1) **avert** disaster, (2) **avert** a strike

The dam systematically releases large amounts of water to **avert** flooding during the rainy season

offend

v. to cause someone to feel upset, angry, or annoyed

synonym : insult, hurt, anger

(1) **offend** his sensibilities, (2) **offend** a customer

His rude comments **offended** many people at the party.

intellect

n. the ability to think logically and comprehend information, especially at an advanced level

synonym : mind, brightness, cleverness

(1) enrich my **intellect**, (2) human **intellect**

Your **intellect** is capable of distinguishing among similar objects.

rigor

n. strictness or severity in opinion, temper, or judgment

synonym : strictness, exactness, accuracy

(1) the **rigor** of the law, (2) academic **rigor**

When the dead body was found, **rigor** mortis had already begun.

extremist

n. a person who holds extreme political or religious views and who is willing to use violent or illegal methods to promote those views

synonym : radical, fanatic, zealot

(1) **extremist** political views, (2) radical **extremist**

The **extremist** group planned a series of violent attacks to push its agenda.

turbulent

adj. marked by a lot of sudden changes, confusion, or uncertainty; characterized by intense activity or agitation

synonym : chaotic, stormy, tumultuous

(1) **turbulent** waves, (2) **turbulent** age

The stock market has been **turbulent** lately, with prices fluctuating rapidly.

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.

retrovirus

n. a type of RNA virus that uses the enzyme reverse transcriptase to convert its RNA into DNA, which then inserts itself into the host cell's genome, which can cause a variety of diseases in humans and animals, including HIV (Human Immunodeficiency Virus)

(1) **retrovirus** infection, (2) feline **retrovirus**

The patient's condition improved after beginning a **retrovirus-targeted** treatment regimen.

ingenuity

n. the quality of inventing things or solving problems in clever new ways

synonym : creativity, invention, originality

(1) the infinite **ingenuity** of man, (2) abound in **ingenuity**

Creativity and **ingenuity** are often brought about by extreme concentration.

- doe** *n.* a mature female of mammals of which the male is called a buck, such as a deer or a rabbit
synonym : rabbit, bunny, hare
(1) **doe** rabbit, (2) buck and **doe**
Hunters use a whistle that makes the **doe** sound to lure stags.
- fizz** *v.* to make a hissing or bubbling sound, often accompanied by the release of gas or effervescence; to be lively, exciting, or effervescent in character or atmosphere; (noun) the sound, process, or result of something producing small bubbles
synonym : fizzle, effervesce, bubble
(1) **fizz** up after the speech, (2) **fizz** with life
The soda began to **fizz** when I opened the can, spilling over the top and onto my shirt.
- scrutinize** *v.* to examine carefully and critically; to inspect closely
synonym : examine, inspect, audit
(1) **scrutinize** her belongings, (2) **scrutinize** a suspect
The detective **scrutinized** the evidence for any clues.
- numb** *adj.* unable to feel physical sensation and movement; not showing human feeling or sensitivity
synonym : dazed, insensitive, emotionless
(1) **numb** with cold, (2) a **numb** mind
My left arm became **numb**.
- indifference** *n.* a lack of interest, enthusiasm, or sympathy towards someone or something
synonym : apathy, disinterest, unconcern
(1) **indifference** to pain, (2) general **indifference**
I tried to assume an air of **indifference**.
- hippie** *n.* a person who follows a counterculture movement that originated in the United States during the 1960s, characterized by the advocacy of nonviolence,

communal living, and a rejection of traditional American values

synonym: bohemian, beatnik, free spirit

(1) **hippie** lifestyle, (2) **hippie** music

The fashion of the **hippie** movement included unconventional clothing such as tie-dye shirts and bell-bottom jeans.

gestation

n. the state of being pregnant; the period during which an embryo or fetus develops, usually about 280 days in humans

synonym: pregnancy, carrying, incubation

(1) extrauterine **gestation**, (2) **gestation** time

The **gestation** period for elephants is 22 months.

lifesaving

n. the act or process of rescuing someone else's life, especially from drowning

(1) **lifesaving** efforts, (2) **lifesaving** device

The patient needs a **lifesaving** transplant operation.

pragmatist

n. a person who practically approaches situations and problems; someone who prioritizes usefulness and functionality over abstract principles or ideals

synonym: realist, practical person, utilitarian

(1) **pragmatist** perspective, (2) a true **pragmatist**

As a **pragmatist**, she always focuses on finding practical solutions to problems.

summon

v. to order someone to come to or be present at a specific place such as a court, or to arrange a meeting formally

synonym: call for, muster, assemble

(1) **summon** a lawyer, (2) **summon** a city council

The chairperson was responsible for **summoning** committees.

