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Session 1: Word List

pentagon

n. a flat geometric shape with five straight sides and five angles; a building in Washington, D.C., that houses the U.S. Department of Defense and is the headquarters of the U.S. military

synonym : five-sided shape, quinquangle

(1) equilateral **pentagon**, (2) **pentagon** building

The shape of the building is a distinctive five-sided **pentagon**.

long-range

adj. relating to or extending over a long distance, period of time, or range of possibilities

synonym : far-reaching, extended, distant

(1) **long-range** radar, (2) **long-range** weather forecast

The military uses **long-range** missiles to hit targets from far away.

asymmetrical

adj. lacking symmetry or balance; unevenly or irregularly shaped; not corresponding in terms of quantity, size, or position

synonym : uneven, lopsided, crooked

(1) **asymmetrical** design, (2) **asymmetrical** haircut

The **asymmetrical** shape of the vase made it unique and exciting.

catastrophic

adj. extremely harmful; causing physical or financial destruction

synonym : fatal, disastrous, destructive

(1) victim of **catastrophic** injuries, (2) **catastrophic** climate change

The extinction rate of aquatic animals was **catastrophic**.

glaze

v. to cover or coat with a thin layer of film, particularly a shiny or glossy layer, such as a layer of protective material on ceramics or a top coat of paint on a surface; to apply a thin, glossy coating to food, often using a sauce or syrup

synonym : coat, enamel, varnish

(1) **glaze** a window, (2) **glaze** over eyes

The baker used a brush to **glaze** the donuts with a sweet, shiny coating.

parody

n. a humorous imitation of a serious piece of literature or music designed to ridicule or criticize the original work

synonym : spoof, satire, lampoon

(1) **parody** imitation, (2) comedic **parody**

The movie was a **parody** of classic horror films.

instantaneous

adj. occurring or happening immediately or without delay; taking place in an instant or moment

synonym : immediate, prompt, rapid

(1) **instantaneous** reaction, (2) **instantaneous** message

The new software provides **instantaneous** results, making it much more efficient than the previous version.

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.

tarmac

n. (also "blacktop") a hard surface made of asphalt, concrete, or other materials, typically used as a runway

or surface for vehicles to move on, such as a road, parking lot, or airport runway; (verb) to surface or pave a road or runway with tarmac

synonym : runway, airstrip, path

(1) **tarmac** repair, (2) **tarmac** a driveway

The plane pulled onto the **tarmac** and stopped at the gate.

tread

v. to step or walk on something

synonym : step, walk, pace

(1) **tread** water, (2) **tread** a similar path

He **treads** carefully on the slippery ice.

casualty

n. a person who has been killed or injured in a war, accident, or other disasters; a victim

synonym : victim, injured, fatality

(1) civilian **casualty**, (2) military **casualty**

Unfortunately, the driver was the only **casualty** in the car accident.

ledge

n. a narrow, flat surface or shelf that juts out from a wall or cliff; a projecting rib or molding along the edge of a surface

synonym : shelf, edge, brink

(1) **ledge** overlooking the ocean, (2) wooden **ledge**

He stood on the narrow **ledge**, looking down at the busy street below.

riot

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

synonym : disturbance, unrest, upheaval

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

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

legitimacy

n. the state or quality of being allowed and acceptable under the law; the state or quality of being founded on a

reasonable or acceptable reason

synonym : legality, lawfulness, authenticity

(1) democratic **legitimacy**, (2) challenge the **legitimacy**
I'm going to deny the **legitimacy** of his claim.

fodder

n. feed, such as hay or straw, for cattle and other livestock;
figuratively, something that is used as material or
inspiration for something else

synonym : forage, feed, provender

(1) **fodder** shortage, (2) **fodder** options

The farmer bundled the hay into **fodder** stacks for the
livestock to eat.

unparalleled

adj. without parallel, equal in size, amount, quality, etc.;
better or worse than any other

synonym : outstanding, phenomenal, remarkable

(1) **unparalleled** views, (2) an **unparalleled** achievement

Several American technology companies have achieved
unparalleled success in terms of customer numbers.

Senate

n. a legislative body, especially the upper house of a
parliament

synonym : upper house, council, assembly

(1) **Senate** hearing, (2) **Senate** Finance Committee

The **Senate** majority leader announced plans to bring the bill
to the floor for a vote.

leviathan

n. a monstrous sea creature or marine animal, often used
as a metaphorical term for something big, overbearing,
or powerful

synonym : giant, monster, behemoth

(1) **leviathan** of the sea, (2) financial **leviathan**

The company's new CEO was a corporate **leviathan** known
for his aggressive business tactics.

bankrupt

adj. unable to pay one's debts; having been reduced to a state of financial ruin; lacking in something essential or fundamental

synonym : insolvent, broke, ruined

(1) **bankrupt** business, (2) financially **bankrupt**

Unfortunately, the company went **bankrupt** and had to close its doors permanently.

extant

adj. still in existence; surviving or currently present

synonym : existing, surviving, remaining

(1) **extant** documents, (2) **extant** species

Many ancient artifacts are still **extant** and can be viewed in museums worldwide.

indict

v. to formally charge or accuse someone of a crime, based on the decision of a grand jury or other legal authority; to bring a legal case against someone, typically to prosecute and punish them

synonym : accuse, charge, prosecute

(1) **indict** a suspect, (2) **indict** him of injuries

The FBI worked tirelessly to gather enough evidence to **indict** the corrupt politician.

envelop

v. to surround and cover completely; to encase

synonym : wrap, cover, surround

(1) **envelop** the whole world, (2) **envelop** her in a bear hug

The fog **enveloped** the city, making it difficult to see.

