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Session 1: Word List

pessimism

n. a tendency to see the worst in things and anticipate adverse outcomes; a belief that the world is generally bad or that something will go wrong more often than it will go right

synonym: negativity, defeatism, cynicism

(1) deep **pessimism**, (2) sense of **pessimism**

The CEO's constant **pessimism** about the company's future affected employee morale.

optimist

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

synonym: positive thinker, dreamer, idealist

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

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

hitchhike

v. to obtain a ride in a passing vehicle by signaling to the driver or waving one's thumb; to travel by getting a free ride in someone else's vehicle

synonym: thumb a ride, bum a ride

(1) **hitchhike** a ride, (2) **hitchhike** across the country

She had to **hitchhike** to the nearest gas station when her car broke down.

declension

n. (of grammar) the variation of nouns, pronouns, adjectives, and articles to indicate number, case, and gender; a process of decline or deterioration; a category or system of classifying nouns based on their various forms

synonym: decline, deterioration, descent

(1) **declension** patterns, (2) Latin **declension**

In the study of Latin, students learn about the different **declensions** of nouns.

retrospective

adj. looking back on or dealing with past events or situations, particularly those that are considered important or influential; an exhibition or showing of a particular artist's work, covering an extended period of time

synonym: backward-looking, reflective, nostalgic

(1) **retrospective** review, (2) **retrospective** study

The **retrospective** exhibition featured some of the artist's earliest works.

goofy

adj. silly or foolish

synonym: silly, crazy, dopey

(1) wore a **goofy** hat, (2) with a **goofy** expression

He made a **goofy** face as he recalled this morning's events.

conceive

v. to have or develop an idea, a plan, etc. in mind; to become pregnant

synonym: imagine, envision, concoct

(1) **conceive** of an idea, (2) **conceive** a child

I can't **conceive** he'd want to harm us.

ethos

n. the set of beliefs and attitudes that belong to a particular community, nation, ideology, or a person

synonym: principles, ideology, philosophy

(1) **ethos** of science, (2) corporate **ethos**

Medical students need to acquire not only knowledge but also a professional **ethos** of a doctor.

mascot

n. a person, animal, or object that is believed to bring good luck, often adopted by a sports team or organization as a symbol of their identity or values

synonym : symbol, emblem, icon

(1) team **mascot**, (2) corporate **mascot**

The city's **mascot** is a famous landmark that attracts tourists.

bumblebee

n. a large, furry bee with black and yellow bands on its body that is known for its loud buzzing sound and its important role in pollinating plants

synonym : bee, honeybee, pollinator

(1) **bumblebee** pollination, (2) protecting **bumblebees**

The sound of the **bumblebee's** wings was soothing to listen to.

wingspan

n. the distance between the tips of a bird's wings when fully extended and in flight; often used to describe the size or scope of something, particularly about physical objects or structures

synonym : reach, spread, extent

(1) bird **wingspan**, (2) airplane **wingspan**

The bald eagle has an impressive **wingspan** of over 7 feet.

aisle

n. a passage between rows of seats in a theater, airplane, or other public building, typically one of two or more running parallel with the main body of the structure

synonym : corridor, passageway, gangway

(1) **aisle** seat, (2) the center **aisle** of a church

She walked down the **aisle** to the front of the church.

trousers

n. a pair of leg coverings that extends from the waist to the ankles covering each leg separately, often referred to as pants

synonym : pants, slacks, jeans

(1) work **trousers**, (2) denim **trousers**

He wore black **trousers** and a white shirt to the job interview.

passee

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

synonym: outdated, old-fashioned, antique

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

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

lather

n. a frothy substance produced by mixing soap and water, used for cleaning

synonym: foam, suds, froth

(1) creamy **lather**, (2) **lather** of foam

The bar of soap produced a thick **lather** as she washed her hands.

rinse

v. to wash off soap or remaining dirt with clean water; to gargle your mouth and throat with mouthwash

synonym: wash out, flush, irrigate

(1) **rinse** out your mouth, (2) **rinse** the shampoo

Please **rinse** the soap off of those dishes well.

honeycomb

n. a structure of hexagonal cells made of wax by bees as a place to store honey and to rear their young

synonym: hexagonal, beehive, lattice

(1) **honeycomb** lattice, (2) **honeycomb** pattern

The beehive was made of an intricate **honeycomb** pattern.

cancel

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

synonym: suppressor, scrutineer, examiner

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

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

effectuate

v. to cause or bring about something, particularly a change or action; to put into effect or implement

synonym : achieve, implement, perform

(1) **effectuate** a merger, (2) **effectuate** a solution

The new policy will **effectuate** more efficient processes within the company.

awaken

v. to stop sleeping or to cause someone to stop sleeping

synonym : rouse, arouse, revive

(1) **awaken** at daybreak, (2) **awaken** a child

The friend's death **awakens** them.

reverb

n. an audio effect that produces a sound that is reflected off surfaces in an enclosed space, creating a sense of space or ambiance; the natural echoing or reverberation of sound in a large or open space

synonym : echo, sound reflection

(1) **reverb** effect, (2) **reverb** chamber

The singer's voice had a natural **reverb** that sounded beautiful in the acoustically-designed church.

