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Session 1: Word List

awful

adj. causing fear, dread, or terror; very bad or unpleasant

synonym : terrible, appalling, horrible

(1) an **awful** error, (2) do **awful** damage

I regretted making an **awful** mistake in my final exam.

apology

n. an act of saying or writing that you are sorry for something that has been done wrong or that causes a trouble

synonym : regret, excuse, plea

(1) genuine **apology**, (2) accept his **apology**

She wrote a letter of **apology** to the renter.

classic

adj. judged or deserving to be regarded as one of the best or most important of its kind over a period of time; of a well-known type

synonym : definitive, traditional, typical

(1) a **classic** experiment, (2) Chinese **classic** literature

He displayed the **classic** symptoms of depression.

evasive

adj. not willing to give clear or direct answers to a question or commit to a request; avoiding or escaping from difficulty or danger

synonym : deceitful, ambiguous, unclear

(1) take **evasive** action, (2) an **evasive** answer

He admitted all wrongdoing without using any **evasive** words in his press conference.

excuse

n. a reason or explanation, either true or invented, given to justify a fault or defend your behavior; (verb) to make someone free from blame or clear from guilt

synonym: apology, justification, reason

(1) **excuse** for inaction, (2) perfect **excuse**

He quickly fabricated an **excuse** for not attending the meeting.

flimsy

adj. very thin and easily broken or damaged; poorly made and not strong enough for the purpose for which it is used

synonym: delicate, insubstantial, fragile

(1) a **flimsy** structure, (2) make a **flimsy** excuse

His arguments are based on **flimsy** evidence.

amend

v. to change a text, law, statement, etc., slightly to remove faults or errors or to improve it

synonym: improve, correct, alter

(1) **amend** a law, (2) **amend** his writing

The president agreed to **amend** the ill-defined regulations.

complication

n. something that makes a situation or condition that is complex or confused

synonym: confusion, complexity, difficulty

(1) **complication** of structure, (2) resolve without **complication**

He also continued to struggle with serious long-term **complications**.

communal

adj. belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use

synonym: collaborative, combined, collective

(1) **communal** swimming pool, (2) **communal** combination

of funds

Communal elections were held in several European countries.

fridge

n. a piece of electrical equipment in which food can be stored at low temperatures so that it stays fresh

synonym : refrigerator

(1) **fridge** magnet, (2) fill the **fridge**

She left the **fridge** door open inadvertently.

colleague

n. one of a group of a coworker, especially in a profession or a business

synonym : coworker, associate, fellow

(1) collaborate with **colleagues**, (2) former **colleague**

I decided to seek counseling on the advice of my **colleague**.

celebrate

v. to acknowledge a memorable or good day or event with a social gathering or enjoyable activity

synonym : praise, glorify, honor

(1) **celebrate** his election, (2) **celebrate** Christmas

He **celebrated** the 10th anniversary of his tenure.

obvious

adj. easy to see, discover or understand

synonym : apparent, conspicuous, evident

(1) **obvious** reasons, (2) his conclusion was **obvious**

There are **obvious** differences between the two wine-producing regions.

embarrass

v. to cause someone to feel awkward, worried, or ashamed

synonym : disconcert, unsettle, agitate

(1) **embarrass** political enemy, (2) **embarrass** my project

He looked for an opportunity to **embarrass** that actor in public.

accident

n. an unfortunate event, especially one causing damage or injury

synonym :

calamity, casualty, chance

(1) cause an **accident**, (2) injury in a car **accident**

The **accident** partially destroyed my vehicle.

apologize

v. to express regret for committing wrongdoing or causing a problem

synonym: excuse, justify, atone

(1) **apologize** for being late, (2) **apologize** ahead of time

I **apologize** for neglecting your email.

centerpiece

n. the most important or attractive part of something; something placed at the center of something, as on a table

synonym: highlight, focal point, heart

(1) the **centerpiece** of the meal, (2) **centerpiece** proposal

His writing activities are the **centerpiece** of his life.

vulnerable

adj. capable of being hurt or influenced physically or mentally

synonym: susceptible, exposed, weak

(1) a **vulnerable** bridge, (2) **vulnerable** parts of the body

Infants and pregnant women are particularly **vulnerable**.

suppose

v. to think that something is likely to be actual or possible

synonym: guess, assume, presume

(1) **suppose** you're right, (2) **suppose** beforehand

What do you **suppose** the culprit's motive was?