grandchild

n. a child of someone's son or daughter

synonym : offspring, descendant, progeny

(1) **grandchild-grandparent** relationship, (2) **grandchild** development

The grandparents take care of their **grandchild** while the parents are at work.

bygone

adj. belonging to an earlier time; from a previous era or period

synonym : past, former, old-fashioned

(1) **bygone** civilization, (2) **bygone** traditions

The historian studied the **bygone** era with great detail.

troop

n. a group of soldiers, especially a large one; a group of people, animals, or things considered as a unit.

synonym : group, unit, band

(1) the members of a military **troop**, (2) a **troop** of deer

The **troop** of soldiers marched through the city in a parade.

loot

v. steal goods from a place or person, typically during a war or riot; (noun) steal goods from a place or person, typically using force, especially in times of war or civil disorder

synonym : plunder, pillage, rob

(1) **loot** the ship, (2) war **loot**

The bandits **looted** the small town, leaving it in ruins.

wreck

n. a ship that has sunk or has been destroyed; a vehicle that has been badly damaged in an accident

synonym : collapse, destruction, devastation

(1) the house was a **wreck**, (2) a worthless **wreck**

The divers accidentally discovered a **wreck** on the ocean floor.

insurgence

n. an act of rebelling or rising against authority or established order; a revolt or rebellion

synonym : revolt, uprising, rebellion

(1) violent **insurgence**, (2) quell **insurgence**

The government's decision sparked an **insurgence** among the citizens.

lob

v. to throw or hit a ball or object high into the air in a high, slow arc; to propel an object in a high, arcing trajectory

synonym : toss, throw, heave

(1) **lob** the ball into the water, (2) **lob** a grenade

I learned how to **lob** a tennis ball over the net during my first

lesson.

resurrect

v. to bring back to life or bring into existence again
synonym : revive, bring back, bring to life

(1) **resurrect** the dead, (2) **resurrect** an argument
They tried to **resurrect** the ancient tradition.

passee

adj. no longer fashionable or current; outdated; considered to be old-fashioned or out of date

synonym : outdated, old-fashioned, antique

(1) **passee** entertainment, (2) **passee** trend

Bell-bottom jeans, once considered **passee** fashion, have made a surprising comeback in recent years.

balk

v. to hesitate or stop abruptly before completing an action, often due to fear, uncertainty, or opposition; to refuse to comply with or agree to something

synonym : hesitate, recoil, shy away

(1) **balk** at extra work, (2) **balk** in fear

After her first attempt to bake a cake failed, she didn't **balk** at trying again.

actualize

v. to make real or concrete; to bring into existence or implementation; to fulfill or realize a potential or intention

synonym : realize, accomplish, effectuate

(1) **actualize** your ideas, (2) **actualize** the company's vision

I need to **actualize** my plan to make it a reality.

muck

n. dense, wet, and dirty matter or waste, often found in soil or on the ground; animal waste

synonym : dirt, mud, droppings

(1) construction **muck**, (2) **muck** on clothes

The horses waded through the **muck** in the field after the rainstorm.

derision

n. contemptuous ridicule or mockery

synonym : ridicule, mockery, satire

(1) laugh in **derision**, (2) public **derision**

The proposal was met with **derision** from the opposition.

lynch

v. to put to death or punish (usually by hanging) without legal authorization or due process, often as an act of mob justice or vigilante action; (noun) a violent punishment, often extrajudicial, in which a mob or group of people seize and kill someone, usually by hanging, as a form of punishment or vengeance

synonym : hang, execute, mob

(1) **lynch** law, (2) **lynch** him to death

The mob wanted to **lynch** the suspect before he could be tried in court.

inauguration

n. the formal beginning or initiation of something, especially the beginning of a political leader's term in office; a ceremony marking the beginning of an organization or event

synonym : swearing-in, investiture, initiation

(1) **inauguration** ceremony, (2) presidential **inauguration**

The **inauguration** of the new station was a great success.

deft

adj. skillful or clever in one's movements or actions; nimble or agile; demonstrating dexterity or expertness

synonym : skillful, dexterous, adept

(1) **deft** handling of the problem, (2) **deft** touch

The **deft** musician played the complex piece flawlessly.

rift

n. a break or fissure in a relationship, organization, or physical structure; a large crack in the ground, rock, or other surfaces

synonym : split, break, gap

(1) **rift** between friends, (2) geological **rift**

Their disagreement caused a **rift** in their friendship.

elevate

v. to raise something from a lower to a higher position; to give a promotion to or assign to a higher position

synonym :

lift, heighten, promote

(1) **elevate** educational standards, (2) **elevate** a close relationship

Eating food in a hurry **elevates** blood glucose levels.

pronounce

v. to say or speak (a word or words) correctly or in a particular way

synonym: articulate, enunciate, voice

(1) **pronounce** a judgment, (2) **pronounce** a name

She struggled to **pronounce** the word in a foreign language.

acronym

n. a word formed from the first letter of each word in a phrase, such as NASA (National Aeronautics and Space Administration) or AIDS (Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome)

synonym: abbreviation, initialism, shortcut

(1) **acronym** definition, (2) use an **acronym**

RADAR is an **acronym** for radio detection and ranging.

vilify

v. to speak or write about someone or something in a way that is likely to make people have a very low opinion of them

synonym: defame, slander, malign

(1) **vilify** the press, (2) publicly **vilify**

The media has been **vilifying** the politician for his controversial statements.