redefine

v. to change the meaning or interpretation of something; to make people think about something in a new or different way

synonym : reconsider, reformulate, alter

(1) **redefine** customer experience, (2) **redefine** our role
The video telephony application has **redefined** the way we work.

wanton

adj. causing harm or damage deliberately and showing no care at all; casual and unrestrained in sexual behavior

synonym : lustful, extravagant, lewd

(1) **wanton** destruction, (2) **wanton** spending
She cast **wanton** eyes at him.

lurch

v. to make a sudden, abrupt movement; to stagger or sway unsteadily; to experience a sudden change or reversal;
(*noun*) a sudden, unsteady, or awkward movement or motion, often to one side or another

synonym : stumble, reel, stagger

(1) a **lurch** in the stock market, (2) **lurch** back and forth
The car suddenly **lurched** forward as we hit a pothole.

disappoint

v. to fail to meet someone or their hopes or expectations; to make someone feel sad

synonym : sadden, dismay, frustrate

(1) **disappoint** the audience, (2) don't **disappoint** me
She worked very hard not to **disappoint** her boss's expectations.

promenade

n. a stroll or walk, often taken in a public place or park; a public place for walking or strolling, often filled with shops or vendors; a dance movement in which the partners move around the floor in a circle or similar pattern

synonym : stroll, walkway, boulevard

(1) evening **promenade**, (2) **promenade** in the park
The boardwalk by the beach was a beautiful **promenade** for tourists and locals alike.

crass

adj. lacking sensitivity, refinement, or tact; coarse, vulgar, or insensitive in speech, behavior, or attitude

synonym : vulgar, tasteless, crude

(1) **crass** behavior, (2) **crass** generalizations

His **crass** comments were offensive and disrespectful to everyone in the room.

reap

v. to harvest a grain crop from a field; to obtain something beneficial as a consequence of something that you have done

synonym : collect, harvest, derive

(1) **reap** the benefits, (2) **reap** crops

He **reaped** a significant profit from the listing of his company's stock.

deduct

v. to take away an amount or part of the money, points, etc. from a total

synonym : remove, subtract, withdraw

(1) **deduct** the interest, (2) **deduct** \$100 from the price

The bank **deducted** the premium amount from his bank account.

merciful

adj. having or showing compassion, kindness, or forgiveness towards those who may be deserving of punishment or harm; characterized by leniency or clemency

synonym : compassionate, kind, lenient

(1) **merciful** gesture, (2) **merciful** punishment

The **merciful** judge decided to give the defendant a lighter sentence.

zeitgeist

n. the spirit or general outlook of a particular period of time, especially as it is reflected in the beliefs and attitudes of that time; the cultural, intellectual, or moral climate of a society or era

synonym : spirit of the time, trend, fashion

(1) the **zeitgeist** of the era, (2) cultural **zeitgeist**

The political speech resonated with the **zeitgeist** of national

unity and cooperation.

moth

n. an insect with wings similar to a butterfly that travels at night and is attracted to light

(1) **moth** larva, (2) **moth** attracted to the light

The **moth** is a serious threat to the farm's output.

determinant

n. a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result

synonym: cause, factor, element

(1) environmental **determinant**, (2) a **determinant** of crop yields

One **determinant** of success is having a positive attitude and a strong work ethic.

fir

n. a type of tall evergreen tree that is native to the northern hemisphere, with needle-like leaves and cones that stand upright on the branches

synonym: pine, spruce, cedar

(1) **fir** branch, (2) **fir** forest

The smell of fresh **fir** trees filled the air at the Christmas tree farm.

impractical

adj. not sensible or useful for practical purposes; not likely to be effective in achieving an intended outcome

synonym: impracticable, unrealizable, unfeasible

(1) **impractical** idea, (2) **impractical** solution

It is **impractical** to expect everyone to work for free.

immoral

adj. not conforming to accepted society's standards of honesty or morality

synonym: unethical, wicked, corrupt

(1) **immoral** behavior, (2) politically **immoral**

It is **immoral** to cheat on a test.

heartland

n. a region or area that is considered central or vital to a particular country, culture, or social or economic system, often characterized by a sense of national identity or pride and a strong attachment to tradition or values associated with that region

synonym: central area

(1) industrial **heartland**, (2) American **heartland**

I grew up surrounded by cornfields and farms in the country's **heartland**.

nerd

n. a person who is very interested in and knowledgeable about a particular subject such as computers, mathematics, chess, etc.

synonym: geek, techie, wonk

(1) a computer **nerd**, (2) **nerd** neck

He was, by nature, a cyber **nerd**.

sally

n. a sudden, impulsive outing or excursion; a witty or clever remark

synonym: sortie, charge, wisecrack

(1) **sally** of wit, (2) **sally** port

The protesters made a sudden **sally** into the town square, surprising everyone.

