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Session 1: Word List

serenity

n. the state of being calm, peaceful, and untroubled; a feeling of tranquility or peacefulness

synonym: calmness, tranquility, peacefulness

(1) fall into **serenity**, (2) **serenity** prayer

Meditation and yoga are great ways to achieve **serenity** and peace of mind.

heroic

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

synonym: brave, courageous, daring

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

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

scrabble

v. to scratch or scrape at something with one's hands or claws frantically or desperately; to arrange or rearrange letter tiles to form words in a game of Scrabble (= a popular word game using a 15x15 square board and letter tiles) or a similar word game

synonym: scramble, jumble, mix

(1) **scrabble** through her purse, (2) **scrabble** words

The kids eagerly **scrabbled** to find the hidden Easter eggs in

the garden.

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.

frigate

n. a warship that is smaller and more maneuverable than a battleship or cruiser, often used for patrolling and escort duties; a fast-sailing ship used for exploration or trade

synonym: warship, vessel, cruiser

(1) naval **frigate**, (2) modern **frigate**

The navy deployed its high-speed **frigate** to protect its territorial waters.

merry

adj. cheerful and lively, often with a sense of joyfulness or celebration; characterized by a happy or festive mood

synonym: jolly, happy, cheerful

(1) **merry-making**, (2) **merry** laughter

We had a **merry** time at the Christmas party, singing carols and drinking eggnog.

transcend

v. to rise above or go beyond the limits of something

synonym: surpass, exceed, overcome

(1) **transcend** boundaries, (2) **transcend** limits

The music **transcended** cultural barriers and reached audiences globally.

haunted

adj. inhabited, visited, or frequented by ghosts or spirits; disturbed or troubled by persistent or disturbing memories or emotions

synonym: spooky, eerie, ghostly

(1) **haunted** house, (2) **haunted** by memories

The old mansion was known to be **haunted**, with strange noises and eerie sightings reported by visitors.

childbirth

n. the act or process of giving birth to a baby
synonym: delivery, labor, parturition

(1) natural **childbirth**, (2) assisted **childbirth**

He was present at the **childbirth** of his children.

moreover

adv. indicating that what follows is an additional or supplementary point; furthermore; in addition to what has been said before

synonym: furthermore, besides, in addition

(1) **moreover**, she decided to go, (2) but **moreover**, they work well together

The company is environmentally conscious, and **moreover**, it uses sustainable materials in its products.

obsess

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

synonym: torment, beset, engross

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

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

consolation

n. the comfort received by a person after misfortune or disappointment

synonym: comfort, condolence, solacing

(1) a letter of **consolation**, (2) ask for **consolation** money

Your company has been a great **consolation** to me.

outlive

v. to live longer than another person

synonym: continue, outlast, survive

(1) **outlive** its usefulness, (2) **outlive** our child

She **outlived** her husband for many years.

lodestar

n. a guiding star, especially the North Star (Polaris), used to determine direction; a person or thing that serves as a reliable guide or principle

synonym: guiding star, polestar, compass

(1) political **lodestar**, (2) **lodestar** for success

The North Star is a reliable **lodestar** for navigators in the night sky.

razor

n. a sharp blade used for shaving or cutting hair

synonym: blade, shaver, cutter

(1) **razor** blade, (2) an electric **razor**

He shaved with a **razor** to get a close shave.

scissor

v. (noun, usually "scissors") a cutting instrument consisting of a pair of metal blades; to cut or clip something with scissors; to move or position two things that cross each other like a pair of scissors

synonym: cut, clip, shear

(1) **scissor** paper, (2) kitchen **scissors**

I need to **scissor** my hair to even out the ends.

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.

stun

v. to make a person or an animal unconscious or dizzy, especially by hitting them on the head; to make someone surprised or shocked greatly

synonym: shock, amaze, astound

(1) **stun** fish, (2) **stun** an audience

This sprinter **stunned** the world with his speed.

figurehead

n. a person who holds a nominal or titular position of leadership or authority but who has no real power or influence; a symbolic representation, often in the form of a carved figure or a painting, that is mounted on the bow of a ship

synonym: puppet, emblem, symbol

(1) political **figurehead**, (2) **figurehead** company

The mayor is only a **figurehead** in this town, with the real power being held by the city council

peril

n. serious and great danger or risk

synonym: hazard, danger, threat

(1) the **peril** of the sea, (2) environmental **peril**

Due to hunger, the lives of the refugees were in **peril**.

unruly

adj. difficult or impossible to manage or control; disobedient; disorderly

synonym: naughty, defiant, disobedient

(1) **unruly** beast, (2) **unruly** behavior

The **unruly** children in the classroom made teaching difficult for the teacher.

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.

uncanny

adj. strange or mysterious, often in a way that is unsettling

synonym: arcane, astonishing, eerie

(1) in an **uncanny** manner, (2) **uncanny** resemblance

She has an **uncanny** sense of who is telling a lie.

empathy

n. the ability to share another person's feelings or experiences by imagining that person's situation

synonym: compassion, sympathy, tenderness

(1) full of **empathy**, (2) **empathy** for patients

Empathy is also necessary to understand history.

escalate

v. to increase in intensity, size, or severity; to make something greater, worse, or more serious

synonym: increase, intensify, expand

(1) **escalate** into a major international incident, (2) to **escalate**

The situation quickly **escalated** and turned violent.

hostility

n. aggressive or unfriendly feelings or behavior
synonym: antagonism, antipathy, estrangement

(1) an act of **hostility**, (2) bitter **hostility**

Her unconcealed **hostility** made us unpleasant.

creditor

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

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

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

subordinate

adj. of lower rank or importance, often used to describe a person in a position of inferiority or inferior status; serving as a secondary or supporting element to something else

synonym: inferior, secondary, subservient

(1) **subordinate** position, (2) **subordinate** role

The CEO's **subordinate** employees were expected to follow his instructions without question.

provoke

v. to stimulate or give rise to a particular reaction or have a particular effect

synonym: stimulate, incite, encourage

(1) **provoke** a disease, (2) **provoke** a reaction

Her behavior **provoked** a quarrel between the couple.

petty

adj. of little importance, trivial or insignificant; characterized by an undue concern for small details or rules; mean or spiteful in trivial matters

synonym: minor, insignificant, trivial

(1) **petty** crime, (2) **petty** cash

The **petty** arguments between coworkers were causing a toxic work environment.

