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Session 1: Word List

- arc** *n.* the shape of a portion of a circle or other curved line
synonym: turn, bow, angle
(1) the **arc** current, (2) an **arc** of a circumference
A ball flew in a big **arc**.
- peasant** *n.* a farmer or agricultural worker who owns or rents a small piece of land and grows crops, especially in a traditional or undeveloped society
synonym: farmer, laborer, rustic
(1) **peasant** class, (2) exploited **peasant**
Many people today romanticize the idea of the simple life of a **peasant**, but in reality, it was a difficult and often harsh existence.
- astonishing** *adj.* surprising or shocking; difficult to believe
synonym: surprising, shocking, astounding
(1) **astonishing** achievement, (2) make **astonishing** gains
The news of her sudden death was **astonishing** to everyone who knew her.
- medieval** *adj.* relating to or belonging to the Middle Age that is for the period of A.D.600 to A.D. 1450

synonym : gothic, knightly, antique

(1) **medieval** times, (2) **medieval** history

Only the **medieval** tower remained standing.

string

n. long, thin material used for tying things together, composed of several twisted threads

synonym : line, wire, rope

(1) retie the **string** and make it strong, (2) tense piano **strings**

She wore a **string** of pearls around her neck.

victory

n. success in a game, competition, election, or battle, or the knowledge that you have won

synonym : win, triumph, success

(1) **victory** in the law court, (2) **victory** over terrorism

We are optimistic about our final **victory**.

capture

v. to catch a person or an animal and confine them in an area which they cannot escape

synonym : catch, arrest, imprison

(1) **capture** a glimpse, (2) **capture** customers' hearts

I was able to **capture** the moment on film.

convict

v. to prove or declare someone to be guilty of a crime;
(noun) a person serving a sentence in a jail or prison

synonym : condemn, sentence, judge

(1) **convict** him of manslaughter, (2) **convict** in a jail

He was **convicted** on fraud charges and sentenced to five years in prison.

heresy

n. an opinion or belief that goes against the traditional or generally accepted view, especially in religion

synonym : dissent, apostasy, unorthodoxy

(1) the suppression of **heresy**, (2) persecution for **heresy**

The doctrine was considered **heresy** by the mainstream church.

prompt

v. to make someone decide to or try to do something, or to make something happen

synonym: actuate, inspire, incite

(1) **prompt** a feeling of hunger, (2) **prompt** a debate

That incident **prompted** a nationwide chain reaction regarding the crackdown on illegal groups.

stake

n. a share or financial investment in something such as a business; a wooden or metal post set up to mark something

synonym: share, interest, post

(1) execution by burning at a **stake**, (2) buy the company's **stake**

The **stake** of the company is too high nowadays.

inspire

v. to make somebody fill with the desire, confidence, or enthusiasm, especially to do something creative

synonym: boost, encourage, enlighten

(1) **inspire** a feeling of curiosity, (2) **inspire** him to write a novel

The unique style of this martial arts **inspired** many action film producers.

courageous

adj. able to face and deal with danger or fear without flinching

synonym: brave, valiant, fearless

(1) make a **courageous** decision, (2) **courageous** rescue attempt

He was a **courageous** soldier who had served his country with honor.

eventually

adv. finally, particularly after a long time or a lot of struggle, complications, and so on

synonym: finally, someday, ultimately

(1) **eventually** become obsolete, (2) **eventually** succeed

The corporation **eventually** dominated the entire tobacco

business.

territory

n. an area under the control of a ruler or state

synonym: domain, region, realm

(1) acquire **territory**, (2) **territory** in charge

They incorporated the conquered **territory** into their nation.

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.

constant

adj. happening repeatedly or all the time

synonym: ceaseless, stable, unchanging

(1) a **constant** wind, (2) a **constant** temperature

Constant dropping wears away the stone.

feat

n. a notable or impressive achievement, especially one that requires great skill or bravery

synonym: achievement, accomplishment, exploit

(1) intellectual **feat**, (2) **feat** accomplishment

It is an incredible **feat** to climb Mount Everest, the highest mountain in the world.

exploit

v. to make full use of and gain an advantage from resources, opportunities, etc.

synonym: use, abuse, control

(1) **exploit** a security hole, (2) **exploit** a valuable opportunity

We **exploit** our mining resources to strengthen our national power.

midst

n. the middle part of people or things

synonym: middle, core, bosom

(1) in the **midst** of the crowd, (2) in the **midst** of a scandal

He remained serene in the **midst** of turbulence.

sporadic

adj. occurring at irregular intervals or only in a few places;
scattered

synonym: occasional, irregular, unpredictable

(1) **sporadic** outbreaks, (2) **sporadic** attempts

The rain was falling in **sporadic** bursts.