homemaking

n. the act or practice of managing a household and taking care of domestic duties such as cooking, cleaning, and organizing; the work or occupation of being a homemaker

synonym: housekeeping, domestic management

(1) traditional **homemaking** skills, (2) **homemaking** tools

Homemaking duties can include anything from cooking and cleaning to managing household finances.

starvation

n. a severe lack of food that leads to malnutrition and, ultimately, death

synonym: hunger, malnutrition, emaciation

(1) die of **starvation**, (2) **starvation** wages

The drought led to widespread **starvation** in the region.

landline

n. (also "wireline") a telephone line that transmits and receives signals through a physical wire or cable network, as opposed to a cellular or satellite connection

synonym: fixed line, wired phone

(1) **landline** phone, (2) **landline** connection

We need to install a **landline** in our new office before we can start taking client calls.

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.

Session 2: Spelling

1. id____st at heart *n.* a person who is guided by ideals or principles rather than practical considerations or reality; a person who seeks to achieve a particular vision or goal for the betterment of society or humanity

2. sti_____ze him as a swindler *v.* to accuse, condemn, or openly or formally consider somebody or something as not deserving respect

3. or____n care *n.* a child whose parents are dead or have abandoned them

4. a black be__d *n.* hair that grows on a man's face, often around the mouth and chin

5. la_____ne phone *n.* (also "wireline") a telephone line that transmits and receives signals through a physical wire or cable network, as opposed to a cellular or satellite connection

6. pr_____de in the park *n.* a stroll or walk, often taken in a public place or park; a public place for walking or strolling, often filled with shops or vendors; a dance movement in which the partners move around the floor in a circle or similar pattern

7. lu__h back and forth *v.* to make a sudden, abrupt movement; to stagger or sway unsteadily; to experience a sudden change or reversal; (noun) a sudden, unsteady, or awkward movement or motion, often to one side or another

ANSWERS: 1. idealist, 2. stigmatize, 3. orphan, 4. beard, 5. landline, 6. promenade, 7. lurch

8. ind_____nce to pain *n.* a lack of interest, enthusiasm, or sympathy towards someone or something
9. a det_____nt of crop yields *n.* a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result
10. or_____ge director *n.* an institution for the care of orphans (= a child whose parents are dead)
11. coal fa___e *n.* a severe shortage of food, often caused by drought, war, or economic reasons
12. general ind_____nce *n.* a lack of interest, enthusiasm, or sympathy towards someone or something
13. av__t a strike *v.* to prevent something dangerous or undesirable from happening
14. gr_____ed beard *adj.* having gray or partly gray hair; having a worn or weathered appearance; marked by experience or endurance
15. n__b with cold *adj.* unable to feel physical sensation and movement; not showing human feeling or sensitivity
16. dis_____nt the audience *v.* to fail to meet someone or their hopes or expectations; to make someone feel sad
17. a true pra_____st *n.* a person who practically approaches situations and problems; someone who prioritizes usefulness and functionality over abstract principles or ideals

ANSWERS: 8. indifference, 9. determinant, 10. orphanage, 11. famine, 12. indifference, 13. avert, 14. grizzled, 15. numb, 16. disappoint, 17. pragmatist

18. the ri__r of the law *n.* strictness or severity in opinion, temper, or judgment
19. im____l behavior *adj.* not conforming to accepted society's standards of honesty or morality
20. the geo_____cal situations *adj.* of or relating to political activity or relations between countries and groups of countries, as influenced by the physical features of a country or area
21. an id____st perspective *n.* a person who is guided by ideals or principles rather than practical considerations or reality; a person who seeks to achieve a particular vision or goal for the betterment of society or humanity
22. bu__e the shelf *v.* to move or shift slightly, particularly with effort or resistance; to make or cause a slight change in something
23. American he_____nd *n.* a region or area that is considered central or vital to a particular country, culture, or social or economic system, often characterized by a sense of national identity or pride and a strong attachment to tradition or values associated with that region
24. industrial he_____nd *n.* a region or area that is considered central or vital to a particular country, culture, or social or economic system, often characterized by a sense of national identity or pride and a strong attachment to tradition or values associated with that region

ANSWERS: 18. rigor, 19. immoral, 20. geopolitical, 21. idealist, 22. budge, 23. heartland, 24. heartland