postmortem

adj. relating to or occurring after death; a postmortem examination is a medical examination of a body after death to determine the cause of death or to study the effects of a disease or medical treatment

synonym : autopsied, deceased, dead

(1) **postmortem** findings, (2) **postmortem** analysis

The medical examiner performed a **postmortem** examination to determine the cause of death.

hijack

v. to seize control of an airplane or other vehicle during an operation, especially with violence

synonym : commandeer, seize, pirate

(1) **hijack** a helicopter, (2) **hijack** a phone number

He made a desperate effort to **hijack** an airliner.

clueless

adj. lacking knowledge, understanding, or awareness about a particular subject or situation

synonym : uninformed, unaware, ignorant

(1) **clueless** in many ways, (2) **clueless** about the situation
She was completely **clueless** as to how to solve the problem.

brigade

n. a military unit typically consisting of several battalions, usually commanded by a brigadier general; a group of people organized for a particular purpose or activity

synonym : squad, group, unit

(1) **brigade** commander, (2) rescue **brigade**

The culinary **brigade** prepared a delicious meal for the guests at the banquet.

app

n. (abbreviation for application) software designed to run on smartphones and other mobile devices or inside a web browser on a PC

synonym : application, software

(1) killer **app**, (2) cannot log in to the **app**

The discovery of a critical bug caused the company to delay the **app's** release.

geeky

adj. characterized by an intense interest or expertise in a particular subject or hobby, sometimes to the detriment of social skills or other interests

synonym : nerdy, dorky

(1) **geeky** gadgets, (2) **geeky** interests

He had a **geeky** sense of humor and loved to make puns.

hail

v. to call out to someone to get their attention, often from a distance; to greet or welcome someone, especially with enthusiasm or admiration; (noun) precipitation in the form of small balls or lumps of ice that fall from the sky

synonym : greet, salute, welcome

(1) **hail** the victorious team with cheers, (2) **hail** forecast

People in the area were forced to **hail** a taxi due to the lack of public transportation options.

Wikipedia

n. an online encyclopedia that allows users to contribute and edit articles collaboratively; a vast and frequently updated repository of information on a wide range of topics

synonym : online encyclopedia, webpedia

(1) **Wikipedia** entry, (2) **Wikipedia** article

Not all teachers accept citing **Wikipedia** as a valid source for academic papers.

profoundly

adv. to a great or complete degree; deeply

synonym : deeply, greatly, completely

(1) **profoundly** insightful, (2) sleep **profoundly**

The novel affected her **profoundly**, causing her to question her beliefs and values.

afterthought

n. a thought or idea that comes to mind after the fact, often too late to be of much use; something that is added or considered belatedly, especially in speech or writing

synonym : reconsideration, second thought, rethink

(1) **afterthought** comment, (2) an **afterthought** decision

Forgetting to mention our meeting was just an **afterthought** for him.

encompass

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

synonym : surround, encircle, include

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

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

ubiquitous

adj. being or existing everywhere at once

synonym : universal, omnipresent, everywhere

(1) **ubiquitous** computing, (2) **ubiquitous** across ecosystems

Sugar is **ubiquitous** in food.

suffice

v. to be enough or sufficient; to meet the needs or requirements of something or someone; to satisfy or fulfill a purpose

synonym : satisfy, meet, be enough

(1) **suffice** to live, (2) **suffice** as evidence

Would one cup of flour **suffice** for this recipe?

spontaneously

adv. in a way that is natural, not planned or forced, and often sudden

synonym : impromptu, automatically, immediately

(1) recover **spontaneously** after five days, (2) this shift occurs **spontaneously**

The electrical cord **spontaneously** combusted.

reminiscent

adj. making you remember someone or something; relating to the recall of personal interests

synonym : evocative, remindful, redolent

(1) **reminiscent** of ancient times, (2) **reminiscent** smile

His painting style is **reminiscent** of Monet's

tendentious

adj. expressing or promoting a specific bias, viewpoint, or agenda, often in a way that is biased or one-sided; strongly and often excessively partisan

synonym : biased, partisan, opinionated

(1) **tendentious** argument, (2) **tendentious** analysis

The **tendentious** article was biased and lacked objectivity.

revert

v. to return to a previous state or condition; to reply

synonym : return, go back, restore

(1) **revert** to a heavy smoker, (2) **revert** to the original subject

After trying the new software, I **reverted** to the old version.

afloat

adj. floating or staying on the surface of a liquid or body of water; having enough money or resources to stay out of debt or financial trouble

synonym : floating, drifting, buoyant

(1) **afloat** in debt, (2) cargo **afloat**

Despite facing financial difficulties, the small business managed to stay **afloat** thanks to its loyal customers.

impel

v. to drive, motivate, or urge someone to take action; to propel or provide a strong force to move something in a specific direction

synonym: drive, compel, urge

(1) **impel** action, (2) **impel** him to take on an extra job

His passion for social justice **impelled** him to join the protest march.

civility

n. polite and courteous behavior towards other people; a formalized display of politeness, often in the form of ritualized etiquette

synonym: politeness, courtesy, gentility

(1) **civility** in politics, (2) practice **civility**

A culture of **civility** promotes respectful discourse and constructive conflict resolution.

