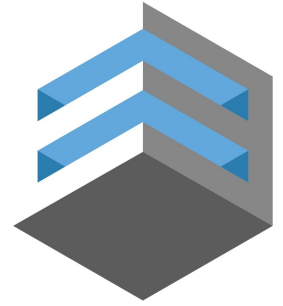


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All Words

Session 1: Word List

stretch

v. to make or be capable of making anything longer or broader without hurting or breaking

synonym: lengthen, prolong, extend

(1) **stretch** along the coast, (2) **stretch** a story

Some herds have been observed to **stretch** hundreds of kilometers.

unimportant

adj. not important

synonym: inconsiderable, inconsequential, insignificant

(1) **unimportant** information, (2) **unimportant** event

He regretted having undertaken the **unimportant** job without thinking about the consequences.

politician

n. a person who is a member of a government or law-making organization, especially as an elected member of parliament, etc.

synonym: congressperson, lawmaker, legislator

(1) a **politician** in the ruling party, (2) a corrupt **politician**

The **politician** lost his position in the end due to the scandal.

diet

n. the food and drink that a person, animal, or community eats and drinks regularly; a legislative assembly in certain countries, for example, Japan

synonym: food, dietary

(1) eat a vegetarian **diet**, (2) **Diet** approval

A balanced **diet** is more important for health than supplements.

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.

millionaire

n. a person who has material wealth that is valued at more than a million dollars, pounds, euros, etc.

(1) **millionaire** capitalist, (2) become a **millionaire**

The Internet **millionaire** was captivated by the artist's paintings.

bombard

v. to attack a place with bombs or gunshots continuously; to address with continuously or persistently, as if with a barrage

synonym : bomb, shoot, blitz

(1) **bombard** him with questions, (2) **bombard** a fort with heavy shells

Overprotective parents often **bombard** their children with messages reinforcing their lack of mastery.

improve

v. to make or become better

synonym : enhance, ameliorate, enrich

(1) **improve** a process, (2) **improve** the test score

We want to **improve** ties between our two countries.

technique

n. a particular way or art of doing something that needs skill

synonym : approach, procedure, strategy

(1) a **technique** in martial arts, (2) the **technique** applied to construction

Jockey's superior **technique** brought him victory.

deconstruct

v. to break something down into its separate parts to interpret or analyze it; to interpret or analyze a text, an

artwork, etc. to show that there is no fixed meaning
synonym: break down, interpret, assay

(1) **deconstruct** the existing system, (2) **deconstruct** his method

She employed a rigorous intellectual framework to **deconstruct** various categories of literature.

bias

n. a strong feeling in favor of or against one group of people, an idea, or thing, often not based on fair judgment

synonym: inclination, partiality, predilection

(1) **bias** against a big company, (2) have a **bias** toward socialism

She researched gender **bias** in politics.

manipulate

v. to influence or control something or someone to your advantage, often in an unfair or dishonest way

synonym: control, exploit, abuse

(1) **manipulate** figures, (2) vulnerable to **manipulate**

Please tell me how to **manipulate** this computer.

negative

adj. having the quality of something bad or harmful; expressing refusal

synonym: minus, adverse, pessimistic

(1) have a **negative** effect, (2) a **negative** number

The movie has received almost universally **negative** criticism.

scrutiny

n. careful and detailed examination

synonym: examination, analysis, inspection

(1) additional **scrutiny**, (2) public **scrutiny**

All products produced by our factory undergo rigorous **scrutiny**.

skepticism

n. an attitude of doubting or questioning that claims or statements are true or valuable or that something will

happen; the disbelief in any claims of ultimate knowledge

synonym : distrust, doubt, suspicion

(1) natural **skepticism**, (2) **skepticism** toward bureaucracy

This party expresses **skepticism** about the efficacy of the health insurance system.

dispose

v. to put things or people in a particular manner or position; to incline someone towards a specific activity or mood; throw or cast away

synonym : get rid of, arrange, set

(1) **dispose** battleships for a battle, (2) **dispose** of a used product

Generally speaking, the child is innately **disposed** to learn a language.

eliminate

v. to remove or get rid of someone or something

synonym : wipe out, destroy, eradicate

(1) **eliminate** contestants, (2) **eliminate** sexual barriers

We can **eliminate** this possibility from those consumptions.