25. ret_____us infection *n.* a type of RNA virus that uses the enzyme reverse transcriptase to convert its RNA into DNA, which then inserts itself into the host cell's genome, which can cause a variety of diseases in humans and animals, including HIV (Human Immunodeficiency Virus)
26. issue a w__t *n.* a written legal order or command
27. de_____le a space shuttle *v.* to disconnect or separate something from something else that it was joined to or part of previously
28. f__z up after the speech *v.* to make a hissing or bubbling sound, often accompanied by the release of gas or effervescence; to be lively, exciting, or effervescent in character or atmosphere; (noun) the sound, process, or result of something producing small bubbles
29. f__z with life *v.* to make a hissing or bubbling sound, often accompanied by the release of gas or effervescence; to be lively, exciting, or effervescent in character or atmosphere; (noun) the sound, process, or result of something producing small bubbles
30. pi__y in religion *n.* devoutness or reverence towards a higher power or moral code; a deep respect for religious ideals and traditions
31. asylum for or____n children *n.* a child whose parents are dead or have abandoned them

ANSWERS: 25. retrovirus, 26. writ, 27. decouple, 28. fizz, 29. fizz, 30. piety, 31. orphan

32. ext_____sh the street lamp *v.* to cause a fire to stop burning or light to stop shining
33. ex___e the crowd *v.* to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager
34. an op_____ne remark *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
35. imp_____al solution *adj.* not sensible or useful for practical purposes; not likely to be effective in achieving an intended outcome
36. show pi__y towards god *n.* devoutness or reverence towards a higher power or moral code; a deep respect for religious ideals and traditions
37. rescue br_____e *n.* a military unit typically consisting of several battalions, usually commanded by a brigadier general; a group of people organized for a particular purpose or activity
38. extrauterine ge_____on *n.* the state of being pregnant; the period during which an embryo or fetus develops, usually about 280 days in humans
39. gr___m bread *n.* a type of flour made from whole wheat that has had the bran and germ removed and is often used to make crackers or cookies; a cracker made with this type of flour
40. br_____e commander *n.* a military unit typically consisting of several battalions, usually commanded by a brigadier general; a group of people organized for a particular purpose or activity

ANSWERS: 32. extinguish, 33. excite, 34. opportune, 35. impractical, 36. piety, 37. brigade, 38. gestation, 39. graham, 40. brigade

41. lif_____ng efforts *n.* the act or process of rescuing someone else's life, especially from drowning
42. m__h attracted to the light *n.* an insect with wings similar to a butterfly that travels at night and is attracted to light
43. don't dis_____nt me *v.* to fail to meet someone or their hopes or expectations; to make someone feel sad
44. enrich my in_____ct *n.* the ability to think logically and comprehend information, especially at an advanced level
45. buck and d_e *n.* a mature female of mammals of which the male is called a buck, such as a deer or a rabbit
46. de___t the interest *v.* to take away an amount or part of the money, points, etc. from a total
47. build an or_____ge *n.* an institution for the care of orphans (= a child whose parents are dead)
48. radical ex_____st *n.* a person who holds extreme political or religious views and who is willing to use violent or illegal methods to promote those views
49. tu_____nt age *adj.* marked by a lot of sudden changes, confusion, or uncertainty; characterized by intense activity or agitation
50. a w__t of summons *n.* a written legal order or command
51. re_____ne customer experience *v.* to change the meaning or interpretation of something; to make people think about something in a new or different way

ANSWERS: 41. lifesaving, 42. moth, 43. disappoint, 44. intellect, 45. doe, 46. deduct, 47. orphanage, 48. extremist, 49. turbulent, 50. writ, 51. redefine

52. abound in in_____ty *n.* the quality of inventing things or solving problems in clever new ways
53. co____r honor *v.* to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something
54. do____o effect *n.* a small, flat, rectangular block used in a game that has pairs of dots on one or both sides; a consequence of an event that sets off a chain reaction of similar events
55. hom_____ng tools *n.* the act or practice of managing a household and taking care of domestic duties such as cooking, cleaning, and organizing; the work or occupation of being a homemaker
56. f_r forest *n.* a type of tall evergreen tree that is native to the northern hemisphere, with needle-like leaves and cones that stand upright on the branches
57. evening pr_____de *n.* a stroll or walk, often taken in a public place or park; a public place for walking or strolling, often filled with shops or vendors; a dance movement in which the partners move around the floor in a circle or similar pattern
58. hi____e lifestyle *n.* a person who follows a counterculture movement that originated in the United States during the 1960s, characterized by the advocacy of nonviolence, communal living, and a rejection of traditional American values

ANSWERS: 52. ingenuity, 53. confer, 54. domino, 55. homemaking, 56. fir, 57. promenade, 58. hippie