jealousy

n. a feeling of resentment or bitterness towards someone because they have something that you desire

synonym : envy, covetousness, resentment

(1) **jealousy** feeling towards another person, (2) burn with **jealousy**

His **jealousy** of his brother's success caused a rift in their relationship.

brood

v. to think much and deeply about something that makes one annoyed, anxious, or angry; (noun) a group of young birds or other animals all produced at one hatching or birth

synonym : offspring, hatch, family

(1) **brood** about the defeat, (2) a **brood** of chickens

The terrible result **brooded** over her all day long.

unshakeable

adj. not able to be shaken or moved; firm, steadfast, and determined; describing a person who is strong, resolute, and unwavering

synonym : unwavering, firm, resolute

(1) **unshakeable** determination, (2) **unshakeable** trust

His **unshakeable** confidence inspired those around him to take bold risks.

emancipation

n. the act or process of setting someone free from control or influence

synonym : liberation, freedom, release

(1) self- **emancipation**, (2) history of **emancipation**

His **emancipation** from his parents was a defining moment and gave him newfound freedom.

proclamation

n. an official announcement or statement

synonym : announcement, declamation, edict

(1) **proclamation** of innocence, (2) nullify a **proclamation**

The king made a **proclamation** declaring war on the neighboring country.

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**.

posterity

n. all future generations of people; the descendants or offspring of a person or a specific group

synonym : descendants, future generations, offspring

(1) pass on to **posterity**, (2) for the sake of **posterity**

The author's books are highly esteemed by literary critics and are considered treasures for **posterity**.

barbaric

adj. characterized by extreme cruelty or brutal violence; resembling the behaviors or practices of a barbarian or uncivilized society

synonym : savage, cruel, primitive

(1) **barbaric** treatment, (2) **barbaric** act

The **barbaric** practice of gladiator fighting was popular in ancient Rome.

sunrise

n. the time in the morning when the sun first appears in the sky

synonym : daybreak, morning, dawn

(1) beautiful **sunrise**, (2) high-technology **sunrise** industries

I got up early to watch the **sunrise** at the summit.

statesman

n. a man who is a respected leader or politician in national or international affairs

synonym : solon, politician, legislator

(1) a woman **statesman**, (2) international **statesman**

This statue honors a distinguished **statesman**.

bleak

adj. unlikely to be favorable; unpleasantly cold and damp; offering little or no hope

synonym : miserable, pathetic, dim

(1) prospects were **bleak**, (2) **bleak** future

The political landscape looks **bleak** without a change of administration.

laboriously

adv. with great effort, difficulty, or exertion; in a manner that requires a lot of physical or mental work

synonym : arduously, toilsomely, determinedly

(1) **laboriously** climb, (2) study **laboriously**

He worked **laboriously** on his research project, spending countless hours in the library.

encompass

v. to surround or cover something completely; to include a large number of or different types of things entirely

synonym : surround, encircle, include

(1) **encompass** a broad range, (2) **encompass** the enemy

The optimal solution that would **encompass** all these elements has yet to be proposed.

memoir

n. a historical account or biography written from the writer's knowledge of famous people, places, or events

synonym : bio, biography

(1) family **memoir**, (2) publish a **memoir**

He wrote his **memoirs** while awaiting trial.

whisper

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

synonym : murmur, rumor, mutter

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

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

storytelling

n. the act or art of narrating or writing stories

synonym : narrating, relating, recounting

(1) **storytelling** performance, (2) courtroom **storytelling**

She was skilled in **storytelling** techniques, such as using different voices for other characters.

anecdotal

adj. based on personal accounts or stories that may not be verifiable or representative of a larger population; characterized by anecdotes or casual observations rather than scientific data or empirical evidence

synonym: hearsay, informal, unreliable

(1) **anecdotal** evidence, (2) **anecdotal** example

My friend shared an **anecdotal** story about her experience in customer service.

ominous

adj. giving the impression that something bad is going to happen; foreboding

synonym: foreboding, portentous, ill-boding

(1) an **ominous** silence, (2) **ominous** sign

The **ominous** clouds in the sky foretold of an approaching storm.

tablecloth

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

synonym: table cover, linens

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

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

embarrass

v. to cause someone to feel awkward, worried, or ashamed

synonym: disconcert, unsettle, agitate

(1) **embarrass** political enemy, (2) **embarrass** my project

He looked for an opportunity to **embarrass** that actor in public.

victor

n. one who wins a game, competition, election, war, etc.

synonym: winner, conqueror, champion

(1) **victor** country, (2) the outright **victor**

The **victor** of the race was the favorite to win.

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.

instill

v. to impart, introduce, or cause to be absorbed gradually

synonym : implant, ingrain, inculcate

(1) **instill** confidence, (2) **instill** medication into my eye

The teacher attempted to **instill** the importance of hard work in her students.

penthouse

n. a luxurious apartment or living space situated on the highest floor or roof of a building, often with additional amenities or features such as a balcony, terrace, or panoramic view; the top floor or floors of a building

synonym : apartment, suite, flat

(1) **penthouse** apartment, (2) **penthouse** terrace

The **penthouse** in the city center offers stunning views of the skyline.

whim

n. a sudden idea or desire, especially one that cannot be reasonably explained

synonym : fancy, caprice, whimsy

(1) at the **whim** of circumstance, (2) **whim** of youth

He quit his job on a **whim** and moved to a new city.

solace

n. comfort or consolation in a time of distress, sadness, or disappointment; (verb) to comfort or console someone in a time of distress, loss, or suffering

synonym : comfort, condolence, peace

(1) **solace** in music, (2) offer **solace**

The grieving widow found **solace** in reading her late husband's letters.

sag

v. to droop or hang down, especially due to a lack of support or the weight of something

synonym : droop, slump, bend

(1) **sag** my jaw, (2) **sag** with fatigue

The old mattress **sagged** in the middle, making it uncomfortable to sleep on.

deteriorate

v. to become worse in quality; to decline or degenerate
synonym: decline, degenerate, regress

(1) **deteriorate** at a slow pace, (2) **deteriorate** condition

The patient's health **deteriorated** rapidly after being diagnosed with the disease.

replenish

v. to fill something that had previously been emptied
synonym: refill, reload, restock

(1) **replenish** a reserve fund, (2) **replenish** my spirit

Please **replenish** my glass with some more wine.

sidelight

n. a window or light source located at the side of a room or building, usually providing additional illumination or serving as a decorative element

synonym: side lamp, sidelight window, illuminating window

(1) **sidelight** window, (2) decorative **sidelight**

The **sidelight** on the porch illuminated the entrance to the house.