craze

n. an enthusiasm for a particular activity, object, or idea that appears suddenly and achieves widespread but short-lived popularity; a fad

synonym: mania, fad, agitation

(1) **craze** for speculation, (2) fitness **craze**

We experienced a **craze** for electric vehicles as interest in green tech grew.

retriever

n. a dog bred and trained for retrieving game, particularly birds, for hunters; a device or machine designed for retrieving or recovering items that are difficult to reach or obtain

synonym: hunter, hound, beagle

(1) **retriever** dog, (2) data **retriever**

The golden **retriever** was trained as a therapy dog to comfort hospital patients.

saber

n. a type of sword with a curved blade, typically used in cavalry or fencing

synonym : sword, cutlass, blade

(1) **saber** fencing, (2) ceremonial **saber**

The military commander drew his **saber** and shouted orders to the troops.

mortify

v. to cause extreme embarrassment, shame, or humiliation; to subdue or discipline one's bodily passions or desires

synonym : humiliate, embarrass, shame

(1) **mortify** his ego, (2) **mortify** the body

My parents used to **mortify** me by telling embarrassing stories about me in front of my friends.

decisis

n. a legal principle that promotes reliance on past judicial decisions or precedents in deciding similar cases, which emphasizes the importance of consistency in interpreting and applying the law

synonym : precedent, case law, legal decision

(1) vertical stare **decisis**, (2) legal **decisis**

The judge made her decision based on the principle of stare **decisis**.

whimsical

adj. unusual and not severe in a way that might be funny or annoying; determined by chance or impulse or whim rather than by necessity or reason

synonym : capricious, impulsive, flighty

(1) **whimsical** reasons, (2) a **whimsical** person

Much of his painting has a **whimsical** quality.

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.

portraiture

n. the art or practice of creating portraits or likenesses of people, especially through painting, drawing, or photography

synonym : portrait, likeness, depiction

(1) **portraits** of famous people, (2) **portraiture** of landscapes

The artist's **portraiture** captured the essence of her subject's character.

bucolic

adj. relating to or characteristic of the pleasant aspects of the countryside or rural life; having a rustic, idyllic, or pastoral quality

synonym : rural, pastoral, idyllic

(1) **bucolic** setting, (2) surrounded with **bucolic** charm

We enjoyed a **bucolic** picnic in the meadow, surrounded by rolling hills.

meadow

n. a field of grass and wildflowers, especially one used for hay

synonym : pasture, field, lawn

(1) graze in the **meadow**, (2) lowland **meadow**

The lush **meadow** was covered in wildflowers.

carcass

n. the dead body of an animal, especially one that has been killed for food

synonym : corpse, remains, body

(1) examine a **carcass**, (2) **carcass** disposal

The animal's **carcass** was found in the forest, most likely killed by a predator.

lampoon

v. to publicly mock, ridicule, or satirize someone or something through exaggerated and often humorous imitation or parody; (noun) a piece of satirical content, often in writing, that mocks or ridicules a particular subject, individual, or group

synonym : satirize, mock, ridicule

(1) satirical **lampoon**, (2) **lampoon** a celebrity

The comedian loved to **lampoon** politicians, using satire to criticize their actions.

snark

n. sarcastic or cutting remarks or comments intended to ridicule or undermine someone, often with a tone of superiority or disdain

synonym : criticism, sarcasm, irony

(1) media **snark**, (2) political **snark**

She couldn't resist adding a little **snark** to her online comment.

pastry

n. a type of baked pastry that typically consists of a filling of meat, vegetables, or other ingredients, enclosed in a pastry shell; (adjective) pale, lacking in color, or dull

synonym : pastry, pie

(1) **pastry** face, (2) Cornish **pastry**

I plan to pick up a chicken **pastry** at that bakery on my way home from work.

imitate

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

synonym : mimic, emulate, replicate

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

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

steer

v. to control the direction or movement of a vehicle; to direct a course of action; to guide or motivate someone

synonym : guide, direct, control

(1) **steer** a steady course, (2) **steer** a conversation

The captain told him to **steer** the ship north.

ride-sharing

n. an arrangement in which a passenger travels in a private car driven by its owner for free or for a fee, especially as arranged by using a website or app

synonym : carpooling

(1) **ride-sharing** app, (2) **ride-sharing** parking lot

The court ruled that the **ride-sharing** company should consider the drivers as employees.

tumbleweed

n. a type of plant, often a type of weed that has a spherical or cylindrical shape and breaks off from its roots and rolls in the wind, dispersing its seeds as it moves; a situation or place that is desolate, deserted, or lacking activity or inhabitants

(1) lonely **tumbleweed**, (2) **tumbleweed** rolling

The barren landscape was filled with **tumbleweeds**, blown around by the strong desert winds.

reframe

v. to reinterpret, rephrase, or redefine an issue, situation, or question in a different way

synonym: redefine, restructure, reposition

(1) **reframe** resource allocation, (2) **reframe** problem

The therapist tried to **reframe** his negative thoughts.

stale

adj. no longer fresh, new, or interesting; dull or uninteresting

synonym: old, uninteresting, dull

(1) a **stale** joke, (2) **stale** smell

The bread was **stale** and not fit for eating.

tarnished

adj. no longer having a good reputation or being reduced in value, quality, or excellence

synonym: sullied, stained, blurred

(1) **tarnished** by scandal, (2) **tarnished** gold

She looked into the **tarnished** mirror and barely recognized her reflection.

rekindle

v. to revive or renew something that was previously lost or forgotten, often a relationship or feeling

synonym: revitalize, reignite, revive

(1) **rekindle** love, (2) **rekindle** hope

The couple tried to **rekindle** their relationship by spending more time together.

