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Session 1: Word List

segregate

v. to separate or set apart from others, often based on race, gender, or some other characteristic

synonym : isolate, separate, divide

(1) **segregate** by race, (2) **segregate** boys and girls

The school board decided to **segregate** students by the ability to meet their needs better.

waltz

n. a ballroom dance in triple time that originated in Vienna and is characterized by a flowing, graceful style and a strong accent on the first beat of each measure

synonym : ballroom dance, tango, foxtrot

(1) **waltz** music, (2) elegant **waltz**

The dancers practiced the steps of the **waltz** meticulously to perfect their performance.

titanic

adj. of or having a great size, power, or influence; of or relating to Titanium (= a light, strong grey, lustrous, corrosion-resistant metallic element)

synonym : colossal, massive, immense

(1) **titanic** battle, (2) **titanic** compound

The **titanic** ship sank on its maiden voyage.

iceberg

n. a large piece of ice floating in the sea, detached from a glacier

synonym: glacier, ice mass, floe

(1) hit an **iceberg**, (2) **iceberg** melting

The ship encountered a series of **icebergs** and had to change its course.

concourse

n. a large open space or area, typically found in a public building, where people gather or pass through; a crowd or assembly of people; a junction or intersection

synonym: crowd, gathering, corridor

(1) the museum's **concourse**, (2) airport **concourse**

The hotel's grand **concourse** welcomed guests with a stunning chandelier.

imitate

v. to copy the speech, behavior, appearance, etc. of someone or something

synonym: mimic, emulate, replicate

(1) **imitate** painting styles, (2) **imitate** animal sounds

He **imitated** the modus operandi of the famous phantom thief.

humming

adj. producing a continuous, low, vibrating sound like that of the bee

synonym: buzzing, droning, vibrating

(1) **humming** sound, (2) **humming** bird

The **humming** of the bees filled the air as she walked through the garden.

pneumatic

adj. relating to or using air or gas under pressure, particularly in machinery or devices; operated by compressed air or gas

synonym: air-powered, gas-pressure, compressed-air

(1) **pneumatic** tire, (2) **pneumatic** cylinder

The mechanic used a **pneumatic** drill to repair the engine.

Calvary

n. a hill outside of Jerusalem where Jesus Christ was crucified, or a representation of this as a symbol of Christian faith; a place of great suffering or sacrifice

synonym : Golgotha, crucifixion, hill

(1) **Calvary** Chapel, (2) the way of **Calvary**

The city's homeless shelter has become a **Calvary** of hardships for those with nowhere else to go.

madam

n. a term of polite address or title used to address a woman, particularly one in a position of authority or respect

synonym : lady, ma'am, madame

(1) **madam** speaker, (2) dear **madam**

Madam President, may I ask a question regarding the new policy?

huck

v. to throw or toss something quickly or carelessly; to promote or sell something aggressively or persistently

synonym : throw, toss, pitch

(1) **huck** a ball, (2) **huck** a disc

I was able to **huck** the frisbee across the field to my friend.

raft

n. a flat structure, usually made of logs or planks, that can be used for transport or as a platform for swimmer

synonym : flatboat, boat, barge

(1) a **raft** for carrying horses, (2) a life **raft**

The rubber **raft** was swept out to sea.

illiterate

adj. unable to read or write; lacking basic education and knowledge in reading and writing

synonym : unlettered, uneducated, unschooled

(1) **illiterate** population, (2) computer- **illiterate**

Despite attending school, he remained **illiterate** and unable to read or write.

bury

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

synonym : entomb, sink, forget

(1) **bury** in the earth, (2) **bury** emotion
There is plenty of space to **bury** everyone.

accretion

n. the process of gradual growth or accumulation, particularly of layers or matter building up over time; the result of such a process

synonym: accumulation, buildup, growth

(1) stellar **accretion**, (2) island **accretion**

The rock was formed by the slow **accretion** of sediments over millions of years.

wright

n. a person who makes or repairs something, especially a craftsman or artisan who works with wood or metal

synonym: builder, constructor, craftsman

(1) a car- **wright**, (2) aircraft **wright**

She was a skilled **wright**, able to craft intricate pieces of furniture.

scram

v. to leave or depart quickly, often hurriedly or chaotically; to go away suddenly or abruptly; to move or act in a frenzied or disorganized way; (noun) an emergency shutdown of a nuclear reactor

synonym: hurry, rush, bolt

(1) diverse **scram** system, (2) **scram** from the scene

Everyone **scrambled** to evacuate the building when the fire alarm went off.

cardiologist

n. a medical doctor who specializes in the study and treatment of the heart and the circulatory system

synonym: heart doctor, heart specialist, cardiac specialist

(1) **cardiologist** appointment, (2) skilled **cardiologist**

My grandfather is seeing a **cardiologist** to monitor his heart condition.

