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Session 1: Word List

reunite

v. to bring two or more people together again after a period of separation

synonym: reconcile, reunify, reconvene

(1) **reunite** after five years, (2) **reunite** with my friend

The band will **reunite** only for this show.

clap

v. to hit your hands together and make a short and loud noise, mainly to show your approval or praise

synonym: applaud, spat, acclaim

(1) **clap** my hands, (2) **clap** a book shut

We **clapped** along with the singer's song.

pave

v. to cover something with a hard, flat material such as stones, bricks, or concrete, to make it suitable for travel or use

synonym: surface, coat, cover

(1) **pave** a new path, (2) **pave** a smoother road

They **paved** the courtyard with bricks, giving it a more polished appearance.

smack

v. to hit something or someone with force, often making a loud noise; to deliver a sharp criticism or rebuke

synonym: hit, slap, strike

(1) **smack** on the lips, (2) **smack** his knee

The baseball player **smacked** the ball out of the park, securing a home run.

haunt

v. to frequent or visit repeatedly, often in a way that is disturbing or unsettling; to occupy or fill the mind, often in a way that is unpleasant or persistent

synonym: stalk, spook, obsess

(1) **haunt** memories, (2) **haunt** my conscience

The crowd's boos and jeers continued to **haunt** the performer long after the show ended.

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.

sham

n. something that is not as good or true as it seems to be and is intended to deceive people; a person who pretends to be something they are not

synonym: bogus, counterfeit, fraudulent

(1) a **sham** battle, (2) turn out to be all **sham**

The data he prepared was completely **sham**.

condense

v. to reduce the volume or size of something, often by removing water or other liquid; to make something shorter, more concise, or more concentrated

synonym: compress, compact, shorten

(1) **condense** the text, (2) **condense** water vapor

I need to **condense** all of my notes into a manageable summary for my presentation.

catharsis

n. a release or purging of emotional or psychological tension, often through artistic or creative experiences or expressions

synonym: cleansing, purification, purging

(1) **catharsis** of grief, (2) spiritual **catharsis**

Many people find that physical exercise provides a sense of **catharsis**, helping to relieve stress and anxiety.

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.

niece

n. a daughter of one's sibling, brother-in-law, or sister-in-law

(1) a bouncing **niece**, (2) play with her **niece**

My **niece** is a talented artist who has won several awards for her drawings.

viol

n. a stringed instrument, typically with six strings and frets, played with a bow, also called a viola da gamba

synonym: viola, viola da gamba, string instrument

(1) **viol** instrument, (2) **viol** music

The **viol** player was rehearsing for an upcoming concert.

determinant

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

synonym: cause, factor, element

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

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

ingrain

v. to firmly fix or implant something, such as a belief, habit, or characteristic, into someone's mind, behavior, or culture; to stain or dye a material deeply and permanently

synonym : imbue, embed, implant

(1) **ingrain** habits, (2) **ingrain** cultures into the organization
She spent hours trying to **ingrain** the new dance steps into her muscle memory.

writ

n. a written legal order or command

synonym : legal document, order, legal process

(1) a **writ** of summons, (2) issue a **writ**

He was served with a **writ** of eviction, giving him the notice to vacate the property.

hashtag

n. a word or phrase preceded by the symbol #, used on social media websites and applications to identify messages on a specific topic

(1) marked with a **hashtag**, (2) trending **hashtag**

Our brand's campaign uses a unique **hashtag** to track engagement and reach.

crotch

n. the part of the body between the legs where they join the torso, including the area around the genitals

synonym : groin, loin, genitals

(1) **crotch** portion, (2) **crotch** of trousers

She kicked him hard in the **crotch**.

molest

v. to harass, bother, or annoy someone, often sexually; to touch or handle someone in an unwelcome or inappropriate way

synonym : harass, harm, abuse

(1) **molest** a woman on a train, (2) sexually **molest** his stepchild

The organization campaigns for stricter penalties for those who **molest** children.

empower

v. to give someone the power or authority to do something

synonym : authorize, endow, entitle

(1) **empower** my life, (2) **empower** the secretary to do the

same

The company **empowered** employees to buy low-price items without approval to achieve efficient purchasing.