Session 2: Spelling

1. ten_____us argument *adj.* expressing or promoting a specific bias, viewpoint, or agenda, often in a way that is biased or one-sided; strongly and often excessively partisan
2. re_____er dog *n.* a dog bred and trained for retrieving game, particularly birds, for hunters; a device or machine designed for retrieving or recovering items that are difficult to reach or obtain
3. co_____ve of an idea *v.* to have or develop an idea, a plan, etc. in mind; to become pregnant
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5. aft_____ght comment *n.* a thought or idea that comes to mind after the fact, often too late to be of much use; something that is added or considered belatedly, especially in speech or writing
6. wh_____al reasons *adj.* unusual and not severe in a way that might be funny or annoying; determined by chance or impulse or whim rather than by necessity or reason
7. an aft_____ght decision *n.* a thought or idea that comes to mind after the fact, often too late to be of much use; something that is added or considered belatedly, especially in speech or writing

ANSWERS: 1. tendentious, 2. retriever, 3. conceive, 4. reframe, 5. afterthought, 6. whimsical, 7. afterthought

8. airplane wi_____an *n.* the distance between the tips of a bird's wings when fully extended and in flight; often used to describe the size or scope of something, particularly about physical objects or structures
9. pos_____em findings *adj.* relating to or occurring after death; a postmortem examination is a medical examination of a body after death to determine the cause of death or to study the effects of a disease or medical treatment
10. de___e my own life *v.* to commit or dedicate oneself or one's time, effort, or energy to a particular task or purpose
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13. ta_____ed gold *adj.* no longer having a good reputation or being reduced in value, quality, or excellence
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15. st__r a steady course *v.* to control the direction or movement of a vehicle; to direct a course of action; to guide or motivate someone
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ANSWERS: 8. wingspan, 9. postmortem, 10. devote, 11. afloat, 12. encompass, 13. tarnished, 14. meadow, 15. steer, 16. tendentious

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18. ri__e the shampoo *v.* to wash off soap or remaining dirt with clean water; to gargle your mouth and throat with mouthwash
19. eff_____te a solution *v.* to cause or bring about something, particularly a change or action; to put into effect or implement
20. re___b chamber *n.* an audio effect that produces a sound that is reflected off surfaces in an enclosed space, creating a sense of space or ambiance; the natural echoing or reverberation of sound in a large or open space
21. surrounded with bu_____c charm *adj.* relating to or characteristic of the pleasant aspects of the countryside or rural life; having a rustic, idyllic, or pastoral quality
22. ubi_____us across ecosystems *adj.* being or existing everywhere at once
23. creamy la___r *n.* a frothy substance produced by mixing soap and water, used for cleaning
24. im_____e animal sounds *v.* to copy the speech, behavior, appearance, etc. of someone or something
25. hi___k a phone number *v.* to seize control of an airplane or other vehicle during an operation, especially with violence

ANSWERS: 17. app, 18. rinse, 19. effectuate, 20. reverb, 21. bucolic, 22. ubiquitous, 23. lather, 24. imitate, 25. hijack

26. ca____s disposal *n.* the dead body of an animal, especially one that has been killed for food
27. mo____y his ego *v.* to cause extreme embarrassment, shame, or humiliation; to subdue or discipline one's bodily passions or desires
28. with a go__y expression *adj.* silly or foolish
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ANSWERS: 26. carcass, 27. mortify, 28. goofy, 29. Wikipedia, 30. whimsical, 31. reframe, 32. goofy, 33. carcass, 34. effectuate, 35. civility

36. killer a_p *n.* (abbreviation for application) software designed to run on smartphones and other mobile devices or inside a web browser on a PC
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38. im_____e painting styles *v.* to copy the speech, behavior, appearance, etc. of someone or something
39. im__l action *v.* to drive, motivate, or urge someone to take action; to propel or provide a strong force to move something in a specific direction
40. excessive op_____st *n.* a person who tends to expect the best in all things and to be hopeful and confident about the future
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ANSWERS: 36. app, 37. declension, 38. imitate, 39. impel, 40. optimist, 41. afloat, 42. reminiscent, 43. lather, 44. encompass

45. Cornish pa__y *n.* a type of baked pastry that typically consists of a filling of meat, vegetables, or other ingredients, enclosed in a pastry shell; (adjective) pale, lacking in color, or dull
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ANSWERS: 45. pasty, 46. brigade, 47. stale, 48. lampoon, 49. declension, 50. hail

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ANSWERS: 51. portraiture, 52. tumbleweed, 53. Wikipedia, 54. honeycomb, 55. steer, 56. ride-sharing, 57. reverb

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62. deep pe_____sm *n.* a tendency to see the worst in things and anticipate adverse outcomes; a belief that the world is generally bad or that something will go wrong more often than it will go right
63. legal de____s *n.* a legal principle that promotes reliance on past judicial decisions or precedents in deciding similar cases, which emphasizes the importance of consistency in interpreting and applying the law
64. fitness cr__e *n.* an enthusiasm for a particular activity, object, or idea that appears suddenly and achieves widespread but short-lived popularity; a fad
65. su____e as evidence *v.* to be enough or sufficient; to meet the needs or requirements of something or someone; to satisfy or fulfill a purpose