whiskey

n. a type of distilled alcoholic beverage made from fermented grains, typically barley, corn, rye, or wheat, aged in barrels and often consumed straight or with mixers

synonym: bourbon, scotch, rye

(1) bootleg **whiskey**, (2) **whiskey** barrel

I enjoy a glass of **whiskey** on the rocks after a long day.

courthouse

n. a building where courts of law are held, or administrative offices for legal proceedings are located

synonym: court, tribunal, judicature

(1) **courthouse** security, (2) municipal **courthouse**

The verdict was announced at the **courthouse** after a long

trial.

outhouse

n. a small structure located outside of a main building that contains a toilet or latrine

synonym: latrine, privy, lavatory

(1) wooden **outhouse**, (2) disused **outhouse**

The **outhouse** behind the cabin was a rustic alternative to indoor plumbing.

indignity

n. an affront to one's dignity or self-respect; an insult or humiliating treatment

synonym: humiliation, insult, offense

(1) **indignity** of poverty, (2) suffer an **indignity**

Being demoted at work was a great **indignity** to him.

irrational

adj. not based on, or not using reason or clear thinking; (mathematics) a real number that cannot be expressed as the ratio of two integers

synonym: illogical, ludicrous, senseless

(1) an **irrational** request, (2) **irrational** numbers

They continued to endure **irrational** treatment by the dictatorship.

excruciating

adj. extremely painful, intense, or distressing; causing great physical or emotional suffering

synonym: agonizing, unbearable, torturous

(1) **excruciating** ordeal, (2) **excruciating** embarrassment

The **excruciating** pain in his ankle made it difficult to walk.

recount

v. to describe what happened or to narrate a story

synonym: narrate, tell, report

(1) **recount** the adventure, (2) **recount** a conversation with him

They **recount** events that have already occurred.

blurt

v. to utter suddenly and impulsively, without prior thought or consideration; to let something slip out unintentionally

synonym : blab, spill, reveal

(1) **blurt** about the inside story, (2) **blurt** in frustration

I didn't mean to **blurt** out the answer, but it came out before I could stop.

fervent

adj. characterized by intense or passionate emotion or enthusiasm; showing great warmth or devotion

synonym : ardent, passionate, enthusiastic

(1) **fervent** supporter, (2) **fervent** belief

She had a **fervent** desire to pursue her passion and make a difference in the world.

confession

n. a formal statement in which one admits that they have done something wrong or illegal

synonym : admission, avowal, acknowledgment

(1) a **confession** of guilt, (2) a **confession** of faith

The prisoner made a full **confession** and admitted to his crime.

communion

n. the act or condition of exchanging or sharing thoughts and feelings; (Christianity) the act of participating in the celebration of the Eucharist

synonym : affinity, intimacy, camaraderie

(1) **communion** with God, (2) spiritual **communion** with nature

We use this tableware in a **communion** service.

protestant

adj. a member of a Western Christian church that is separate from the Roman Catholic Church and that is based on the teachings of Martin Luther and other Reformers

synonym : reformed, evangelical, nonconformist

(1) hard-line **Protestant**, (2) **protestant** theology

The **Protestant** church was the dominant religion in the area.

Catholic

adj. universal and including many different types of things; related to or associated with the part of the Christian Church that has the Pope as its leader

(1) **catholic** in his tastes, (2) the **Catholic** Church
Sociologists are now interested in **catholic** world peace.

sportsmanship

n. the ethical and honorable behavior and conduct demonstrated by individuals engaged in sports or competitions, characterized by fair play, respect for opponents, and adherence to the rules and spirit of the game

synonym : fairness, integrity, ethics

(1) **sportsmanship** award, (2) spirit of **sportsmanship**
Good **sportsmanship** is essential in fostering a positive and fair playing environment.

everlasting

adj. lasting forever or indefinitely; eternal or infinite in duration, also used to describe something unchanging, constant, or enduring

synonym : perpetual, eternal, enduring

(1) **everlasting** love, (2) **everlasting** memories
The writer's words left an **everlasting** impact on his readers.

indulgence

n. the state or act of allowing oneself or another person to enjoy the pleasure of something that is considered to be a pleasure or luxury

synonym : luxury, treat, pampering

(1) plenary **indulgence**, (2) selfish **indulgence**
He allowed himself a few small **indulgences** during his diet.

squarely

adv. directly and firmly; in a square shape

synonym : honestly, justly, straightforwardly

(1) look **squarely** at reality, (2) a **squarely** cut piece of paper

We must **squarely** address the problem.

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 **passe** fashion, have made a surprising comeback in recent years.

duke

n. a noble title given to the highest-ranking hereditary nobleman in certain countries; a male ruler of a particular region or territory; a leader or influential person in a specific field or profession

synonym: lord, nobleman, monarch

(1) the **Duke** of York, (2) **duke's** residence

Prince Philip held the title of **Duke** of Edinburgh for many decades.

retell

v. to tell someone about something again or differently

synonym: reiterate, repeat, restate

(1) **retell** a story, (2) **retell** an old tale

He **retells** the truth to plead not guilty.

Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. courtroom sto_____ing | <i>n.</i> the act or art of narrating or writing stories |
| 2. at the w__m of circumstance | <i>n.</i> a sudden idea or desire, especially one that cannot be reasonably explained |
| 3. s_g my jaw | <i>v.</i> to droop or hang down, especially due to a lack of support or the weight of something |
| 4. naval fr_____e | <i>n.</i> a warship that is smaller and more maneuverable than a battleship or cruiser, often used for patrolling and escort duties; a fast-sailing ship used for exploration or trade |
| 5. br__d about the defeat | <i>v.</i> to think much and deeply about something that makes one annoyed, anxious, or angry; (noun) a group of young birds or other animals all produced at one hatching or birth |
| 6. Se___e hearing | <i>n.</i> a legislative body, especially the upper house of a parliament |
| 7. ca_____ic in his tastes | <i>adj.</i> universal and including many different types of things; related to or associated with the part of the Christian Church that has the Pope as its leader |
| 8. a sq_____ly cut piece of paper | <i>adv.</i> directly and firmly; in a square shape |
| 9. re___l a story | <i>v.</i> to tell someone about something again or differently |

ANSWERS: 1. storytelling, 2. whim, 3. sag, 4. frigate, 5. brood, 6. Senate, 7. Catholic, 8. squarely, 9. retell