baton

n. a thin stick or rod used as a conductor's wand, a symbol of authority, or a tool for specific sports or activities; a short, straight, light stick that is passed from runner to runner in a relay race

synonym: staff, stick, wand

(1) conducting **baton**, (2) twirl the **baton**

The police officer used his **baton** to disperse the crowd.

nuke

v. (derived from "nuclear") to attack or destroy a place or target with a nuclear weapon; to cook food in a

microwave oven; (noun) a nuclear weapon, such as a nuclear bomb or missile

synonym : blast, bomb, attack

(1) **nuke** a city, (2) **nuke** missile

The government threatened to **nuke** the enemy territory if they didn't surrender.

reconnect

v. to connect again after a break or interruption

synonym : reopen, rejoin, link up

(1) **reconnect** a telephone, (2) **reconnect** with family

After a long period of estrangement, they **reconnected** with each other.

embed

v. to fix or set firmly in a surrounding mass

synonym : entrench, fix, set

(1) **embed** scripts in the message, (2) **embed** a sensor

The company **embedded** a tracking code in the product's packaging to monitor its shipment.

contextualize

v. to place or understand something within a specific context or framework; to consider the circumstances, background, or cultural setting that provide meaning or significance to something

synonym : analyze, interpret, place in context

(1) **contextualize** information, (2) **contextualize** social issues

The teacher asked the students to **contextualize** their answers with relevant examples.

bifurcate

v. to divide or split into two branches or parts

synonym : branch, fork, divide

(1) **bifurcate** at the top of the mountain, (2) **bifurcate** into two separate tracks

The river **bifurcates** ahead, so we must decide which branch to take.

pretension

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

synonym : presumption, pretense, affectation

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

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

disparate

adj. very different or distinct from something else and is not connected or comparable in any way

synonym : different, distinct, separate

(1) **disparate** impact, (2) physically **disparate** location

The organization worked to bring together **disparate** groups in the community.

nongovernmental

adj. not belonging to or controlled by a government

synonym : private, non-public, non-state

(1) **nongovernmental** aid worker, (2) **nongovernmental** agency

The **nongovernmental** organization works to promote human rights in developing countries.

amaze

v. to fill with wonder, surprise, or admiration

synonym : astound, surprise, stagger

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

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

unmarried

adj. not married; single; having not entered into the legal or socially recognized state of marriage

synonym : single, unwed, celibate

(1) young **unmarried** couple, (2) **unmarried** status

She has chosen to remain **unmarried** and focus on her career.

posse

n. a group of people who come together for a common purpose, often to pursue or capture a criminal; a group of people who share a common interest, belief, or trait

synonym : crew, gang, retinue

(1) **posse** member, (2) **posse** of citizens

My friends and I formed a **posse** to search for the lost hiker.

obliterate

v. to wipe out, destroy, or conceal all signs of something utterly; to remove completely from recognition or memory

synonym : destroy, eliminate, erase

(1) **obliterate** all traces, (2) **obliterate** data

The accident at that nuclear power plant **obliterated** the local ecosystem.

purview

n. the range or scope of authority, responsibility, or influence of a particular person, group, or organization

synonym : scope, range, domain

(1) the **purview** of the committee, (2) beyond the **purview** of the law

The issue falls within the **purview** of the legal department.

intern

v. to put someone in prison, especially for political or military reasons; (noun) a student or trainee who works, sometimes for free, to get work experience or to fulfill qualification criteria

synonym : apprentice, trainee, student

(1) **intern** civilians, (2) medical **intern**

The navy **interned** ships of defeated nations.

boon

n. something that is helpful or beneficial for the quality of life

synonym : benefit, favor, blessing

(1) a **boon** companion, (2) prove a great **boon**

The increased demand for semiconductors worldwide has been a significant **boon** for the country's economy.

highland

adj. an area of elevated land or hilly terrain

synonym : upland, plateau

(1) **highland** Indian, (2) **highland** agriculture

This region has a humid subtropical and **highland** climate.

airborne

adj. moved or conveyed by or through the air; in the air
synonym : flying, aerial, floating

(1) **airborne** troop, (2) **airborne** particles

The amount of **airborne** pollen this year is higher than usual.

airlift

n. the transportation of people or goods by aircraft often used to refer to a major operation to move large numbers of people or supplies to or from an area in need, particularly in times of disaster or conflict

synonym : airdrop, air transport

(1) humanitarian **airlift**, (2) military **airlift**

The humanitarian organization organized an **airlift** of supplies to the disaster-stricken area.

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.

pervert

v. to change the inherent purpose or function of something; to influence somebody to behave in morally unacceptable ways; to corrupt or lead astray; (noun) a person who engages in sexual behavior or has sexual interests that are considered abnormal or deviant by society

synonym : distort, corrupt, twist

(1) **pervert** justice, (2) **pervert** young men

The teacher warned the students not to **pervert** the story's meaning by twisting the facts.

firefighter

n. a person whose job is to extinguish fires

(1) forest **firefighter**, (2) decided to be a **firefighter**

The **firefighter** broke into the house bravely to rescue the children.

censor

n. a person or institution responsible for examining books, movies, and other forms of media to determine if they are harmful or offensive and should be banned or altered; an official in charge of banning or suppressing information

synonym : suppressor, scrutineer, examiner

(1) **censor** a book, (2) **censor** a TV program

The newspaper editor decided to **censor** the controversial headline to avoid backlash.

