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Session 1: Word List

filmmaker

n. a person who makes films, typically as a profession
synonym: director, producer, cinematographer

(1) non-fiction **filmmaker**, (2) a successful **filmmaker**

The renowned **filmmaker** won several awards for his latest film.

visualize

v. to form a mental image or concept of something; to make something visible

synonym: imagine, picture, envision

(1) **visualize** data, (2) **visualize** flying through space

She tried to **visualize** the layout of the new house in her mind.

stutter

v. to speak with sudden involuntary pauses or repetitions of sounds, syllables, or words; (noun) a speech disorder characterized by the repetition or prolongation of sounds, syllables, or words, or by pauses or blocks in speech

synonym: stammer, falter, stumble

(1) **stutter** speech, (2) **stutter** out an apology

He tends to **stutter** when he gets nervous, making it difficult for others to understand him.

brad

n. a small, thin wire nail with a slight projection at the top, used for fixing or fastening materials together

synonym : nail, pin, tack

(1) **brad** nail, (2) **brad** fastener

I picked up a box of **brads** from the hardware store for my weekend project.

tizzy

n. a state of extreme agitation, excitement, or confusion; a frenzied or flustered condition

synonym : agitation, fuss, hysteria

(1) put the whole class in a **tizzy**, (2) get in a **tizzy**

The sudden change in plans threw him into a **tizzy**.

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.

prosthetic

adj. of or relating to an artificial part of the body, such as a limb, a heart, or a breast implant

(1) have **prosthetic** arms, (2) **prosthetic** limbs

New **prosthetic** joints are less prone to metal poisoning.

superimpose

v. to place, layer, or overlay one thing on top of another, typically in such a way that both are still visible; to add or combine something additional into an existing structure, design, or system

synonym : overlay, impose, place over

(1) **superimpose** image, (2) **superimpose** text

The graphic designer will **superimpose** the logo over the image in the brochure.

deem

v. to consider or decide something in a particular way

synonym : believe, consider, suppose

(1) **deem** socially responsible, (2) **deem** wrong or

inappropriate

Regarding earthquakes, some commercial buildings were **deemed** unsafe.

depict

v. to illustrate someone or something in a photograph

synonym: illustrate, describe, express

(1) **depict** a scene, (2) **depict** a feeling of isolation

His son had accurately **depicted** the bloom.

grail

n. a sacred or highly prized object, often associated with a quest or search for something elusive or unattainable

synonym: chalice, treasure, quest

(1) holy **grail**, (2) ultimate **grail**

The search for the **grail** is often used as a metaphor for any difficult quest or task.

industrious

adj. hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort

synonym: diligent, hardworking, assiduous

(1) **industrious** worker, (2) **industrious** student

He was known to be very **industrious** and would often work late into the night.

fearless

adj. having no fear; brave

synonym: brave, courageous, daring

(1) **fearless** attitude, (2) **fearless** bravery

The **fearless** firefighter rushed into the burning building to save a trapped child.

carve

v. to create something by cutting wood or stone; to turn sharply

synonym: sculpt, engrave, cut

(1) **carve** a statue, (2) **carve** my name on the plate

This statue is **carved** from a single tree trunk.

tolerable

adj. capable of being endured or tolerated; not too unpleasant, painful, or difficult

synonym : enduring, acceptable, bearable

(1) **tolerable** conditions, (2) **tolerable** level of risk

His new job offered a **tolerable** work environment but was not his dream job.

broth

n. a liquid in which meat, fish, or vegetables have been cooked, used as a base for soups and stews

synonym : bouillon, consomme, soup

(1) chicken **broth**, (2) remains of **broth**

I always add a bit of **broth** to my soup to give it more flavor.

paramount

adj. more important than anything else; having superior power and influence or the highest position

synonym : central, major, crucial

(1) the lord **paramount**, (2) **paramount** to all the others

This country became a country of **paramount** geostrategic importance to us.

aft

adj. (the opposite of "forward") located at or towards the rear or back of a ship, aircraft, or other vehicle

(1) **aft** cabin, (2) **aft** view

The **aft** section of the ship suffered significant damage after the collision with the reef.

congratulation

n. the act of expressing that someone has an occasion for celebration or the expression of pleasure at the success or good fortune of another

synonym : praise, compliment, felicitation

(1) **congratulation** on a promotion, (2) a matter for **congratulation**

The **congratulations** from her friends and family were overwhelming after she won the championship.

reassure

v. to cause someone to feel sure; to give or restore confidence

synonym : comfort, soothe, bolster

(1) **reassure** anxious patients, (2) **reassure** market
The pilot tried to **reassure** the customers that the planes were safe.

idiosyncrasy

n. a distinctive or unique way of functioning, behaving, or thinking that is characteristic of an individual or a group; a peculiar or eccentric habit or behavior

synonym: peculiarity, quirk, eccentricity

(1) personal **idiosyncrasy**, (2) cultural **idiosyncrasy**

His **idiosyncrasy** of always wearing green socks was a quirky habit.

tic

n. a sudden, involuntary muscular contraction or movement, often repetitive in nature; a habitual and often unconscious behavior or mannerism

synonym: twitch, spasm, jerk

(1) developmental **tic**, (2) facial **tic**

My nervous **tic** makes it hard for me to concentrate during important events.

subtlety

n. the quality of being subtle

synonym: nuance, refinement, niceness

(1) psychological **subtlety**, (2) with great **subtlety**

She examines the document with remarkable **subtlety**.

candlelight

n. light provided by a candle or candles

synonym: lamp light, oil light, firelight

(1) **candlelight** dinner, (2) **candlelight** vigil

The room was dimly lit by soft **candlelight**.

chasm

n. a deep and wide crack or hole in the ground, especially one that is difficult or impossible to cross; a profound difference between two people or groups

synonym: gap, ravine, crevasse

(1) a deep and wide **chasm**, (2) **chasm** of death

The **chasm** of misunderstanding between the two sides

seemed impossible to bridge.

leotard

n. a tight-fitting garment that covers the torso and sometimes extends to the thighs, typically worn for athletic or dance activities

synonym: bodysuit, unitard, catsuit

(1) zip-front **leotard**, (2) ballet **leotard**

The ballerina wore a pink **leotard** for her performance.

animate

v. to make something full of interest and energy

synonym: invigorate, energize, enliven

(1) **animate** the body, (2) **animate** his soul

The positive attitude of the supervisor **animated** the discussion.