tweet

n. a short, high sound made by a small bird; a message sent using Twitter, the social media application

synonym: peep, chirp, post (on Twitter)

(1) a chick's **tweet**, (2) his latest **tweets**

We could hear the **tweet** of baby birds.

firsthand

adv. from the source; directly; (adjective) received directly from a source

synonym: direct

(1) hear customer's voices **firsthand**, (2) conduct **firsthand** research

The manager tried to hear customers' voices **firsthand**.

reassurance

n. the act of giving advice or help to make someone feel less worried; the act of giving someone confidence

synonym: encouragement, comfort, support

(1) give **reassurance**, (2) **reassurance** of my commitment

He needed **reassurance** that everything would be alright.

stigma

n. a mark of shame or disgrace associated with a particular circumstance, quality, or person

synonym: mark, blemish, disgrace

(1) social **stigma**, (2) **stigma** against obesity

The mental health **stigma** often prevents people from seeking treatment.

commentator

n. a person who provides commentary or analysis, particularly about a specific event, topic, or field, such as sports, news, or politics

synonym: announcer, analyst, presenter

(1) television **commentator**, (2) political **commentator**

The sports **commentator** provided detailed analysis

throughout the game.

interconnect

v. to connect similar things

synonym: interlink, connect, annex

(1) directly **interconnect** with those systems, (2) human activities **interconnect** with the environment

Our system can now **interconnect** with other databases.

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.

annoy

v. to make someone angry, anxious, or irritating slightly

synonym: aggravate, irritate, unsettle

(1) **annoy** at the time, (2) **annoy** everyone else

Her constant chatter was starting to **annoy** the neighbors.

mourning

n. the act or expression of sorrow or grief for someone who has died; a period of time set aside for such grieving

synonym: grieving, sorrow, lamentation

(1) **mourning** period, (2) **mourning** ritual

She wore black clothing as a symbol of **mourning** for her grandmother.

outrage

n. an intense feeling of anger or indignation in response to something that is perceived as unfair, unjust, or offensive; a public display of anger or protest against such injustices

synonym: indignation, fury, anger

(1) public **outrage**, (2) **outrage** over injustice

There was widespread **outrage** over the government's handling of the situation.

drown

v. to die or cause to die by being unable to breathe underwater

synonym: douse, drench, overwhelm

(1) **drown** in a bath, (2) I was **drowned** in work
Floods have the potential to **drown** any subsurface animals easily.

tabloid

adj. relating to a type of newspaper or journalism that focuses on sensational and often trivial stories and headlines; (noun) a type of newspaper or magazine that typically features sensational or scandalous stories and headlines, often with a focus on celebrity gossip or other entertainment news

synonym : gossipy, sensationalistic, scandalous

(1) **tabloid** journalism, (2) political **tabloid**
The **tabloid** newspaper always covers sensational stories.

divisive

adj. tending to cause disagreement or hostility between people

synonym : polarizing, contentious, disagreeable

(1) **divisive** question, (2) suppress **divisive** arguments
The proposed policy has been met with **divisive** reactions from the public.

troll

n. a person who makes inflammatory or off-topic posts on the internet; a supernatural creature often portrayed as a giant or dwarf that lives in isolated areas; (verb) to fish by dragging a baited line through the water behind a boat

synonym : provocateur, antagonist, troublemaker

(1) feed a **troll**, (2) copyright **troll**
He was banned from the online forum for being a **troll** and causing trouble.

accuse

v. to charge or criticize someone with a crime or wrongdoing

synonym : charge, blame, criticize

(1) **accuse** his rudeness, (2) **accuse** each other
The witness **accused** the defendant of committing the robbery.

feign

v. to pretend to have or to be affected by something, usually to deceive or trick someone

synonym : pretend, simulate, falsify

(1) **feign** a stomachache, (2) **feign** a false laugh

Some animals **feign** death when in danger.

escalate

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

synonym : increase, intensify, expand

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

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

portray

v. to depict or describe someone or something in a painting, film, book, or other artistic work

synonym : depict, describe, illustrate

(1) **portray** feelings in words, (2) accurately **portray** the condition

We often **portray** political problems as religious issues.

defeatist

n. a person who expects not to succeed without offering positive suggestions

synonym : pessimist, negativist, downbeat

(1) **defeatist** attitude, (2) **defeatist** mood

Our team has to overcome a **defeatist** mentality.

opportune

adj. suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose

synonym : suitable, timely, practical

(1) **opportune** occasion, (2) an **opportune** remark

The phone rang at the most **opportune** time.