ANSWERS: 58. rekindle, 59. passe, 60. craze, 61. suffice, 62. pessimism, 63. decisis, 64. craze, 65. suffice

66. political sn__k *n.* sarcastic or cutting remarks or comments intended to ridicule or undermine someone, often with a tone of superiority or disdain
67. ceremonial sa__r *n.* a type of sword with a curved blade, typically used in cavalry or fencing
68. data re_____er *n.* a dog bred and trained for retrieving game, particularly birds, for hunters; a device or machine designed for retrieving or recovering items that are difficult to reach or obtain
69. cl_____ss about the situation *adj.* lacking knowledge, understanding, or awareness about a particular subject or situation
70. hi_____ke a ride *v.* to obtain a ride in a passing vehicle by signaling to the driver or waving one's thumb; to travel by getting a free ride in someone else's vehicle
71. aw___n a child *v.* to stop sleeping or to cause someone to stop sleeping
72. media sn__k *n.* sarcastic or cutting remarks or comments intended to ridicule or undermine someone, often with a tone of superiority or disdain
73. sense of pe_____sm *n.* a tendency to see the worst in things and anticipate adverse outcomes; a belief that the world is generally bad or that something will go wrong more often than it will go right
74. corporate ma___t *n.* a person, animal, or object that is believed to bring good luck, often adopted by a sports team or organization as a symbol of their identity or values

ANSWERS: 66. snark, 67. saber, 68. retriever, 69. clueless, 70. hitchhike, 71. awaken, 72. snark, 73. pessimism, 74. mascot

75. et__s of science *n.* the set of beliefs and attitudes that belong to a particular community, nation, ideology, or a person
76. pro_____ly insightful *adv.* to a great or complete degree; deeply
77. ge__y interests *adj.* characterized by an intense interest or expertise in a particular subject or hobby, sometimes to the detriment of social skills or other interests
78. por_____res of famous people *n.* the art or practice of creating portraits or likenesses of people, especially through painting, drawing, or photography
79. the center ai__e of a church *n.* a passage between rows of seats in a theater, airplane, or other public building, typically one of two or more running parallel with the main body of the structure
80. bu_____c setting *adj.* relating to or characteristic of the pleasant aspects of the countryside or rural life; having a rustic, idyllic, or pastoral quality
81. 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
82. ret_____ive review *adj.* looking back on or dealing with past events or situations, particularly those that are considered important or influential; an exhibition or showing of a particular artist's work, covering an extended period of time

ANSWERS: 75. ethos, 76. profoundly, 77. geeky, 78. portraiture, 79. aisle, 80. bucolic, 81. devote, 82. retrospective

83. ce___r a TV program *n.* a person or institution responsible for examining books, movies, and other forms of media to determine if they are harmful or offensive and should be banned or altered; an official in charge of banning or suppressing information
84. tum_____ed rolling *n.* a type of plant, often a type of weed that has a spherical or cylindrical shape and breaks off from its roots and rolls in the wind, dispersing its seeds as it moves; a situation or place that is desolate, deserted, or lacking activity or inhabitants
85. aw___n at daybreak *v.* to stop sleeping or to cause someone to stop sleeping
86. ci___ty in politics *n.* polite and courteous behavior towards other people; a formalized display of politeness, often in the form of ritualized etiquette
87. ta_____ed by scandal *adj.* no longer having a good reputation or being reduced in value, quality, or excellence
88. graze in the me___w *n.* a field of grass and wildflowers, especially one used for hay
89. pos_____em analysis *adj.* relating to or occurring after death; a postmortem examination is a medical examination of a body after death to determine the cause of death or to study the effects of a disease or medical treatment

ANSWERS: 83. censor, 84. tumbleweed, 85. awaken, 86. civility, 87. tarnished, 88. meadow, 89. postmortem

90. bu_____ee pollination *n.* a large, furry bee with black and yellow bands on its body that is known for its loud buzzing sound and its important role in pollinating plants
91. sleep pro_____ly *adv.* to a great or complete degree; deeply
92. re___t to a heavy smoker *v.* to return to a previous state or condition; to reply
93. br_____e commander *n.* a military unit typically consisting of several battalions, usually commanded by a brigadier general; a group of people organized for a particular purpose or activity
94. op_____st by nature *n.* a person who tends to expect the best in all things and to be hopeful and confident about the future
95. ri___e out your mouth *v.* to wash off soap or remaining dirt with clean water; to gargle your mouth and throat with mouthwash
96. ce___r a book *n.* a person or institution responsible for examining books, movies, and other forms of media to determine if they are harmful or offensive and should be banned or altered; an official in charge of banning or suppressing information
97. sa__r fencing *n.* a type of sword with a curved blade, typically used in cavalry or fencing
98. hi___k a helicopter *v.* to seize control of an airplane or other vehicle during an operation, especially with violence

ANSWERS: 90. bumblebee, 91. profoundly, 92. revert, 93. brigade, 94. optimist, 95. rinse, 96. censor, 97. saber, 98. hijack