Session 2: Spelling

1. the pu____w of the committee *n.* the range or scope of authority, responsibility, or influence of a particular person, group, or organization
2. b__k at extra work *v.* to hesitate or stop abruptly before completing an action, often due to fear, uncertainty, or opposition; to refuse to comply with or agree to something
3. decided to be a fir_____er *n.* a person whose job is to extinguish fires
4. l_b the bait into the water *v.* to throw or hit a ball or object high into the air in a high, slow arc; to propel an object in a high, arcing trajectory
5. by___e civilization *adj.* belonging to an earlier time; from a previous era or period
6. ex___t documents *adj.* still in existence; surviving or currently present
7. lon_____ge weather forecast *adj.* relating to or extending over a long distance, period of time, or range of possibilities
8. an unp_____led achievement *adj.* without parallel, equal in size, amount, quality, etc.; better or worse than any other
9. obl_____te all traces *v.* to wipe out, destroy, or conceal all signs of something utterly; to remove completely from recognition or memory
10. n__e missile *v.* (derived from "nuclear") to attack or destroy a place or target with a nuclear weapon; to cook food in a microwave oven; (noun) a nuclear weapon, such as a nuclear bomb or missile

ANSWERS: 1. purview, 2. balk, 3. firefighter, 4. lob, 5. bygone, 6. extant, 7. long-range, 8. unparalleled, 9. obliterate, 10. nuke

20. wooden le__e *n.* a narrow, flat surface or shelf that juts out from a wall or cliff; a projecting rib or molding along the edge of a surface
21. vi___y the press *v.* to speak or write about someone or something in a way that is likely to make people have a very low opinion of them
22. in___t him of injuries *v.* to formally charge or accuse someone of a crime, based on the decision of a grand jury or other legal authority; to bring a legal case against someone, typically to prosecute and punish them
23. ce___r a TV program *n.* a person or institution responsible for examining books, movies, and other forms of media to determine if they are harmful or offensive and should be banned or altered; an official in charge of banning or suppressing information
24. r__t between friends *n.* a break or fissure in a relationship, organization, or physical structure; a large crack in the ground, rock, or other surfaces
25. ta___c a driveway *n.* (also "blacktop") a hard surface made of asphalt, concrete, or other materials, typically used as a runway or surface for vehicles to move on, such as a road, parking lot, or airport runway; (verb) to surface or pave a road or runway with tarmac
26. in___n civilians *v.* to put someone in prison, especially for political or military reasons; (noun) a student or trainee who works, sometimes for free, to get work experience or to fulfill qualification criteria

ANSWERS: 20. ledge, 21. vilify, 22. indict, 23. censor, 24. rift, 25. tarmac, 26. intern

27. young un_____ed couple *adj.* not married; single; having not entered into the legal or socially recognized state of marriage
28. gl__e a window *v.* to cover or coat with a thin layer of film, particularly a shiny or glossy layer, such as a layer of protective material on ceramics or a top coat of paint on a surface; to apply a thin, glossy coating to food, often using a sauce or syrup
29. em__d scripts in the message *v.* to fix or set firmly in a surrounding mass
30. r__t police *n.* a violent disturbance of the peace by a crowd, characterized by destruction of property, looting, arson, and attacks on individuals
31. a worthless wr__k *n.* a ship that has sunk or has been destroyed; a vehicle that has been badly damaged in an accident
32. le__e overlooking the ocean *n.* a narrow, flat surface or shelf that juts out from a wall or cliff; a projecting rib or molding along the edge of a surface
33. by___e traditions *adj.* belonging to an earlier time; from a previous era or period
34. tr__d water *v.* to step or walk on something
35. m__k on clothes *n.* dense, wet, and dirty matter or waste, often found in soil or on the ground; animal waste
36. p__l off easily *v.* to remove the skin of fruit and vegetables

ANSWERS: 27. unmarried, 28. glaze, 29. embed, 30. riot, 31. wreck, 32. ledge, 33. bygone, 34. tread, 35. muck, 36. peel

37. pe____t justice
- v. to change the inherent purpose or function of something; to influence somebody to behave in morally unacceptable ways; to corrupt or lead astray; (noun) a person who engages in sexual behavior or has sexual interests that are considered abnormal or deviant by society
38. comedic pa____y
- n. a humorous imitation of a serious piece of literature or music designed to ridicule or criticize the original work
39. ta____c repair
- n. (also "blacktop") a hard surface made of asphalt, concrete, or other materials, typically used as a runway or surface for vehicles to move on, such as a road, parking lot, or airport runway; (verb) to surface or pave a road or runway with tarmac
40. pa__e entertainment
- adj. no longer fashionable or current; outdated; considered to be old-fashioned or out of date
41. equilateral pe____on
- n. a flat geometric shape with five straight sides and five angles; a building in Washington, D.C., that houses the U.S. Department of Defense and is the headquarters of the U.S. military
42. quell ins____ce
- n. an act of rebelling or rising against authority or established order; a revolt or rebellion
43. gl__e over eyes
- v. to cover or coat with a thin layer of film, particularly a shiny or glossy layer, such as a layer of protective material on ceramics or a top coat of paint on a surface; to apply a thin, glossy coating to food, often using a sauce or syrup

ANSWERS: 37. pervert, 38. parody, 39. tarmac, 40. passe, 41. pentagon, 42. insurgence, 43. glaze

44. di_____te impact *adj.* very different or distinct from something else and is not connected or comparable in any way
45. p__l a fruit *v.* to remove the skin of fruit and vegetables
46. un_____ed status *adj.* not married; single; having not entered into the legal or socially recognized state of marriage
47. l__t the ship *v.* steal goods from a place or person, typically during a war or riot; (noun) steal goods from a place or person, typically using force, especially in times of war or civil disorder
48. ai_____ne particles *adj.* moved or conveyed by or through the air; in the air
49. ina_____ion ceremony *n.* the formal beginning or initiation of something, especially the beginning of a political leader's term in office; a ceremony marking the beginning of an organization or event
50. bas_____ze culture *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
51. lon_____ge radar *adj.* relating to or extending over a long distance, period of time, or range of possibilities
52. the house was a wr__k *n.* a ship that has sunk or has been destroyed; a vehicle that has been badly damaged in an accident