10. modern fr____e *n.* a warship that is smaller and more maneuverable than a battleship or cruiser, often used for patrolling and escort duties; a fast-sailing ship used for exploration or trade
11. uns_____le determination *adj.* not able to be shaken or moved; firm, steadfast, and determined; describing a person who is strong, resolute, and unwavering
12. en_____ss a broad range *v.* to surround or cover something completely; to include a large number of or different types of things entirely
13. international st_____an *n.* a man who is a respected leader or politician in national or international affairs
14. municipal cou_____se *n.* a building where courts of law are held, or administrative offices for legal proceedings are located
15. ou_____e our child *v.* to live longer than another person
16. self-ema_____ion *n.* the act or process of setting someone free from control or influence
17. pa__e entertainment *adj.* no longer fashionable or current; outdated; considered to be old-fashioned or out of date
18. uns_____le trust *adj.* not able to be shaken or moved; firm, steadfast, and determined; describing a person who is strong, resolute, and unwavering
19. bl__k future *adj.* unlikely to be favorable; unpleasantly cold and damp; offering little or no hope

ANSWERS: 10. frigate, 11. unshakeable, 12. encompass, 13. statesman, 14. courthouse, 15. outlive, 16. emancipation, 17. passe, 18. unshakeable, 19. bleak

20. pe_____se terrace *n.* a luxurious apartment or living space situated on the highest floor or roof of a building, often with additional amenities or features such as a balcony, terrace, or panoramic view; the top floor or floors of a building
21. checkered tab_____th *n.* a cloth used to cover a table, especially for protection or decoration
22. tab_____th size *n.* a cloth used to cover a table, especially for protection or decoration
23. a con_____on of faith *n.* a formal statement in which one admits that they have done something wrong or illegal
24. publish a me____r *n.* a historical account or biography written from the writer's knowledge of famous people, places, or events
25. kitchen sc_____rs *v.* (noun, usually "scissors") a cutting instrument consisting of a pair of metal blades; to cut or clip something with scissors; to move or position two things that cross each other like a pair of scissors
26. co_____on with God *n.* the act or condition of exchanging or sharing thoughts and feelings; (Christianity) the act of participating in the celebration of the Eucharist
27. re_____t the adventure *v.* to describe what happened or to narrate a story
28. nullify a pro_____ion *n.* an official announcement or statement

ANSWERS: 20. penthouse, 21. tablecloth, 22. tablecloth, 23. confession, 24. memoir, 25. scissor, 26. communion, 27. recount, 28. proclamation

29. bootleg wh____y *n.* a type of distilled alcoholic beverage made from fermented grains, typically barley, corn, rye, or wheat, aged in barrels and often consumed straight or with mixers
30. beautiful su____e *n.* the time in the morning when the sun first appears in the sky
31. spirit of spo_____hip *n.* the ethical and honorable behavior and conduct demonstrated by individuals engaged in sports or competitions, characterized by fair play, respect for opponents, and adherence to the rules and spirit of the game
32. ra__r blade *n.* a sharp blade used for shaving or cutting hair
33. sc____r paper *v.* (noun, usually "scissors") a cutting instrument consisting of a pair of metal blades; to cut or clip something with scissors; to move or position two things that cross each other like a pair of scissors
34. fall into se____ty *n.* the state of being calm, peaceful, and untroubled; a feeling of tranquility or peacefulness
35. ob____s over her weight *v.* to fill the mind of someone continually so that one can't think of anything else
36. pro_____ion of innocence *n.* an official announcement or statement
37. an_____al evidence *adj.* based on personal accounts or stories that may not be verifiable or representative of a larger population; characterized by anecdotes or casual observations rather than scientific data or empirical evidence

ANSWERS: 29. whiskey, 30. sunrise, 31. sportsmanship, 32. razor, 33. scissor, 34. serenity, 35. obsess, 36. proclamation, 37. anecdotal

38. in_____ty of poverty *n.* an affront to one's dignity or self-respect; an insult or humiliating treatment
39. 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
40. bitter ho_____ty *n.* aggressive or unfriendly feelings or behavior
41. he___c explorers *adj.* courageous and daring; having or displaying qualities appropriate for legendary figures that is courage and daring
42. ha_____d by memories *adj.* inhabited, visited, or frequented by ghosts or spirits; disturbed or troubled by persistent or disturbing memories or emotions
43. the outright vi___r *n.* one who wins a game, competition, election, war, etc.
44. irr_____al numbers *adj.* not based on, or not using reason or clear thinking; (mathematics) a real number that cannot be expressed as the ratio of two integers
45. bankrupt cr_____or *n.* a person, company, etc. to whom a debtor owes money
46. je_____sy feeling towards another person *n.* a feeling of resentment or bitterness towards someone because they have something that you desire
47. ha_____d house *adj.* inhabited, visited, or frequented by ghosts or spirits; disturbed or troubled by persistent or disturbing memories or emotions

ANSWERS: 38. indignity, 39. fir, 40. hostility, 41. heroic, 42. haunted, 43. victor, 44. irrational, 45. creditor, 46. jealousy, 47. haunted

48. ou____e its usefulness *v.* to live longer than another person
49. ba____ic treatment *adj.* characterized by extreme cruelty or brutal violence; resembling the behaviors or practices of a barbarian or uncivilized society
50. offer so____e *n.* comfort or consolation in a time of distress, sadness, or disappointment; *(verb)* to comfort or console someone in a time of distress, loss, or suffering
51. decorative si____ht *n.* a window or light source located at the side of a room or building, usually providing additional illumination or serving as a decorative element
52. he is ob____sed with the fear *v.* to fill the mind of someone continually so that one can't think of anything else
53. in____l confidence *v.* to impart, introduce, or cause to be absorbed gradually
54. disused ou____se *n.* a small structure located outside of a main building that contains a toilet or latrine
55. n__b with cold *adj.* unable to feel physical sensation and movement; not showing human feeling or sensitivity
56. s_g with fatigue *v.* to droop or hang down, especially due to a lack of support or the weight of something
57. pr____e a reaction *v.* to stimulate or give rise to a particular reaction or have a particular effect
58. cou____se security *n.* a building where courts of law are held, or administrative offices for legal proceedings are located

ANSWERS: 48. outlive, 49. barbaric, 50. solace, 51. sidelight, 52. obsess, 53. instill, 54. outhouse, 55. numb, 56. sag, 57. provoke, 58. courthouse