likable

adj. having qualities that make a person or thing well-liked or attractive; pleasant, friendly, or enjoyable

synonym: sympathetic, appealing, charming

(1) **likable** personality, (2) a **likable** character
He's a very **likable** person who makes friends easily.

confer

v. to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something

synonym: consult, meet, discuss

(1) **confer** degree, (2) **confer** honor

The leaders of the two countries met to **confer** on the issue.

backstage

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

synonym: behind-the-scenes, offstage, private

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

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

connote

v. to suggest or imply something in addition to its literal or primary meaning; to imply something beyond the literal or primary meaning

synonym: imply, suggest, signify

(1) **connote** emotion, (2) **connote** symbolism

The word 'home' **connotes** a sense of warmth and comfort.

curtsy

n. (also "curtsey") a formal gesture of respect or deference, especially performed by women, involving bending the knees with one foot behind the other and lowering the body slightly; a show of politeness or courtesy

synonym: curtsey, bow, genuflection

(1) elegant **curtsy**, (2) drop a **curtsy** to express respect

The young girl performed a graceful **curtsy** after her ballet recital.

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.

intellect

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

synonym : mind, brightness, cleverness

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

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

inmate

n. a person who is confined to an institution such as a prison, hospital, or mental health facility

synonym : prisoner, convict, detainee

(1) **inmate** population, (2) **inmate** rights

The prison implemented a new educational program for **inmates** to learn skills and prepare for life after release.

materialistic

adj. concerned primarily with material possessions rather than spiritual or intellectual values; adhering to a philosophy that places a high value on material goods or wealth

synonym : worldly, consumerist, acquisitive

(1) **materialistic** lifestyle, (2) **materialistic** values

Some people believe that the pursuit of wealth is a **materialistic** goal.

subside

v. to become less intense or widespread; to sink to a lower level

synonym : decrease, decline, diminish

(1) **subside** an argument, (2) **subside** after a short time

The storm **subsided**, leaving the town in peace.

bruise

n. a mark caused by a blow, typically one that is purple or black on the skin

synonym : contusion, injury, wound

(1) livid **bruise**, (2) earlier emotional **bruise**

She had a **bruise** on her arm from where she fell on the playground.

bathtub

n. a large container, typically made of porcelain or acrylic, for holding water in which a person can bathe

synonym: tub, bath, basin

(1) **bathtub** curve, (2) **bathtub** drain

I filled the **bathtub** with hot water and a bubble bath for a relaxing soak.

warp

v. to twist or bend out of shape, especially as a result of being heated; to distort or twist the meaning or sense of something

synonym: twist, distort, deform

(1) **warp** under pressure, (2) become **warped**

The ship's hull was **warped** from years of use in rough seas.

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.

fondle

v. to touch, stroke, or caress someone or something lovingly, gently, or tenderly; to show affection through physical contact

synonym: caress, stroke, pet

(1) **fondle** a pet, (2) **fondle** a baby

She gently **fondled** the kitten's soft fur.

hallway

n. an interior passage or corridor onto which rooms open

synonym: foyer, corridor, entrance

(1) the head of a **hallway**, (2) wax a **hallway** floor

He dashed down a **hallway** to a bathroom.

swell

v. to become larger or more inflated; to become more intense or important

synonym: expand, increase, inflate

(1) **swell** at room temperature, (2) **swell** a population

His arm was **swelling** from the insect bite.

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.

petrify

v. to turn to stone; to make hard and unyielding

synonym: fossilize, mineralize, calcify

(1) **petrify** with fear, (2) **petrify** into stone

The thought of public speaking will **petrify** her.

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**.

tripping

adj. describing a state of mind or perception characterized by altered or distorted sensory experiences, often as a result of taking drugs or psychedelics; stumbling or faltering while walking or moving, often due to a loss of balance or coordination

synonym: trippy, hallucinogenic, mind-altering

(1) **tripping** hazards, (2) **tripping** on acid

Her **tripping** laughter echoed through the room, spreading contagious joy to everyone present.

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.

aria

n. a song that is performed solo by a singer in an opera or oratorio, often with instrumental accompaniment
synonym: song, melody, tune
(1) **aria** singer, (2) dramatic **aria**
The soprano performed an emotional **aria** that brought the audience to tears.

videotape

n. a type of magnetic tape used for recording and storing video images and sound; a recording made on such tape
synonym: videocassette, tape, recording
(1) **videotape** evidence, (2) rewind **videotape**
We watched a **videotape** of our family vacation from years ago.

bitterness

n. a strong and persistent feeling of resentment, hostility, or anger; a state of being bitter or having a sour taste; the quality or taste of something sharp or unpleasant
synonym: resentment, acrimony, hostility
(1) lingering **bitterness**, (2) underlying **bitterness**
The **bitterness** they felt towards each other prevented any chance of reconciliation.