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.

grange

n. a farmhouse or a country house with outbuildings often used to store agricultural equipment or as a residence for a farm manager or worker, historically associated with rural farming communities or organizations

synonym: farmhouse, barn, homestead

(1) community **grange**, (2) **grange** farm

The **grange** building served as a central meeting place for the local farming community.

courtroom

n. a room in which a court of law is held

synonym: law court, tribunal

(1) **courtroom** drama, (2) **courtroom** trial

The eyewitness took the stand in the **courtroom** and gave testimony crucial to the case.

converse

v. to talk informally

synonym: discourse, discuss, exchange

(1) **converse** with an acquaintance, (2) ask a **converse** question

She enjoyed the opportunity to **converse** with a person who spoke her language.

instinct

n. an inborn behavioral pattern that is often responsive to specific stimuli; an innate feeling that causes you to act or believe that something is true

synonym: intuition, aptitude, feeling

(1) **instinct** for self-preservation, (2) aggressive **instinct**

When faced with a dangerous situation, his initial **instinct** was to flee.

perpetrator

n. a person who carries out a harmful or illegal act, particularly one that involves violence or deception

synonym: culprit, wrongdoer, offender

(1) **perpetrator** identity, (2) culprit **perpetrator**

The police have not yet caught the **perpetrator** of the crime.

discourage

v. to make someone lose confidence, enthusiasm, or less willing to do something

synonym: dishearten, depress, demoralize

(1) **discourage** customers, (2) **discourage** bacterial growth

His parents tried to **discourage** him from becoming an artist.

situ

adj. short for "situated," meaning located or placed in a particular position or circumstance

synonym: situational, contextual, circumstantial

(1) ex- **situ** conservation, (2) in- **situ** control

Melanoma in **situ** is considered the earliest stage of melanoma and has a high cure rate with appropriate treatment.

energize

v. to give energy or vitality to someone or something; to invigorate

synonym: invigorate, animate, electrify

(1) **energize** the body, (2) **energize** a team

The motivational speaker **energized** the crowd with their words.

descend

v. to move downward and lower; to come from, or to be connected by a relationship of blood

synonym: dip, drop, come down

(1) **descend** a steep hill, (2) **descend** by elevator

She was **descended** from an old Italian noble family.

amplify

v. to enhance something, particularly sound or brightness

synonym: intensify, boost, argument

(1) **amplify** a signal, (2) **amplify** the effect

You might need to **amplify** this point.

evoke

v. to bring or recall a feeling, memory, or image into your mind

synonym: arouse, raise, inspire

(1) **evoke** a sense of awe, (2) **evoke** sympathy

This movie is likely to **evoke** strong emotions in the viewer.

keystone

n. the central stone at the top of an arch, which holds all other stones in place

synonym: linchpin, mainstay, cornerstone

(1) **keystone** for success, (2) the **keystone** of campaign reform

The **keystone** of the arch held the structure together.

Session 2: Spelling

1. in_____n cultures into the organization
v. to firmly fix or implant something, such as a belief, habit, or characteristic, into someone's mind, behavior, or culture; to stain or dye a material deeply and permanently
2. op_____ne occasion
adj. suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
3. co_____om trial
n. a room in which a court of law is held
4. ke_____ne for success
n. the central stone at the top of an arch, which holds all other stones in place
5. hu_____g sound
adj. producing a continuous, low, vibrating sound like that of the bee
6. ta_____d journalism
adj. relating to a type of newspaper or journalism that focuses on sensational and often trivial stories and headlines; (noun) a type of newspaper or magazine that typically features sensational or scandalous stories and headlines, often with a focus on celebrity gossip or other entertainment news
7. mo_____ng ritual
n. the act or expression of sorrow or grief for someone who has died; a period of time set aside for such grieving
8. mo_____ng period
n. the act or expression of sorrow or grief for someone who has died; a period of time set aside for such grieving