59. an unp_____led achievement *adj.* without parallel, equal in size, amount, quality, etc.; better or worse than any other
60. Se___e Finance Committee *n.* a legislative body, especially the upper house of a parliament
61. the pe__l of the sea *n.* serious and great danger or risk
62. exc_____ing embarrassment *adj.* extremely painful, intense, or distressing; causing great physical or emotional suffering
63. burn with je_____sy *n.* a feeling of resentment or bitterness towards someone because they have something that you desire
64. sub_____te position *adj.* of lower rank or importance, often used to describe a person in a position of inferiority or inferior status; serving as a secondary or supporting element to something else
65. pro_____nt theology *adj.* a member of a Western Christian church that is separate from the Roman Catholic Church and that is based on the teachings of Martin Luther and other Reformers
66. study lab_____ly *adv.* with great effort, difficulty, or exertion; in a manner that requires a lot of physical or mental work
67. pe_____se apartment *n.* a luxurious apartment or living space situated on the highest floor or roof of a building, often with additional amenities or features such as a balcony, terrace, or panoramic view; the top floor or floors of a building

ANSWERS: 59. unparalleled, 60. Senate, 61. peril, 62. excruciating, 63. jealousy, 64. subordinate, 65. protestant, 66. laboriously, 67. penthouse

68. me__y laughter *adj.* cheerful and lively, often with a sense of joyfulness or celebration; characterized by a happy or festive mood
69. om____s sign *adj.* giving the impression that something bad is going to happen; foreboding
70. bl__t about the inside story *v.* to utter suddenly and impulsively, without prior thought or consideration; to let something slip out unintentionally
71. mo____er, she decided to go *adv.* indicating that what follows is an additional or supplementary point; furthermore; in addition to what has been said before
72. re____t a conversation with him *v.* to describe what happened or to narrate a story
73. an electric ra__r *n.* a sharp blade used for shaving or cutting hair
74. pa__e trend *adj.* no longer fashionable or current; outdated; considered to be old-fashioned or out of date
75. the D__e of York *n.* a noble title given to the highest-ranking hereditary nobleman in certain countries; a male ruler of a particular region or territory; a leader or influential person in a specific field or profession
76. re____sh my spirit *v.* to fill something that had previously been emptied
77. em____y for patients *n.* the ability to share another person's feelings or experiences by imagining that person's situation

ANSWERS: 68. merry, 69. ominous, 70. blurt, 71. moreover, 72. recount, 73. razor, 74. passe, 75. duke, 76. replenish, 77. empathy

78. pass on to po_____ty
n. all future generations of people; the descendants or offspring of a person or a specific group
79. spo_____hip award
n. the ethical and honorable behavior and conduct demonstrated by individuals engaged in sports or competitions, characterized by fair play, respect for opponents, and adherence to the rules and spirit of the game
80. un___y beast
adj. difficult or impossible to manage or control; disobedient; disorderly
81. si_____ht window
n. a window or light source located at the side of a room or building, usually providing additional illumination or serving as a decorative element
82. 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
83. sub_____te role
adj. of lower rank or importance, often used to describe a person in a position of inferiority or inferior status; serving as a secondary or supporting element to something else
84. re___l an old tale
v. to tell someone about something again or differently
85. sto_____ing performance
n. the act or art of narrating or writing stories
86. full of em_____y
n. the ability to share another person's feelings or experiences by imagining that person's situation

ANSWERS: 78. posterity, 79. sportsmanship, 80. unruly, 81. sidelight, 82. fir, 83. subordinate, 84. retell, 85. storytelling, 86. empathy

87. for the sake of po_____ty *n.* all future generations of people; the descendants or offspring of a person or a specific group
88. selfish ind_____ce *n.* the state or act of allowing oneself or another person to enjoy the pleasure of something that is considered to be a pleasure or luxury
89. an_____al example *adj.* based on personal accounts or stories that may not be verifiable or representative of a larger population; characterized by anecdotes or casual observations rather than scientific data or empirical evidence
90. wh_____y barrel *n.* a type of distilled alcoholic beverage made from fermented grains, typically barley, corn, rye, or wheat, aged in barrels and often consumed straight or with mixers
91. an act of ho_____ty *n.* aggressive or unfriendly feelings or behavior
92. lo_____ar for success *n.* a guiding star, especially the North Star (Polaris), used to determine direction; a person or thing that serves as a reliable guide or principle
93. sc_____le through her purse *v.* to scratch or scrape at something with one's hands or claws frantically or desperately; to arrange or rearrange letter tiles to form words in a game of Scrabble (= a popular word game using a 15x15 square board and letter tiles) or a similar word game

ANSWERS: 87. posterity, 88. indulgence, 89. anecdotal, 90. whiskey, 91. hostility, 92. lodestar, 93. scrabble

94. wooden ou____se *n.* a small structure located outside of a main building that contains a toilet or latrine
95. history of ema_____ion *n.* the act or process of setting someone free from control or influence
96. hard-line Pro_____nt *adj.* a member of a Western Christian church that is separate from the Roman Catholic Church and that is based on the teachings of Martin Luther and other Reformers
97. s__n an audience *v.* to make a person or an animal unconscious or dizzy, especially by hitting them on the head; to make someone surprised or shocked greatly
98. me__y-making *adj.* cheerful and lively, often with a sense of joyfulness or celebration; characterized by a happy or festive mood
99. prospects were bl__k *adj.* unlikely to be favorable; unpleasantly cold and damp; offering little or no hope
100. a he___c poem *adj.* courageous and daring; having or displaying qualities appropriate for legendary figures that is courage and daring
101. em_____ss my project *v.* to cause someone to feel awkward, worried, or ashamed
102. fe_____t belief *adj.* characterized by intense or passionate emotion or enthusiasm; showing great warmth or devotion
103. ex___e the crowd *v.* to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager

ANSWERS: 94. outhouse, 95. emancipation, 96. protestant, 97. stun, 98. merry, 99. bleak, 100. heroic, 101. embarrass, 102. fervent, 103. excite