ANSWERS: 44. disparate, 45. peel, 46. unmarried, 47. loot, 48. airborne, 49. inauguration, 50. bastardize, 51. long-range, 52. wreck

53. prove a great b__n *n.* something that is helpful or beneficial for the quality of life
54. ba____pt business *adj.* unable to pay one's debts; having been reduced to a state of financial ruin; lacking in something essential or fundamental
55. public de____on *n.* contemptuous ridicule or mockery
56. r__t control gas *n.* a violent disturbance of the peace by a crowd, characterized by destruction of property, looting, arson, and attacks on individuals
57. hi____nd agriculture *adj.* an area of elevated land or hilly terrain
58. ins_____ous message *adj.* occurring or happening immediately or without delay; taking place in an instant or moment
59. pre_____on to authority *n.* the act of claiming or asserting something, especially without good reason or without evidence; an unfounded or excessive claim or ambition
60. am__e everyone *v.* to fill with wonder, surprise, or admiration
61. a b__n companion *n.* something that is helpful or beneficial for the quality of life
62. 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

ANSWERS: 53. boon, 54. bankrupt, 55. derision, 56. riot, 57. highland, 58. instantaneous, 59. pretension, 60. amaze, 61. boon, 62. bastardize

63. fo___r options *n.* feed, such as hay or straw, for cattle and other livestock; figuratively, something that is used as material or inspiration for something else
64. le_____an of the sea *n.* a monstrous sea creature or marine animal, often used as a metaphorical term for something big, overbearing, or powerful
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69. gra_____ld-grandparent relationship *n.* a child of someone's son or daughter
70. challenge the leg_____cy *n.* the state or quality of being allowed and acceptable under the law; the state or quality of being founded on a reasonable or acceptable reason
71. military ai____t *n.* the transportation of people or goods by aircraft often used to refer to a major operation to move large numbers of people or supplies to or from an area in need, particularly in times of disaster or conflict

ANSWERS: 63. fodder, 64. leviathan, 65. passe, 66. rift, 67. amaze, 68. airlift, 69. grandchild, 70. legitimacy, 71. airlift

72. d__t touch *adj.* skillful or clever in one's movements or actions; nimble or agile; demonstrating dexterity or expertness
73. presidential ina_____ion *n.* the formal beginning or initiation of something, especially the beginning of a political leader's term in office; a ceremony marking the beginning of an organization or event
74. ly__h him to death *v.* to put to death or punish (usually by hanging) without legal authorization or due process, often as an act of mob justice or vigilante action; (noun) a violent punishment, often extrajudicial, in which a mob or group of people seize and kill someone, usually by hanging, as a form of punishment or vengeance
75. twirl the ba__n *n.* a thin stick or rod used as a conductor's wand, a symbol of authority, or a tool for specific sports or activities; a short, straight, light stick that is passed from runner to runner in a relay race
76. l_b a grenade *v.* to throw or hit a ball or object high into the air in a high, slow arc; to propel an object in a high, arcing trajectory
77. pa___y imitation *n.* a humorous imitation of a serious piece of literature or music designed to ridicule or criticize the original work
78. civilian ca_____ty *n.* a person who has been killed or injured in a war, accident, or other disasters; a victim

ANSWERS: 72. deft, 73. inauguration, 74. lynch, 75. baton, 76. lob, 77. parody, 78. casualty

79. beyond the pu____w of the law *n.* the range or scope of authority, responsibility, or influence of a particular person, group, or organization
80. financially ba____pt *adj.* unable to pay one's debts; having been reduced to a state of financial ruin; lacking in something essential or fundamental
81. hi____nd Indian *adj.* an area of elevated land or hilly terrain
82. en____p the whole world *v.* to surround and cover completely; to encase
83. el____e a close relationship *v.* to raise something from a lower to a higher position; to give a promotion to or assign to a higher position
84. po__e of citizens *n.* a group of people who come together for a common purpose, often to pursue or capture a criminal; a group of people who share a common interest, belief, or trait
85. military ca____ty *n.* a person who has been killed or injured in a war, accident, or other disasters; a victim
86. en____p her in a bear hug *v.* to surround and cover completely; to encase
87. re____ct a telephone *v.* to connect again after a break or interruption
88. obl____te data *v.* to wipe out, destroy, or conceal all signs of something utterly; to remove completely from recognition or memory
89. medical in____n *v.* to put someone in prison, especially for political or military reasons; (noun) a student or trainee who works, sometimes for free, to get work experience or to fulfill qualification criteria

ANSWERS: 79. purview, 80. bankrupt, 81. highland, 82. envelop, 83. elevate, 84. posse, 85. casualty, 86. envelop, 87. reconnect, 88. obliterate, 89. intern

90. cat_____hic climate change *adj.* extremely harmful; causing physical or financial destruction
91. victim of cat_____hic injuries *adj.* extremely harmful; causing physical or financial destruction
92. unp_____led views *adj.* without parallel, equal in size, amount, quality, etc.; better or worse than any other
93. ins_____ous reaction *adj.* occurring or happening immediately or without delay; taking place in an instant or moment
94. pr_____ce a name *v.* to say or speak (a word or words) correctly or in a particular way
95. construction m__k *n.* dense, wet, and dirty matter or waste, often found in soil or on the ground; animal waste
96. po__e member *n.* a group of people who come together for a common purpose, often to pursue or capture a criminal; a group of people who share a common interest, belief, or trait
97. ac_____ze your ideas *v.* to make real or concrete; to bring into existence or implementation; to fulfill or realize a potential or intention
98. con_____ize information *v.* to place or understand something within a specific context or framework; to consider the circumstances, background, or cultural setting that provide meaning or significance to something