tempt

v. to make someone want to do or have something, especially something that is unnecessary or wrong

synonym: entice, lure, attract

(1) **tempt** young people, (2) **tempt** the taste buds

Though he was evil, he never **tempted** his friends into wrongdoing.

defend

v. to protect someone or something from attack, criticism, danger, etc.

synonym : protect, guard, support

(1) **defend** my country, (2) **defend** against a threat

International law allows each nation to **defend** itself when its rights and interests are illegally violated.

accidental

adj. happening or existing by chance or unintentionally

synonym : inadvertent, fortuitous, coincidental

(1) **accidental** death, (2) cover **accidental** damage

This system prevents **accidental** deletion of data.

perspective

n. a confident attitude toward something; a particular style of thinking about something

synonym : viewpoint, standpoint, outlook

(1) a **perspective** view, (2) the **perspective** of the battle

His father's death changed his whole **perspective** on life.

dam

n. a wall constructed over a river to block the flow of water, mainly used to generate energy

synonym : barricade, barrier, embankment

(1) **dam-building** program, (2) **dam** collapsing

The break in the **dam** threatened the valley.

relation

n. the way two persons or groups of people feel and act toward one another

synonym : association, linkage, connection

(1) **relation** between cause and effect, (2) **relation** of inclusion

The industrial **relations** laws were passed with little to no alteration.

clarify

v. to make something, such as a statement or situation, less confusing and more understandable

synonym : explain, ascribe, purify

(1) **clarify** a goal, (2) **clarify** his feelings

The police tried to **clarify** the facts concerning her death.

intention

n. something you want to do and are going to do
synonym : purpose, connotation, will

(1) **intention** behind his decision, (2) clear **intention**
Our CEO's **intentions** are always transparent and straightforward.

defensive

adj. used or intended to protect someone or something against attack or aggression
synonym : protective, watchful, opposing

(1) assume the **defensive**, (2) **defensive** weapons
Boxing fans often criticize his **defensive** stance.

absolve

v. (especially in religion or law) to declare someone free from guilt, punishment, or responsible for something
synonym : exempt, acquit, forgive

(1) **absolve** you from this responsibility, (2) **absolve** a person of a sin
The lender offered to **absolve** him of \$500 in debt on condition of work.

sincere

adj. (of a person, feelings, or behavior) open and genuine; not deceitful
synonym : earnest, fervent, candid

(1) a **sincere** man, (2) express **sincere** regret
Please accept my **sincere** condolences on your friend's death.

consideration

n. the act or process of giving careful thought to something; a fee charged in advance to retain the services of someone
synonym : debate, regard, deliberation

(1) mature **consideration**, (2) take into **consideration**
We can rule this possibility out from our **consideration**.

attend

v. to be present at an event, to go to a place

synonym : go, be present, accompany

(1) **attend** a meeting, (2) **attend** service

We must **attend** to this matter.

championship

n. a contest to decide who is the best player or team in a particular sport; the act of providing approval and support

synonym : crown, title, contest

(1) a world **championship**, (2) **championship** flag

His team won the **championship** for three years running.

farewell

n. the act of departing politely; an expression of a wish or well-being at parting

synonym : goodbye, send-off

(1) a **farewell** address, (2) bid **farewell** to the departed

There is his **farewell** party tomorrow.

lifetime

n. the duration of someone's life or something's existence;

synonym : lifespan, duration

(1) **lifetime** benefits, (2) **lifetime** ban from the sport

She had lived through two world wars in her **lifetime**.

fan

n. a person who admires and supports a person, group, sport, sports team, etc.; a device for creating a current of air by the movement of a surface or surfaces

synonym : lover, devotee, blade

(1) a film **fan**, (2) engine cooling **fan**

I'm a big **fan** of French food.

upset

adj. causing or marked by anxiety, uneasiness, trouble, or grief; (verb) to make someone anxious, unhappy, or angry

synonym : disturbed, bothered, resentful

(1) get **upset**, (2) have an **upset** stomach

He was awfully **upset** by the news.

genuine

adj. real and exactly; not pretended; sincerely felt or expressed

synonym : actual, honest, unpretending

(1) a **genuine** article, (2) show **genuine** regret

Is this painting **genuine** or forged?

regret

v. to feel sad, repentant, or disappointed over something you have done or something you have not been able to do

synonym : apologize, deplore, lament

(1) **regret** a decision, (2) **regret** being so careless

I **regret** to say that you did not gain admission to the university.