turmoil

n. a state of great disturbance, confusion, or uncertainty, often marked by intense activity or strong emotions
synonym: chaos, confusion, disorder
(1) political **turmoil**, (2) the **turmoil** of the war
The company experienced financial **turmoil** after the CEO was arrested.

ignite

v. to set on fire; to cause to start burning
synonym: light, set fire to, enkindle
(1) **ignite** a boom, (2) **ignite** passion

He **ignited** the fireworks with a single spark.

cuddle

v. to hold close and lovingly in one's arms, often for comfort or affection; to snuggle or nestle against someone or something

synonym: embrace, snuggle, hug

(1) **cuddle** buddy, (2) **cuddle** up with a book

I love to **cuddle** with my dog on the couch after a long day.

sidetrack

v. to divert or deflect from the main topic or goal; to cause someone or something to take a different direction or course

synonym: divert, distract, derail

(1) **sidetrack** a discussion, (2) **sidetrack** his attention

Don't let small setbacks **sidetrack** you from achieving your long-term goals.

rodeo

n. a public exhibition of cowboy skills, particularly in North America, featuring events such as calf-roping, steer wrestling, and bull riding

(1) **rodeo** bull, (2) **rodeo** championship

The bull rider held on tightly during the **rodeo** event.

republican

n. a person who supports or advocates for a particular form of government, typically one that has an elected head of state rather than a monarch; a member or supporter of the Republican Party in the United States

synonym: conservative, right-winger, rightist

(1) **republican** ideology, (2) **Republican** party

Many **republican** lawmakers are advocating for stricter immigration policies.

optimist

n. a person who tends to expect the best in all things and to be hopeful and confident about the future

synonym: positive thinker, dreamer, idealist

(1) **optimist** by nature, (2) excessive **optimist**

She is a confident **optimist** who always looks on the bright

side.

steppe

n. a vast, wide, and usually treeless plain, typically found in semi-arid or arid regions, characterized by fertile soil and grassy vegetation, often used for grazing livestock; an expansive and open grassland ecosystem found in Eurasia and North America

synonym : prairie, savannah, grassland

(1) **steppe** climate, (2) barren **steppe**

The nomadic tribes set up camp on the vast **steppe**.

tuff

adj. (an informal variant spelling of "tough") resilient, durable, or strong; having a rough or rugged appearance; (noun, of geology) a type of rock that's made up of volcanic ash ejected from a vent during a volcanic eruption

synonym : tough, durable, rugged

(1) **tuff** fabric, (2) igneous **tuff**

The hiker climbed the **tuff** hill with great difficulty.

pall

n. a sense of boredom or weariness; a covering or veil that is dull, dark, or uninteresting

synonym : boredom, weariness, monotony

(1) a **pall** of darkness, (2) **pall** of sadness

The news of the tragedy cast a **pall** over the entire community.

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.

shove

v. to push someone or something in a rough way

synonym : push, jab, elbow

(1) **shove** a person aside, (2) **shove** hamburger into my mouth

He forcibly **shoved** the flyer into my bag.

sew

v. to join, fasten, or repair two pieces of something by putting the thread through them with a needle

synonym: stitch, darn, tailor

(1) **sew** with thread, (2) **sew** a button

My mother taught me how to **sew**.

straighten

v. to make something straight or orderly; to adjust or fix something crooked, bent, or misaligned

synonym: even up, align, untangle

(1) **straighten** out a problem, (2) **straighten** a crooked picture

I need to **straighten** my hair before I go to the party.

anesthesia

n. a state of controlled, temporary loss of bodily sensation or awareness that is induced for medical purposes

(1) **anesthesia** for surgery, (2) local **anesthesia**

He is in general **anesthesia** under the surgeon.

Session 2: Spelling

1. si_____ck his attention *v.* to divert or deflect from the main topic or goal; to cause someone or something to take a different direction or course

2. tr_____ng hazards *adj.* describing a state of mind or perception characterized by altered or distorted sensory experiences, often as a result of taking drugs or psychedelics; stumbling or faltering while walking or moving, often due to a loss of balance or coordination

3. hit an ic_____g *n.* a large piece of ice floating in the sea, detached from a glacier

4. a p__l of darkness *n.* a sense of boredom or weariness; a covering or veil that is dull, dark, or uninteresting

5. str_____en a crooked picture *v.* to make something straight or orderly; to adjust or fix something crooked, bent, or misaligned

6. im_____e animal sounds *v.* to copy the speech, behavior, appearance, etc. of someone or something

7. rep_____an ideology *n.* a person who supports or advocates for a particular form of government, typically one that has an elected head of state rather than a monarch; a member or supporter of the Republican Party in the United States

ANSWERS: 1. sidetrack, 2. tripping, 3. iceberg, 4. pall, 5. straighten, 6. imitate, 7. republican