ANSWERS: 90. catastrophic, 91. catastrophic, 92. unparalleled, 93. instantaneous, 94. pronounce, 95. muck, 96. posse, 97. actualize, 98. contextualize

99. asy_____cal design *adj.* lacking symmetry or balance; unevenly or irregularly shaped; not corresponding in terms of quantity, size, or position
100. pe_____on building *n.* a flat geometric shape with five straight sides and five angles; a building in Washington, D.C., that houses the U.S. Department of Defense and is the headquarters of the U.S. military
101. con_____ize social issues *v.* to place or understand something within a specific context or framework; to consider the circumstances, background, or cultural setting that provide meaning or significance to something
102. forest fir_____er *n.* a person whose job is to extinguish fires
103. Se___e Finance Committee *n.* a legislative body, especially the upper house of a parliament
104. em__d a sensor *v.* to fix or set firmly in a surrounding mass
105. non_____tal aid worker *adj.* not belonging to or controlled by a government
106. tr__d a similar path *v.* to step or walk on something
107. conducting ba__n *n.* a thin stick or rod used as a conductor's wand, a symbol of authority, or a tool for specific sports or activities; a short, straight, light stick that is passed from runner to runner in a relay race
108. bi_____te into two separate tracks *v.* to divide or split into two branches or parts

ANSWERS: 99. asymmetrical, 100. pentagon, 101. contextualize, 102. firefighter, 103. Senate, 104. embed, 105. nongovernmental, 106. tread, 107. baton, 108. bifurcate

109. ac_____ze the company's vision *v.* to make real or concrete; to bring into existence or implementation; to fulfill or realize a potential or intention
110. re_____ct an argument *v.* to bring back to life or bring into existence again
111. gra_____ld development *n.* a child of someone's son or daughter
112. financial le_____an *n.* a monstrous sea creature or marine animal, often used as a metaphorical term for something big, overbearing, or powerful
113. ce____r a book *n.* a person or institution responsible for examining books, movies, and other forms of media to determine if they are harmful or offensive and should be banned or altered; an official in charge of banning or suppressing information
114. physically di_____te location *adj.* very different or distinct from something else and is not connected or comparable in any way
115. baseless pre_____on *n.* the act of claiming or asserting something, especially without good reason or without evidence; an unfounded or excessive claim or ambition
116. non_____tal agency *adj.* not belonging to or controlled by a government
117. fo____r shortage *n.* feed, such as hay or straw, for cattle and other livestock; figuratively, something that is used as material or inspiration for something else

ANSWERS: 109. actualize, 110. resurrect, 111. grandchild, 112. leviathan, 113. censor, 114. disparate, 115. pretension, 116. nongovernmental, 117. fodder

118. re_____ct the dead *v.* to bring back to life or bring into existence again
119. Se___e hearing *n.* a legislative body, especially the upper house of a parliament
120. a tr__p of deer *n.* a group of soldiers, especially a large one; a group of people, animals, or things considered as a unit.
121. the members of a military tr__p *n.* a group of soldiers, especially a large one; a group of people, animals, or things considered as a unit.
122. violent ins_____ce *n.* an act of rebelling or rising against authority or established order; a revolt or rebellion
123. democratic leg_____cy *n.* the state or quality of being allowed and acceptable under the law; the state or quality of being founded on a reasonable or acceptable reason
124. asy_____cal haircut *adj.* lacking symmetry or balance; unevenly or irregularly shaped; not corresponding in terms of quantity, size, or position
125. ly__h law *v.* to put to death or punish (usually by hanging) without legal authorization or due process, often as an act of mob justice or vigilante action; (noun) a violent punishment, often extrajudicial, in which a mob or group of people seize and kill someone, usually by hanging, as a form of punishment or vengeance
126. pe_____t young men *v.* to change the inherent purpose or function of something; to influence somebody to behave in morally unacceptable ways; to corrupt or lead astray; (noun) a person who engages in sexual behavior or has sexual interests that are considered abnormal or deviant by society

ANSWERS: 118. resurrect, 119. Senate, 120. troop, 121. troop, 122. insurgence, 123.

legitimacy, 124. asymmetrical, 125. lynch, 126. pervert

127. d__t handling of the problem *adj.* skillful or clever in one's movements or actions; nimble or agile; demonstrating dexterity or expertness
128. pr_____ce a judgment *v.* to say or speak (a word or words) correctly or in a particular way
129. el_____e educational standards *v.* to raise something from a lower to a higher position; to give a promotion to or assign to a higher position
130. b__k in fear *v.* to hesitate or stop abruptly before completing an action, often due to fear, uncertainty, or opposition; to refuse to comply with or agree to something
131. ac_____m definition *n.* a word formed from the first letter of each word in a phrase, such as NASA (National Aeronautics and Space Administration) or AIDS (Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome)
132. ai_____ne troop *adj.* moved or conveyed by or through the air; in the air

ANSWERS: 127. deft, 128. pronounce, 129. elevate, 130. balk, 131. acronym, 132. airborne