reliable

adj. worthy of being relied on; trustworthy

synonym : dependable, trustworthy, dedicated

(1) **reliable** access, (2) guarantee **reliable** delivery

Trains are **reliable**, inexpensive, and ideal for long-distance travel.

straightforward

adj. easy to do or understand, or simple; free from ambiguity

synonym : honest, candid, forthright

(1) **straightforward** manner, (2) make a **straightforward** dash

The defendant gave a **straightforward** and accurate description of the accident.

obscure

adj. not well known to many people

synonym : esoteric, vague, unrecognized

(1) **obscure** answer, (2) **obscure** artist

This information was primarily **obscured** in the first release.

accomplish

v. to finish or achieve something successfully

synonym: achieve, complete, execute

(1) **accomplish** a goal, (2) **accomplish** military operations

Humankind took centuries to **accomplish** true democracy.

nutrition

n. the substances or the process that organisms take into their bodies as food for their growth and health

synonym: alimentation, nourishment, sustenance

(1) **nutrition** condition, (2) **nutrition** intake

This food contains all the **nutrition** your dog requires.

equip

v. to provide a person or a place with the things that are needed for a particular purpose or activity

synonym: prepare, furnish, provide

(1) **equip** an army, (2) **equip** our children with some special skills

The construction company **equipped** the building with an earthquake-resistant device.

sift

v. to put flour, sugar, etc. through a sieve (= a utensil consisting of a wire or plastic mesh in a frame) to remove lumps or large particles

synonym: filter, go through, sieve

(1) **sift** the candidates, (2) **sift** sand

The search engine helps **sift** information.

critic

n. someone who expresses opinions about the quality of books, music, etc.

synonym: pundit, analyst, attacker

(1) art **critic**, (2) severe **critic**

Advocates for legal reform hear less harsh words from their **critics**.

- fad** *n.* an intense and widely shared enthusiasm for a particular style, activity, or interest that appears suddenly and achieves widespread but short-lived popularity; a craze
synonym : craze, mania, trend
(1) become a **fad**, (2) computer game **fad**
His interest in music composition is only a **fad**.
- suit** *n.* a set of clothes that are made from the same material; a claim or complaint that a person or organization can file in court against another party; (verb) to be fit or acceptable for
synonym : clothes, lawsuit, (verb) fit
(1) **suit** and tie restaurant, (2) **suit** at law
Six **suits** are awaiting trial or verdict.
- testimony** *n.* a formal written or spoken statement that something is true, especially one given in court; something that serves as evidence
synonym : affirmant, evidence, proof
(1) **testimony** before Congress, (2) give his **testimony**
Witness **testimony** backed up the defendant's claims.
- weigh** *v.* to have a particular weight; to carefully evaluate things before making a conclusion
synonym : consider, cogitate, count
(1) **weigh** heavily on stock prices, (2) **weigh** a cargo
The baby **weighs** 1 pound 3 oz.
- concept** *n.* an idea or principle associated with something abstract
synonym : idea, notion, vision
(1) learn new **concepts**, (2) **concept** car
One such rapidly growing **concept** is quantum cryptography.
- assume** *v.* to think or accept something to be true without having proof of it; to take or begin to have power; to begin to exhibit a specific quality or appearance
synonym : guess, presume, suppose

(1) **assume** a lousy attitude to his boss, (2) **assume** an important role

The following example **assumes** that the capacity of each battery is the same.

interpretation

n. an explanation or opinion of something, especially that is not immediately obvious

synonym : rendering, explanation, understanding

(1) the **interpretation** of history, (2) open to **interpretation**
His **interpretations** of literary works are often unique.

implication

n. something that is inferred or indirectly stated; the act or fact of being involved in something

synonym : suggestion, association, conclusion

(1) the **implication** in a crime, (2) the **implication** of a word
His poem has a very significant **implication**.

glance

v. to give a quick or brief look; to hit something at an angle

synonym : glimpse, peek, flash

(1) **glance** around nervously, (2) **glance** at him miserably
I casually **glanced** into the small hut.

environment

n. the natural world such as air, water, and land in which humans, animals, and plants live

synonym : atmosphere, surroundings, climate

(1) **environment** affairs, (2) chaotic **environment**

Every human is responsible for taking care of the Earth's **environment**.