59. cr__s generalizations *adj.* lacking sensitivity, refinement, or tact; coarse, vulgar, or insensitive in speech, behavior, or attitude
60. bu__e an inch *v.* to move or shift slightly, particularly with effort or resistance; to make or cause a slight change in something
61. cr__s behavior *adj.* lacking sensitivity, refinement, or tact; coarse, vulgar, or insensitive in speech, behavior, or attitude
62. r__p the benefits *v.* to harvest a grain crop from a field; to obtain something beneficial as a consequence of something that you have done
63. op_____ne occasion *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
64. academic ri__r *n.* strictness or severity in opinion, temper, or judgment
65. hem_____ge from a breast *n.* profuse bleeding, often caused by a ruptured vessel
66. fa___e relief *n.* a severe shortage of food, often caused by drought, war, or economic reasons
67. sa__y port *n.* a sudden, impulsive outing or excursion; a witty or clever remark
68. d_e rabbit *n.* a mature female of mammals of which the male is called a buck, such as a deer or a rabbit
69. do___o chain *n.* a small, flat, rectangular block used in a game that has pairs of dots on one or both sides; a consequence of an event that sets off a chain reaction of similar events

ANSWERS: 59. crass, 60. budge, 61. crass, 62. reap, 63. opportune, 64. rigor, 65. hemorrhage, 66. famine, 67. sally, 68. doe, 69. domino

70. co___r degree *v.* to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something
71. sti_____ze the deviant as criminal *v.* to accuse, condemn, or openly or formally consider somebody or something as not deserving respect
72. m__h larva *n.* an insect with wings similar to a butterfly that travels at night and is attracted to light
73. die of sta_____on *n.* a severe lack of food that leads to malnutrition and, ultimately, death
74. sports fa__e *n.* a type of comedy that relies on ridiculous situations, improbable coincidences, and exaggerated characters to provide humor
75. hem_____ge control *n.* profuse bleeding, often caused by a ruptured vessel
76. r__p crops *v.* to harvest a grain crop from a field; to obtain something beneficial as a consequence of something that you have done
77. of___d a customer *v.* to cause someone to feel upset, angry, or annoyed
78. scr_____ze a suspect *v.* to examine carefully and critically; to inspect closely
79. tu_____nt waves *adj.* marked by a lot of sudden changes, confusion, or uncertainty; characterized by intense activity or agitation
80. de___t \$100 from the price *v.* to take away an amount or part of the money, points, etc. from a total

ANSWERS: 70. confer, 71. stigmatize, 72. moth, 73. starvation, 74. farce, 75. hemorrhage, 76. reap, 77. offend, 78. scrutinize, 79. turbulent, 80. deduct

81. su___n a lawyer
v. to order someone to come to or be present at a specific place such as a court, or to arrange a meeting formally
82. je__y-made toy
adj. a slang term referring to something that is improvised, makeshift, or of poor quality; jerry-rigged
83. re____ne our role
v. to change the meaning or interpretation of something; to make people think about something in a new or different way
84. me____ul punishment
adj. having or showing compassion, kindness, or forgiveness towards those who may be deserving of punishment or harm; characterized by leniency or clemency
85. av__t disaster
v. to prevent something dangerous or undesirable from happening
86. je__y-built foundation
adj. a slang term referring to something that is improvised, makeshift, or of poor quality; jerry-rigged
87. gr____ed appearance
adj. having gray or partly gray hair; having a worn or weathered appearance; marked by experience or endurance
88. f_r branch
n. a type of tall evergreen tree that is native to the northern hemisphere, with needle-like leaves and cones that stand upright on the branches
89. of___d his sensibilities
v. to cause someone to feel upset, angry, or annoyed

ANSWERS: 81. summon, 82. jerry, 83. redefine, 84. merciful, 85. avert, 86. jerry, 87. grizzled, 88. fir, 89. offend

90. cultural ze_____st *n.* the spirit or general outlook of a particular period of time, especially as it is reflected in the beliefs and attitudes of that time; the cultural, intellectual, or moral climate of a society or era
91. theatrical fa__e *n.* a type of comedy that relies on ridiculous situations, improbable coincidences, and exaggerated characters to provide humor
92. feline ret_____us *n.* a type of RNA virus that uses the enzyme reverse transcriptase to convert its RNA into DNA, which then inserts itself into the host cell's genome, which can cause a variety of diseases in humans and animals, including HIV (Human Immunodeficiency Virus)
93. ex_____st political views *n.* a person who holds extreme political or religious views and who is willing to use violent or illegal methods to promote those views
94. shave my be__d *n.* hair that grows on a man's face, often around the mouth and chin
95. la_____ne connection *n.* (also "wireline") a telephone line that transmits and receives signals through a physical wire or cable network, as opposed to a cellular or satellite connection
96. traditional me_____al *adj.* of or relating to the treatment or cure of disease
97. the ze_____st of the era *n.* the spirit or general outlook of a particular period of time, especially as it is reflected in the beliefs and attitudes of that time; the cultural, intellectual, or moral climate of a society or era

ANSWERS: 90. zeitgeist, 91. farce, 92. retrovirus, 93. extremist, 94. beard, 95. landline, 96. medicinal, 97. zeitgeist