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**.

crappy

adj. of poor quality; not satisfactory

synonym: poor, unsatisfactory, inferior

(1) **crappy** service, (2) **crappy** Spanish

The food at the restaurant was **crappy** and overpriced.

crease

n. a line or mark made by folding or wrinkling a surface or material; a slight ridge or fold in fabric or paper caused by pressing or folding

synonym: fold, wrinkle, ridge

(1) **crease** in fabric, (2) deep **crease**

The shirt had a noticeable **crease** along the sleeve from being folded.

dimple

n. a small natural indentation or crease, particularly on the surface of the skin, such as on the face or the back of the hand

synonym : crease, indent, pucker

(1) baby **dimple**, (2) left **dimple**

Her smile was accentuated by the adorable **dimple** on her right cheek.

wrinkle

n. a small line or fold in something, especially fabric or the skin of the face; a minor difficulty

synonym : crinkle, fold, crumple

(1) a fine **wrinkle** on a fabric, (2) a facial **wrinkle**

This suit is made of **wrinkle-proof** material.

abort

v. to terminate or cancel something before it is complete or fully developed; to cause the end of a pregnancy before the fetus is viable or can survive outside the womb

synonym : cancel, terminate, halt

(1) **abort** a mission, (2) **abort** a takeoff

The company had to **abort** the plan because of financial constraints.

quo

n. the existing state or condition of something, especially in relation to a particular situation or issue

synonym : status, condition, state

(1) status **quo** politician, (2) **quo** warranto

The company has been successful in maintaining the status **quo**.

uncharted

adj. not mapped or surveyed; unknown or unexplored; without a clear or definite course of action

synonym : unknown, unexplored, undiscovered

(1) **uncharted** wilderness, (2) **uncharted** waters

The explorer ventured into **uncharted** territory, not knowing what to expect.

stew

n. a dish consisting of meat and vegetables simmered in liquid typically served hot as a main course or soup; a state of mental or emotional agitation or confusion

synonym : casserole, hotpot

(1) **stew** meat, (2) vegetable **stew**

I made a delicious beef **stew** for dinner tonight.

nugget

n. a small piece of gold or other precious metal or mineral found ready-formed in the earth; a small round piece of some food

synonym: chunk, clod, clump

(1) a gold **nugget**, (2) **nugget** of truth

It took a few weeks to extract the **nugget** of information from those complicated sources.

disparate

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

synonym: different, distinct, separate

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

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

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.

phosphorus

n. a chemical element with the symbol P and atomic number 15 that is a non-metallic, highly reactive, and luminescent element

synonym: P, phosphoric, phosphorous

(1) **phosphorus** element, (2) yellow **phosphorus**

Phosphorus compounds are commonly used to manufacture fertilizers to promote plant growth.

stipple

v. to create a pattern or texture on a surface by applying a series of small dots or marks; to paint or draw using a technique of dotting or dapping

synonym: dot, speckle

(1) **stipple** a drawing, (2) **stipple** the background of the

portrait

When applying makeup, some techniques require you to **stipple** foundation onto the skin using a special brush.

reconstruct

v. to build or form something again that has been damaged or destroyed

synonym: rebuild, revamp, reorganize

(1) **reconstruct** an image, (2) **reconstruct** the original text

They've decided to **reconstruct** a ruined castle.

volumetric

adj. relating to or measured by volume, which refers to the amount of space occupied by an object or substance

synonym: dimensional, spatial, cubic

(1) **volumetric** flow rate, (2) **volumetric** analysis

The 3D printer uses **volumetric** calculations to determine the material needed for each print job.

fidelity

n. faithfulness to a person, cause, or thing; loyalty or devotion to a duty or obligation; accuracy or exactness in reproducing or representing something

synonym: loyalty, devotion, allegiance

(1) **fidelity** guarantee deposit, (2) high **fidelity** music

The couple promised each other **fidelity** in their marriage VOWS.

polygonal

adj. having multiple straight sides or angles; characterized by a shape or structure composed of straight lines or flat surfaces, often forming closed figures such as polygons

synonym: multilateral, multisided

(1) **polygonal** shape, (2) a **polygonal** design

The architect designed a beautiful **polygonal** building with multiple facets.

polygon

n. a closed plane figure bounded by three or more straight sides that meet at the same number of angles (vertices)

synonym: shape, figure, form

(1) regular **polygon**, (2) closed **polygon**

The garden had a complex **polygon** shape with many angles and corners.

phosphorescence

n. a form of luminescence that continues to emit light after direct exposure to a light source has ended; a glowing or luminous quality, often associated with living organisms or minerals

synonym: glow, luminescence, radiance

(1) **phosphorescence** glow, (2) ocean **phosphorescence**

The mesmerizing **phosphorescence** of the plankton in the water illuminated the beach.

photorealistic

adj. referring to imagery or graphics that are so realistic that it appears to be a photograph or a real-life object

synonym: realistic, lifelike, naturalistic

(1) **photorealistic** painting, (2) **photorealistic** rendering

The video game's graphics were so **photorealistic** that it felt like I was in it.

sculptor

n. an artist who creates sculptures, three-dimensional objects, or forms

synonym: carver, modeler, artist

(1) **sculptor** studio, (2) renowned **sculptor**

The famous **sculptor** used various tools to carve the marble into the desired shape.