offense

n. an illegal act; a feeling of anger caused by a perceived insult to or disregard for oneself; the action of attacking an enemy

synonym : crime, violation, insult

(1) minor traffic **offenses**, (2) a first **offense**

Parental indifference to their children leads to juvenile **offenses**.

disappoint

v. to fail to meet someone or their hopes or expectations; to make someone feel sad

synonym : sadden, dismay, frustrate

(1) **disappoint** the audience, (2) don't **disappoint** me

She worked very hard not to **disappoint** her boss's expectations.

clarity

n. the quality of being coherent and understandable; the quality of transparency or purity

synonym : clearness, translucence, brightness

(1) lack of **clarity**, (2) sake of **clarity**

The publisher will proofread most of this manuscript for **clarity**.

wrongdoing

n. an improper or illegal behavior or action
synonym: misconduct, crime, offense

(1) an accusation of **wrongdoing**, (2) willful **wrongdoing**
The CEO of the company denied any **wrongdoing** while admitting to mismanagement.

frame

n. a strong border or structure of the wood, metal, etc. that surrounds something such as a picture, door, or window
synonym: body, skeleton, scaffolding

(1) a picture **frame**, (2) the **frame** of the policy
The detective looked for fingerprints on the window **frame**.

acknowledge

v. to accept or admit the existence, reality, or truth of something; to accept that someone or something has a particular authority or quality; to express obligation, thanks, or gratitude for someone's help, commitment, etc.;

synonym: accept, agree, declare

(1) **acknowledge** the deed, (2) **acknowledge** his help
He never **acknowledged** his fault.

mess

n. a state of confusion, dirtiness, or untidiness; (verb) to fail to do something or to make something dirty or untidy
synonym: disarray, confusion, predicament

(1) have a whole **mess**, (2) get into a **mess**
He made a frightful **mess** in his room.

faith

n. complete trust in something or someone's ability or knowledge; a strong belief in religion, divine power, etc.
synonym: belief, trust, confidence

(1) religious **faith**, (2) **faith** in government
He kept his robust **faith** in his company.

gesture

n. a movement of the hands, head, or face that express a particular meaning
synonym: motion, expression, gesticulation

(1) **gesture** of goodwill, (2) hand **gesture**

She made a facial **gesture** to express disagreement.

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.

replace

v. to take the place of something
synonym : substitute, supersede, displace

(1) **replace** one word with another, (2) **replace** a phone
Eventually, the new design will **replace** all older models.

tangible

adj. real and concrete; able to be perceived, especially able to be touched; (of business assets) having physical substance and intrinsic monetary value

synonym : palpable, real, actual

(1) **tangible** assets, (2) produce **tangible** results

A problem that has been pointed out for years finally becomes **tangible**.

transgression

n. the violation of a law, duty, or moral principle
synonym : misdeed, crime, wrongdoing

(1) inexcusable **transgression**, (2) commit a **transgression**

Reporters questioned the politician about his past **transgression**.

symbol

n. something visible that is used to represent something else

synonym : mark, character, insignia

(1) **symbol** color, (2) **symbol** for happiness

The dragon is considered a **symbol** of bravery.

verbal

adj. expressed in spoken rather than written words
synonym : speaking, lingual, oral

(1) **verbal** communication, (2) **verbal** abuse
The candidate must have excellent **verbal** skills.

commitment

n. a promise or firm decision to do something or to behave in a certain way

synonym : burden, obligation, promise

(1) a **commitment** to an alliance, (2) meet his **commitments**

His business **commitments** took him to the United States.

concrete

adj. existing in a physical or material form rather than an abstract one; based on facts rather than ideas or guesses; made of or covered with cement

synonym : actual, factual, hardened

(1) a **concrete** noun, (2) **concrete** examples

The president asked for a more **concrete** plan.

forgiveness

n. the act of stopping feeling angry or resentful towards someone for a mistake or offense with compassion

synonym : pardon, amnesty, compassion

(1) **forgiveness** of liabilities, (2) beg for **forgiveness**

He gained debt **forgiveness**.

remorse

n. a feeling of deep regret and sorry, usually for something you have done

synonym : guilt, anguish, regret

(1) **remorse** of conscience, (2) sincere **remorse**

I always remember that event with bitter **remorse**.

reconciliation

n. the restoration of cordial or friendly relations; getting two things to correspond

synonym : accord, agreement, settlement

(1) national **reconciliation**, (2) **reconciliation** of financial accounts

They had a complete **reconciliation** a few days after their argument.

Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. ge_____e of goodwill | <i>n.</i> a movement of the hands, head, or face that express a particular meaning |
| 2. a vul_____le bridge | <i>adj.</i> capable of being hurt or influenced physically or mentally |
| 3. ap_____ze for being late | <i>v.</i> to express regret for committing wrongdoing or causing a problem |
| 4. sy____l for happiness | <i>n.</i> something visible that is used to represent something else |
| 5. make a fl____y excuse | <i>adj.</i> very thin and easily broken or damaged; poorly made and not strong enough for the purpose for which it is used |
| 6. a picture fr__e | <i>n.</i> a strong border or structure of the wood, metal, etc. that surrounds something such as a picture, door, or window |
| 7. collaborate with co_____ues | <i>n.</i> one of a group of a coworker, especially in a profession or a business |
| 8. li_____me ban from the sport | <i>n.</i> the duration of someone's life or something's existence; |
| 9. take ev_____e action | <i>adj.</i> not willing to give clear or direct answers to a question or commit to a request; avoiding or escaping from difficulty or danger |
| 10. com_____ion of structure | <i>n.</i> something that makes a situation or condition that is complex or confused |
| 11. am__d a law | <i>v.</i> to change a text, law, statement, etc., slightly to remove faults or errors or to improve it |

ANSWERS: 1. gesture, 2. vulnerable, 3. apologize, 4. symbol, 5. flimsy, 6. frame, 7. colleague, 8. lifetime, 9. evasive, 10. complication, 11. amend

12. an aw__l error *adj.* causing fear, dread, or terror; very bad or unpleasant
13. cl____y a goal *v.* to make something, such as a statement or situation, less confusing and more understandable
14. a fl___y structure *adj.* very thin and easily broken or damaged; poorly made and not strong enough for the purpose for which it is used
15. li_____me benefits *n.* the duration of someone's life or something's existence;
16. the cen_____ce of the meal *n.* the most important or attractive part of something; something placed at the center of something, as on a table
17. commit a tra_____ion *n.* the violation of a law, duty, or moral principle
18. a per_____ve view *n.* a confident attitude toward something; a particular style of thinking about something
19. express si_____e regret *adj.* (of a person, feelings, or behavior) open and genuine; not deceitful
20. a film f_n *n.* a person who admires and supports a person, group, sport, sports team, etc.; a device for creating a current of air by the movement of a surface or surfaces
21. re___t a decision *v.* to feel sad, repentant, or disappointed over something you have done or something you have not been able to do
22. perfect ex___e *n.* a reason or explanation, either true or invented, given to justify a fault or defend your behavior; (verb) to make someone free from blame or clear from guilt

ANSWERS: 12. awful, 13. clarify, 14. flimsy, 15. lifetime, 16. centerpiece, 17. transgression, 18. perspective, 19. sincere, 20. fan, 21. regret, 22. excuse

23. get up__t *adj.* causing or marked by anxiety, uneasiness, trouble, or grief; (verb) to make someone anxious, unhappy, or angry
24. show ge_____e regret *adj.* real and exactly; not pretended; sincerely felt or expressed
25. lack of cl_____y *n.* the quality of being coherent and understandable; the quality of transparency or purity
26. ack_____ge the deed *v.* to accept or admit the existence, reality, or truth of something; to accept that someone or something has a particular authority or quality; to express obligation, thanks, or gratitude for someone's help, commitment, etc.;
27. bid fa_____ll to the departed *n.* the act of departing politely; an expression of a wish or well-being at parting
28. accept his ap_____y *n.* an act of saying or writing that you are sorry for something that has been done wrong or that causes a trouble
29. take into con_____ion *n.* the act or process of giving careful thought to something; a fee charged in advance to retain the services of someone
30. dis_____nt the audience *v.* to fail to meet someone or their hopes or expectations; to make someone feel sad
31. re_____e one word with another *v.* to take the place of something

ANSWERS: 23. upset, 24. genuine, 25. clarity, 26. acknowledge, 27. farewell, 28. apology, 29. consideration, 30. disappoint, 31. replace

32. em_____ss my project *v.* to cause someone to feel awkward, worried, or ashamed
33. str_____ard manner *adj.* easy to do or understand, or simple; free from ambiguity
34. re_____on of inclusion *n.* the way two persons or groups of people feel and act toward one another
35. at____d a meeting *v.* to be present at an event, to go to a place
36. ve____l abuse *adj.* expressed in spoken rather than written words
37. a first of_____e *n.* an illegal act; a feeling of anger caused by a perceived insult to or disregard for oneself; the action of attacking an enemy
38. mature con_____ion *n.* the act or process of giving careful thought to something; a fee charged in advance to retain the services of someone
39. in_____on behind his decision *n.* something you want to do and are going to do
40. don't dis_____nt me *v.* to fail to meet someone or their hopes or expectations; to make someone feel sad
41. at____d service *v.* to be present at an event, to go to a place
42. produce ta_____le results *adj.* real and concrete; able to be perceived, especially able to be touched; (of business assets) having physical substance and intrinsic monetary value