98. sa__y of wit *n.* a sudden, impulsive outing or excursion; a witty or clever remark
99. ge_____on time *n.* the state of being pregnant; the period during which an embryo or fetus develops, usually about 280 days in humans
100. a computer n__d *n.* a person who is very interested in and knowledgeable about a particular subject such as computers, mathematics, chess, etc.
101. human in_____ct *n.* the ability to think logically and comprehend information, especially at an advanced level
102. de_____le a power supply *v.* to disconnect or separate something from something else that it was joined to or part of previously
103. reduce geo_____cal risk *adj.* of or relating to political activity or relations between countries and groups of countries, as influenced by the physical features of a country or area
104. the infinite in_____ty of man *n.* the quality of inventing things or solving problems in clever new ways
105. politically im_____l *adj.* not conforming to accepted society's standards of honesty or morality
106. su___n a city council *v.* to order someone to come to or be present at a specific place such as a court, or to arrange a meeting formally
107. environmental det_____nt *n.* a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result

ANSWERS: 98. sally, 99. gestation, 100. nerd, 101. intellect, 102. decouple, 103. geopolitical, 104. ingenuity, 105. immoral, 106. summon, 107. determinant

108. pra_____st perspective *n.* a person who practically approaches situations and problems; someone who prioritizes usefulness and functionality over abstract principles or ideals
109. ext_____sh a cigarette *v.* to cause a fire to stop burning or light to stop shining
110. wa____n destruction *adj.* causing harm or damage deliberately and showing no care at all; casual and unrestrained in sexual behavior
111. lif_____ng device *n.* the act or process of rescuing someone else's life, especially from drowning
112. a lu__h in the stock market *v.* to make a sudden, abrupt movement; to stagger or sway unsteadily; to experience a sudden change or reversal; (noun) a sudden, unsteady, or awkward movement or motion, often to one side or another
113. ex___e rebellion *v.* to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager
114. sta_____on wages *n.* a severe lack of food that leads to malnutrition and, ultimately, death
115. hi___e music *n.* a person who follows a counterculture movement that originated in the United States during the 1960s, characterized by the advocacy of nonviolence, communal living, and a rejection of traditional American values
116. imp_____al idea *adj.* not sensible or useful for practical purposes; not likely to be effective in achieving an intended outcome

ANSWERS: 108. pragmatist, 109. extinguish, 110. wanton, 111. lifesaving, 112. lurch, 113. excite, 114. starvation, 115. hippie, 116. impractical

117. a n__b mind *adj.* unable to feel physical sensation and movement; not showing human feeling or sensitivity
118. traditional hom_____ng skills *n.* the act or practice of managing a household and taking care of domestic duties such as cooking, cleaning, and organizing; the work or occupation of being a homemaker
119. wa___n spending *adj.* causing harm or damage deliberately and showing no care at all; casual and unrestrained in sexual behavior
120. me_____ul gesture *adj.* having or showing compassion, kindness, or forgiveness towards those who may be deserving of punishment or harm; characterized by leniency or clemency
121. gr___m flour *n.* a type of flour made from whole wheat that has had the bran and germ removed and is often used to make crackers or cookies; a cracker made with this type of flour
122. scr_____ze her belongings *v.* to examine carefully and critically; to inspect closely
123. me_____al chemistry *adj.* of or relating to the treatment or cure of disease
124. n__d neck *n.* a person who is very interested in and knowledgeable about a particular subject such as computers, mathematics, chess, etc.

ANSWERS: 117. numb, 118. homemaking, 119. wanton, 120. merciful, 121. graham, 122. scrutinize, 123. medicinal, 124. nerd

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. We have to _____ our foreign policy from ideology.
 - v. to disconnect or separate something from something else that it was joined to or part of previously

2. The news of her promotion _____ her.
 - v. to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager

3. The _____ period for elephants is 22 months.
 - n. the state of being pregnant; the period during which an embryo or fetus develops, usually about 280 days in humans

4. As a _____ she always focuses on finding practical solutions to problems.
 - n. a person who practically approaches situations and problems; someone who prioritizes usefulness and functionality over abstract principles or ideals

5. The bank _____ the premium amount from his bank account.
 - v. to take away an amount or part of the money, points, etc. from a total

6. _____ duties can include anything from cooking and cleaning to managing household finances.
 - n. the act or practice of managing a household and taking care of domestic duties such as cooking, cleaning, and organizing; the work or occupation of being a homemaker

7. The leaders of the two countries met to _____ on the issue.
 - v. to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something

ANSWERS: 1. decouple, 2. excited, 3. gestation, 4. pragmatist, 5. deducted, 6. Homemaking, 7. confer