maquette

n. a small-scale model or prototype, usually representing a proposed design or artwork, used for visualization, planning, or demonstration purposes

synonym: model, miniature, replica

(1) architectural **maquette**, (2) scaled **maquette**

The architect presented the **maquette** of the new building to the client for approval.

unveil

v. to reveal or make something publicly known, especially for the first time

synonym: reveal, uncover, expose

(1) **unveil** a monument, (2) **unveil** a comprehensive plan
The company plans to **unveil** its new product at the trade show next week.

anatomical

adj. of or relating to the structure of the body and its parts

synonym: physical, bodily, structural

(1) **anatomical** structure, (2) **anatomical** elements

The **anatomical** model of the human body was used to teach medical students.

transpose

v. to change the position, order, or arrangement of something, especially in music, by changing the key or pitch; to transfer or move something from one place or context to another

synonym: switch, invert, interchange

(1) **transpose** letters, (2) **transpose** data

We must **transpose** the melody from key C to key G for the singer.

recreate

v. to make something that existed previously happen or appear to exist again

synonym: renovate, vivify, revive

(1) **recreate** a single country, (2) **recreate** the feeling of the 1920s

She **recreated** the atmosphere of the pre-war age with her stage setting.

improvise

v. to create or perform something on the spot, without preparation or planning; to use what one has available to do or create something

synonym: ad-lib, extemporize

(1) **improvise** a joke, (2) **improvise** an escape plan

We had to **improvise** a tent using a tarp and sticks since we didn't have a proper one.

eyebrow

n. the hair arc over each eye in humans

synonym: brow, supercilium

(1) raise her **eyebrows**, (2) **eyebrow** cosmetics
She raised an inquiring **eyebrow** towards me.

posit

v. to suggest or accept something as fact or as a basis for argument or consideration

synonym : assert, declare, assume

(1) **posit** the existence of life after death, (2) **posit** the premise

We should **posit** several hypotheses to discuss the matter.

jerry

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

synonym : deceptive, deceitful, dishonest

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

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

sect

n. a group of people who follow a particular religious or philosophical belief system, especially one that is regarded as outside the norm or mainstream

synonym : group, faction, cult

(1) **sect** beliefs, (2) secret **sect**

The minority **sect** believed in a set of unconventional religious practices.

adage

n. a short and memorable saying or phrase that expresses a commonly held truth or belief, often based on experience or tradition; a proverb or maxim

synonym : saying, proverb, maxim

(1) proverbial **adage**, (2) famous **adage**

He lived by the wise **adage** "honesty is the best policy" and was respected for his straightforward approach.

mold

n. a hollow container used to give shape to liquid or soft substance, which then becomes solid in the same shape as the container; a soft, green, or gray growth that forms on stale food or objects exposed to warm, moist air for

too long

synonym: cavity, cast, mildew

(1) a casting **mold**, (2) **mold** allergy

Mushrooms and **mold** are fungi.

enunciate

v. to say, pronounce, or utter words clearly

synonym: articulate, pronounce, say

(1) **enunciate** a new strategy, (2) **enunciate** each word

The doctrine of the country was **enunciated** by its first king.

devote

v. to commit or dedicate oneself or one's time, effort, or energy to a particular task or purpose

synonym: commit, dedicate, apply

(1) **devote** all of my energies, (2) **devote** my own life

He **devoted** himself to studying the history of ancient civilizations.

deformation

n. the process of changing the physical shape or form of something, usually due to external forces or pressure

synonym: distortion, warping, contortion

(1) **deformation** at room temperature, (2) **deformation** of structures

Various factors, including pressure, temperature, and the application of external forces, can cause the **deformation** of rocks.

puppet

n. a doll or figure that is manipulated by strings, wires, or hands to represent a person or animal; a person who is controlled or manipulated by someone else

synonym: marionette, dummy, mannequin

(1) **puppet** theater, (2) corporate **puppet**

The politician was merely a **puppet** for the wealthy elite.

sandblast

v. to clean or etch a surface with high-pressure blasting of abrasive material such as sand or glass beads; (noun) a process in which a high-pressure stream of sand or

other abrasive material is used to clean, shape, or etch a surface

synonym : blast, clean, scour

(1) **sandblast** etching, (2) **sandblast** a wall

The construction crew will **sandblast** the concrete to remove any impurities before laying the foundation.

ironic

adj. using words to express something different from and often opposite to their literal or usual meaning, often for humorous or rhetorical effect

synonym : sarcastic, wry, sardonic

(1) **ironic** result, (2) an **ironic** turn of events

It was **ironic** that the heavy rain started just as they set up for an outdoor picnic.

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.

factoid

n. something commonly accepted as fact, even though it is probably not true

(1) an attention-grabbing **factoid**, (2) wacky **factoid**

We talked about an interesting **factoid** in today's newspaper.

hairstyle

n. the way in which a person's hair is cut, styled, or arranged on their head

synonym : hairdo, coiffure, haircut

(1) modern **hairstyle**, (2) bob **hairstyle**

My sister got a new **hairstyle** for her job interview.