99. a st__e joke *adj.* no longer fresh, new, or interesting; dull or uninteresting
100. la____n a celebrity *v.* to publicly mock, ridicule, or satirize someone or something through exaggerated and often humorous imitation or parody; (noun) a piece of satirical content, often in writing, that mocks or ridicules a particular subject, individual, or group
101. work tr____rs *n.* a pair of leg coverings that extends from the waist to the ankles covering each leg separately, often referred to as pants
102. co____ve a child *v.* to have or develop an idea, a plan, etc. in mind; to become pregnant
103. rem____nt of ancient times *adj.* making you remember someone or something; relating to the recall of personal interests
104. pa__y face *n.* a type of baked pastry that typically consists of a filling of meat, vegetables, or other ingredients, enclosed in a pastry shell; (adjective) pale, lacking in color, or dull
105. ai__e seat *n.* a passage between rows of seats in a theater, airplane, or other public building, typically one of two or more running parallel with the main body of the structure
106. bird wi____an *n.* the distance between the tips of a bird's wings when fully extended and in flight; often used to describe the size or scope of something, particularly about physical objects or structures

ANSWERS: 99. stale, 100. lampoon, 101. trousers, 102. conceive, 103. reminiscent, 104. pasty, 105. aisle, 106. wingspan

107. ho_____mb lattice *n.* a structure of hexagonal cells made of wax by bees as a place to store honey and to rear their young
108. ge__y gadgets *adj.* characterized by an intense interest or expertise in a particular subject or hobby, sometimes to the detriment of social skills or other interests
109. team ma____t *n.* a person, animal, or object that is believed to bring good luck, often adopted by a sports team or organization as a symbol of their identity or values
110. cl_____ss in many ways *adj.* lacking knowledge, understanding, or awareness about a particular subject or situation
111. h__l the victorious team with cheers *v.* to call out to someone to get their attention, often from a distance; to greet or welcome someone, especially with enthusiasm or admiration; (noun) precipitation in the form of small balls or lumps of ice that fall from the sky
112. vertical stare de_____s *n.* a legal principle that promotes reliance on past judicial decisions or precedents in deciding similar cases, which emphasizes the importance of consistency in interpreting and applying the law
113. corporate et__s *n.* the set of beliefs and attitudes that belong to a particular community, nation, ideology, or a person

ANSWERS: 107. honeycomb, 108. geeky, 109. mascot, 110. clueless, 111. hail, 112. decisis, 113. ethos

114. re____le hope *v.* to revive or renew something that was previously lost or forgotten, often a relationship or feeling
115. denim tr____rs *n.* a pair of leg coverings that extends from the waist to the ankles covering each leg separately, often referred to as pants
116. ret____ive study *adj.* looking back on or dealing with past events or situations, particularly those that are considered important or influential; an exhibition or showing of a particular artist's work, covering an extended period of time
117. recover spo____sly after five days *adv.* in a way that is natural, not planned or forced, and often sudden
118. re____t to the original subject *v.* to return to a previous state or condition; to reply
119. hi____ke across the country *v.* to obtain a ride in a passing vehicle by signaling to the driver or waving one's thumb; to travel by getting a free ride in someone else's vehicle
120. rid____ing app *n.* an arrangement in which a passenger travels in a private car driven by its owner for free or for a fee, especially as arranged by using a website or app
121. this shift occurs spo____sly *adv.* in a way that is natural, not planned or forced, and often sudden
122. protecting bu____ees *n.* a large, furry bee with black and yellow bands on its body that is known for its loud buzzing sound and its important role in pollinating plants

ANSWERS: 114. rekindle, 115. trousers, 116. retrospective, 117. spontaneously, 118. revert, 119. hitchhike, 120. ride-sharing, 121. spontaneously, 122. bumblebee

123. im__l him to take on an extra job *v.* to drive, motivate, or urge someone to take action; to propel or provide a strong force to move something in a specific direction
124. mo____y the body *v.* to cause extreme embarrassment, shame, or humiliation; to subdue or discipline one's bodily passions or desires
125. ubi____us computing *adj.* being or existing everywhere at once
126. pa__e trend *adj.* no longer fashionable or current; outdated; considered to be old-fashioned or out of date

ANSWERS: 123. impel, 124. mortify, 125. ubiquitous, 126. passe

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The novel affected her _____ causing her to question her beliefs and values.
adv. to a great or complete degree; deeply
2. She had to _____ to the nearest gas station when her car broke down.
v. to obtain a ride in a passing vehicle by signaling to the driver or waving one's thumb; to travel by getting a free ride in someone else's vehicle
3. The couple tried to _____ their relationship by spending more time together.
v. to revive or renew something that was previously lost or forgotten, often a relationship or feeling
4. The comedian loved to _____ politicians, using satire to criticize their actions.
v. to publicly mock, ridicule, or satirize someone or something through exaggerated and often humorous imitation or parody; (noun) a piece of satirical content, often in writing, that mocks or ridicules a particular subject, individual, or group
5. We experienced a _____ for electric vehicles as interest in green tech grew.
n. an enthusiasm for a particular activity, object, or idea that appears suddenly and achieves widespread but short-lived popularity; a fad
6. My parents used to _____ me by telling embarrassing stories about me in front of my friends.
v. to cause extreme embarrassment, shame, or humiliation; to subdue or discipline one's bodily passions or desires
7. The golden _____ was trained as a therapy dog to comfort hospital patients.
n. a dog bred and trained for retrieving game, particularly birds, for hunters; a device or machine designed for retrieving or recovering items that are difficult to reach or obtain

