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### All Words

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## 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. become a f_d                    | <i>n.</i> 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 |
| 2. er_____te racial discrimination | <i>v.</i> to get rid of or destroy something completely, especially something bad   |
| 3. 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     |
| 4. infrared sp_____um              | <i>n.</i> an ordered array of colors into which a light beam can be split   |
| 5. mil_____re capitalist           | <i>n.</i> a person who has material wealth that is valued at more than a million dollars, pounds, euros, etc.   |
| 6. uni_____ed misunderstanding     | <i>adj.</i> not planned or meant  |
| 7. a scientific vi_____nt          | <i>n.</i> a way of thinking about a specific subject; a place from which something can be viewed, especially in an area of natural beauty   |
| 8. a su__e of shoppers             | <i>n.</i> a sudden and great increase of something, such as a feeling, the amount or number, etc.   |
| 9. draw out your ap___l            | <i>n.</i> a serious, earnest, or urgent request for money, information, or help; a quality that makes somebody or something attractive or interest                                |

ANSWERS: 1. fad, 2. eradicate, 3. deconstruct, 4. spectrum, 5. millionaire, 6. unintended, 7. viewpoint, 8. surge, 9. appeal

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| 10. we__h heavily on stock prices | <i>v.</i> to have a particular weight; to carefully evaluate things before making a conclusion  |
| 11. the ul____te goal in life     | <i>adj.</i> furthest or highest in degree or order  |
| 12. public sc____ny               | <i>n.</i> careful and detailed examination  |
| 13. a va__d contract              | <i>adj.</i> having a reasonable basis in logic or fact; still legally or officially acceptable  |
| 14. acc_____sh a goal             | <i>v.</i> to finish or achieve something successfully   |
| 15. gl___e at him miserably       | <i>v.</i> to give a quick or brief look; to hit something at an angle   |
| 16. a broad sp_____um of opinion  | <i>n.</i> an ordered array of colors into which a light beam can be split   |
| 17. become a mil_____re           | <i>n.</i> a person who has material wealth that is valued at more than a million dollars, pounds, euros, etc.   |
| 18. s__t at law                   | <i>n.</i> 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 |
| 19. high levels of air po_____on  | <i>n.</i> the introduction of harmful substances or waste into the natural environment that causes adverse change   |
| 20. ev_____te the grant proposal  | <i>v.</i> to assess or estimate the quality, significance, quantity, or value of something  |
| 21. ske_____sm toward bureaucracy | <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                |

ANSWERS: 10. weigh, 11. ultimate, 12. scrutiny, 13. valid, 14. accomplish, 15. glance, 16. spectrum, 17. millionaire, 18. suit, 19. pollution, 20. evaluate, 21. skepticism

22. co\_\_\_\_\_t car *n.* an idea or principle associated with something abstract
23. uni\_\_\_\_\_nt event *adj.* not important
24. unintended con\_\_\_\_\_ces *n.* the outcome of a particular action or event, especially relative to an individual
25. uni\_\_\_\_\_ed bias *adj.* not planned or meant
26. the int\_\_\_\_\_ion of history *n.* an explanation or opinion of something, especially that is not immediately obvious
27. ev\_\_\_\_\_te a situation *v.* to assess or estimate the quality, significance, quantity, or value of something
28. 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
29. er\_\_\_\_\_te the deficit *v.* to get rid of or destroy something completely, especially something bad
30. a ticket va\_\_d for two days *adj.* having a reasonable basis in logic or fact; still legally or officially acceptable
31. 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.
32. ex\_\_\_\_\_e our options *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

ANSWERS: 22. concept, 23. unimportant, 24. consequence, 25. unintended, 26. interpretation, 27. evaluate, 28. diet, 29. eradicate, 30. valid, 31. politician, 32. explore

33. 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
34. guarantee re\_\_\_\_\_le delivery      *adj.* worthy of being relied on; trustworthy
35. lead-free ga\_\_\_\_\_ne      *n.* a volatile flammable liquid obtained from petroleum, used mainly as a fuel in car engines, etc.
36. severe cr\_\_\_c      *n.* someone who expresses opinions about the quality of books, music, etc.
37. art cr\_\_\_c      *n.* someone who expresses opinions about the quality of books, music, etc.
38. 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
39. 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
40. chaotic env\_\_\_\_\_nt      *n.* the natural world such as air, water, and land in which humans, animals, and plants live
41. acc\_\_\_\_\_sh military operations      *v.* to finish or achieve something successfully
42. di\_\_\_\_\_ee with a plan      *v.* to have or express a different opinion, idea, etc.
43. 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