Session 2: Spelling

1. vegetable s__w *n.* a dish consisting of meat and vegetables simmered in liquid typically served hot as a main course or soup; a state of mental or emotional agitation or confusion
2. fi____ty guarantee deposit *n.* faithfulness to a person, cause, or thing; loyalty or devotion to a duty or obligation; accuracy or exactness in reproducing or representing something
3. un_____ed wilderness *adj.* not mapped or surveyed; unknown or unexplored; without a clear or definite course of action
4. corporate pu___t *n.* a doll or figure that is manipulated by strings, wires, or hands to represent a person or animal; a person who is controlled or manipulated by someone else
5. ch__m of death *n.* a deep and wide crack or hole in the ground, especially one that is difficult or impossible to cross; a profound difference between two people or groups
6. ocean pho_____nce *n.* a form of luminescence that continues to emit light after direct exposure to a light source has ended; a glowing or luminous quality, often associated with living organisms or minerals

ANSWERS: 1. stew, 2. fidelity, 3. uncharted, 4. puppet, 5. chasm, 6. phosphorescence

7. pro_____ic limbs *adj.* of or relating to an artificial part of the body, such as a limb, a heart, or a breast implant
8. facial t_c *n.* a sudden, involuntary muscular contraction or movement, often repetitive in nature; a habitual and often unconscious behavior or mannerism
9. high fi_____ty music *n.* faithfulness to a person, cause, or thing; loyalty or devotion to a duty or obligation; accuracy or exactness in reproducing or representing something
10. un___l a monument *v.* to reveal or make something publicly known, especially for the first time
11. sa_____st a wall *v.* to clean or etch a surface with high-pressure blasting of abrasive material such as sand or glass beads; (noun) a process in which a high-pressure stream of sand or other abrasive material is used to clean, shape, or etch a surface
12. cr___y service *adj.* of poor quality; not satisfactory
13. proverbial ad__e *n.* a short and memorable saying or phrase that expresses a commonly held truth or belief, often based on experience or tradition; a proverb or maxim
14. a successful fi_____er *n.* a person who makes films, typically as a profession
15. de___e all of my energies *v.* to commit or dedicate oneself or one's time, effort, or energy to a particular task or purpose

ANSWERS: 7. prosthetic, 8. tic, 9. fidelity, 10. unveil, 11. sandblast, 12. crappy, 13. adage, 14. filmmaker, 15. devote

16. put the whole class in a ti__y *n.* a state of extreme agitation, excitement, or confusion; a frenzied or flustered condition
17. sa_____st etching *v.* to clean or etch a surface with high-pressure blasting of abrasive material such as sand or glass beads; (noun) a process in which a high-pressure stream of sand or other abrasive material is used to clean, shape, or etch a surface
18. holy gr__l *n.* a sacred or highly prized object, often associated with a quest or search for something elusive or unattainable
19. d__m wrong or inappropriate *v.* to consider or decide something in a particular way
20. hu_____g bird *adj.* producing a continuous, low, vibrating sound like that of the bee
21. m__d allergy *n.* a hollow container used to give shape to liquid or soft substance, which then becomes solid in the same shape as the container; a soft, green, or gray growth that forms on stale food or objects exposed to warm, moist air for too long
22. pu___t theater *n.* a doll or figure that is manipulated by strings, wires, or hands to represent a person or animal; a person who is controlled or manipulated by someone else
23. ana_____al elements *adj.* of or relating to the structure of the body and its parts

ANSWERS: 16. tizzy, 17. sandblast, 18. grail, 19. deem, 20. humming, 21. mold, 22. puppet, 23. anatomical

24. renowned sc____or *n.* an artist who creates sculptures, three-dimensional objects, or forms
25. deep cr___e *n.* a line or mark made by folding or wrinkling a surface or material; a slight ridge or fold in fabric or paper caused by pressing or folding
26. personal idi_____asy *n.* a distinctive or unique way of functioning, behaving, or thinking that is characteristic of an individual or a group; a peculiar or eccentric habit or behavior
27. s__w meat *n.* a dish consisting of meat and vegetables simmered in liquid typically served hot as a main course or soup; a state of mental or emotional agitation or confusion
28. to_____le level of risk *adj.* capable of being endured or tolerated; not too unpleasant, painful, or difficult
29. an_____e his soul *v.* to make something full of interest and energy
30. pho_____tic rendering *adj.* referring to imagery or graphics that are so realistic that it appears to be a photograph or a real-life object
31. re_____te a single country *v.* to make something that existed previously happen or appear to exist again
32. ultimate gr__l *n.* a sacred or highly prized object, often associated with a quest or search for something elusive or unattainable

ANSWERS: 24. sculptor, 25. crease, 26. idiosyncrasy, 27. stew, 28. tolerable, 29. animate, 30. photorealistic, 31. recreate, 32. grail

33. sc____or studio *n.* an artist who creates sculptures, three-dimensional objects, or forms
34. fe____ss bravery *adj.* having no fear; brave
35. tr____se letters *v.* to change the position, order, or arrangement of something, especially in music, by changing the key or pitch; to transfer or move something from one place or context to another
36. b__d fastener *n.* a small, thin wire nail with a slight projection at the top, used for fixing or fastening materials together
37. ir____c result *adj.* using words to express something different from and often opposite to their literal or usual meaning, often for humorous or rhetorical effect
38. nu____t of truth *n.* a small piece of gold or other precious metal or mineral found ready-formed in the earth; a small round piece of some food
39. sup____se image *v.* to place, layer, or overlay one thing on top of another, typically in such a way that both are still visible; to add or combine something additional into an existing structure, design, or system
40. vi____ze flying through space *v.* to form a mental image or concept of something; to make something visible
41. ab__t a takeoff *v.* to terminate or cancel something before it is complete or fully developed; to cause the end of a pregnancy before the fetus is viable or can survive outside the womb

ANSWERS: 33. sculptor, 34. fearless, 35. transpose, 36. brad, 37. ironic, 38. nugget, 39. superimpose, 40. visualize, 41. abort

42. ballet le____d *n.* a tight-fitting garment that covers the torso and sometimes extends to the thighs, typically worn for athletic or dance activities
43. an attention-grabbing fa____d *n.* something commonly accepted as fact, even though it is probably not true
44. de____t a scene *v.* to illustrate someone or something in a photograph
45. im____se a joke *v.* to create or perform something on the spot, without preparation or planning; to use what one has available to do or create something
46. to____le conditions *adj.* capable of being endured or tolerated; not too unpleasant, painful, or difficult
47. a n__b mind *adj.* unable to feel physical sensation and movement; not showing human feeling or sensitivity
48. left di____e *n.* a small natural indentation or crease, particularly on the surface of the skin, such as on the face or the back of the hand
49. a po____al design *adj.* having multiple straight sides or angles; characterized by a shape or structure composed of straight lines or flat surfaces, often forming closed figures such as polygons
50. scaled ma____te *n.* a small-scale model or prototype, usually representing a proposed design or artwork, used for visualization, planning, or demonstration purposes