8. The country holds dominant _____ power over its neighbors.
adj. of or relating to political activity or relations between countries and groups of countries, as influenced by the physical features of a country or area
9. He _____ a significant profit from the listing of his company's stock.
v. to harvest a grain crop from a field; to obtain something beneficial as a consequence of something that you have done
10. She worked very hard not to _____ her boss's expectations.
v. to fail to meet someone or their hopes or expectations; to make someone feel sad
11. She cast _____ eyes at him.
adj. causing harm or damage deliberately and showing no care at all; casual and unrestrained in sexual behavior
12. The _____ judge decided to give the defendant a lighter sentence.
adj. having or showing compassion, kindness, or forgiveness towards those who may be deserving of punishment or harm; characterized by leniency or clemency
13. It is _____ to expect everyone to work for free.
adj. not sensible or useful for practical purposes; not likely to be effective in achieving an intended outcome
14. The _____ is a serious threat to the farm's output.
n. an insect with wings similar to a butterfly that travels at night and is attracted to light
15. The patient needs a _____ transplant operation.
n. the act or process of rescuing someone else's life, especially from drowning

ANSWERS: 8. geopolitical, 9. reaped, 10. disappoint, 11. wanton, 12. merciful, 13. impractical, 14. moth, 15. lifesaving

16. He had a severe brain _____ that left him paralyzed.
n. profuse bleeding, often caused by a ruptured vessel
17. The smell of fresh ____ trees filled the air at the Christmas tree farm.
n. a type of tall evergreen tree that is native to the northern hemisphere, with needle-like leaves and cones that stand upright on the branches
18. He grew up in a Christian _____ and never knew his biological parents.
n. an institution for the care of orphans (= a child whose parents are dead)
19. The stock market has been _____ lately, with prices fluctuating rapidly.
adj. marked by a lot of sudden changes, confusion, or uncertainty; characterized by intense activity or agitation
20. One _____ of success is having a positive attitude and a strong work ethic.
n. a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result
21. It is _____ to cheat on a test.
adj. not conforming to accepted society's standards of honesty or morality
22. The phone rang at the most _____ time.
adj. suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
23. The little girl was a war _____ and lived in a group home.
n. a child whose parents are dead or have abandoned them

ANSWERS: 16. hemorrhage, 17. fir, 18. orphanage, 19. turbulent, 20. determinant, 21. immoral, 22. opportune, 23. orphan

24. Hunters use a whistle that makes the ____ sound to lure stags.
n. a mature female of mammals of which the male is called a buck, such as a deer or a rabbit
25. The protesters made a sudden _____ into the town square, surprising everyone.
n. a sudden, impulsive outing or excursion; a witty or clever remark
26. The _____ veteran shared his war stories and experiences with the young soldiers.
adj. having gray or partly gray hair; having a worn or weathered appearance; marked by experience or endurance
27. The culinary _____ prepared a delicious meal for the guests at the banquet.
n. a military unit typically consisting of several battalions, usually commanded by a brigadier general; a group of people organized for a particular purpose or activity
28. The severe _____ caused by the drought has left many people without food.
n. a severe shortage of food, often caused by drought, war, or economic reasons
29. The _____ properties of this herb have been known to help with various ailments.
adj. of or relating to the treatment or cure of disease
30. We need to install a _____ in our new office before we can start taking client calls.
n. (also "wireline") a telephone line that transmits and receives signals through a physical wire or cable network, as opposed to a cellular or satellite connection
31. My left arm became _____.
adj. unable to feel physical sensation and movement; not showing human feeling or sensitivity

ANSWERS: 24. doe, 25. sally, 26. grizzled, 27. brigade, 28. famine, 29. medicinal, 30. landline, 31. numb

32. His rude comments _____ many people at the party.
- v. to cause someone to feel upset, angry, or annoyed
33. No matter how hard I tried, I couldn't _____ the heavy couch from its place in the room.
- v. to move or shift slightly, particularly with effort or resistance; to make or cause a slight change in something
34. The fashion of the _____ movement included unconventional clothing such as tie-dye shirts and bell-bottom jeans.
- n. a person who follows a counterculture movement that originated in the United States during the 1960s, characterized by the advocacy of nonviolence, communal living, and a rejection of traditional American values
35. Firefighters made every effort to _____ the blaze immediately.
- v. to cause a fire to stop burning or light to stop shining
36. He was served with a _____ of eviction, giving him the notice to vacate the property.
- n. a written legal order or command
37. I tried to assume an air of _____.
- n. a lack of interest, enthusiasm, or sympathy towards someone or something
38. I enjoyed my camping trip with friends, toasting marshmallows over a glowing _____ cracker.
- n. a type of flour made from whole wheat that has had the bran and germ removed and is often used to make crackers or cookies; a cracker made with this type of flour