8. lingering bit_____ss *n.* a strong and persistent feeling of resentment, hostility, or anger; a state of being bitter or having a sour taste; the quality or taste of something sharp or unpleasant
9. pe_____y into stone *v.* to turn to stone; to make hard and unyielding
10. im_____e painting styles *v.* to copy the speech, behavior, appearance, etc. of someone or something
11. igneous t__f *adj.* (an informal variant spelling of "tough") resilient, durable, or strong; having a rough or rugged appearance; (noun, of geology) a type of rock that's made up of volcanic ash ejected from a vent during a volcanic eruption
12. the cr_____or's claims *n.* a person, company, etc. to whom a debtor owes money
13. fo_____e a baby *v.* to touch, stroke, or caress someone or something lovingly, gently, or tenderly; to show affection through physical contact
14. ic_____g melting *n.* a large piece of ice floating in the sea, detached from a glacier
15. ro__o bull *n.* a public exhibition of cowboy skills, particularly in North America, featuring events such as calf-roping, steer wrestling, and bull riding
16. li_____e personality *adj.* having qualities that make a person or thing well-liked or attractive; pleasant, friendly, or enjoyable

ANSWERS: 8. bitterness, 9. petrify, 10. imitate, 11. tuff, 12. creditor, 13. fondle, 14. iceberg, 15. rodeo, 16. likable

17. a n__b mind *adj.* unable to feel physical sensation and movement; not showing human feeling or sensitivity
18. drop a cu___y to express respect *n.* (also "curtsey") a formal gesture of respect or deference, especially performed by women, involving bending the knees with one foot behind the other and lowering the body slightly; a show of politeness or courtesy
19. st___e climate *n.* a vast, wide, and usually treeless plain, typically found in semi-arid or arid regions, characterized by fertile soil and grassy vegetation, often used for grazing livestock; an expansive and open grassland ecosystem found in Eurasia and North America
20. 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
21. mat_____tic lifestyle *adj.* concerned primarily with material possessions rather than spiritual or intellectual values; adhering to a philosophy that places a high value on material goods or wealth
22. ba_____b drain *n.* a large container, typically made of porcelain or acrylic, for holding water in which a person can bathe

ANSWERS: 17. numb, 18. curtsy, 19. steppe, 20. pervert, 21. materialistic, 22. bathtub

23. str_____en out a problem *v.* to make something straight or orderly; to adjust or fix something crooked, bent, or misaligned
24. wa__z music *n.* a ballroom dance in triple time that originated in Vienna and is characterized by a flowing, graceful style and a strong accent on the first beat of each measure
25. n__b with cold *adj.* unable to feel physical sensation and movement; not showing human feeling or sensitivity
26. tr_____ng on acid *adj.* describing a state of mind or perception characterized by altered or distorted sensory experiences, often as a result of taking drugs or psychedelics; stumbling or faltering while walking or moving, often due to a loss of balance or coordination
27. the head of a ha_____y *n.* an interior passage or corridor onto which rooms open
28. human in_____ct *n.* the ability to think logically and comprehend information, especially at an advanced level
29. wax a ha_____y floor *n.* an interior passage or corridor onto which rooms open
30. political tu_____l *n.* a state of great disturbance, confusion, or uncertainty, often marked by intense activity or strong emotions
31. computer-ill_____te *adj.* unable to read or write; lacking basic education and knowledge in reading and writing

ANSWERS: 23. straighten, 24. waltz, 25. numb, 26. tripping, 27. hallway, 28. intellect, 29. hallway, 30. turmoil, 31. illiterate

32. co____e symbolism *v.* to suggest or imply something in addition to its literal or primary meaning; to imply something beyond the literal or primary meaning
33. pn_____ic cylinder *adj.* relating to or using air or gas under pressure, particularly in machinery or devices; operated by compressed air or gas
34. elegant wa__z *n.* a ballroom dance in triple time that originated in Vienna and is characterized by a flowing, graceful style and a strong accent on the first beat of each measure
35. rewind vi_____pe *n.* a type of magnetic tape used for recording and storing video images and sound; a recording made on such tape
36. the museum's co_____se *n.* a large open space or area, typically found in a public building, where people gather or pass through; a crowd or assembly of people; a junction or intersection
37. ro__o championship *n.* a public exhibition of cowboy skills, particularly in North America, featuring events such as calf-roping, steer wrestling, and bull riding
38. h__k a ball *v.* to throw or toss something quickly or carelessly; to promote or sell something aggressively or persistently
39. si_____ck a discussion *v.* to divert or deflect from the main topic or goal; to cause someone or something to take a different direction or course

ANSWERS: 32. connote, 33. pneumatic, 34. waltz, 35. videotape, 36. concourse, 37. rodeo, 38. huck, 39. sidetrack