gasoline

n. a volatile flammable liquid obtained from petroleum, used mainly as a fuel in car engines, etc.

synonym : gas, petrol, fuel

(1) lead-free **gasoline**, (2) small **gasoline** engine

Luxury cars often require high-octane **gasoline** as fuel.

restricted

adj. limited in extent, number, scope, or action, especially by official rules, laws, etc.

synonym : limited, determinate, fixed

(1) **restricted** area, (2) lactose **restricted** diet

The country has designated our products as **restricted** import goods.

surge

n. a sudden and great increase of something, such as a feeling, the amount or number, etc.

synonym : rush, spate, deluge

(1) a **surge** of shoppers, (2) the **surge** in foreign tourism

She drowned her **surge** of anger through her creative work.

pollution

n. the introduction of harmful substances or waste into the natural environment that causes adverse change

synonym : corrosion, deterioration, corruption

(1) environmental **pollution**, (2) high levels of air **pollution**

The **pollution** is endangering the local plants and animals.

unintended

adj. not planned or meant

synonym : accidental, unconsenting, involuntary

(1) **unintended** bias, (2) **unintended** misunderstanding

Excessive human interference in the global environment may bring **unintended** consequences.

consequence

n. the outcome of a particular action or event, especially relative to an individual

synonym : result, impact, outcome

(1) unintended **consequences**, (2) the **consequence** of an argument

These economic activities had disastrous environmental **consequences**.

explore

v. to travel to or penetrate an area or a country to learn about it; to thoroughly examine a subject or a possibility to learn more about it

synonym : analyze, delve into, examine

(1) **explore** the world, (2) **explore** our options

The management must **explore** strategies to increase office security.

opposing

adj. competing, fighting, or working against each other

synonym: disagreeing, dissenting, conflicting

(1) **opposing** counsel, (2) in an **opposing** direction

We have no intention of **opposing** his idea.

disagree

v. to have or express a different opinion, idea, etc.

synonym: discord, oppose, dissent

(1) **disagree** about a particular issue, (2) **disagree** with a plan

I **disagree** for reasons already stated above.

spectrum

n. an ordered array of colors into which a light beam can be split

synonym: range, scale, spread

(1) a broad **spectrum** of opinion, (2) infrared **spectrum**

This device displayed the speech **spectrum** spectrographically.

viewpoint

n. a way of thinking about a specific subject; a place from which something can be viewed, especially in an area of natural beauty

synonym: outlook, stance, perspective

(1) a scientific **viewpoint**, (2) aesthetic **viewpoint**

We looked at this issue from a different **viewpoint**.

valid

adj. having a reasonable basis in logic or fact; still legally or officially acceptable

synonym: proper, reasonable, useful

(1) a **valid** contract, (2) a ticket **valid** for two days

Your credit card is no longer **valid**.

appeal

n. a serious, earnest, or urgent request for money, information, or help; a quality that makes somebody or something attractive or interest

synonym : request, charm, attraction

(1) draw out your **appeal**, (2) an **appeal** for help

He needed to resolve the problem as soon as possible, so he made an **appeal** directly.

alternative

n. one of two or more available possibilities or choice

synonym : choice, option

(1) an **alternative** plan, (2) there is no other **alternative**

Doctors are gradually coming around to the idea of using **alternative** medicines.

evaluate

v. to assess or estimate the quality, significance, quantity, or value of something

synonym : assess, estimate, consider

(1) **evaluate** the grant proposal, (2) **evaluate** a situation

The meeting aims to **evaluate** possible choices.

ultimate

adj. furthest or highest in degree or order

synonym : highest, maximum, foremost

(1) the **ultimate** goal in life, (2) the **ultimate** luxury

Management must take **ultimate** responsibility for the accident.

eradicate

v. to get rid of or destroy something completely, especially something bad

synonym : destroy, eliminate, exterminate

(1) **eradicate** the deficit, (2) **eradicate** racial discrimination

We are trying to **eradicate** this disease from the world.

crisis

n. a time of great disagreement, confusion, or danger when problems must be resolved or critical decisions must be taken

synonym : concern, problem, emergency

(1) financial **crisis**, (2) **crisis** management

The Chinese word for **crisis** comprises two characters, one for danger and the other for opportunity.