ANSWERS: 1. ingrain, 2. opportune, 3. courtroom, 4. keystone, 5. humming, 6. tabloid, 7. mourning, 8. mourning

9. livid br___e *n.* a mark caused by a blow, typically one that is purple or black on the skin
10. political com_____or *n.* a person who provides commentary or analysis, particularly about a specific event, topic, or field, such as sports, news, or politics
11. earlier emotional br___e *n.* a mark caused by a blow, typically one that is purple or black on the skin
12. ac___e his rudeness *v.* to charge or criticize someone with a crime or wrongdoing
13. ask a co_____se question *v.* to talk informally
14. conduct fi_____nd research *adv.* from the source; directly; (adjective) received directly from a source
15. trending ha_____g *n.* a word or phrase preceded by the symbol #, used on social media websites and applications to identify messages on a specific topic
16. social st___a *n.* a mark of shame or disgrace associated with a particular circumstance, quality, or person
17. sm__k on the lips *v.* to hit something or someone with force, often making a loud noise; to deliver a sharp criticism or rebuke
18. give rea_____ce *n.* the act of giving advice or help to make someone feel less worried; the act of giving someone confidence
19. to es_____te *v.* to increase in intensity, size, or severity; to make something greater, worse, or more serious

ANSWERS: 9. bruise, 10. commentator, 11. bruise, 12. accuse, 13. converse, 14. firsthand, 15. hashtag, 16. stigma, 17. smack, 18. reassurance, 19. escalate

20. en____ze a team *v.* to give energy or vitality to someone or something; to invigorate
21. environmental det____nt *n.* a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result
22. ou____e over injustice *n.* an intense feeling of anger or indignation in response to something that is perceived as unfair, unjust, or offensive; a public display of anger or protest against such injustices
23. suppress di____ve arguments *adj.* tending to cause disagreement or hostility between people
24. co____se with an acquaintance *v.* to talk informally
25. ca____is of grief *n.* a release or purging of emotional or psychological tension, often through artistic or creative experiences or expressions
26. v__l music *n.* a stringed instrument, typically with six strings and frets, played with a bow, also called a viola da gamba
27. ig____e a boom *v.* to set on fire; to cause to start burning
28. his latest tw__ts *n.* a short, high sound made by a small bird; a message sent using Twitter, the social media application
29. an__y everyone else *v.* to make someone angry, anxious, or irritating slightly
30. directly int____ect with those systems *v.* to connect similar things

ANSWERS: 20. energize, 21. determinant, 22. outrage, 23. divisive, 24. converse, 25. catharsis, 26. viol, 27. ignite, 28. tweet, 29. annoy, 30. interconnect

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| 31. an__y at the time | v. | to make someone angry, anxious, or irritating slightly |
| 32. po__t the existence of life after death | v. | to suggest or accept something as fact or as a basis for argument or consideration |
| 33. em_____r the secretary to do the same | v. | to give someone the power or authority to do something |
| 34. I was dr__ned in work | v. | to die or cause to die by being unable to breathe underwater |
| 35. de_____st mood | n. | a person who expects not to succeed without offering positive suggestions |
| 36. in_____ct for self-preservation | n. | an inborn behavioral pattern that is often responsive to specific stimuli; an innate feeling that causes you to act or believe that something is true |
| 37. sexually mo__t his stepchild | v. | to harass, bother, or annoy someone, often sexually; to touch or handle someone in an unwelcome or inappropriate way |
| 38. re_____e after five years | v. | to bring two or more people together again after a period of separation |
| 39. dis_____ge bacterial growth | v. | to make someone lose confidence, enthusiasm, or less willing to do something |
| 40. cr__h of trousers | n. | the part of the body between the legs where they join the torso, including the area around the genitals |
| 41. en_____ze the body | v. | to give energy or vitality to someone or something; to invigorate |