ANSWERS: 42. leotard, 43. factoid, 44. depict, 45. improvise, 46. tolerable, 47. numb, 48. dimple, 49. polygonal, 50. maquette

51. a gold nu___t *n.* a small piece of gold or other precious metal or mineral found ready-formed in the earth; a small round piece of some food
52. closed po____n *n.* a closed plane figure bounded by three or more straight sides that meet at the same number of angles (vertices)
53. di____te impact *adj.* very different or distinct from something else and is not connected or comparable in any way
54. regular po____n *n.* a closed plane figure bounded by three or more straight sides that meet at the same number of angles (vertices)
55. a_t cabin *adj.* (the opposite of "forward") located at or towards the rear or back of a ship, aircraft, or other vehicle
56. im____se an escape plan *v.* to create or perform something on the spot, without preparation or planning; to use what one has available to do or create something
57. d__m socially responsible *v.* to consider or decide something in a particular way
58. tr____se data *v.* to change the position, order, or arrangement of something, especially in music, by changing the key or pitch; to transfer or move something from one place or context to another
59. an ir___c turn of events *adj.* using words to express something different from and often opposite to their literal or usual meaning, often for humorous or rhetorical effect

ANSWERS: 51. nugget, 52. polygon, 53. disparate, 54. polygon, 55. aft, 56. improvise, 57. deem, 58. transpose, 59. ironic

60. raise her ey_____ws *n.* the hair arc over each eye in humans
61. st_____r speech *v.* to speak with sudden involuntary pauses or repetitions of sounds, syllables, or words; (noun) a speech disorder characterized by the repetition or prolongation of sounds, syllables, or words, or by pauses or blocks in speech
62. de____e my own life *v.* to commit or dedicate oneself or one's time, effort, or energy to a particular task or purpose
63. modern ha_____le *n.* the way in which a person's hair is cut, styled, or arranged on their head
64. a facial wr_____e *n.* a small line or fold in something, especially fabric or the skin of the face; a minor difficulty
65. with great su_____ty *n.* the quality of being subtle
66. architectural ma_____te *n.* a small-scale model or prototype, usually representing a proposed design or artwork, used for visualization, planning, or demonstration purposes
67. bob ha_____le *n.* the way in which a person's hair is cut, styled, or arranged on their head
68. psychological su_____ty *n.* the quality of being subtle
69. fe_____ss attitude *adj.* having no fear; brave
70. 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

ANSWERS: 60. eyebrow, 61. stutter, 62. devote, 63. hairstyle, 64. wrinkle, 65. subtlety, 66. maquette, 67. hairstyle, 68. subtlety, 69. fearless, 70. whisper

71. chicken br__h *n.* a liquid in which meat, fish, or vegetables have been cooked, used as a base for soups and stews
72. un___l a comprehensive plan *v.* to reveal or make something publicly known, especially for the first time
73. b__d nail *n.* a small, thin wire nail with a slight projection at the top, used for fixing or fastening materials together
74. cr___y Spanish *adj.* of poor quality; not satisfactory
75. a_t view *adj.* (the opposite of "forward") located at or towards the rear or back of a ship, aircraft, or other vehicle
76. can_____ht dinner *n.* light provided by a candle or candles
77. a fine wr_____e on a fabric *n.* a small line or fold in something, especially fabric or the skin of the face; a minor difficulty
78. baby di___e *n.* a small natural indentation or crease, particularly on the surface of the skin, such as on the face or the back of the hand
79. famous ad___e *n.* a short and memorable saying or phrase that expresses a commonly held truth or belief, often based on experience or tradition; a proverb or maxim
80. st_____e a drawing *v.* to create a pattern or texture on a surface by applying a series of small dots or marks; to paint or draw using a technique of dotting or dapping

ANSWERS: 71. broth, 72. unveil, 73. brad, 74. crappy, 75. aft, 76. candlelight, 77. wrinkle, 78. dimple, 79. adage, 80. stipple

81. re____re anxious patients *v.* to cause someone to feel sure; to give or restore confidence
82. ab__t a mission *v.* to terminate or cancel something before it is complete or fully developed; to cause the end of a pregnancy before the fetus is viable or can survive outside the womb
83. tr_____nd boundaries *v.* to rise above or go beyond the limits of something
84. yellow pho_____us *n.* a chemical element with the symbol P and atomic number 15 that is a non-metallic, highly reactive, and luminescent element
85. pho_____nce glow *n.* a form of luminescence that continues to emit light after direct exposure to a light source has ended; a glowing or luminous quality, often associated with living organisms or minerals
86. status q_o politician *n.* the existing state or condition of something, especially in relation to a particular situation or issue
87. ca__e my name on the plate *v.* to create something by cutting wood or stone; to turn sharply
88. ey_____w cosmetics *n.* the hair arc over each eye in humans
89. po_____al shape *adj.* having multiple straight sides or angles; characterized by a shape or structure composed of straight lines or flat surfaces, often forming closed figures such as polygons

ANSWERS: 81. reassure, 82. abort, 83. transcend, 84. phosphorus, 85. phosphorescence, 86. quo, 87. carve, 88. eyebrow, 89. polygonal