ANSWERS: 32. offended, 33. budge, 34. hippie, 35. extinguish, 36. writ, 37. indifference, 38. graham

39. The car suddenly _____ forward as we hit a pothole.

- v.* to make a sudden, abrupt movement; to stagger or sway unsteadily; to experience a sudden change or reversal; (noun) a sudden, unsteady, or awkward movement or motion, often to one side or another

40. The political scandal was like a _____ straight out of a TV sitcom.

- n.* a type of comedy that relies on ridiculous situations, improbable coincidences, and exaggerated characters to provide humor

41. The soda began to _____ when I opened the can, spilling over the top and onto my shirt.

- v.* to make a hissing or bubbling sound, often accompanied by the release of gas or effervescence; to be lively, exciting, or effervescent in character or atmosphere; (noun) the sound, process, or result of something producing small bubbles

42. The _____ repair was only a temporary solution to the problem.

- adj.* a slang term referring to something that is improvised, makeshift, or of poor quality; jerry-rigged

43. When the dead body was found, _____ mortis had already begun.

- n.* strictness or severity in opinion, temper, or judgment

44. I grew up surrounded by cornfields and farms in the country's _____.

- n.* a region or area that is considered central or vital to a particular country, culture, or social or economic system, often characterized by a sense of national identity or pride and a strong attachment to tradition or values associated with that region

45. The boardwalk by the beach was a beautiful _____ for tourists and locals alike.

- n.* a stroll or walk, often taken in a public place or park; a public place for walking or strolling, often filled with shops or vendors; a dance movement in which the partners move around the floor in a circle or similar pattern

ANSWERS: 39. lurched, 40. farce, 41. fizz, 42. jerry-rigged, 43. rigor, 44. heartland, 45. promenade

46. His _____ comments were offensive and disrespectful to everyone in the room.

adj. lacking sensitivity, refinement, or tact; coarse, vulgar, or insensitive in speech, behavior, or attitude

47. He grew a thick _____ to change his appearance.

n. hair that grows on a man's face, often around the mouth and chin

48. The dam systematically releases large amounts of water to _____ flooding during the rainy season

v. to prevent something dangerous or undesirable from happening

49. The chairperson was responsible for _____ committees.

v. to order someone to come to or be present at a specific place such as a court, or to arrange a meeting formally

50. She was _____ by society because she had a child out of wedlock.

v. to accuse, condemn, or openly or formally consider somebody or something as not deserving respect

51. The video telephony application has _____ the way we work.

v. to change the meaning or interpretation of something; to make people think about something in a new or different way

52. The religious leader was known for his extreme _____ and devotion to his faith.

n. devoutness or reverence towards a higher power or moral code; a deep respect for religious ideals and traditions

53. The _____ group planned a series of violent attacks to push its agenda.

n. a person who holds extreme political or religious views and who is willing to use violent or illegal methods to promote those views

ANSWERS: 46. crass, 47. beard, 48. avert, 49. summoning, 50. stigmatized, 51. redefined, 52. piety, 53. extremist

54. The detective _____ the evidence for any clues.

v. to examine carefully and critically; to inspect closely

55. As a dedicated _____ she always fought for what was right, no matter the cost.

n. a person who is guided by ideals or principles rather than practical considerations or reality; a person who seeks to achieve a particular vision or goal for the betterment of society or humanity

56. The political speech resonated with the _____ of national unity and cooperation.

n. the spirit or general outlook of a particular period of time, especially as it is reflected in the beliefs and attitudes of that time; the cultural, intellectual, or moral climate of a society or era

57. Your _____ is capable of distinguishing among similar objects.

n. the ability to think logically and comprehend information, especially at an advanced level

58. The patient's condition improved after beginning a _____ treatment regimen.

n. a type of RNA virus that uses the enzyme reverse transcriptase to convert its RNA into DNA, which then inserts itself into the host cell's genome, which can cause a variety of diseases in humans and animals, including HIV (Human Immunodeficiency Virus)

59. The drought led to widespread _____ in the region.

n. a severe lack of food that leads to malnutrition and, ultimately, death

60. He was, by nature, a cyber _____.

n. a person who is very interested in and knowledgeable about a particular subject such as computers, mathematics, chess, etc.

ANSWERS: 54. scrutinized, 55. idealist, 56. zeitgeist, 57. intellect, 58. retrovirus-targeted, 59. starvation, 60. nerd

61. We knocked over a stack of _____ and watched them fall one by one.

- n.* a small, flat, rectangular block used in a game that has pairs of dots on one or both sides; a consequence of an event that sets off a chain reaction of similar events

62. Creativity and _____ are often brought about by extreme concentration.

- n.* the quality of inventing things or solving problems in clever new ways

ANSWERS: 61. dominoes, 62. ingenuity