104. em_____ss political enemy *v.* to cause someone to feel awkward, worried, or ashamed
105. w__m of youth *n.* a sudden idea or desire, especially one that cannot be reasonably explained
106. det_____te condition *v.* to become worse in quality; to decline or degenerate
107. the Ca_____ic Church *adj.* universal and including many different types of things; related to or associated with the part of the Christian Church that has the Pope as its leader
108. look sq_____ly at reality *adv.* directly and firmly; in a square shape
109. family me_____r *n.* a historical account or biography written from the writer's knowledge of famous people, places, or events
110. the cr_____or's claims *n.* a person, company, etc. to whom a debtor owes money
111. the wh_____r of the leaves *v.* to speak very quietly to somebody using the breath rather than the voice so that only those close to you can hear you
112. an om_____s silence *adj.* giving the impression that something bad is going to happen; foreboding
113. a n__b mind *adj.* unable to feel physical sensation and movement; not showing human feeling or sensitivity
114. a br__d of chickens *v.* to think much and deeply about something that makes one annoyed, anxious, or angry; (noun) a group of young birds or other animals all produced at one hatching or birth

ANSWERS: 104. embarrass, 105. whim, 106. deteriorate, 107. Catholic, 108. squarely, 109. memoir, 110. creditor, 111. whisper, 112. ominous, 113. numb, 114. brood

115. to es____te *v.* to increase in intensity, size, or severity; to make something greater, worse, or more serious
116. re_____sh a reserve fund *v.* to fill something that had previously been emptied
117. in_____l medication into my eye *v.* to impart, introduce, or cause to be absorbed gradually
118. a letter of con_____on *n.* the comfort received by a person after misfortune or disappointment
119. exc_____ing ordeal *adj.* extremely painful, intense, or distressing; causing great physical or emotional suffering
120. ba_____ic act *adj.* characterized by extreme cruelty or brutal violence; resembling the behaviors or practices of a barbarian or uncivilized society
121. political lo_____ar *n.* a guiding star, especially the North Star (Polaris), used to determine direction; a person or thing that serves as a reliable guide or principle
122. spiritual co_____on with nature *n.* the act or condition of exchanging or sharing thoughts and feelings; (Christianity) the act of participating in the celebration of the Eucharist
123. un_____y resemblance *adj.* strange or mysterious, often in a way that is unsettling
124. vi____r country *n.* one who wins a game, competition, election, war, etc.
125. pe__y cash *adj.* of little importance, trivial or insignificant; characterized by an undue concern for small details or rules; mean or spiteful in trivial matters

ANSWERS: 115. escalate, 116. replenish, 117. instill, 118. consolation, 119. excruciating, 120. barbaric, 121. lodestar, 122. communion, 123. uncanny, 124. victor, 125. petty

126. but mo_____er, they work well together
adv. indicating that what follows is an additional or supplementary point; furthermore; in addition to what has been said before
127. es_____te into a major international incident
v. to increase in intensity, size, or severity; to make something greater, worse, or more serious
128. an irr_____al request
adj. not based on, or not using reason or clear thinking; (mathematics) a real number that cannot be expressed as the ratio of two integers
129. un_____y behavior
adj. difficult or impossible to manage or control; disobedient; disorderly
130. eve_____ng memories
adj. lasting forever or indefinitely; eternal or infinite in duration, also used to describe something unchanging, constant, or enduring
131. a con_____on of guilt
n. a formal statement in which one admits that they have done something wrong or illegal
132. tr_____nd limits
v. to rise above or go beyond the limits of something
133. high-technology su_____e industries
n. the time in the morning when the sun first appears in the sky
134. en_____ss the enemy
v. to surround or cover something completely; to include a large number of or different types of things entirely
135. tr_____nd boundaries
v. to rise above or go beyond the limits of something

ANSWERS: 126. moreover, 127. escalate, 128. irrational, 129. unruly, 130. everlasting, 131. confession, 132. transcend, 133. sunrise, 134. encompass, 135. transcend

136. plenary ind_____ce *n.* the state or act of allowing oneself or another person to enjoy the pleasure of something that is considered to be a pleasure or luxury
137. d__e's residence *n.* a noble title given to the highest-ranking hereditary nobleman in certain countries; a male ruler of a particular region or territory; a leader or influential person in a specific field or profession
138. environmental pe__l *n.* serious and great danger or risk
139. sc_____le words *v.* to scratch or scrape at something with one's hands or claws frantically or desperately; to arrange or rearrange letter tiles to form words in a game of Scrabble (= a popular word game using a 15x15 square board and letter tiles) or a similar word game
140. bl__t in frustration *v.* to utter suddenly and impulsively, without prior thought or consideration; to let something slip out unintentionally
141. so___e in music *n.* comfort or consolation in a time of distress, sadness, or disappointment; (verb) to comfort or console someone in a time of distress, loss, or suffering
142. assisted chi_____th *n.* the act or process of giving birth to a baby
143. fig_____ad company *n.* a person who holds a nominal or titular position of leadership or authority but who has no real power or influence; a symbolic representation, often in the form of a carved figure or a painting, that is mounted on the bow of a ship

ANSWERS: 136. indulgence, 137. duke, 138. peril, 139. scrabble, 140. blurt, 141. solace, 142. childbirth, 143. figurehead

144. answer in a wh_____r *v.* to speak very quietly to somebody using the breath rather than the voice so that only those close to you can hear you
145. s__n fish *v.* to make a person or an animal unconscious or dizzy, especially by hitting them on the head; to make someone surprised or shocked greatly
146. ex___e rebellion *v.* to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager
147. natural chi_____th *n.* the act or process of giving birth to a baby
148. in an un_____y manner *adj.* strange or mysterious, often in a way that is unsettling
149. pr_____e a disease *v.* to stimulate or give rise to a particular reaction or have a particular effect
150. unp_____led views *adj.* without parallel, equal in size, amount, quality, etc.; better or worse than any other
151. suffer an in_____ty *n.* an affront to one's dignity or self-respect; an insult or humiliating treatment
152. det_____te at a slow pace *v.* to become worse in quality; to decline or degenerate
153. lab_____ly climb *adv.* with great effort, difficulty, or exertion; in a manner that requires a lot of physical or mental work
154. ask for con_____on money *n.* the comfort received by a person after misfortune or disappointment
155. a woman st_____an *n.* a man who is a respected leader or politician in national or international affairs

ANSWERS: 144. whisper, 145. stun, 146. excite, 147. childbirth, 148. uncanny, 149. provoke, 150. unparalleled, 151. indignity, 152. deteriorate, 153. laboriously, 154. consolation, 155. statesman