ANSWERS: 32. embarrass, 33. straightforward, 34. relation, 35. attend, 36. verbal, 37. offense, 38. consideration, 39. intention, 40. disappoint, 41. attend, 42. tangible

43. engine cooling f_n *n.* a person who admires and supports a person, group, sport, sports team, etc.; a device for creating a current of air by the movement of a surface or surfaces
44. re___t being so careless *v.* to feel sad, repentant, or disappointed over something you have done or something you have not been able to do
45. make a str_____ard dash *adj.* easy to do or understand, or simple; free from ambiguity
46. acc_____al death *adj.* happening or existing by chance or unintentionally
47. ta_____le assets *adj.* real and concrete; able to be perceived, especially able to be touched; (of business assets) having physical substance and intrinsic monetary value
48. re_____on between cause and effect *n.* the way two persons or groups of people feel and act toward one another
49. fa__h in government *n.* complete trust in something or someone's ability or knowledge; a strong belief in religion, divine power, etc.
50. cause an ac_____nt *n.* an unfortunate event, especially one causing damage or injury
51. have a whole m__s *n.* a state of confusion, dirtiness, or untidiness; (verb) to fail to do something or to make something dirty or untidy
52. former co_____ue *n.* one of a group of a coworker, especially in a profession or a business
53. a ge_____e article *adj.* real and exactly; not pretended; sincerely felt or expressed

ANSWERS: 43. fan, 44. regret, 45. straightforward, 46. accidental, 47. tangible, 48. relation, 49. faith, 50. accident, 51. mess, 52. colleague, 53. genuine

54. em_____ss political enemy *v.* to cause someone to feel awkward, worried, or ashamed
55. am__d his writing *v.* to change a text, law, statement, etc., slightly to remove faults or errors or to improve it
56. the fr__e of the policy *n.* a strong border or structure of the wood, metal, etc. that surrounds something such as a picture, door, or window
57. an accusation of wro_____ng *n.* an improper or illegal behavior or action
58. cl_____y his feelings *v.* to make something, such as a statement or situation, less confusing and more understandable
59. co_____al swimming pool *adj.* belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use
60. ve____l communication *adj.* expressed in spoken rather than written words
61. d_m-building program *n.* a wall constructed over a river to block the flow of water, mainly used to generate energy
62. ce_____te Christmas *v.* to acknowledge a memorable or good day or event with a social gathering or enjoyable activity
63. vul_____le parts of the body *adj.* capable of being hurt or influenced physically or mentally
64. su_____e you're right *v.* to think that something is likely to be actual or possible
65. national rec_____ion *n.* the restoration of cordial or friendly relations; getting two things to correspond

ANSWERS: 54. embarrass, 55. amend, 56. frame, 57. wrongdoing, 58. clarify, 59. communal, 60. verbal, 61. dam, 62. celebrate, 63. vulnerable, 64. suppose, 65. reconciliation

66. get into a m__s *n.* a state of confusion, dirtiness, or untidiness; (verb) to fail to do something or to make something dirty or untidy
67. sake of cl____y *n.* the quality of being coherent and understandable; the quality of transparency or purity
68. beg for for_____ss *n.* the act of stopping feeling angry or resentful towards someone for a mistake or offense with compassion
69. fill the fr___e *n.* a piece of electrical equipment in which food can be stored at low temperatures so that it stays fresh
70. de_____ve weapons *adj.* used or intended to protect someone or something against attack or aggression
71. te__t the taste buds *v.* to make someone want to do or have something, especially something that is unnecessary or wrong
72. de___d against a threat *v.* to protect someone or something from attack, criticism, danger, etc.
73. sincere re____e *n.* a feeling of deep regret and sorry, usually for something you have done
74. an ev_____e answer *adj.* not willing to give clear or direct answers to a question or commit to a request; avoiding or escaping from difficulty or danger
75. for_____ss of liabilities *n.* the act of stopping feeling angry or resentful towards someone for a mistake or offense with compassion
76. assume the de_____ve *adj.* used or intended to protect someone or something against attack or aggression