ANSWERS: 31. annoy, 32. posit, 33. empower, 34. drown, 35. defeatist, 36. instinct, 37. molest, 38. reunite, 39. discourage, 40. crotch, 41. energize

42. copyright tr__l *n.* a person who makes inflammatory or off-topic posts on the internet; a supernatural creature often portrayed as a giant or dwarf that lives in isolated areas; (verb) to fish by dragging a baited line through the water behind a boat
43. per_____or identity *n.* a person who carries out a harmful or illegal act, particularly one that involves violence or deception
44. c__p my hands *v.* to hit your hands together and make a short and loud noise, mainly to show your approval or praise
45. a s__m battle *n.* something that is not as good or true as it seems to be and is intended to deceive people; a person who pretends to be something they are not
46. ac___e each other *v.* to charge or criticize someone with a crime or wrongdoing
47. ev__e a sense of awe *v.* to bring or recall a feeling, memory, or image into your mind
48. co_____se the text *v.* to reduce the volume or size of something, often by removing water or other liquid; to make something shorter, more concise, or more concentrated
49. public ou_____e *n.* an intense feeling of anger or indignation in response to something that is perceived as unfair, unjust, or offensive; a public display of anger or protest against such injustices

ANSWERS: 42. troll, 43. perpetrator, 44. clap, 45. sham, 46. accuse, 47. evoke, 48. condense, 49. outrage

50. di____ve question *adj.* tending to cause disagreement or hostility between people
51. a chick's tw__t *n.* a short, high sound made by a small bird; a message sent using Twitter, the social media application
52. de____st attitude *n.* a person who expects not to succeed without offering positive suggestions
53. mo__t a woman on a train *v.* to harass, bother, or annoy someone, often sexually; to touch or handle someone in an unwelcome or inappropriate way
54. accurately po____y the condition *v.* to depict or describe someone or something in a painting, film, book, or other artistic work
55. ha__t memories *v.* to frequent or visit repeatedly, often in a way that is disturbing or unsettling; to occupy or fill the mind, often in a way that is unpleasant or persistent
56. issue a w__t *n.* a written legal order or command
57. marked with a ha____g *n.* a word or phrase preceded by the symbol #, used on social media websites and applications to identify messages on a specific topic
58. am____y the effect *v.* to enhance something, particularly sound or brightness
59. co____se water vapor *v.* to reduce the volume or size of something, often by removing water or other liquid; to make something shorter, more concise, or more concentrated

ANSWERS: 50. divisive, 51. tweet, 52. defeatist, 53. molest, 54. portray, 55. haunt, 56. writ, 57. hashtag, 58. amplify, 59. condense

60. turn out to be all s__m *n.* something that is not as good or true as it seems to be and is intended to deceive people; a person who pretends to be something they are not
61. gr___e farm *n.* a farmhouse or a country house with outbuildings often used to store agricultural equipment or as a residence for a farm manager or worker, historically associated with rural farming communities or organizations
62. in-s__u control *adj.* short for "situated," meaning located or placed in a particular position or circumstance
63. cr___h portion *n.* the part of the body between the legs where they join the torso, including the area around the genitals
64. ig___e passion *v.* to set on fire; to cause to start burning
65. c__p a book shut *v.* to hit your hands together and make a short and loud noise, mainly to show your approval or praise
66. v__l instrument *n.* a stringed instrument, typically with six strings and frets, played with a bow, also called a viola da gamba
67. dr__n in a bath *v.* to die or cause to die by being unable to breathe underwater
68. ev__e sympathy *v.* to bring or recall a feeling, memory, or image into your mind
69. re_____e with my friend *v.* to bring two or more people together again after a period of separation

ANSWERS: 60. sham, 61. grange, 62. situ, 63. crotch, 64. ignite, 65. clap, 66. viol, 67. drown, 68. evoke, 69. reunite