90. ca__e a statue *v.* to create something by cutting wood or stone; to turn sharply
91. a casting m__d *n.* a hollow container used to give shape to liquid or soft substance, which then becomes solid in the same shape as the container; a soft, green, or gray growth that forms on stale food or objects exposed to warm, moist air for too long
92. vol____ic flow rate *adj.* relating to or measured by volume, which refers to the amount of space occupied by an object or substance
93. physically di____te location *adj.* very different or distinct from something else and is not connected or comparable in any way
94. cr___e in fabric *n.* a line or mark made by folding or wrinkling a surface or material; a slight ridge or fold in fabric or paper caused by pressing or folding
95. st____r out an apology *v.* to speak with sudden involuntary pauses or repetitions of sounds, syllables, or words; (noun) a speech disorder characterized by the repetition or prolongation of sounds, syllables, or words, or by pauses or blocks in speech
96. n__b with cold *adj.* unable to feel physical sensation and movement; not showing human feeling or sensitivity
97. def____on of structures *n.* the process of changing the physical shape or form of something, usually due to external forces or pressure

ANSWERS: 90. carve, 91. mold, 92. volumetric, 93. disparate, 94. crease, 95. stutter, 96. numb, 97. deformation

98. pho_____tic painting *adj.* referring to imagery or graphics that are so realistic that it appears to be a photograph or a real-life object
99. a matter for con_____ion *n.* the act of expressing that someone has an occasion for celebration or the expression of pleasure at the success or good fortune of another
100. en_____te a new strategy *v.* to say, pronounce, or utter words clearly
101. 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
102. re_____te the feeling of the 1920s *v.* to make something that existed previously happen or appear to exist again
103. con_____ion on a promotion *n.* the act of expressing that someone has an occasion for celebration or the expression of pleasure at the success or good fortune of another
104. pa_____nt to all the others *adj.* more important than anything else; having superior power and influence or the highest position
105. vol_____ic analysis *adj.* relating to or measured by volume, which refers to the amount of space occupied by an object or substance
106. ind_____us student *adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
107. remains of br__h *n.* a liquid in which meat, fish, or vegetables have been cooked, used as a base for soups and stews

ANSWERS: 98. photorealistic, 99. congratulation, 100. enunciate, 101. whisper, 102. recreate, 103. congratulation, 104. paramount, 105. volumetric, 106. industrious, 107. broth

108. secret s__t *n.* a group of people who follow a particular religious or philosophical belief system, especially one that is regarded as outside the norm or mainstream
109. get in a ti__y *n.* a state of extreme agitation, excitement, or confusion; a frenzied or flustered condition
110. de___t a feeling of isolation *v.* to illustrate someone or something in a photograph
111. developmental t_c *n.* a sudden, involuntary muscular contraction or movement, often repetitive in nature; a habitual and often unconscious behavior or mannerism
112. an_____e the body *v.* to make something full of interest and energy
113. je__y-made toy *adj.* a slang term referring to something that is improvised, makeshift, or of poor quality; jerry-rigged
114. have pro_____ic arms *adj.* of or relating to an artificial part of the body, such as a limb, a heart, or a breast implant
115. ana_____al structure *adj.* of or relating to the structure of the body and its parts
116. tr_____nd limits *v.* to rise above or go beyond the limits of something
117. vi_____ze data *v.* to form a mental image or concept of something; to make something visible
118. ind_____us worker *adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort

ANSWERS: 108. sect, 109. tizzy, 110. depict, 111. tic, 112. animate, 113. jerry, 114. prosthetic, 115. anatomical, 116. transcend, 117. visualize, 118. industrious

119. sup_____se text *v.* to place, layer, or overlay one thing on top of another, typically in such a way that both are still visible; to add or combine something additional into an existing structure, design, or system
120. s__t beliefs *n.* a group of people who follow a particular religious or philosophical belief system, especially one that is regarded as outside the norm or mainstream
121. st_____e the background of the portrait *v.* to create a pattern or texture on a surface by applying a series of small dots or marks; to paint or draw using a technique of dotting or dapping
122. un_____ed waters *adj.* not mapped or surveyed; unknown or unexplored; without a clear or definite course of action
123. q_o warranto *n.* the existing state or condition of something, especially in relation to a particular situation or issue
124. zip-front le_____d *n.* a tight-fitting garment that covers the torso and sometimes extends to the thighs, typically worn for athletic or dance activities
125. rec_____ct an image *v.* to build or form something again that has been damaged or destroyed
126. po__t the existence of life after death *v.* to suggest or accept something as fact or as a basis for argument or consideration
127. a deep and wide ch__m *n.* a deep and wide crack or hole in the ground, especially one that is difficult or impossible to cross; a profound difference between two people or groups

ANSWERS: 119. superimpose, 120. sect, 121. stipple, 122. uncharted, 123. quo, 124. leotard, 125. reconstruct, 126. posit, 127. chasm

128. hu____g sound *adj.* producing a continuous, low, vibrating sound like that of the bee
129. non-fiction fi_____er *n.* a person who makes films, typically as a profession
130. def_____on at room temperature *n.* the process of changing the physical shape or form of something, usually due to external forces or pressure
131. cultural idi_____asy *n.* a distinctive or unique way of functioning, behaving, or thinking that is characteristic of an individual or a group; a peculiar or eccentric habit or behavior
132. po__t the premise *v.* to suggest or accept something as fact or as a basis for argument or consideration
133. je__y-built foundation *adj.* a slang term referring to something that is improvised, makeshift, or of poor quality; jerry-rigged
134. can_____ht vigil *n.* light provided by a candle or candles
135. the lord pa_____nt *adj.* more important than anything else; having superior power and influence or the highest position
136. en_____te each word *v.* to say, pronounce, or utter words clearly
137. pho_____us element *n.* a chemical element with the symbol P and atomic number 15 that is a non-metallic, highly reactive, and luminescent element
138. re_____re market *v.* to cause someone to feel sure; to give or restore confidence

ANSWERS: 128. humming, 129. filmmaker, 130. deformation, 131. idiosyncrasy, 132. posit, 133. jerry, 134. candlelight, 135. paramount, 136. enunciate, 137. phosphorus, 138. reassure