ANSWERS: 1. profoundly, 2. hitchhike, 3. rekindle, 4. lampoon, 5. craze, 6. mortify, 7.

retriever

8. The bar of soap produced a thick _____ as she washed her hands.
n. a frothy substance produced by mixing soap and water, used for cleaning
9. The sound of the _____ wings was soothing to listen to.
n. a large, furry bee with black and yellow bands on its body that is known for its loud buzzing sound and its important role in pollinating plants
10. The city's _____ is a famous landmark that attracts tourists.
n. a person, animal, or object that is believed to bring good luck, often adopted by a sports team or organization as a symbol of their identity or values
11. The friend's death _____ them.
v. to stop sleeping or to cause someone to stop sleeping
12. The judge made her decision based on the principle of stare _____.
n. a legal principle that promotes reliance on past judicial decisions or precedents in deciding similar cases, which emphasizes the importance of consistency in interpreting and applying the law
13. After trying the new software, I _____ to the old version.
v. to return to a previous state or condition; to reply
14. He made a desperate effort to _____ an airliner.
v. to seize control of an airplane or other vehicle during an operation, especially with violence
15. Forgetting to mention our meeting was just an _____ for him.
n. a thought or idea that comes to mind after the fact, often too late to be of much use; something that is added or considered belatedly, especially in speech or writing

ANSWERS: 8. lather, 9. bumblebee's, 10. mascot, 11. awakens, 12. decisis, 13. reverted, 14. hijack, 15. afterthought

16. Would one cup of flour _____ for this recipe?

- v.* to be enough or sufficient; to meet the needs or requirements of something or someone; to satisfy or fulfill a purpose

17. He made a _____ face as he recalled this morning's events.

- adj.* silly or foolish

18. The medical examiner performed a _____ examination to determine the cause of death.

- adj.* relating to or occurring after death; a postmortem examination is a medical examination of a body after death to determine the cause of death or to study the effects of a disease or medical treatment

19. The _____ exhibition featured some of the artist's earliest works.

- adj.* looking back on or dealing with past events or situations, particularly those that are considered important or influential; an exhibition or showing of a particular artist's work, covering an extended period of time

20. She was completely _____ as to how to solve the problem.

- adj.* lacking knowledge, understanding, or awareness about a particular subject or situation

21. I plan to pick up a chicken _____ at that bakery on my way home from work.

- n.* a type of baked pastry that typically consists of a filling of meat, vegetables, or other ingredients, enclosed in a pastry shell; (adjective) pale, lacking in color, or dull

22. The new policy will _____ more efficient processes within the company.

- v.* to cause or bring about something, particularly a change or action; to put into effect or implement

ANSWERS: 16. suffice, 17. goofy, 18. postmortem, 19. retrospective, 20. clueless, 21. pasty, 22. effectuate

23. His passion for social justice _____ him to join the protest march.
- v.* to drive, motivate, or urge someone to take action; to propel or provide a strong force to move something in a specific direction
24. The newspaper editor decided to _____ the controversial headline to avoid backlash.
- n.* a person or institution responsible for examining books, movies, and other forms of media to determine if they are harmful or offensive and should be banned or altered; an official in charge of banning or suppressing information
25. His painting style is _____ of Monet's
- adj.* making you remember someone or something; relating to the recall of personal interests
26. Medical students need to acquire not only knowledge but also a professional _____ of a doctor.
- n.* the set of beliefs and attitudes that belong to a particular community, nation, ideology, or a person
27. 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
28. The military commander drew his _____ and shouted orders to the troops.
- n.* a type of sword with a curved blade, typically used in cavalry or fencing
29. The optimal solution that would _____ all these elements has yet to be proposed.
- v.* to surround or cover something completely; to include a large number of or different types of things entirely

ANSWERS: 23. impelled, 24. censor, 25. reminiscent, 26. ethos, 27. devoted, 28. saber, 29. encompass

30. She is a confident _____ who always looks on the bright side.
n. a person who tends to expect the best in all things and to be hopeful and confident about the future
31. The lush _____ was covered in wildflowers.
n. a field of grass and wildflowers, especially one used for hay
32. We enjoyed a _____ picnic in the meadow, surrounded by rolling hills.
adj. relating to or characteristic of the pleasant aspects of the countryside or rural life; having a rustic, idyllic, or pastoral quality
33. She looked into the _____ mirror and barely recognized her reflection.
adj. no longer having a good reputation or being reduced in value, quality, or excellence
34. The barren landscape was filled with _____ blown around by the strong desert winds.
n. a type of plant, often a type of weed that has a spherical or cylindrical shape and breaks off from its roots and rolls in the wind, dispersing its seeds as it moves; a situation or place that is desolate, deserted, or lacking activity or inhabitants
35. The court ruled that the _____ company should consider the drivers as employees.
n. an arrangement in which a passenger travels in a private car driven by its owner for free or for a fee, especially as arranged by using a website or app
36. She walked down the _____ to the front of the church.
n. a passage between rows of seats in a theater, airplane, or other public building, typically one of two or more running parallel with the main body of the structure