40. pe____y with fear *v.* to turn to stone; to make hard and unyielding
41. ti____c battle *adj.* of or having a great size, power, or influence; of or relating to Titanium (= a light, strong grey, lustrous, corrosion-resistant metallic element)
42. 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
43. se_____te by race *v.* to separate or set apart from others, often based on race, gender, or some other characteristic
44. a life r__t *n.* a flat structure, usually made of logs or planks, that can be used for transport or as a platform for swimmer
45. hu____g sound *adj.* producing a continuous, low, vibrating sound like that of the bee
46. ba_____ge access *adj.* relating to or situated in the area behind the stage of a theater, concert, or other performance venues; relating to the private or hidden aspects of something, such as politics, business, or personal life
47. skilled car_____ist *n.* a medical doctor who specializes in the study and treatment of the heart and the circulatory system
48. ane_____ia for surgery *n.* a state of controlled, temporary loss of bodily sensation or awareness that is induced for medical purposes

ANSWERS: 40. petrify, 41. titanic, 42. riot, 43. segregate, 44. raft, 45. humming, 46. backstage, 47. cardiologist, 48. anesthesia

49. ou____e its usefulness *v.* to live longer than another person
50. aircraft wr____t *n.* a person who makes or repairs something, especially a craftsman or artisan who works with wood or metal
51. s_w a button *v.* to join, fasten, or repair two pieces of something by putting the thread through them with a needle
52. excessive op____st *n.* a person who tends to expect the best in all things and to be hopeful and confident about the future
53. ou____e our child *v.* to live longer than another person
54. sw__l a population *v.* to become larger or more inflated; to become more intense or important
55. ba____b curve *n.* a large container, typically made of porcelain or acrylic, for holding water in which a person can bathe
56. sw__l at room temperature *v.* to become larger or more inflated; to become more intense or important
57. b__y in the earth *v.* to place a dead body in the ground, grave, or tomb
58. local ane____ia *n.* a state of controlled, temporary loss of bodily sensation or awareness that is induced for medical purposes
59. a car-wr____t *n.* a person who makes or repairs something, especially a craftsman or artisan who works with wood or metal
60. ill____te population *adj.* unable to read or write; lacking basic education and knowledge in reading and writing

ANSWERS: 49. outlive, 50. wright, 51. sew, 52. optimist, 53. outlive, 54. swell, 55. bathtub, 56. swell, 57. bury, 58. anesthesia, 59. wright, 60. illiterate

61. t__f fabric *adj.* (an informal variant spelling of "tough") resilient, durable, or strong; having a rough or rugged appearance; (noun, of geology) a type of rock that's made up of volcanic ash ejected from a vent during a volcanic eruption
62. a__a singer *n.* a song that is performed solo by a singer in an opera or oratorio, often with instrumental accompaniment
63. airport co_____se *n.* a large open space or area, typically found in a public building, where people gather or pass through; a crowd or assembly of people; a junction or intersection
64. b__y emotion *v.* to place a dead body in the ground, grave, or tomb
65. elegant cu____y *n.* (also "curtsey") a formal gesture of respect or deference, especially performed by women, involving bending the knees with one foot behind the other and lowering the body slightly; a show of politeness or courtesy
66. su_____e an argument *v.* to become less intense or widespread; to sink to a lower level
67. diverse sc__m system *v.* to leave or depart quickly, often hurriedly or chaotically; to go away suddenly or abruptly; to move or act in a frenzied or disorganized way; (noun) an emergency shutdown of a nuclear reactor

ANSWERS: 61. tuff, 62. aria, 63. concourse, 64. bury, 65. curtsy, 66. subside, 67. scam

68. in___e population *n.* a person who is confined to an institution such as a prison, hospital, or mental health facility
69. Rep_____an party *n.* a person who supports or advocates for a particular form of government, typically one that has an elected head of state rather than a monarch; a member or supporter of the Republican Party in the United States
70. enrich my in_____ct *n.* the ability to think logically and comprehend information, especially at an advanced level
71. Ca_____y Chapel *n.* a hill outside of Jerusalem where Jesus Christ was crucified, or a representation of this as a symbol of Christian faith; a place of great suffering or sacrifice
72. co___r honor *v.* to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something
73. cu___e up with a book *v.* to hold close and lovingly in one's arms, often for comfort or affection; to snuggle or nestle against someone or something
74. a r__t for carrying horses *n.* a flat structure, usually made of logs or planks, that can be used for transport or as a platform for swimmer
75. the way of Ca_____y *n.* a hill outside of Jerusalem where Jesus Christ was crucified, or a representation of this as a symbol of Christian faith; a place of great suffering or sacrifice
76. sh__e hamburger into my mouth *v.* to push someone or something in a rough way

ANSWERS: 68. inmate, 69. republican, 70. intellect, 71. Calvary, 72. confer, 73. cuddle, 74. raft, 75. Calvary, 76. shove