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The government threatened to _____ the enemy territory if they didn't surrender.
 - v. (derived from "nuclear") to attack or destroy a place or target with a nuclear weapon; to cook food in a microwave oven; (noun) a nuclear weapon, such as a nuclear bomb or missile

2. The mob wanted to _____ the suspect before he could be tried in court.
 - v. to put to death or punish (usually by hanging) without legal authorization or due process, often as an act of mob justice or vigilante action; (noun) a violent punishment, often extrajudicial, in which a mob or group of people seize and kill someone, usually by hanging, as a form of punishment or vengeance

3. The media has been _____ the politician for his controversial statements.
 - v. to speak or write about someone or something in a way that is likely to make people have a very low opinion of them

4. The military uses _____ missiles to hit targets from far away.
 - adj. relating to or extending over a long distance, period of time, or range of possibilities

5. The shape of the building is a distinctive five-sided _____.
 - n. a flat geometric shape with five straight sides and five angles; a building in Washington, D.C., that houses the U.S. Department of Defense and is the headquarters of the U.S. military

6. The navy _____ ships of defeated nations.
 - v. to put someone in prison, especially for political or military reasons; (noun) a student or trainee who works, sometimes for free, to get work experience or to fulfill qualification criteria

ANSWERS: 1. nuke, 2. lynch, 3. vilifying, 4. long-range, 5. pentagon, 6. interned

7. Many ancient artifacts are still _____ and can be viewed in museums worldwide.
adj. still in existence; surviving or currently present
8. The plane pulled onto the _____ and stopped at the gate.
n. (also "blacktop") a hard surface made of asphalt, concrete, or other materials, typically used as a runway or surface for vehicles to move on, such as a road, parking lot, or airport runway; (verb) to surface or pave a road or runway with tarmac
9. The proposal was met with _____ from the opposition.
n. contemptuous ridicule or mockery
10. The FBI worked tirelessly to gather enough evidence to _____ the corrupt politician.
v. to formally charge or accuse someone of a crime, based on the decision of a grand jury or other legal authority; to bring a legal case against someone, typically to prosecute and punish them
11. The magician's tricks _____ the audience.
v. to fill with wonder, surprise, or admiration
12. The farmer bundled the hay into _____ stacks for the livestock to eat.
n. feed, such as hay or straw, for cattle and other livestock; figuratively, something that is used as material or inspiration for something else
13. The _____ shape of the vase made it unique and exciting.
adj. lacking symmetry or balance; unevenly or irregularly shaped; not corresponding in terms of quantity, size, or position

ANSWERS: 7. extant, 8. tarmac, 9. derision, 10. indict, 11. amazed, 12. fodder, 13. asymmetrical

14. The _____ of soldiers marched through the city in a parade.
- n.* a group of soldiers, especially a large one; a group of people, animals, or things considered as a unit.
15. After her first attempt to bake a cake failed, she didn't _____ at trying again.
- v.* to hesitate or stop abruptly before completing an action, often due to fear, uncertainty, or opposition; to refuse to comply with or agree to something
16. The company _____ a tracking code in the product's packaging to monitor its shipment.
- v.* to fix or set firmly in a surrounding mass
17. The movie was a _____ of classic horror films.
- n.* a humorous imitation of a serious piece of literature or music designed to ridicule or criticize the original work
18. The extinction rate of aquatic animals was _____.
- adj.* extremely harmful; causing physical or financial destruction
19. The police officer used his _____ to disperse the crowd.
- n.* a thin stick or rod used as a conductor's wand, a symbol of authority, or a tool for specific sports or activities; a short, straight, light stick that is passed from runner to runner in a relay race
20. She struggled to _____ the word in a foreign language.
- v.* to say or speak (a word or words) correctly or in a particular way
21. After a long period of estrangement, they _____ with each other.
- v.* to connect again after a break or interruption

ANSWERS: 14. troop, 15. balk, 16. embedded, 17. parody, 18. catastrophic, 19. baton, 20. pronounce, 21. reconnected

22. This region has a humid subtropical and _____ climate.

adj. an area of elevated land or hilly terrain

23. The river _____ ahead, so we must decide which branch to take.

v. to divide or split into two branches or parts

24. He stood on the narrow _____ looking down at the busy street below.

n. a narrow, flat surface or shelf that juts out from a wall or cliff; a projecting rib or molding along the edge of a surface

25. I learned how to ___ a tennis ball over the net during my first lesson.

v. to throw or hit a ball or object high into the air in a high, slow arc; to propel an object in a high, arcing trajectory

26. 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

27. I need to _____ my plan to make it a reality.

v. to make real or concrete; to bring into existence or implementation; to fulfill or realize a potential or intention

28. The fog _____ the city, making it difficult to see.

v. to surround and cover completely; to encase

29. The historian studied the _____ era with great detail.

adj. belonging to an earlier time; from a previous era or period

ANSWERS: 22. highland, 23. bifurcates, 24. ledge, 25. lob, 26. bastardize, 27. actualize, 28. enveloped, 29. bygone

30. The increased demand for semiconductors worldwide has been a significant _____ for the country's economy.
- n.* something that is helpful or beneficial for the quality of life
31. Unfortunately, the driver was the only _____ in the car accident.
- n.* a person who has been killed or injured in a war, accident, or other disasters; a victim
32. Eating food in a hurry _____ blood glucose levels.
- v.* to raise something from a lower to a higher position; to give a promotion to or assign to a higher position
33. The humanitarian organization organized an _____ of supplies to the disaster-stricken area.
- n.* the transportation of people or goods by aircraft often used to refer to a major operation to move large numbers of people or supplies to or from an area in need, particularly in times of disaster or conflict
34. Unfortunately, the company went _____ and had to close its doors permanently.
- adj.* unable to pay one's debts; having been reduced to a state of financial ruin; lacking in something essential or fundamental
35. The grandparents take care of their _____ while the parents are at work.
- n.* a child of someone's son or daughter
36. The divers accidentally discovered a _____ on the ocean floor.
- n.* a ship that has sunk or has been destroyed; a vehicle that has been badly damaged in an accident