ANSWERS: 66. mess, 67. clarity, 68. forgiveness, 69. fridge, 70. defensive, 71. tempt, 72. defend, 73. remorse, 74. evasive, 75. forgiveness, 76. defensive

77. Chinese cl____c literature *adj.* judged or deserving to be regarded as one of the best or most important of its kind over a period of time; of a well-known type
78. his conclusion was ob____s *adj.* easy to see, discover or understand
79. the per____ve of the battle *n.* a confident attitude toward something; a particular style of thinking about something
80. cen____ce proposal *n.* the most important or attractive part of something; something placed at the center of something, as on a table
81. do aw__l damage *adj.* causing fear, dread, or terror; very bad or unpleasant
82. d_m collapsing *n.* a wall constructed over a river to block the flow of water, mainly used to generate energy
83. ack____ge his help *v.* to accept or admit the existence, reality, or truth of something; to accept that someone or something has a particular authority or quality; to express obligation, thanks, or gratitude for someone's help, commitment, etc.;
84. religious fa__h *n.* complete trust in something or someone's ability or knowledge; a strong belief in religion, divine power, etc.
85. su____e beforehand *v.* to think that something is likely to be actual or possible
86. genuine ap____y *n.* an act of saying or writing that you are sorry for something that has been done wrong or that causes a trouble

ANSWERS: 77. classic, 78. obvious, 79. perspective, 80. centerpiece, 81. awful, 82. dam, 83. acknowledge, 84. faith, 85. suppose, 86. apology

87. a world cha_____hip *n.* a contest to decide who is the best player or team in a particular sport; the act of providing approval and support
88. cha_____hip flag *n.* a contest to decide who is the best player or team in a particular sport; the act of providing approval and support
89. clear in_____on *n.* something you want to do and are going to do
90. injury in a car ac_____nt *n.* an unfortunate event, especially one causing damage or injury
91. rec_____ion of financial accounts *n.* the restoration of cordial or friendly relations; getting two things to correspond
92. a si_____e man *adj.* (of a person, feelings, or behavior) open and genuine; not deceitful
93. willful wro_____ng *n.* an improper or illegal behavior or action
94. co_____te examples *adj.* existing in a physical or material form rather than an abstract one; based on facts rather than ideas or guesses; made of or covered with cement
95. cover acc_____al damage *adj.* happening or existing by chance or unintentionally
96. ex_____e for inaction *n.* a reason or explanation, either true or invented, given to justify a fault or defend your behavior; (verb) to make someone free from blame or clear from guilt
97. fr_____e magnet *n.* a piece of electrical equipment in which food can be stored at low temperatures so that it stays fresh

ANSWERS: 87. championship, 88. championship, 89. intention, 90. accident, 91. reconciliation, 92. sincere, 93. wrongdoing, 94. concrete, 95. accidental, 96. excuse, 97. fridge

98. a cl_____c experiment *adj.* judged or deserving to be regarded as one of the best or most important of its kind over a period of time; of a well-known type
99. co_____al combination of funds *adj.* belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use
100. ob_____s reasons *adj.* easy to see, discover or understand
101. de____d my country *v.* to protect someone or something from attack, criticism, danger, etc.
102. have an up__t stomach *adj.* causing or marked by anxiety, uneasiness, trouble, or grief; (verb) to make someone anxious, unhappy, or angry
103. a com_____nt to an alliance *n.* a promise or firm decision to do something or to behave in a certain way
104. hand ge_____e *n.* a movement of the hands, head, or face that express a particular meaning
105. re_____e a phone *v.* to take the place of something
106. sy____l color *n.* something visible that is used to represent something else
107. ab_____e a person of a sin *v.* (especially in religion or law) to declare someone free from guilt, punishment, or responsible for something
108. inexcusable tra_____ion *n.* the violation of a law, duty, or moral principle
109. a co_____te noun *adj.* existing in a physical or material form rather than an abstract one; based on facts rather than ideas or guesses; made of or covered with cement

ANSWERS: 98. classic, 99. communal, 100. obvious, 101. defend, 102. upset, 103. commitment, 104. gesture, 105. replace, 106. symbol, 107. absolve, 108. transgression, 109. concrete