70. am____y a signal *v.* to enhance something, particularly sound or brightness
71. co_____om drama *n.* a room in which a court of law is held
72. ex-s__u conservation *adj.* short for "situated," meaning located or placed in a particular position or circumstance
73. culprit per_____or *n.* a person who carries out a harmful or illegal act, particularly one that involves violence or deception
74. the ke_____ne of campaign reform *n.* the central stone at the top of an arch, which holds all other stones in place
75. an op_____ne remark *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
76. po_____y feelings in words *v.* to depict or describe someone or something in a painting, film, book, or other artistic work
77. a w__t of summons *n.* a written legal order or command
78. ha__t my conscience *v.* to frequent or visit repeatedly, often in a way that is disturbing or unsettling; to occupy or fill the mind, often in a way that is unpleasant or persistent
79. television com_____or *n.* a person who provides commentary or analysis, particularly about a specific event, topic, or field, such as sports, news, or politics
80. p__e a new path *v.* to cover something with a hard, flat material such as stones, bricks, or concrete, to make it suitable for travel or use

ANSWERS: 70. amplify, 71. courtroom, 72. situ, 73. perpetrator, 74. keystone, 75. opportune, 76. portray, 77. writ, 78. haunt, 79. commentator, 80. pave

81. community gr___e *n.* a farmhouse or a country house with outbuildings often used to store agricultural equipment or as a residence for a farm manager or worker, historically associated with rural farming communities or organizations
82. rea_____ce of my commitment *n.* the act of giving advice or help to make someone feel less worried; the act of giving someone confidence
83. st___a against obesity *n.* a mark of shame or disgrace associated with a particular circumstance, quality, or person
84. a bouncing ni___e *n.* a daughter of one's sibling, brother-in-law, or sister-in-law
85. es_____te into a major international incident *v.* to increase in intensity, size, or severity; to make something greater, worse, or more serious
86. sm___k his knee *v.* to hit something or someone with force, often making a loud noise; to deliver a sharp criticism or rebuke
87. a det_____nt of crop yields *n.* a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result
88. human activities int_____ect with the environment *v.* to connect similar things
89. em_____r my life *v.* to give someone the power or authority to do something
90. hu_____g bird *adj.* producing a continuous, low, vibrating sound like that of the bee

ANSWERS: 81. grange, 82. reassurance, 83. stigma, 84. niece, 85. escalate, 86. smack, 87. determinant, 88. interconnect, 89. empower, 90. humming

91. p__e a smoother road v. to cover something with a hard, flat material such as stones, bricks, or concrete, to make it suitable for travel or use
92. hear customer's voices fi_____nd *adv.* from the source; directly; (adjective) received directly from a source
93. fe__n a stomachache v. to pretend to have or to be affected by something, usually to deceive or trick someone
94. de_____d a steep hill v. to move downward and lower; to come from, or to be connected by a relationship of blood
95. in_____n habits v. to firmly fix or implant something, such as a belief, habit, or characteristic, into someone's mind, behavior, or culture; to stain or dye a material deeply and permanently
96. dis_____ge customers v. to make someone lose confidence, enthusiasm, or less willing to do something
97. po__t the premise v. to suggest or accept something as fact or as a basis for argument or consideration
98. feed a tr__l *n.* a person who makes inflammatory or off-topic posts on the internet; a supernatural creature often portrayed as a giant or dwarf that lives in isolated areas; (verb) to fish by dragging a baited line through the water behind a boat

ANSWERS: 91. pave, 92. firsthand, 93. feign, 94. descend, 95. ingrain, 96. discourage, 97. posit, 98. troll

99. aggressive in_____ct *n.* an inborn behavioral pattern that is often responsive to specific stimuli; an innate feeling that causes you to act or believe that something is true
100. play with her ni___e *n.* a daughter of one's sibling, brother-in-law, or sister-in-law
101. political ta_____d *adj.* relating to a type of newspaper or journalism that focuses on sensational and often trivial stories and headlines; (noun) a type of newspaper or magazine that typically features sensational or scandalous stories and headlines, often with a focus on celebrity gossip or other entertainment news
102. fe__n a false laugh *v.* to pretend to have or to be affected by something, usually to deceive or trick someone
103. spiritual ca_____is *n.* a release or purging of emotional or psychological tension, often through artistic or creative experiences or expressions
104. de_____d by elevator *v.* to move downward and lower; to come from, or to be connected by a relationship of blood