ANSWERS: 30. boon, 31. casualty, 32. elevates, 33. airlift, 34. bankrupt, 35. grandchild, 36. wreck

37. Their disagreement caused a _____ in their friendship.

- n.* a break or fissure in a relationship, organization, or physical structure; a large crack in the ground, rock, or other surfaces

38. The government's decision sparked an _____ among the citizens.

- n.* an act of rebelling or rising against authority or established order; a revolt or rebellion

39. He _____ carefully on the slippery ice.

- v.* to step or walk on something

40. The storm had _____ all paint off the siding.

- v.* to remove the skin of fruit and vegetables

41. The issue falls within the _____ of the legal department.

- n.* the range or scope of authority, responsibility, or influence of a particular person, group, or organization

42. The baker used a brush to _____ the donuts with a sweet, shiny coating.

- v.* to cover or coat with a thin layer of film, particularly a shiny or glossy layer, such as a layer of protective material on ceramics or a top coat of paint on a surface; to apply a thin, glossy coating to food, often using a sauce or syrup

43. The company's new CEO was a corporate _____ known for his aggressive business tactics.

- n.* a monstrous sea creature or marine animal, often used as a metaphorical term for something big, overbearing, or powerful

44. My friends and I formed a _____ to search for the lost hiker.

- n.* a group of people who come together for a common purpose, often to pursue or capture a criminal; a group of people who share a common interest, belief, or trait

ANSWERS: 37. rift, 38. insurgence, 39. treads, 40. peeled, 41. purview, 42. glaze, 43. leviathan, 44. posse

45. They tried to _____ the ancient tradition.
- v.* to bring back to life or bring into existence again
46. The teacher warned the students not to _____ the story's meaning by twisting the facts.
- v.* to change the inherent purpose or function of something; to influence somebody to behave in morally unacceptable ways; to corrupt or lead astray; (noun) a person who engages in sexual behavior or has sexual interests that are considered abnormal or deviant by society
47. The horses waded through the _____ in the field after the rainstorm.
- n.* dense, wet, and dirty matter or waste, often found in soil or on the ground; animal waste
48. The newspaper editor decided to _____ the controversial headline to avoid backlash.
- n.* a person or institution responsible for examining books, movies, and other forms of media to determine if they are harmful or offensive and should be banned or altered; an official in charge of banning or suppressing information
49. The _____ broke into the house bravely to rescue the children.
- n.* a person whose job is to extinguish fires
50. The accident at that nuclear power plant _____ the local ecosystem.
- v.* to wipe out, destroy, or conceal all signs of something utterly; to remove completely from recognition or memory
51. The _____ organization works to promote human rights in developing countries.
- adj.* not belonging to or controlled by a government

ANSWERS: 45. resurrect, 46. pervert, 47. muck, 48. censor, 49. firefighter, 50. obliterated, 51. nongovernmental

52. The amount of _____ pollen this year is higher than usual.

adj. moved or conveyed by or through the air; in the air

53. Bell-bottom jeans, once considered _____ fashion, have made a surprising comeback in recent years.

adj. no longer fashionable or current; outdated; considered to be old-fashioned or out of date

54. The bandits _____ the small town, leaving it in ruins.

v. steal goods from a place or person, typically during a war or riot; (noun) steal goods from a place or person, typically using force, especially in times of war or civil disorder

55. The _____ in the city have left many buildings damaged and several people injured.

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

56. I'm going to deny the _____ of his claim.

n. the state or quality of being allowed and acceptable under the law; the state or quality of being founded on a reasonable or acceptable reason

57. RADAR is an _____ for radio detection and ranging.

n. a word formed from the first letter of each word in a phrase, such as NASA (National Aeronautics and Space Administration) or AIDS (Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome)

58. She has chosen to remain _____ and focus on her career.

adj. not married; single; having not entered into the legal or socially recognized state of marriage

ANSWERS: 52. airborne, 53. passe, 54. looted, 55. riots, 56. legitimacy, 57. acronym, 58. unmarried

59. Several American technology companies have achieved _____ success in terms of customer numbers.

adj. without parallel, equal in size, amount, quality, etc.; better or worse than any other

60. The ____ musician played the complex piece flawlessly.

adj. skillful or clever in one's movements or actions; nimble or agile; demonstrating dexterity or expertness

61. The _____ of the new station was a great success.

n. the formal beginning or initiation of something, especially the beginning of a political leader's term in office; a ceremony marking the beginning of an organization or event

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

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

63. The organization worked to bring together _____ groups in the community.

adj. very different or distinct from something else and is not connected or comparable in any way

64. The teacher asked the students to _____ their answers with relevant examples.

v. to place or understand something within a specific context or framework; to consider the circumstances, background, or cultural setting that provide meaning or significance to something

65. The new software provides _____ results, making it much more efficient than the previous version.

adj. occurring or happening immediately or without delay; taking place in an instant or moment

ANSWERS: 59. unparalleled, 60. deft, 61. inauguration, 62. pretensions, 63. disparate, 64. contextualize, 65. instantaneous

66. The _____ majority leader announced plans to bring the bill to the floor for a vote.

n. a legislative body, especially the upper house of a parliament

ANSWERS: 66. Senate