110. meet his com_____nts *n.* a promise or firm decision to do something or to behave in a certain way
111. ap_____ze ahead of time *v.* to express regret for committing wrongdoing or causing a problem
112. minor traffic of_____es *n.* an illegal act; a feeling of anger caused by a perceived insult to or disregard for oneself; the action of attacking an enemy
113. resolve without com_____ion *n.* something that makes a situation or condition that is complex or confused
114. ce_____te his election *v.* to acknowledge a memorable or good day or event with a social gathering or enjoyable activity
115. re_____e of conscience *n.* a feeling of deep regret and sorry, usually for something you have done
116. ab_____e you from this responsibility *v.* (especially in religion or law) to declare someone free from guilt, punishment, or responsible for something
117. te__t young people *v.* to make someone want to do or have something, especially something that is unnecessary or wrong
118. a fa_____ll address *n.* the act of departing politely; an expression of a wish or well-being at parting

ANSWERS: 110. commitment, 111. apologize, 112. offense, 113. complication, 114. celebrate, 115. remorse, 116. absolve, 117. tempt, 118. farewell

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. He admitted all wrongdoing without using any _____ words in his press conference.
adj. not willing to give clear or direct answers to a question or commit to a request; avoiding or escaping from difficulty or danger
2. Our CEO's _____ are always transparent and straightforward.
n. something you want to do and are going to do
3. Reporters questioned the politician about his past _____.
n. the violation of a law, duty, or moral principle
4. The police tried to _____ the facts concerning her death.
v. to make something, such as a statement or situation, less confusing and more understandable
5. I always remember that event with bitter _____.
n. a feeling of deep regret and sorry, usually for something you have done
6. I _____ for neglecting your email.
v. to express regret for committing wrongdoing or causing a problem
7. International law allows each nation to _____ itself when its rights and interests are illegally violated.
v. to protect someone or something from attack, criticism, danger, etc.
8. The _____ partially destroyed my vehicle.
n. an unfortunate event, especially one causing damage or injury

ANSWERS: 1. evasive, 2. intentions, 3. transgression, 4. clarify, 5. remorse, 6. apologize, 7. defend, 8. accident

9. Please accept my _____ condolences on your friend's death.

adj. (of a person, feelings, or behavior) open and genuine; not deceitful

10. She worked very hard not to _____ her boss's expectations.

v. to fail to meet someone or their hopes or expectations; to make someone feel sad

11. What do you _____ the culprit's motive was?

v. to think that something is likely to be actual or possible

12. He displayed the _____ symptoms of depression.

adj. judged or deserving to be regarded as one of the best or most important of its kind over a period of time; of a well-known type

13. The dragon is considered a _____ of bravery.

n. something visible that is used to represent something else

14. He never _____ his fault.

v. to accept or admit the existence, reality, or truth of something; to accept that someone or something has a particular authority or quality; to express obligation, thanks, or gratitude for someone's help, commitment, etc.;

15. The break in the ____ threatened the valley.

n. a wall constructed over a river to block the flow of water, mainly used to generate energy

16. We must _____ to this matter.

v. to be present at an event, to go to a place

ANSWERS: 9. sincere, 10. disappoint, 11. suppose, 12. classic, 13. symbol, 14. acknowledged, 15. dam, 16. attend

17. The industrial _____ laws were passed with little to no alteration.
n. the way two persons or groups of people feel and act toward one another
18. Though he was evil, he never _____ his friends into wrongdoing.
v. to make someone want to do or have something, especially something that is unnecessary or wrong
19. The candidate must have excellent _____ skills.
adj. expressed in spoken rather than written words
20. I _____ to say that you did not gain admission to the university.
v. to feel sad, repentant, or disappointed over something you have done or something you have not been able to do
21. Infants and pregnant women are particularly _____.
adj. capable of being hurt or influenced physically or mentally
22. The publisher will proofread most of this manuscript for _____.
n. the quality of being coherent and understandable; the quality of transparency or purity
23. He also continued to struggle with serious long-term _____.
n. something that makes a situation or condition that is complex or confused
24. I decided to seek counseling on the advice of my _____.
n. one of a group of a coworker, especially in a profession or a business
25. His business _____ took him to the United States.
n. a promise or firm decision to do something or to behave in a certain way

ANSWERS: 17. relations, 18. tempted, 19. verbal, 20. regret, 21. vulnerable, 22. clarity, 23. complications, 24. colleague, 25. commitments