ANSWERS: 33. assume, 34. reliable, 35. gasoline, 36. critic, 37. critic, 38. deconstruct, 39. sift, 40. environment, 41. accomplish, 42. disagree, 43. suit

44. nu\_\_\_\_\_on intake *n.* the substances or the process that organisms take into their bodies as food for their growth and health
45. the imp\_\_\_\_\_on of a word *n.* something that is inferred or indirectly stated; the act or fact of being involved in something
46. 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
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51. ob\_\_\_\_\_e artist *adj.* not well known to many people
52. 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
53. 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

ANSWERS: 44. nutrition, 45. implication, 46. bias, 47. skepticism, 48. alternative, 49. dispose, 50. ultimate, 51. obscure, 52. assume, 53. explore



54. open to int\_\_\_\_\_ion *n.* an explanation or opinion of something, especially that is not immediately obvious
55. the imp\_\_\_\_\_on in a crime *n.* something that is inferred or indirectly stated; the act or fact of being involved in something
56. str\_\_\_\_\_ard manner *adj.* easy to do or understand, or simple; free from ambiguity
57. 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
58. nu\_\_\_\_\_on condition *n.* the substances or the process that organisms take into their bodies as food for their growth and health
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62. cr\_\_\_\_\_s management *n.* a time of great disagreement, confusion, or danger when problems must be resolved or critical decisions must be taken
63. the su\_\_e in foreign tourism *n.* a sudden and great increase of something, such as a feeling, the amount or number, etc.
64. di\_\_\_\_\_ee about a particular issue *v.* to have or express a different opinion, idea, etc.

ANSWERS: 54. interpretation, 55. implication, 56. straightforward, 57. viewpoint, 58. nutrition, 59. reliable, 60. consequence, 61. obscure, 62. crisis, 63. surge, 64. disagree

65. eq\_\_p an army v. to provide a person or a place with the things that are needed for a particular purpose or activity
66. 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
67. 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
68. man\_\_\_\_\_te figures v. to influence or control something or someone to your advantage, often in an unfair or dishonest way
69. lactose res\_\_\_\_\_ed diet *adj.* limited in extent, number, scope, or action, especially by official rules, laws, etc.
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71. res\_\_\_\_\_ed area *adj.* limited in extent, number, scope, or action, especially by official rules, laws, etc.
72. 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.
73. 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: 65. equip, 66. equip, 67. craze, 68. manipulate, 69. restricted, 70. environment, 71. restricted, 72. politician, 73. diet

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75. a te\_\_\_\_\_ue in martial arts *n.* a particular way or art of doing something that needs skill
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ANSWERS: 74. eliminate, 75. technique, 76. testimony, 77. sift, 78. appeal, 79. craze, 80. straightforward, 81. improve, 82. eliminate, 83. glance, 84. bombard

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94. the te\_\_\_\_ue applied to construction *n.* a particular way or art of doing something that needs skill
95. vulnerable to man\_\_\_\_te *v.* to influence or control something or someone to your advantage, often in an unfair or dishonest way

ANSWERS: 85. stretch, 86. scrutiny, 87. opposing, 88. testimony, 89. crisis, 90. dispose, 91. improve, 92. pollution, 93. bias, 94. technique, 95. manipulate

96. in an op\_\_\_\_\_ng direction *adj.* competing, fighting, or working against each other
97. small ga\_\_\_\_\_ne engine *n.* a volatile flammable liquid obtained from petroleum, used mainly as a fuel in car engines, etc.
98. uni\_\_\_\_\_nt information *adj.* not important
99. there is no other alt\_\_\_\_\_ve *n.* one of two or more available possibilities or choice
100. 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
101. learn new co\_\_\_\_\_ts *n.* an idea or principle associated with something abstract
102. st\_\_\_\_\_h a story *v.* to make or be capable of making anything longer or broader without hurting or breaking
103. have a ne\_\_\_\_\_ve effect *adj.* having the quality of something bad or harmful; expressing refusal
104. we\_\_h a cargo *v.* to have a particular weight; to carefully evaluate things before making a conclusion
105. a ne\_\_\_\_\_ve number *adj.* having the quality of something bad or harmful; expressing refusal
106. 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: 96. opposing, 97. gasoline, 98. unimportant, 99. alternative, 100. bombard, 101. concept, 102. stretch, 103. negative, 104. weigh, 105. negative, 106. fad

ANSWERS:

## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. 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
  
2. This device displayed the speech \_\_\_\_\_ spectrographically.
  - n.* an ordered array of colors into which a light beam can be split
  