139. rec_____ct the original text

v. to build or form something again that has been damaged or destroyed

140. wacky fa_____d

n. something commonly accepted as fact, even though it is probably not true

ANSWERS: 139. reconstruct, 140. factoid

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The architect presented the _____ of the new building to the client for approval.
 - n.* a small-scale model or prototype, usually representing a proposed design or artwork, used for visualization, planning, or demonstration purposes

2. The music _____ cultural barriers and reached audiences globally.
 - v.* to rise above or go beyond the limits of something

3. The company had to _____ the plan because of financial constraints.
 - v.* to terminate or cancel something before it is complete or fully developed; to cause the end of a pregnancy before the fetus is viable or can survive outside the womb

4. His _____ of always wearing green socks was a quirky habit.
 - n.* a distinctive or unique way of functioning, behaving, or thinking that is characteristic of an individual or a group; a peculiar or eccentric habit or behavior

5. This statue is _____ from a single tree trunk.
 - v.* to create something by cutting wood or stone; to turn sharply

6. We must _____ the melody from key C to key G for the singer.
 - v.* to change the position, order, or arrangement of something, especially in music, by changing the key or pitch; to transfer or move something from one place or context to another

7. The pilot tried to _____ the customers that the planes were safe.
 - v.* to cause someone to feel sure; to give or restore confidence

ANSWERS: 1. maquette, 2. transcended, 3. abort, 4. idiosyncrasy, 5. carved, 6. transpose, 7. reassure

8. The explorer ventured into _____ territory, not knowing what to expect.
adj. not mapped or surveyed; unknown or unexplored; without a clear or definite course of action
9. The _____ repair was only a temporary solution to the problem.
adj. a slang term referring to something that is improvised, makeshift, or of poor quality; jerry-rigged
10. His new job offered a _____ work environment but was not his dream job.
adj. capable of being endured or tolerated; not too unpleasant, painful, or difficult
11. The search for the _____ is often used as a metaphor for any difficult quest or task.
n. a sacred or highly prized object, often associated with a quest or search for something elusive or unattainable
12. 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
13. New _____ joints are less prone to metal poisoning.
adj. of or relating to an artificial part of the body, such as a limb, a heart, or a breast implant
14. The minority _____ believed in a set of unconventional religious practices.
n. a group of people who follow a particular religious or philosophical belief system, especially one that is regarded as outside the norm or mainstream
15. We had to _____ a tent using a tarp and sticks since we didn't have a proper one.
v. to create or perform something on the spot, without preparation or planning; to use what one has available to do or create something

ANSWERS: 8. uncharted, 9. jerry-rigged, 10. tolerable, 11. grail, 12. humming, 13. prosthetic, 14. sect, 15. improvise

16. He tends to _____ when he gets nervous, making it difficult for others to understand him.
- v. to speak with sudden involuntary pauses or repetitions of sounds, syllables, or words; (noun) a speech disorder characterized by the repetition or prolongation of sounds, syllables, or words, or by pauses or blocks in speech
17. The _____ from her friends and family were overwhelming after she won the championship.
- n. the act of expressing that someone has an occasion for celebration or the expression of pleasure at the success or good fortune of another
18. The _____ firefighter rushed into the burning building to save a trapped child.
- adj. having no fear; brave
19. He _____ himself to studying the history of ancient civilizations.
- v. to commit or dedicate oneself or one's time, effort, or energy to a particular task or purpose
20. The positive attitude of the supervisor _____ the discussion.
- v. to make something full of interest and energy
21. This country became a country of _____ geostrategic importance to us.
- adj. more important than anything else; having superior power and influence or the highest position
22. The garden had a complex _____ shape with many angles and corners.
- n. a closed plane figure bounded by three or more straight sides that meet at the same number of angles (vertices)
23. It took a few weeks to extract the _____ of information from those complicated sources.
- n. a small piece of gold or other precious metal or mineral found ready-formed in the earth; a small round piece of some food

ANSWERS: 16. stutter, 17. congratulations, 18. fearless, 19. devoted, 20. animated, 21. paramount, 22. polygon, 23. nugget

24. His son had accurately _____ the bloom.

v. to illustrate someone or something in a photograph

25. The food at the restaurant was _____ and overpriced.

adj. of poor quality; not satisfactory

26. Regarding earthquakes, some commercial buildings were _____ unsafe.

v. to consider or decide something in a particular way

27. They've decided to _____ a ruined castle.

v. to build or form something again that has been damaged or destroyed

28. The _____ of misunderstanding between the two sides seemed impossible to bridge.

n. a deep and wide crack or hole in the ground, especially one that is difficult or impossible to cross; a profound difference between two people or groups

29. The company has been successful in maintaining the status _____.

n. the existing state or condition of something, especially in relation to a particular situation or issue

30. He was known to be very _____ and would often work late into the night.

adj. hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort

31. The 3D printer uses _____ calculations to determine the material needed for each print job.

adj. relating to or measured by volume, which refers to the amount of space occupied by an object or substance

ANSWERS: 24. depicted, 25. crappy, 26. deemed, 27. reconstruct, 28. chasm, 29. quo, 30. industrious, 31. volumetric

32. The construction crew will _____ the concrete to remove any impurities before laying the foundation.
- v.* to clean or etch a surface with high-pressure blasting of abrasive material such as sand or glass beads; (noun) a process in which a high-pressure stream of sand or other abrasive material is used to clean, shape, or etch a surface
33. The _____ model of the human body was used to teach medical students.
- adj.* of or relating to the structure of the body and its parts
34. Mushrooms and _____ are fungi.
- n.* a hollow container used to give shape to liquid or soft substance, which then becomes solid in the same shape as the container; a soft, green, or gray growth that forms on stale food or objects exposed to warm, moist air for too long
35. The organization worked to bring together _____ groups in the community.
- adj.* very different or distinct from something else and is not connected or comparable in any way
36. 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
37. He lived by the wise _____ "honesty is the best policy" and was respected for his straightforward approach.
- n.* a short and memorable saying or phrase that expresses a commonly held truth or belief, often based on experience or tradition; a proverb or maxim
38. The shirt had a noticeable _____ along the sleeve from being folded.
- n.* a line or mark made by folding or wrinkling a surface or material; a slight ridge or fold in fabric or paper caused by pressing or folding