Session 2: Spelling

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|---------------------------------|---|
| 1. op_____ng counsel | <i>adj.</i> competing, fighting, or working against each other |
| 2. im_____e the test score | <i>v.</i> to make or become better |
| 3. give his te_____ny | <i>n.</i> a formal written or spoken statement that something is true, especially one given in court; something that serves as evidence |
| 4. ev_____te the grant proposal | <i>v.</i> to assess or estimate the quality, significance, quantity, or value of something |
| 5. dec_____ct his method | <i>v.</i> to break something down into its separate parts to interpret or analyze it; to interpret or analyze a text, an artwork, etc. to show that there is no fixed meaning |
| 6. public sc_____ny | <i>n.</i> careful and detailed examination |
| 7. te_____ny before Congress | <i>n.</i> a formal written or spoken statement that something is true, especially one given in court; something that serves as evidence |
| 8. fitness cr__e | <i>n.</i> an enthusiasm for a particular activity, object, or idea that appears suddenly and achieves widespread but short-lived popularity; a fad |
| 9. a broad sp_____um of opinion | <i>n.</i> an ordered array of colors into which a light beam can be split |

ANSWERS: 1. opposing, 2. improve, 3. testimony, 4. evaluate, 5. deconstruct, 6. scrutiny, 7. testimony, 8. craze, 9. spectrum

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| 10. small ga_____ne engine | <i>n.</i> a volatile flammable liquid obtained from petroleum, used mainly as a fuel in car engines, etc. |
| 11. er_____te the deficit | <i>v.</i> to get rid of or destroy something completely, especially something bad |
| 12. unintended con_____ces | <i>n.</i> the outcome of a particular action or event, especially relative to an individual |
| 13. gl___e at him miserably | <i>v.</i> to give a quick or brief look; to hit something at an angle |
| 14. the con_____ce of an argument | <i>n.</i> the outcome of a particular action or event, especially relative to an individual |
| 15. ex_____e our options | <i>v.</i> to travel to or penetrate an area or a country to learn about it; to thoroughly examine a subject or a possibility to learn more about it |
| 16. art cr___c | <i>n.</i> someone who expresses opinions about the quality of books, music, etc. |
| 17. natural ske_____sm | <i>n.</i> an attitude of doubting or questioning that claims or statements are true or valuable or that something will happen; the disbelief in any claims of ultimate knowledge |
| 18. lactose res_____ed diet | <i>adj.</i> limited in extent, number, scope, or action, especially by official rules, laws, etc. |
| 19. the ul_____te luxury | <i>adj.</i> furthest or highest in degree or order |
| 20. the imp_____on in a crime | <i>n.</i> something that is inferred or indirectly stated; the act or fact of being involved in something |

ANSWERS: 10. gasoline, 11. eradicate, 12. consequence, 13. glance, 14. consequence, 15. explore, 16. critic, 17. skepticism, 18. restricted, 19. ultimate, 20. implication

21. bo____d him with questions *v.* to attack a place with bombs or gunshots continuously; to address with continuously or persistently, as if with a barrage
22. the imp_____on of a word *n.* something that is inferred or indirectly stated; the act or fact of being involved in something
23. bo____d a fort with heavy shells *v.* to attack a place with bombs or gunshots continuously; to address with continuously or persistently, as if with a barrage
24. there is no other alt_____ve *n.* one of two or more available possibilities or choice
25. make a str_____ard dash *adj.* easy to do or understand, or simple; free from ambiguity
26. financial cr____s *n.* a time of great disagreement, confusion, or danger when problems must be resolved or critical decisions must be taken
27. the ul____te goal in life *adj.* furthest or highest in degree or order
28. co____t car *n.* an idea or principle associated with something abstract
29. res_____ed area *adj.* limited in extent, number, scope, or action, especially by official rules, laws, etc.
30. become a mil_____re *n.* a person who has material wealth that is valued at more than a million dollars, pounds, euros, etc.
31. eat a vegetarian d__t *n.* the food and drink that a person, animal, or community eats and drinks regularly; a legislative assembly in certain countries, for example, Japan

ANSWERS: 21. bombard, 22. implication, 23. bombard, 24. alternative, 25. straightforward, 26. crisis, 27. ultimate, 28. concept, 29. restricted, 30. millionaire, 31. diet