156. se____ty prayer *n.* the state of being calm, peaceful, and untroubled; a feeling of tranquility or peacefulness
157. pe__y crime *adj.* of little importance, trivial or insignificant; characterized by an undue concern for small details or rules; mean or spiteful in trivial matters
158. eve_____ng love *adj.* lasting forever or indefinitely; eternal or infinite in duration, also used to describe something unchanging, constant, or enduring
159. fe____t supporter *adj.* characterized by intense or passionate emotion or enthusiasm; showing great warmth or devotion
160. political fig_____ad *n.* a person who holds a nominal or titular position of leadership or authority but who has no real power or influence; a symbolic representation, often in the form of a carved figure or a painting, that is mounted on the bow of a ship

ANSWERS: 156. serenity, 157. petty, 158. everlasting, 159. fervent, 160. figurehead

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The company is environmentally conscious, and _____ it uses sustainable materials in its products.

adv. indicating that what follows is an additional or supplementary point; furthermore; in addition to what has been said before

2. The _____ pain in his ankle made it difficult to walk.

adj. extremely painful, intense, or distressing; causing great physical or emotional suffering

3. He wrote his _____ while awaiting trial.

n. a historical account or biography written from the writer's knowledge of famous people, places, or events

4. His _____ confidence inspired those around him to take bold risks.

adj. not able to be shaken or moved; firm, steadfast, and determined; describing a person who is strong, resolute, and unwavering

5. The _____ arguments between coworkers were causing a toxic work environment.

adj. of little importance, trivial or insignificant; characterized by an undue concern for small details or rules; mean or spiteful in trivial matters

6. Due to hunger, the lives of the refugees were in _____.

n. serious and great danger or risk

7. He worked _____ on his research project, spending countless hours in the library.

adv. with great effort, difficulty, or exertion; in a manner that requires a lot of physical or mental work

ANSWERS: 1. moreover, 2. excruciating, 3. memoirs, 4. unshakeable, 5. petty, 6. peril, 7. laboriously

8. I got up early to watch the _____ at the summit.
n. the time in the morning when the sun first appears in the sky
9. This sprinter _____ the world with his speed.
v. to make a person or an animal unconscious or dizzy, especially by hitting them on the head; to make someone surprised or shocked greatly
10. The _____ on the porch illuminated the entrance to the house.
n. a window or light source located at the side of a room or building, usually providing additional illumination or serving as a decorative element
11. We must _____ address the problem.
adv. directly and firmly; in a square shape
12. She has an _____ sense of who is telling a lie.
adj. strange or mysterious, often in a way that is unsettling
13. My left arm became _____.
adj. unable to feel physical sensation and movement; not showing human feeling or sensitivity
14. I enjoy a glass of _____ on the rocks after a long day.
n. a type of distilled alcoholic beverage made from fermented grains, typically barley, corn, rye, or wheat, aged in barrels and often consumed straight or with mixers
15. Being demoted at work was a great _____ to him.
n. an affront to one's dignity or self-respect; an insult or humiliating treatment

ANSWERS: 8. sunrise, 9. stunned, 10. sidelight, 11. squarely, 12. uncanny, 13. numb, 14. whiskey, 15. indignity

16. The _____ church was the dominant religion in the area.

adj. a member of a Western Christian church that is separate from the Roman Catholic Church and that is based on the teachings of Martin Luther and other Reformers

17. Sociologists are now interested in _____ world peace.

adj. universal and including many different types of things; related to or associated with the part of the Christian Church that has the Pope as its leader

18. His _____ from his parents was a defining moment and gave him newfound freedom.

n. the act or process of setting someone free from control or influence

19. He _____ the truth to plead not guilty.

v. to tell someone about something again or differently

20. The _____ behind the cabin was a rustic alternative to indoor plumbing.

n. a small structure located outside of a main building that contains a toilet or latrine

21. The _____ actions of individuals are now easily spread worldwide by SNS.

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

22. The music _____ cultural barriers and reached audiences globally.

v. to rise above or go beyond the limits of something

23. Your company has been a great _____ to me.

n. the comfort received by a person after misfortune or disappointment

ANSWERS: 16. Protestant, 17. catholic, 18. emancipation, 19. retells, 20. outhouse, 21. heroic, 22. transcended, 23. consolation

24. The _____ clouds in the sky foretold of an approaching storm.
adj. giving the impression that something bad is going to happen; foreboding
25. He allowed himself a few small _____ during his diet.
n. the state or act of allowing oneself or another person to enjoy the pleasure of something that is considered to be a pleasure or luxury
26. The old mattress _____ in the middle, making it uncomfortable to sleep on.
v. to droop or hang down, especially due to a lack of support or the weight of something
27. The teacher attempted to _____ the importance of hard work in her students.
v. to impart, introduce, or cause to be absorbed gradually
28. He shaved with a _____ to get a close shave.
n. a sharp blade used for shaving or cutting hair
29. This statue honors a distinguished _____.
n. a man who is a respected leader or politician in national or international affairs
30. His _____ of his brother's success caused a rift in their relationship.
n. a feeling of resentment or bitterness towards someone because they have something that you desire
31. 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
32. The optimal solution that would _____ all these elements has yet to be proposed.
v. to surround or cover something completely; to include a large number of or different types of things entirely

ANSWERS: 24. ominous, 25. indulgences, 26. sagged, 27. instill, 28. razor, 29. statesman, 30. jealousy, 31. Senate, 32. encompass

33. The political landscape looks _____ without a change of administration.
adj. unlikely to be favorable; unpleasantly cold and damp; offering little or no hope
34. He looked for an opportunity to _____ that actor in public.
v. to cause someone to feel awkward, worried, or ashamed
35. I need to _____ my hair to even out the ends.
v. (noun, usually "scissors") a cutting instrument consisting of a pair of metal blades; to cut or clip something with scissors; to move or position two things that cross each other like a pair of scissors
36. The situation quickly _____ and turned violent.
v. to increase in intensity, size, or severity; to make something greater, worse, or more serious
37. He was present at the _____ of his children.
n. the act or process of giving birth to a baby
38. Prince Philip held the title of _____ of Edinburgh for many decades.
n. a noble title given to the highest-ranking hereditary nobleman in certain countries; a male ruler of a particular region or territory; a leader or influential person in a specific field or profession
39. Good _____ is essential in fostering a positive and fair playing environment.
n. the ethical and honorable behavior and conduct demonstrated by individuals engaged in sports or competitions, characterized by fair play, respect for opponents, and adherence to the rules and spirit of the game
40. I didn't mean to _____ out the answer, but it came out before I could stop.
v. to utter suddenly and impulsively, without prior thought or consideration; to let something slip out unintentionally