ANSWERS: 32. sandblast, 33. anatomical, 34. mold, 35. disparate, 36. whispered, 37. adage, 38. crease

39. We talked about an interesting _____ in today's newspaper.
n. something commonly accepted as fact, even though it is probably not true
40. The ballerina wore a pink _____ for her performance.
n. a tight-fitting garment that covers the torso and sometimes extends to the thighs, typically worn for athletic or dance activities
41. When applying makeup, some techniques require you to _____ foundation onto the skin using a special brush.
v. to create a pattern or texture on a surface by applying a series of small dots or marks; to paint or draw using a technique of dotting or dapping
42. She raised an inquiring _____ towards me.
n. the hair arc over each eye in humans
43. The mesmerizing _____ of the plankton in the water illuminated the beach.
n. a form of luminescence that continues to emit light after direct exposure to a light source has ended; a glowing or luminous quality, often associated with living organisms or minerals
44. The company plans to _____ its new product at the trade show next week.
v. to reveal or make something publicly known, especially for the first time
45. The politician was merely a _____ for the wealthy elite.
n. a doll or figure that is manipulated by strings, wires, or hands to represent a person or animal; a person who is controlled or manipulated by someone else
46. My sister got a new _____ for her job interview.
n. the way in which a person's hair is cut, styled, or arranged on their head

ANSWERS: 39. factoid, 40. leotard, 41. stipple, 42. eyebrow, 43. phosphorescence, 44. unveil, 45. puppet, 46. hairstyle

47. It was _____ that the heavy rain started just as they set up for an outdoor picnic.

adj. using words to express something different from and often opposite to their literal or usual meaning, often for humorous or rhetorical effect

48. I picked up a box of _____ from the hardware store for my weekend project.

n. a small, thin wire nail with a slight projection at the top, used for fixing or fastening materials together

49. The famous _____ used various tools to carve the marble into the desired shape.

n. an artist who creates sculptures, three-dimensional objects, or forms

50. I made a delicious beef _____ for dinner tonight.

n. a dish consisting of meat and vegetables simmered in liquid typically served hot as a main course or soup; a state of mental or emotional agitation or confusion

51. The _____ section of the ship suffered significant damage after the collision with the reef.

adj. (the opposite of "forward") located at or towards the rear or back of a ship, aircraft, or other vehicle

52. _____ compounds are commonly used to manufacture fertilizers to promote plant growth.

n. a chemical element with the symbol P and atomic number 15 that is a non-metallic, highly reactive, and luminescent element

53. The doctrine of the country was _____ by its first king.

v. to say, pronounce, or utter words clearly

ANSWERS: 47. ironic, 48. brads, 49. sculptor, 50. stew, 51. aft, 52. Phosphorus, 53. enunciated

54. Her smile was accentuated by the adorable _____ on her right cheek.
n. a small natural indentation or crease, particularly on the surface of the skin, such as on the face or the back of the hand
55. The renowned _____ won several awards for his latest film.
n. a person who makes films, typically as a profession
56. The video game's graphics were so _____ that it felt like I was in it.
adj. referring to imagery or graphics that are so realistic that it appears to be a photograph or a real-life object
57. She examines the document with remarkable _____.
n. the quality of being subtle
58. The sudden change in plans threw him into a _____.
n. a state of extreme agitation, excitement, or confusion; a frenzied or flustered condition
59. My nervous ____ makes it hard for me to concentrate during important events.
n. a sudden, involuntary muscular contraction or movement, often repetitive in nature; a habitual and often unconscious behavior or mannerism
60. This suit is made of _____ material.
n. a small line or fold in something, especially fabric or the skin of the face; a minor difficulty
61. The graphic designer will _____ the logo over the image in the brochure.
v. to place, layer, or overlay one thing on top of another, typically in such a way that both are still visible; to add or combine something additional into an existing structure, design, or system

ANSWERS: 54. dimple, 55. filmmaker, 56. photorealistic, 57. subtlety, 58. tizzy, 59. tic, 60. wrinkle-proof, 61. superimpose

62. We should _____ several hypotheses to discuss the matter.

- v.* to suggest or accept something as fact or as a basis for argument or consideration

63. The couple promised each other _____ in their marriage vows.

- n.* faithfulness to a person, cause, or thing; loyalty or devotion to a duty or obligation; accuracy or exactness in reproducing or representing something

64. The architect designed a beautiful _____ building with multiple facets.

- adj.* having multiple straight sides or angles; characterized by a shape or structure composed of straight lines or flat surfaces, often forming closed figures such as polygons

65. I always add a bit of _____ to my soup to give it more flavor.

- n.* a liquid in which meat, fish, or vegetables have been cooked, used as a base for soups and stews

66. Various factors, including pressure, temperature, and the application of external forces, can cause the _____ of rocks.

- n.* the process of changing the physical shape or form of something, usually due to external forces or pressure

67. She _____ the atmosphere of the pre-war age with her stage setting.

- v.* to make something that existed previously happen or appear to exist again

68. She tried to _____ the layout of the new house in her mind.

- v.* to form a mental image or concept of something; to make something visible

69. My left arm became _____.

- adj.* unable to feel physical sensation and movement; not showing human feeling or sensitivity

ANSWERS: 62. posit, 63. fidelity, 64. polygonal, 65. broth, 66. deformation, 67. recreated, 68. visualize, 69. numb

70. The room was dimly lit by soft _____.

n. light provided by a candle or candles

ANSWERS: 70. candlelight