32. er_____te racial discrimination *v.* to get rid of or destroy something completely, especially something bad
33. el_____te sexual barriers *v.* to remove or get rid of someone or something
34. lead-free ga_____ne *n.* a volatile flammable liquid obtained from petroleum, used mainly as a fuel in car engines, etc.
35. infrared sp_____um *n.* an ordered array of colors into which a light beam can be split
36. D__t approval *n.* the food and drink that a person, animal, or community eats and drinks regularly; a legislative assembly in certain countries, for example, Japan
37. s__t and tie restaurant *n.* a set of clothes that are made from the same material; a claim or complaint that a person or organization can file in court against another party; (verb) to be fit or acceptable for
38. learn new co_____ts *n.* an idea or principle associated with something abstract
39. b__s against a big company *n.* a strong feeling in favor of or against one group of people, an idea, or thing, often not based on fair judgment
40. s__t the candidates *v.* to put flour, sugar, etc. through a sieve (= a utensil consisting of a wire or plastic mesh in a frame) to remove lumps or large particles
41. we__h heavily on stock prices *v.* to have a particular weight; to carefully evaluate things before making a conclusion

ANSWERS: 32. eradicate, 33. eliminate, 34. gasoline, 35. spectrum, 36. diet, 37. suit, 38. concept, 39. bias, 40. sift, 41. weigh

42. additional sc____ny *n.* careful and detailed examination
43. an ap___l for help *n.* a serious, earnest, or urgent request for money, information, or help; a quality that makes somebody or something attractive or interest
44. acc_____sh military operations *v.* to finish or achieve something successfully
45. a scientific vi_____nt *n.* a way of thinking about a specific subject; a place from which something can be viewed, especially in an area of natural beauty
46. di_____ee about a particular issue *v.* to have or express a different opinion, idea, etc.
47. re_____le access *adj.* worthy of being relied on; trustworthy
48. di_____ee with a plan *v.* to have or express a different opinion, idea, etc.
49. ex_____e the world *v.* to travel to or penetrate an area or a country to learn about it; to thoroughly examine a subject or a possibility to learn more about it
50. become a f_d *n.* an intense and widely shared enthusiasm for a particular style, activity, or interest that appears suddenly and achieves widespread but short-lived popularity; a craze
51. computer game f_d *n.* an intense and widely shared enthusiasm for a particular style, activity, or interest that appears suddenly and achieves widespread but short-lived popularity; a craze

ANSWERS: 42. scrutiny, 43. appeal, 44. accomplish, 45. viewpoint, 46. disagree, 47. reliable, 48. disagree, 49. explore, 50. fad, 51. fad

52. s__t at law *n.* a set of clothes that are made from the same material; a claim or complaint that a person or organization can file in court against another party; (verb) to be fit or acceptable for
53. high levels of air po_____on *n.* the introduction of harmful substances or waste into the natural environment that causes adverse change
54. severe cr___c *n.* someone who expresses opinions about the quality of books, music, etc.
55. the int_____ion of history *n.* an explanation or opinion of something, especially that is not immediately obvious
56. the te_____ue applied to construction *n.* a particular way or art of doing something that needs skill
57. uni_____ed misunderstanding *adj.* not planned or meant
58. cr__e for speculation *n.* an enthusiasm for a particular activity, object, or idea that appears suddenly and achieves widespread but short-lived popularity; a fad
59. str_____ard manner *adj.* easy to do or understand, or simple; free from ambiguity
60. ob_____e answer *adj.* not well known to many people
61. ob_____e artist *adj.* not well known to many people
62. draw out your ap___l *n.* a serious, earnest, or urgent request for money, information, or help; a quality that makes somebody or something attractive or interest

ANSWERS: 52. suit, 53. pollution, 54. critic, 55. interpretation, 56. technique, 57. unintended, 58. craze, 59. straightforward, 60. obscure, 61. obscure, 62. appeal