ANSWERS: 99. instinct, 100. niece, 101. tabloid, 102. feign, 103. catharsis, 104. descend

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The police have not yet caught the _____ of the crime.
n. a person who carries out a harmful or illegal act, particularly one that involves violence or deception
2. The witness _____ the defendant of committing the robbery.
v. to charge or criticize someone with a crime or wrongdoing
3. She was _____ from an old Italian noble family.
v. to move downward and lower; to come from, or to be connected by a relationship of blood
4. The _____ newspaper always covers sensational stories.
adj. relating to a type of newspaper or journalism that focuses on sensational and often trivial stories and headlines; (noun) a type of newspaper or magazine that typically features sensational or scandalous stories and headlines, often with a focus on celebrity gossip or other entertainment news
5. There was widespread _____ over the government's handling of the situation.
n. an intense feeling of anger or indignation in response to something that is perceived as unfair, unjust, or offensive; a public display of anger or protest against such injustices
6. The data he prepared was completely _____.
n. something that is not as good or true as it seems to be and is intended to deceive people; a person who pretends to be something they are not
7. I need to _____ all of my notes into a manageable summary for my presentation.
v. to reduce the volume or size of something, often by removing water or other liquid; to make something shorter, more concise, or more concentrated

ANSWERS: 1. perpetrator, 2. accused, 3. descended, 4. tabloid, 5. outrage, 6. sham, 7. condense

8. She kicked him hard in the _____.
- n.* the part of the body between the legs where they join the torso, including the area around the genitals
9. My _____ is a talented artist who has won several awards for her drawings.
- n.* a daughter of one's sibling, brother-in-law, or sister-in-law
10. The sports _____ provided detailed analysis throughout the game.
- n.* a person who provides commentary or analysis, particularly about a specific event, topic, or field, such as sports, news, or politics
11. Our brand's campaign uses a unique _____ to track engagement and reach.
- n.* a word or phrase preceded by the symbol #, used on social media websites and applications to identify messages on a specific topic
12. His parents tried to _____ him from becoming an artist.
- v.* to make someone lose confidence, enthusiasm, or less willing to do something
13. He was banned from the online forum for being a _____ and causing trouble.
- n.* a person who makes inflammatory or off-topic posts on the internet; a supernatural creature often portrayed as a giant or dwarf that lives in isolated areas; (verb) to fish by dragging a baited line through the water behind a boat
14. The situation quickly _____ and turned violent.
- v.* to increase in intensity, size, or severity; to make something greater, worse, or more serious
15. The _____ player was rehearsing for an upcoming concert.
- n.* a stringed instrument, typically with six strings and frets, played with a bow, also called a viola da gamba

ANSWERS: 8. crotch, 9. niece, 10. commentator, 11. hashtag, 12. discourage, 13. troll, 14. escalated, 15. viol

16. You might need to _____ this point.
v. to enhance something, particularly sound or brightness
17. The company _____ employees to buy low-price items without approval to achieve efficient purchasing.
v. to give someone the power or authority to do something
18. She enjoyed the opportunity to _____ with a person who spoke her language.
v. to talk informally
19. He needed _____ that everything would be alright.
n. the act of giving advice or help to make someone feel less worried; the act of giving someone confidence
20. They _____ the courtyard with bricks, giving it a more polished appearance.
v. to cover something with a hard, flat material such as stones, bricks, or concrete, to make it suitable for travel or use
21. The motivational speaker _____ the crowd with their words.
v. to give energy or vitality to someone or something; to invigorate
22. Her constant chatter was starting to _____ the neighbors.
v. to make someone angry, anxious, or irritating slightly
23. When faced with a dangerous situation, his initial _____ was to flee.
n. an inborn behavioral pattern that is often responsive to specific stimuli; an innate feeling that causes you to act or believe that something is true

ANSWERS: 16. amplify, 17. empowered, 18. converse, 19. reassurance, 20. paved, 21. energized, 22. annoy, 23. instinct