26. He _____ the 10th anniversary of his tenure.
v. to acknowledge a memorable or good day or event with a social gathering or enjoyable activity
27. His writing activities are the _____ of his life.
n. the most important or attractive part of something; something placed at the center of something, as on a table
28. _____ elections were held in several European countries.
adj. belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use
29. This system prevents _____ deletion of data.
adj. happening or existing by chance or unintentionally
30. His father's death changed his whole _____ on life.
n. a confident attitude toward something; a particular style of thinking about something
31. Eventually, the new design will _____ all older models.
v. to take the place of something
32. His team won the _____ for three years running.
n. a contest to decide who is the best player or team in a particular sport; the act of providing approval and support
33. I regretted making an _____ mistake in my final exam.
adj. causing fear, dread, or terror; very bad or unpleasant
34. We can rule this possibility out from our _____.
n. the act or process of giving careful thought to something; a fee charged in advance to retain the services of someone

ANSWERS: 26. celebrated, 27. centerpiece, 28. Communal, 29. accidental, 30. perspective, 31. replace, 32. championship, 33. awful, 34. consideration

35. Is this painting _____ or forged?

adj. real and exactly; not pretended; sincerely felt or expressed

36. He quickly fabricated an _____ for not attending the meeting.

n. a reason or explanation, either true or invented, given to justify a fault or defend your behavior; (verb) to make someone free from blame or clear from guilt

37. I'm a big ___ of French food.

n. a person who admires and supports a person, group, sport, sports team, etc.; a device for creating a current of air by the movement of a surface or surfaces

38. She wrote a letter of _____ to the renter.

n. an act of saying or writing that you are sorry for something that has been done wrong or that causes a trouble

39. The detective looked for fingerprints on the window _____.

n. a strong border or structure of the wood, metal, etc. that surrounds something such as a picture, door, or window

40. He looked for an opportunity to _____ that actor in public.

v. to cause someone to feel awkward, worried, or ashamed

41. The defendant gave a _____ and accurate description of the accident.

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

42. His arguments are based on _____ evidence.

adj. very thin and easily broken or damaged; poorly made and not strong enough for the purpose for which it is used

ANSWERS: 35. genuine, 36. excuse, 37. fan, 38. apology, 39. frame, 40. embarrass, 41. straightforward, 42. flimsy

43. They had a complete _____ a few days after their argument.
n. the restoration of cordial or friendly relations; getting two things to correspond
44. The lender offered to _____ him of \$500 in debt on condition of work.
v. (especially in religion or law) to declare someone free from guilt, punishment, or responsible for something
45. Parental indifference to their children leads to juvenile _____.
n. an illegal act; a feeling of anger caused by a perceived insult to or disregard for oneself; the action of attacking an enemy
46. There are _____ differences between the two wine-producing regions.
adj. easy to see, discover or understand
47. Boxing fans often criticize his _____ stance.
adj. used or intended to protect someone or something against attack or aggression
48. The CEO of the company denied any _____ while admitting to mismanagement.
n. an improper or illegal behavior or action
49. He was awfully _____ by the news.
adj. causing or marked by anxiety, uneasiness, trouble, or grief; (verb) to make someone anxious, unhappy, or angry
50. She left the _____ door open inadvertently.
n. a piece of electrical equipment in which food can be stored at low temperatures so that it stays fresh

ANSWERS: 43. reconciliation, 44. absolve, 45. offenses, 46. obvious, 47. defensive, 48. wrongdoing, 49. upset, 50. fridge

51. A problem that has been pointed out for years finally becomes _____.

adj. real and concrete; able to be perceived, especially able to be touched; (of business assets) having physical substance and intrinsic monetary value

52. She made a facial _____ to express disagreement.

n. a movement of the hands, head, or face that express a particular meaning

53. The president agreed to _____ the ill-defined regulations.

v. to change a text, law, statement, etc., slightly to remove faults or errors or to improve it

54. She had lived through two world wars in her _____.

n. the duration of someone's life or something's existence;

55. There is his _____ party tomorrow.

n. the act of departing politely; an expression of a wish or well-being at parting

56. The president asked for a more _____ plan.

adj. existing in a physical or material form rather than an abstract one; based on facts rather than ideas or guesses; made of or covered with cement

57. He gained debt _____.

n. the act of stopping feeling angry or resentful towards someone for a mistake or offense with compassion

58. He made a frightful _____ in his room.

n. a state of confusion, dirtiness, or untidiness; (verb) to fail to do something or to make something dirty or untidy

ANSWERS: 51. tangible, 52. gesture, 53. amend, 54. lifetime, 55. farewell, 56. concrete, 57. forgiveness, 58. mess

59. He kept his robust _____ in his company.

- n.* complete trust in something or someone's ability or knowledge; a strong belief in religion, divine power, etc.

ANSWERS: 59. faith