63. man_____te figures *v.* to influence or control something or someone to your advantage, often in an unfair or dishonest way
64. acc_____sh a goal *v.* to finish or achieve something successfully
65. have a b__s toward socialism *n.* a strong feeling in favor of or against one group of people, an idea, or thing, often not based on fair judgment
66. di_____e battleships for a battle *v.* to put things or people in a particular manner or position; to incline someone towards a specific activity or mood; throw or cast away
67. im_____e a process *v.* to make or become better
68. open to int_____ion *n.* an explanation or opinion of something, especially that is not immediately obvious
69. cr___s management *n.* a time of great disagreement, confusion, or danger when problems must be resolved or critical decisions must be taken
70. a te_____ue in martial arts *n.* a particular way or art of doing something that needs skill
71. el_____te contestants *v.* to remove or get rid of someone or something
72. a va__d contract *adj.* having a reasonable basis in logic or fact; still legally or officially acceptable
73. uni_____nt information *adj.* not important
74. uni_____ed bias *adj.* not planned or meant

ANSWERS: 63. manipulate, 64. accomplish, 65. bias, 66. dispose, 67. improve, 68. interpretation, 69. crisis, 70. technique, 71. eliminate, 72. valid, 73. unimportant, 74. unintended

75. st____h a story *v.* to make or be capable of making anything longer or broader without hurting or breaking
76. a corrupt pol____an *n.* a person who is a member of a government or law-making organization, especially as an elected member of parliament, etc.
77. eq__p an army *v.* to provide a person or a place with the things that are needed for a particular purpose or activity
78. s__t sand *v.* to put flour, sugar, etc. through a sieve (= a utensil consisting of a wire or plastic mesh in a frame) to remove lumps or large particles
79. an alt____ve plan *n.* one of two or more available possibilities or choice
80. aesthetic vi____nt *n.* a way of thinking about a specific subject; a place from which something can be viewed, especially in an area of natural beauty
81. ev____te a situation *v.* to assess or estimate the quality, significance, quantity, or value of something
82. gl___e around nervously *v.* to give a quick or brief look; to hit something at an angle
83. uni____nt event *adj.* not important
84. env____nt affairs *n.* the natural world such as air, water, and land in which humans, animals, and plants live

ANSWERS: 75. stretch, 76. politician, 77. equip, 78. sift, 79. alternative, 80. viewpoint, 81. evaluate, 82. glance, 83. unimportant, 84. environment

85. dec_____ct the existing system *v.* to break something down into its separate parts to interpret or analyze it; to interpret or analyze a text, an artwork, etc. to show that there is no fixed meaning
86. the su__e in foreign tourism *n.* a sudden and great increase of something, such as a feeling, the amount or number, etc.
87. vulnerable to man_____te *v.* to influence or control something or someone to your advantage, often in an unfair or dishonest way
88. environmental po_____on *n.* the introduction of harmful substances or waste into the natural environment that causes adverse change
89. ske_____sm toward bureaucracy *n.* an attitude of doubting or questioning that claims or statements are true or valuable or that something will happen; the disbelief in any claims of ultimate knowledge
90. a su__e of shoppers *n.* a sudden and great increase of something, such as a feeling, the amount or number, etc.
91. have a ne_____ve effect *adj.* having the quality of something bad or harmful; expressing refusal
92. nu_____on condition *n.* the substances or the process that organisms take into their bodies as food for their growth and health
93. in an op_____ng direction *adj.* competing, fighting, or working against each other

ANSWERS: 85. deconstruct, 86. surge, 87. manipulate, 88. pollution, 89. skepticism, 90. surge, 91. negative, 92. nutrition, 93. opposing

94. as___e a lousy attitude to his boss *v.* to think or accept something to be true without having proof of it; to take or begin to have power; to begin to exhibit a specific quality or appearance
95. mil_____re capitalist *n.* a person who has material wealth that is valued at more than a million dollars, pounds, euros, etc.
96. nu_____on intake *n.* the substances or the process that organisms take into their bodies as food for their growth and health
97. as___e an important role *v.* to think or accept something to be true without having proof of it; to take or begin to have power; to begin to exhibit a specific quality or appearance
98. a ticket va__d for two days *adj.* having a reasonable basis in logic or fact; still legally or officially acceptable
99. guarantee re_____le delivery *adj.* worthy of being relied on; trustworthy
100. a pol_____an in the ruling party *n.* a person who is a member of a government or law-making organization, especially as an elected member of parliament, etc.
101. di_____e of a used product *v.* to put things or people in a particular manner or position; to incline someone towards a specific activity or mood; throw or cast away
102. eq__p our children with some special skills *v.* to provide a person or a place with the things that are needed for a particular purpose or activity
103. we__h a cargo *v.* to have a particular weight; to carefully evaluate things before making a conclusion