24. The mental health _____ often prevents people from seeking treatment.
n. a mark of shame or disgrace associated with a particular circumstance, quality, or person
25. 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
26. Our team has to overcome a _____ mentality.
n. a person who expects not to succeed without offering positive suggestions
27. The proposed policy has been met with _____ reactions from the public.
adj. tending to cause disagreement or hostility between people
28. The phone rang at the most _____ time.
adj. suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
29. The eyewitness took the stand in the _____ and gave testimony crucial to the case.
n. a room in which a court of law is held
30. She spent hours trying to _____ the new dance steps into her muscle memory.
v. to firmly fix or implant something, such as a belief, habit, or characteristic, into someone's mind, behavior, or culture; to stain or dye a material deeply and permanently
31. Our system can now _____ with other databases.
v. to connect similar things

ANSWERS: 24. stigma, 25. humming, 26. defeatist, 27. divisive, 28. opportune, 29. courtroom, 30. ingrain, 31. interconnect

32. The band will _____ only for this show.
- v. to bring two or more people together again after a period of separation
33. We should _____ several hypotheses to discuss the matter.
- v. to suggest or accept something as fact or as a basis for argument or consideration
34. We _____ along with the singer's song.
- v. to hit your hands together and make a short and loud noise, mainly to show your approval or praise
35. Many people find that physical exercise provides a sense of _____ helping to relieve stress and anxiety.
- n. a release or purging of emotional or psychological tension, often through artistic or creative experiences or expressions
36. The organization campaigns for stricter penalties for those who _____ children.
- v. to harass, bother, or annoy someone, often sexually; to touch or handle someone in an unwelcome or inappropriate way
37. He _____ the fireworks with a single spark.
- v. to set on fire; to cause to start burning
38. We could hear the _____ of baby birds.
- n. a short, high sound made by a small bird; a message sent using Twitter, the social media application
39. Melanoma in _____ is considered the earliest stage of melanoma and has a high cure rate with appropriate treatment.
- adj. short for "situated," meaning located or placed in a particular position or circumstance

ANSWERS: 32. reunite, 33. posit, 34. clapped, 35. catharsis, 36. molest, 37. ignited, 38. tweet, 39. situ

40. Some animals _____ death when in danger.
- v. to pretend to have or to be affected by something, usually to deceive or trick someone
41. We often _____ political problems as religious issues.
- v. to depict or describe someone or something in a painting, film, book, or other artistic work
42. 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
43. The baseball player _____ the ball out of the park, securing a home run.
- v. to hit something or someone with force, often making a loud noise; to deliver a sharp criticism or rebuke
44. This movie is likely to _____ strong emotions in the viewer.
- v. to bring or recall a feeling, memory, or image into your mind
45. The _____ of the arch held the structure together.
- n. the central stone at the top of an arch, which holds all other stones in place
46. Floods have the potential to _____ any subsurface animals easily.
- v. to die or cause to die by being unable to breathe underwater
47. One _____ of success is having a positive attitude and a strong work ethic.
- n. a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result

ANSWERS: 40. feign, 41. portray, 42. bruise, 43. smacked, 44. evoke, 45. keystone, 46. drown, 47. determinant

48. He was served with a _____ of eviction, giving him the notice to vacate the property.

n. a written legal order or command

49. The crowd's boos and jeers continued to _____ the performer long after the show ended.

v. to frequent or visit repeatedly, often in a way that is disturbing or unsettling; to occupy or fill the mind, often in a way that is unpleasant or persistent

50. The _____ building served as a central meeting place for the local farming community.

n. a farmhouse or a country house with outbuildings often used to store agricultural equipment or as a residence for a farm manager or worker, historically associated with rural farming communities or organizations

51. The manager tried to hear customers' voices _____.

adv. from the source; directly; (adjective) received directly from a source

52. She wore black clothing as a symbol of _____ for her grandmother.

n. the act or expression of sorrow or grief for someone who has died; a period of time set aside for such grieving

ANSWERS: 48. writ, 49. haunt, 50. grange, 51. firsthand, 52. mourning