77. p__l of sadness *n.* a sense of boredom or weariness; a covering or veil that is dull, dark, or uninteresting
78. island ac_____on *n.* the process of gradual growth or accumulation, particularly of layers or matter building up over time; the result of such a process
79. 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
80. hu_____g bird *adj.* producing a continuous, low, vibrating sound like that of the bee
81. r__t police *n.* a violent disturbance of the peace by a crowd, characterized by destruction of property, looting, arson, and attacks on individuals
82. livid br____e *n.* a mark caused by a blow, typically one that is purple or black on the skin
83. sh__e a person aside *v.* to push someone or something in a rough way
84. ba_____ge crew *adj.* relating to or situated in the area behind the stage of a theater, concert, or other performance venues; relating to the private or hidden aspects of something, such as politics, business, or personal life

ANSWERS: 77. pall, 78. accretion, 79. pervert, 80. humming, 81. riot, 82. bruise, 83. shove, 84. backstage

85. se_____te boys and girls *v.* to separate or set apart from others, often based on race, gender, or some other characteristic
86. ig___e passion *v.* to set on fire; to cause to start burning
87. bankrupt cr_____or *n.* a person, company, etc. to whom a debtor owes money
88. the tu_____l of the war *n.* a state of great disturbance, confusion, or uncertainty, often marked by intense activity or strong emotions
89. stellar ac_____on *n.* the process of gradual growth or accumulation, particularly of layers or matter building up over time; the result of such a process
90. su_____e after a short time *v.* to become less intense or widespread; to sink to a lower level
91. co____r degree *v.* to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something
92. a li_____e character *adj.* having qualities that make a person or thing well-liked or attractive; pleasant, friendly, or enjoyable
93. ti_____c compound *adj.* of or having a great size, power, or influence; of or relating to Titanium (= a light, strong grey, lustrous, corrosion-resistant metallic element)
94. mat_____tic values *adj.* concerned primarily with material possessions rather than spiritual or intellectual values; adhering to a philosophy that places a high value on material goods or wealth

ANSWERS: 85. segregate, 86. ignite, 87. creditor, 88. turmoil, 89. accretion, 90. subside, 91. confer, 92. likable, 93. titanic, 94. materialistic

95. in___e rights *n.* a person who is confined to an institution such as a prison, hospital, or mental health facility
96. dear ma__m *n.* a term of polite address or title used to address a woman, particularly one in a position of authority or respect
97. earlier emotional br___e *n.* a mark caused by a blow, typically one that is purple or black on the skin
98. ex___e the crowd *v.* to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager
99. sc__m from the scene *v.* to leave or depart quickly, often hurriedly or chaotically; to go away suddenly or abruptly; to move or act in a frenzied or disorganized way; (noun) an emergency shutdown of a nuclear reactor
100. op_____st by nature *n.* a person who tends to expect the best in all things and to be hopeful and confident about the future
101. ex___e rebellion *v.* to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager
102. cu___e buddy *v.* to hold close and lovingly in one's arms, often for comfort or affection; to snuggle or nestle against someone or something
103. ig___e a boom *v.* to set on fire; to cause to start burning
104. car_____ist appointment *n.* a medical doctor who specializes in the study and treatment of the heart and the circulatory system
105. become w__ped *v.* to twist or bend out of shape, especially as a result of being heated; to distort or twist the meaning or sense of something

ANSWERS: 95. inmate, 96. madam, 97. bruise, 98. excite, 99. scam, 100. optimist, 101. excite, 102. cuddle, 103. ignite, 104. cardiologist, 105. warp

106. vi_____pe evidence *n.* a type of magnetic tape used for recording and storing video images and sound; a recording made on such tape
107. co_____e emotion *v.* to suggest or imply something in addition to its literal or primary meaning; to imply something beyond the literal or primary meaning
108. s_w with thread *v.* to join, fasten, or repair two pieces of something by putting the thread through them with a needle
109. h__k a disc *v.* to throw or toss something quickly or carelessly; to promote or sell something aggressively or persistently
110. barren st___e *n.* a vast, wide, and usually treeless plain, typically found in semi-arid or arid regions, characterized by fertile soil and grassy vegetation, often used for grazing livestock; an expansive and open grassland ecosystem found in Eurasia and North America
111. pn_____ic tire *adj.* relating to or using air or gas under pressure, particularly in machinery or devices; operated by compressed air or gas
112. ma__m speaker *n.* a term of polite address or title used to address a woman, particularly one in a position of authority or respect
113. w__p under pressure *v.* to twist or bend out of shape, especially as a result of being heated; to distort or twist the meaning or sense of something

ANSWERS: 106. videotape, 107. connote, 108. sew, 109. huck, 110. steppe, 111. pneumatic, 112. madam, 113. warp

114. underlying bit_____ss

n. a strong and persistent feeling of resentment, hostility, or anger; a state of being bitter or having a sour taste; the quality or taste of something sharp or unpleasant

115. dramatic a__a

n. a song that is performed solo by a singer in an opera or oratorio, often with instrumental accompaniment