ANSWERS: 94. assume, 95. millionaire, 96. nutrition, 97. assume, 98. valid, 99. reliable, 100. politician, 101. dispose, 102. equip, 103. weigh

104. a ne____ve number

adj. having the quality of something bad or harmful; expressing refusal

105. st____h along the coast

v. to make or be capable of making anything longer or broader without hurting or breaking

106. chaotic env____nt

n. the natural world such as air, water, and land in which humans, animals, and plants live

ANSWERS: 104. negative, 105. stretch, 106. environment

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. A balanced _____ is more important for health than supplements.
 - n.* the food and drink that a person, animal, or community eats and drinks regularly; a legislative assembly in certain countries, for example, Japan

2. She drowned her _____ of anger through her creative work.
 - n.* a sudden and great increase of something, such as a feeling, the amount or number, etc.

3. She researched gender _____ in politics.
 - n.* a strong feeling in favor of or against one group of people, an idea, or thing, often not based on fair judgment

4. Overprotective parents often _____ their children with messages reinforcing their lack of mastery.
 - v.* to attack a place with bombs or gunshots continuously; to address with continuously or persistently, as if with a barrage

5. The _____ lost his position in the end due to the scandal.
 - n.* a person who is a member of a government or law-making organization, especially as an elected member of parliament, etc.

6. Humankind took centuries to _____ true democracy.
 - v.* to finish or achieve something successfully

7. We looked at this issue from a different _____.
 - n.* a way of thinking about a specific subject; a place from which something can be viewed, especially in an area of natural beauty

ANSWERS: 1. diet, 2. surge, 3. bias, 4. bombard, 5. politician, 6. accomplish, 7. viewpoint

8. The _____ is endangering the local plants and animals.
- n.* the introduction of harmful substances or waste into the natural environment that causes adverse change
9. His _____ of literary works are often unique.
- n.* an explanation or opinion of something, especially that is not immediately obvious
10. We want to _____ ties between our two countries.
- v.* to make or become better
11. The Chinese word for _____ comprises two characters, one for danger and the other for opportunity.
- n.* a time of great disagreement, confusion, or danger when problems must be resolved or critical decisions must be taken
12. The defendant gave a _____ and accurate description of the accident.
- adj.* easy to do or understand, or simple; free from ambiguity
13. Some herds have been observed to _____ hundreds of kilometers.
- v.* to make or be capable of making anything longer or broader without hurting or breaking
14. She employed a rigorous intellectual framework to _____ various categories of literature.
- v.* to break something down into its separate parts to interpret or analyze it; to interpret or analyze a text, an artwork, etc. to show that there is no fixed meaning

ANSWERS: 8. pollution, 9. interpretations, 10. improve, 11. crisis, 12. straightforward, 13. stretch, 14. deconstruct

15. The baby _____ 1 pound 3 oz.
v. to have a particular weight; to carefully evaluate things before making a conclusion
16. Advocates for legal reform hear less harsh words from their _____.
n. someone who expresses opinions about the quality of books, music, etc.
17. We can _____ this possibility from those consumptions.
v. to remove or get rid of someone or something
18. He needed to resolve the problem as soon as possible, so he made an _____ directly.
n. a serious, earnest, or urgent request for money, information, or help; a quality that makes somebody or something attractive or interest
19. The management must _____ strategies to increase office security.
v. to travel to or penetrate an area or a country to learn about it; to thoroughly examine a subject or a possibility to learn more about it
20. I _____ for reasons already stated above.
v. to have or express a different opinion, idea, etc.
21. These economic activities had disastrous environmental _____.
n. the outcome of a particular action or event, especially relative to an individual
22. Trains are _____ inexpensive, and ideal for long-distance travel.
adj. worthy of being relied on; trustworthy
23. Excessive human interference in the global environment may bring _____ consequences.
adj. not planned or meant

ANSWERS: 15. weighs, 16. critics, 17. eliminate, 18. appeal, 19. explore, 20. disagree, 21. consequences, 22. reliable, 23. unintended