ANSWERS: 30. optimist, 31. meadow, 32. bucolic, 33. tarnished, 34. tumbleweeds, 35. ride-sharing, 36. aisle

37. The electrical cord _____ combusted.

adv. in a way that is natural, not planned or forced, and often sudden

38. Not all teachers accept citing _____ as a valid source for academic papers.

n. an online encyclopedia that allows users to contribute and edit articles collaboratively; a vast and frequently updated repository of information on a wide range of topics

39. The therapist tried to _____ his negative thoughts.

v. to reinterpret, rephrase, or redefine an issue, situation, or question in a different way

40. The culinary _____ prepared a delicious meal for the guests at the banquet.

n. a military unit typically consisting of several battalions, usually commanded by a brigadier general; a group of people organized for a particular purpose or activity

41. The animal's _____ was found in the forest, most likely killed by a predator.

n. the dead body of an animal, especially one that has been killed for food

42. Please _____ the soap off of those dishes well.

v. to wash off soap or remaining dirt with clean water; to gargle your mouth and throat with mouthwash

43. The _____ article was biased and lacked objectivity.

adj. expressing or promoting a specific bias, viewpoint, or agenda, often in a way that is biased or one-sided; strongly and often excessively partisan

44. Much of his painting has a _____ quality.

adj. unusual and not severe in a way that might be funny or annoying; determined by chance or impulse or whim rather than by necessity or reason

ANSWERS: 37. spontaneously, 38. Wikipedia, 39. reframe, 40. brigade, 41. carcass, 42. rinse, 43. tendentious, 44. whimsical

45. The artist's _____ captured the essence of her subject's character.
n. the art or practice of creating portraits or likenesses of people, especially through painting, drawing, or photography
46. Bell-bottom jeans, once considered _____ fashion, have made a surprising comeback in recent years.
adj. no longer fashionable or current; outdated; considered to be old-fashioned or out of date
47. Despite facing financial difficulties, the small business managed to stay _____ thanks to its loyal customers.
adj. floating or staying on the surface of a liquid or body of water; having enough money or resources to stay out of debt or financial trouble
48. The beehive was made of an intricate _____ pattern.
n. a structure of hexagonal cells made of wax by bees as a place to store honey and to rear their young
49. Sugar is _____ in food.
adj. being or existing everywhere at once
50. The captain told him to _____ the ship north.
v. to control the direction or movement of a vehicle; to direct a course of action; to guide or motivate someone
51. The singer's voice had a natural _____ that sounded beautiful in the acoustically-designed church.
n. an audio effect that produces a sound that is reflected off surfaces in an enclosed space, creating a sense of space or ambiance; the natural echoing or reverberation of sound in a large or open space

ANSWERS: 45. portraiture, 46. passe, 47. afloat, 48. honeycomb, 49. ubiquitous, 50. steer, 51. reverb

52. I can't _____ he'd want to harm us.
v. to have or develop an idea, a plan, etc. in mind; to become pregnant
53. In the study of Latin, students learn about the different _____ of nouns.
n. (of grammar) the variation of nouns, pronouns, adjectives, and articles to indicate number, case, and gender; a process of decline or deterioration; a category or system of classifying nouns based on their various forms
54. The CEO's constant _____ about the company's future affected employee morale.
n. a tendency to see the worst in things and anticipate adverse outcomes; a belief that the world is generally bad or that something will go wrong more often than it will go right
55. He wore black _____ and a white shirt to the job interview.
n. a pair of leg coverings that extends from the waist to the ankles covering each leg separately, often referred to as pants
56. He had a _____ sense of humor and loved to make puns.
adj. characterized by an intense interest or expertise in a particular subject or hobby, sometimes to the detriment of social skills or other interests
57. The bread was _____ and not fit for eating.
adj. no longer fresh, new, or interesting; dull or uninteresting
58. A culture of _____ promotes respectful discourse and constructive conflict resolution.
n. polite and courteous behavior towards other people; a formalized display of politeness, often in the form of ritualized etiquette

ANSWERS: 52. conceive, 53. declensions, 54. pessimism, 55. trousers, 56. geeky, 57. stale, 58. civility

59. The discovery of a critical bug caused the company to delay the _____ release.
- n.* (abbreviation for application) software designed to run on smartphones and other mobile devices or inside a web browser on a PC
60. The bald eagle has an impressive _____ of over 7 feet.
- n.* the distance between the tips of a bird's wings when fully extended and in flight; often used to describe the size or scope of something, particularly about physical objects or structures
61. People in the area were forced to _____ a taxi due to the lack of public transportation options.
- v.* to call out to someone to get their attention, often from a distance; to greet or welcome someone, especially with enthusiasm or admiration; (noun) precipitation in the form of small balls or lumps of ice that fall from the sky
62. He _____ the modus operandi of the famous phantom thief.
- v.* to copy the speech, behavior, appearance, etc. of someone or something
63. She couldn't resist adding a little _____ to her online comment.
- n.* sarcastic or cutting remarks or comments intended to ridicule or undermine someone, often with a tone of superiority or disdain

ANSWERS: 59. app's, 60. wingspan, 61. hail, 62. imitated, 63. snark