ANSWERS: 33. bleak, 34. embarrass, 35. scissor, 36. escalated, 37. childbirth, 38. Duke, 39. sportsmanship, 40. blurt

41. The mayor is only a _____ in this town, with the real power being held by the city council
- n.* a person who holds a nominal or titular position of leadership or authority but who has no real power or influence; a symbolic representation, often in the form of a carved figure or a painting, that is mounted on the bow of a ship
42. The CEO's _____ employees were expected to follow his instructions without question.
- adj.* of lower rank or importance, often used to describe a person in a position of inferiority or inferior status; serving as a secondary or supporting element to something else
43. The writer's words left an _____ impact on his readers.
- adj.* lasting forever or indefinitely; eternal or infinite in duration, also used to describe something unchanging, constant, or enduring
44. _____ is also necessary to understand history.
- n.* the ability to share another person's feelings or experiences by imagining that person's situation
45. The kids eagerly _____ to find the hidden Easter eggs in the garden.
- v.* to scratch or scrape at something with one's hands or claws frantically or desperately; to arrange or rearrange letter tiles to form words in a game of Scrabble (= a popular word game using a 15x15 square board and letter tiles) or a similar word game
46. They continued to endure _____ treatment by the dictatorship.
- adj.* not based on, or not using reason or clear thinking; (mathematics) a real number that cannot be expressed as the ratio of two integers

ANSWERS: 41. figurehead, 42. subordinate, 43. everlasting, 44. Empathy, 45. scabbled, 46. irrational

47. The grieving widow found _____ in reading her late husband's letters.
n. comfort or consolation in a time of distress, sadness, or disappointment; (verb) to comfort or console someone in a time of distress, loss, or suffering
48. We had a _____ time at the Christmas party, singing carols and drinking eggnog.
adj. cheerful and lively, often with a sense of joyfulness or celebration; characterized by a happy or festive mood
49. The _____ of the race was the favorite to win.
n. one who wins a game, competition, election, war, etc.
50. The king made a _____ declaring war on the neighboring country.
n. an official announcement or statement
51. I asked the lawyer to initiate _____ negotiations for voluntary liquidation.
n. a person, company, etc. to whom a debtor owes money
52. The navy deployed its high-speed _____ to protect its territorial waters.
n. a warship that is smaller and more maneuverable than a battleship or cruiser, often used for patrolling and escort duties; a fast-sailing ship used for exploration or trade
53. She was skilled in _____ techniques, such as using different voices for other characters.
n. the act or art of narrating or writing stories
54. The patient's health _____ rapidly after being diagnosed with the disease.
v. to become worse in quality; to decline or degenerate

ANSWERS: 47. solace, 48. merry, 49. victor, 50. proclamation, 51. creditor, 52. frigate, 53. storytelling, 54. deteriorated

55. The prisoner made a full _____ and admitted to his crime.
n. a formal statement in which one admits that they have done something wrong or illegal
56. He quit his job on a _____ and moved to a new city.
n. a sudden idea or desire, especially one that cannot be reasonably explained
57. Please _____ my glass with some more wine.
v. to fill something that had previously been emptied
58. The _____ children in the classroom made teaching difficult for the teacher.
adj. difficult or impossible to manage or control; disobedient; disorderly
59. The beautiful _____ added a touch of elegance to the dinner party.
n. a cloth used to cover a table, especially for protection or decoration
60. She had a _____ desire to pursue her passion and make a difference in the world.
adj. characterized by intense or passionate emotion or enthusiasm; showing great warmth or devotion
61. Her behavior _____ a quarrel between the couple.
v. to stimulate or give rise to a particular reaction or have a particular effect
62. The news of her promotion _____ her.
v. to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager
63. She _____ her husband for many years.
v. to live longer than another person

ANSWERS: 55. confession, 56. whim, 57. replenish, 58. unruly, 59. tablecloth, 60. fervent, 61. provoked, 62. excited, 63. outlived

64. The _____ practice of gladiator fighting was popular in ancient Rome.

adj. characterized by extreme cruelty or brutal violence; resembling the behaviors or practices of a barbarian or uncivilized society

65. The terrible result _____ over her all day long.

v. to think much and deeply about something that makes one annoyed, anxious, or angry; (noun) a group of young birds or other animals all produced at one hatching or birth

66. The North Star is a reliable _____ for navigators in the night sky.

n. a guiding star, especially the North Star (Polaris), used to determine direction; a person or thing that serves as a reliable guide or principle

67. Meditation and yoga are great ways to achieve _____ and peace of mind.

n. the state of being calm, peaceful, and untroubled; a feeling of tranquility or peacefulness

68. The verdict was announced at the _____ after a long trial.

n. a building where courts of law are held, or administrative offices for legal proceedings are located

69. 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

70. 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

ANSWERS: 64. barbaric, 65. brooded, 66. lodestar, 67. serenity, 68. courthouse, 69. passe, 70. unparalleled

71. The _____ in the city center offers stunning views of the skyline.
- n.* a luxurious apartment or living space situated on the highest floor or roof of a building, often with additional amenities or features such as a balcony, terrace, or panoramic view; the top floor or floors of a building
72. 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
73. He's utterly _____ with his promotion.
- v.* to fill the mind of someone continually so that one can't think of anything else
74. My friend shared an _____ story about her experience in customer service.
- adj.* based on personal accounts or stories that may not be verifiable or representative of a larger population; characterized by anecdotes or casual observations rather than scientific data or empirical evidence
75. Her unconcealed _____ made us unpleasant.
- n.* aggressive or unfriendly feelings or behavior
76. The old mansion was known to be _____ with strange noises and eerie sightings reported by visitors.
- adj.* inhabited, visited, or frequented by ghosts or spirits; disturbed or troubled by persistent or disturbing memories or emotions
77. We use this tableware in a _____ service.
- n.* the act or condition of exchanging or sharing thoughts and feelings; (Christianity) the act of participating in the celebration of the Eucharist
78. He took me aside and _____ in my ear.
- v.* to speak very quietly to somebody using the breath rather than the voice so that only those close to you can hear you

ANSWERS: 71. penthouse, 72. fir, 73. obsessed, 74. anecdotal, 75. hostility, 76. haunted, 77. communion, 78. whispered

79. They _____ events that have already occurred.

v. to describe what happened or to narrate a story

80. The author's books are highly esteemed by literary critics and are considered treasures for _____.

n. all future generations of people; the descendants or offspring of a person or a specific group

ANSWERS: 79. recount, 80. posterity