24. The construction company _____ the building with an earthquake-resistant device.
- v.* to provide a person or a place with the things that are needed for a particular purpose or activity
25. Luxury cars often require high-octane _____ as fuel.
- n.* a volatile flammable liquid obtained from petroleum, used mainly as a fuel in car engines, etc.
26. Every human is responsible for taking care of the Earth's _____.
- n.* the natural world such as air, water, and land in which humans, animals, and plants live
27. His poem has a very significant _____.
- n.* something that is inferred or indirectly stated; the act or fact of being involved in something
28. The search engine helps _____ information.
- v.* to put flour, sugar, etc. through a sieve (= a utensil consisting of a wire or plastic mesh in a frame) to remove lumps or large particles
29. This information was primarily _____ in the first release.
- adj.* not well known to many people
30. Doctors are gradually coming around to the idea of using _____ medicines.
- n.* one of two or more available possibilities or choice
31. I casually _____ into the small hut.
- v.* to give a quick or brief look; to hit something at an angle

ANSWERS: 24. equipped, 25. gasoline, 26. environment, 27. implication, 28. sift, 29. obscured, 30. alternative, 31. glanced

32. This party expresses _____ about the efficacy of the health insurance system.
- n.* an attitude of doubting or questioning that claims or statements are true or valuable or that something will happen; the disbelief in any claims of ultimate knowledge
33. The country has designated our products as _____ import goods.
- adj.* limited in extent, number, scope, or action, especially by official rules, laws, etc.
34. The Internet _____ was captivated by the artist's paintings.
- n.* a person who has material wealth that is valued at more than a million dollars, pounds, euros, etc.
35. The following example _____ that the capacity of each battery is the same.
- v.* to think or accept something to be true without having proof of it; to take or begin to have power; to begin to exhibit a specific quality or appearance
36. He regretted having undertaken the _____ job without thinking about the consequences.
- adj.* not important
37. Six _____ are awaiting trial or verdict.
- n.* a set of clothes that are made from the same material; a claim or complaint that a person or organization can file in court against another party; (verb) to be fit or acceptable for
38. Generally speaking, the child is innately _____ to learn a language.
- v.* to put things or people in a particular manner or position; to incline someone towards a specific activity or mood; throw or cast away

ANSWERS: 32. skepticism, 33. restricted, 34. millionaire, 35. assumes, 36. unimportant, 37. suits, 38. disposed

39. We have no intention of _____ his idea.

adj. competing, fighting, or working against each other

40. His interest in music composition is only a _____.

n. an intense and widely shared enthusiasm for a particular style, activity, or interest that appears suddenly and achieves widespread but short-lived popularity; a craze

41. All products produced by our factory undergo rigorous _____.

n. careful and detailed examination

42. We are trying to _____ this disease from the world.

v. to get rid of or destroy something completely, especially something bad

43. 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

44. One such rapidly growing _____ is quantum cryptography.

n. an idea or principle associated with something abstract

45. This device displayed the speech _____ spectrographically.

n. an ordered array of colors into which a light beam can be split

46. Please tell me how to _____ this computer.

v. to influence or control something or someone to your advantage, often in an unfair or dishonest way

47. Management must take _____ responsibility for the accident.

adj. furthest or highest in degree or order

ANSWERS: 39. opposing, 40. fad, 41. scrutiny, 42. eradicate, 43. craze, 44. concept, 45. spectrum, 46. manipulate, 47. ultimate

48. This food contains all the _____ your dog requires.

n. the substances or the process that organisms take into their bodies as food for their growth and health

49. Witness _____ backed up the defendant's claims.

n. a formal written or spoken statement that something is true, especially one given in court; something that serves as evidence

50. Jockey's superior _____ brought him victory.

n. a particular way or art of doing something that needs skill

51. The meeting aims to _____ possible choices.

v. to assess or estimate the quality, significance, quantity, or value of something

52. The movie has received almost universally _____ criticism.

adj. having the quality of something bad or harmful; expressing refusal

53. Your credit card is no longer _____.

adj. having a reasonable basis in logic or fact; still legally or officially acceptable

ANSWERS: 48. nutrition, 49. testimony, 50. technique, 51. evaluate, 52. negative, 53. valid