116. fo___e a pet

v. to touch, stroke, or caress someone or something lovingly, gently, or tenderly; to show affection through physical contact

ANSWERS: 114. bitterness, 115. aria, 116. fondle

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The thought of public speaking will _____ her.
v. to turn to stone; to make hard and unyielding
2. The school board decided to _____ students by the ability to meet their needs better.
v. to separate or set apart from others, often based on race, gender, or some other characteristic
3. 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
4. Your _____ is capable of distinguishing among similar objects.
n. the ability to think logically and comprehend information, especially at an advanced level
5. The word 'home' _____ a sense of warmth and comfort.
v. to suggest or imply something in addition to its literal or primary meaning; to imply something beyond the literal or primary meaning
6. She is a confident _____ who always looks on the bright side.
n. a person who tends to expect the best in all things and to be hopeful and confident about the future
7. My mother taught me how to _____.
v. to join, fasten, or repair two pieces of something by putting the thread through them with a needle

ANSWERS: 1. petrify, 2. segregate, 3. pervert, 4. intellect, 5. connotes, 6. optimist, 7. sew

8. _____ President, may I ask a question regarding the new policy?
- n.* a term of polite address or title used to address a woman, particularly one in a position of authority or respect
9. My left arm became _____.
- adj.* unable to feel physical sensation and movement; not showing human feeling or sensitivity
10. 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
11. Don't let small setbacks _____ you from achieving your long-term goals.
- v.* to divert or deflect from the main topic or goal; to cause someone or something to take a different direction or course
12. The _____ ship sank on its maiden voyage.
- adj.* of or having a great size, power, or influence; of or relating to Titanium (= a light, strong grey, lustrous, corrosion-resistant metallic element)
13. The city's homeless shelter has become a _____ of hardships for those with nowhere else to go.
- n.* a hill outside of Jerusalem where Jesus Christ was crucified, or a representation of this as a symbol of Christian faith; a place of great suffering or sacrifice
14. The hotel's grand _____ welcomed guests with a stunning chandelier.
- n.* a large open space or area, typically found in a public building, where people gather or pass through; a crowd or assembly of people; a junction or intersection

ANSWERS: 8. Madam, 9. numb, 10. riots, 11. sidetrack, 12. titanic, 13. Calvary, 14. concourse

15. The prison implemented a new educational program for _____ to learn skills and prepare for life after release.
- n.* a person who is confined to an institution such as a prison, hospital, or mental health facility
16. The bull rider held on tightly during the _____ event.
- n.* a public exhibition of cowboy skills, particularly in North America, featuring events such as calf-roping, steer wrestling, and bull riding
17. The nomadic tribes set up camp on the vast _____.
- n.* a vast, wide, and usually treeless plain, typically found in semi-arid or arid regions, characterized by fertile soil and grassy vegetation, often used for grazing livestock; an expansive and open grassland ecosystem found in Eurasia and North America
18. She was a skilled _____ able to craft intricate pieces of furniture.
- n.* a person who makes or repairs something, especially a craftsman or artisan who works with wood or metal
19. She _____ her husband for many years.
- v.* to live longer than another person
20. The news of the tragedy cast a _____ over the entire community.
- n.* a sense of boredom or weariness; a covering or veil that is dull, dark, or uninteresting
21. The _____ they felt towards each other prevented any chance of reconciliation.
- n.* a strong and persistent feeling of resentment, hostility, or anger; a state of being bitter or having a sour taste; the quality or taste of something sharp or unpleasant

ANSWERS: 15. inmates, 16. rodeo, 17. steppe, 18. wright, 19. outlived, 20. pall, 21. bitterness

22. The dancers practiced the steps of the _____ meticulously to perfect their performance.
- n.* a ballroom dance in triple time that originated in Vienna and is characterized by a flowing, graceful style and a strong accent on the first beat of each measure
23. The rock was formed by the slow _____ of sediments over millions of years.
- n.* the process of gradual growth or accumulation, particularly of layers or matter building up over time; the result of such a process
24. He is in general _____ under the surgeon.
- n.* a state of controlled, temporary loss of bodily sensation or awareness that is induced for medical purposes
25. The ship's hull was _____ from years of use in rough seas.
- v.* to twist or bend out of shape, especially as a result of being heated; to distort or twist the meaning or sense of something
26. There is plenty of space to _____ everyone.
- v.* to place a dead body in the ground, grave, or tomb
27. I asked the lawyer to initiate _____ negotiations for voluntary liquidation.
- n.* a person, company, etc. to whom a debtor owes money
28. The storm _____ leaving the town in peace.
- v.* to become less intense or widespread; to sink to a lower level
29. The _____ of the bees filled the air as she walked through the garden.
- adj.* producing a continuous, low, vibrating sound like that of the bee

ANSWERS: 22. waltz, 23. accretion, 24. anesthesia, 25. warped, 26. bury, 27. creditor, 28. subsided, 29. humming