3. We are trying to \_\_\_\_\_ this disease from the world.
  - v.* to get rid of or destroy something completely, especially something bad
  
4. 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
  
5. 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
  
6. Jockey's superior \_\_\_\_\_ brought him victory.
  - n.* a particular way or art of doing something that needs skill
  
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
  
8. The baby \_\_\_\_\_ 1 pound 3 oz.
  - v.* to have a particular weight; to carefully evaluate things before making a conclusion

ANSWERS: 1. testimony, 2. spectrum, 3. eradicate, 4. nutrition, 5. stretch, 6. technique, 7. viewpoint, 8. weighs

9. Management must take \_\_\_\_\_ responsibility for the accident.

*adj.* furthest or highest in degree or order

10. 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.

11. This information was primarily \_\_\_\_\_ in the first release.

*adj.* not well known to many people

12. 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.

13. These economic activities had disastrous environmental \_\_\_\_\_.

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

14. We have no intention of \_\_\_\_\_ his idea.

*adj.* competing, fighting, or working against each other

15. The movie has received almost universally \_\_\_\_\_ criticism.

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

16. Trains are \_\_\_\_\_ inexpensive, and ideal for long-distance travel.

*adj.* worthy of being relied on; trustworthy

17. 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

ANSWERS: 9. ultimate, 10. surge, 11. obscured, 12. millionaire, 13. consequences, 14. opposing, 15. negative, 16. reliable, 17. equipped



18. 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
19. 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
20. 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
21. All products produced by our factory undergo rigorous \_\_\_\_\_.
- n.* careful and detailed examination
22. 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
23. 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.
24. 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

ANSWERS: 18. environment, 19. manipulate, 20. suits, 21. scrutiny, 22. appeal, 23. politician, 24. fad

25. We want to \_\_\_\_\_ ties between our two countries.
- v. to make or become better
26. 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.
27. 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
28. 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
29. 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
30. Advocates for legal reform hear less harsh words from their \_\_\_\_\_.
- n. someone who expresses opinions about the quality of books, music, etc.
31. 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
32. 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

ANSWERS: 25. improve, 26. gasoline, 27. craze, 28. crisis, 29. diet, 30. critics, 31. bombard, 32. bias

33. His \_\_\_\_\_ of literary works are often unique.
- n.* an explanation or opinion of something, especially that is not immediately obvious
34. I \_\_\_\_\_ for reasons already stated above.
- v.* to have or express a different opinion, idea, etc.
35. 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
36. The \_\_\_\_\_ is endangering the local plants and animals.
- n.* the introduction of harmful substances or waste into the natural environment that causes adverse change
37. Doctors are gradually coming around to the idea of using \_\_\_\_\_ medicines.
- n.* one of two or more available possibilities or choice
38. Excessive human interference in the global environment may bring \_\_\_\_\_ consequences.
- adj.* not planned or meant
39. 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
40. 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

ANSWERS: 33. interpretations, 34. disagree, 35. explore, 36. pollution, 37.

alternative, 38. unintended, 39. deconstruct, 40. skepticism

41. One such rapidly growing \_\_\_\_\_ is quantum cryptography.  
*n.* an idea or principle associated with something abstract
42. He regretted having undertaken the \_\_\_\_\_ job without thinking about the consequences.  
*adj.* not important
43. The meeting aims to \_\_\_\_\_ possible choices.  
*v.* to assess or estimate the quality, significance, quantity, or value of something
44. Your credit card is no longer \_\_\_\_\_.  
*adj.* having a reasonable basis in logic or fact; still legally or officially acceptable
45. Humankind took centuries to \_\_\_\_\_ true democracy.  
*v.* to finish or achieve something successfully
46. His poem has a very significant \_\_\_\_\_.  
*n.* something that is inferred or indirectly stated; the act or fact of being involved in something
47. 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
48. The defendant gave a \_\_\_\_\_ and accurate description of the accident.  
*adj.* easy to do or understand, or simple; free from ambiguity
49. 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

ANSWERS: 41. concept, 42. unimportant, 43. evaluate, 44. valid, 45. accomplish, 46. implication, 47. disposed, 48. straightforward, 49. sift

50. The country has designated our products as \_\_\_\_\_ import goods.

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

51. We can \_\_\_\_\_ this possibility from those consumptions.

*v.* to remove or get rid of someone or something

52. I casually \_\_\_\_\_ into the small hut.

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

53. 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

ANSWERS: 50. restricted, 51. eliminate, 52. glanced, 53. assumes