30. The young girl performed a graceful _____ after her ballet recital.
- n.* (also "curtsey") a formal gesture of respect or deference, especially performed by women, involving bending the knees with one foot behind the other and lowering the body slightly; a show of politeness or courtesy
31. We watched a _____ of our family vacation from years ago.
- n.* a type of magnetic tape used for recording and storing video images and sound; a recording made on such tape
32. The rubber _____ was swept out to sea.
- n.* a flat structure, usually made of logs or planks, that can be used for transport or as a platform for swimmer
33. The hiker climbed the _____ hill with great difficulty.
- adj.* (an informal variant spelling of "tough") resilient, durable, or strong; having a rough or rugged appearance; (noun, of geology) a type of rock that's made up of volcanic ash ejected from a vent during a volcanic eruption
34. He _____ the modus operandi of the famous phantom thief.
- v.* to copy the speech, behavior, appearance, etc. of someone or something
35. The mechanic used a _____ drill to repair the engine.
- adj.* relating to or using air or gas under pressure, particularly in machinery or devices; operated by compressed air or gas
36. He's a very _____ person who makes friends easily.
- adj.* having qualities that make a person or thing well-liked or attractive; pleasant, friendly, or enjoyable
37. I love to _____ with my dog on the couch after a long day.
- v.* to hold close and lovingly in one's arms, often for comfort or affection; to snuggle or nestle against someone or something

ANSWERS: 30. curtsy, 31. videotape, 32. raft, 33. tuff, 34. imitated, 35. pneumatic, 36. likable, 37. cuddle

38. Everyone _____ to evacuate the building when the fire alarm went off.
- v. to leave or depart quickly, often hurriedly or chaotically; to go away suddenly or abruptly; to move or act in a frenzied or disorganized way; (noun) an emergency shutdown of a nuclear reactor
39. I filled the _____ with hot water and a bubble bath for a relaxing soak.
- n. a large container, typically made of porcelain or acrylic, for holding water in which a person can bathe
40. She gently _____ the kitten's soft fur.
- v. to touch, stroke, or caress someone or something lovingly, gently, or tenderly; to show affection through physical contact
41. He _____ the fireworks with a single spark.
- v. to set on fire; to cause to start burning
42. I was able to _____ the frisbee across the field to my friend.
- v. to throw or toss something quickly or carelessly; to promote or sell something aggressively or persistently
43. The soprano performed an emotional _____ that brought the audience to tears.
- n. a song that is performed solo by a singer in an opera or oratorio, often with instrumental accompaniment
44. Her _____ laughter echoed through the room, spreading contagious joy to everyone present.
- adj. describing a state of mind or perception characterized by altered or distorted sensory experiences, often as a result of taking drugs or psychedelics; stumbling or faltering while walking or moving, often due to a loss of balance or coordination

ANSWERS: 38. scrambled, 39. bathtub, 40. fondled, 41. ignited, 42. huck, 43. aria, 44. tripping

45. The news of her promotion _____ her.
v. to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager
46. She had a _____ on her arm from where she fell on the playground.
n. a mark caused by a blow, typically one that is purple or black on the skin
47. The leaders of the two countries met to _____ on the issue.
v. to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something
48. The ship encountered a series of _____ and had to change its course.
n. a large piece of ice floating in the sea, detached from a glacier
49. He forcibly _____ the flyer into my bag.
v. to push someone or something in a rough way
50. The company experienced financial _____ after the CEO was arrested.
n. a state of great disturbance, confusion, or uncertainty, often marked by intense activity or strong emotions
51. He dashed down a _____ to a bathroom.
n. an interior passage or corridor onto which rooms open
52. Many _____ lawmakers are advocating for stricter immigration policies.
n. a person who supports or advocates for a particular form of government, typically one that has an elected head of state rather than a monarch; a member or supporter of the Republican Party in the United States
53. His arm was _____ from the insect bite.
v. to become larger or more inflated; to become more intense or important

ANSWERS: 45. excited, 46. bruise, 47. confer, 48. icebergs, 49. shoved, 50. turmoil, 51. hallway, 52. republican, 53. swelling

54. Despite attending school, he remained _____ and unable to read or write.

adj. unable to read or write; lacking basic education and knowledge in reading and writing

55. I need to _____ my hair before I go to the party.

v. to make something straight or orderly; to adjust or fix something crooked, bent, or misaligned

56. Some people believe that the pursuit of wealth is a _____ goal.

adj. concerned primarily with material possessions rather than spiritual or intellectual values; adhering to a philosophy that places a high value on material goods or wealth

57. My grandfather is seeing a _____ to monitor his heart condition.

n. a medical doctor who specializes in the study and treatment of the heart and the circulatory system

58. The _____ preparations for the concert took hours to complete.

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

ANSWERS: 54. illiterate, 55. straighten, 56. materialistic, 57. cardiologist, 58. backstage