conflict

n. a strong disagreement, argument, or a violent clash
between two opposing groups or individuals

synonym: clash, discord, competition

(1) the **conflict** between good and evil, (2) the longstanding
conflict

He and I often had **conflicts**, not only in personality but also
in ideology.

propose

v. to make a proposal, declare a plan for something

synonym: suggest, offer, recommend

(1) **propose** the amendment, (2) **propose** changes

I want to **propose** a toast in honor of our longstanding
relationship.

greedy

adj. having or showing an intense or insatiable desire for
wealth, status, power, or food

synonym: avaricious, covetous, grasping

(1) **greedy** person, (2) **greedy** for money

His **greedy** behavior led him to steal from the company.

feudal

adj. relating to a system of government in which a lord has
certain rights and responsibilities to vassals in exchange
for military service or other services that developed in
Europe in the 8th century

synonym: medieval, feudalistic, aristocratic

(1) a **feudal** lord, (2) **feudal** dictatorship

Lords and serfs characterized the **feudal** system of medieval
Europe.

baron

n. a member of the lowest grade of nobility (= group of people from a high social class)

synonym: nobleman, lord, peer

(1) media **baron**, (2) the domain of a **baron**

The **baron's** castle was the center of political and social life in the region.

noble

adj. having or showing excellent personal qualities or high moral principles that people admire

synonym: dignified, aristocratic, benevolent

(1) a **noble** family, (2) **noble** gas

He is a **noble-minded** man

constantly

adv. all the time

synonym: continuously, always, frequently

(1) a **constantly** innovative enterprise, (2) a **constantly** varying mind

The mobile application industry is **constantly** changing.

continent

n. one of the earth's large landmasses; (adjective) abstaining from your feelings, especially your desire to have sex

synonym: landmass, (adjective) chaste, (adjective) pure

(1) the inland of a **continent**, (2) **continent** urinary diversion

Flight across the **continent** was a daring adventure in its day.

kinship

n. the state or fact of being related to someone

synonym: family, relationship, connection

(1) **kinship** ties, (2) **kinship** relations

She felt a sense of **kinship** with her new colleagues.

nationalist

adj. relating to or supporting a political ideology that emphasizes a strong sense of national identity and devotion to one's own country

synonym: chauvinist, patriotic, jingoist

(1) **nationalist** sentiment, (2) **nationalist** revolt

The **nationalist** rally attracted thousands of supporters.

possession

n. the state or fact of owning or having something
synonym: ownership, holding, control

(1) **possession** of the evidence, (2) a territorial **possession**
That painting is my **possession**, and I inherited it from my grandmother.

monarch

n. a person who rules a country, such as a king or queen
synonym: ruler, sovereign, majesty

(1) an absolute **monarch**, (2) **monarch** butterflies
She came from a commoner background but eventually became the **monarch** of that country.

patriotic

adj. having or showing love for one's country and a desire for its success and welfare
synonym: loyal, chauvinistic, jingoistic

(1) **patriotic** duty, (2) **patriotic** fervor
He was wearing a **patriotic** T-shirt with the American flag on it.

bond

n. a close emotional connection between two or more people; a certificate of debt that a government or corporation issues to raise money
synonym: bind, adhesion, attachment

(1) **bond** as a family, (2) global **bond** market
They had formed a friendship **bond**.

vision

n. the ability to think about or see the future with imagination and intelligence; the faculty of being able to see
synonym: sight, image, concept

(1) a prodigious **vision**, (2) telescopic **vision**
Driving is difficult for me because of my poor **vision**.

territorial

adj. related to a specific country's ownership of land or water
synonym: provincial

(1) **territorial** integrity, (2) **territorial** aggression
The ship will not enter Chinese **territorial** seas.

dispute

n. a disagreement, argument, or controversy between two people, groups, or countries, especially a formal one
synonym : argument, disagreement, quarrel

(1) a legal **dispute** over the title, (2) **dispute** settlement
The **dispute** over the ownership of the land has been ongoing for years.

inbred

adj. having or showing traits or characteristics that have developed as a result of long-standing habits or inherited traits

synonym : innate, hereditary, inborn

(1) **inbred** line, (2) **inbred** behavior

The **inbred** strain of roses was weaker and less disease-resistant.

aristocracy

n. a group of persons with high social status

synonym : elite, nobility, upper class

(1) member of the **aristocracy**, (2) the blue-blooded **aristocracy**

Despite his popularity among the **aristocracy**, he was unpopular with the general public.

clash

n. a fight or argument between two groups of people; a loud noise caused by striking against something

synonym : blow, conflict, disagreement

(1) a **clash** of viewpoints, (2) a **clash** between the two task forces

Her dress was a disturbing **clash** of colors.

nationality

n. the legal status or right of belonging to a particular country

synonym : ethnicity, race, citizenship

(1) acquisition of **nationality**, (2) **nationality** certificate

Dual **nationality** is prohibited in specific nations but not in others.

kingdom

n. the country ruled by a king or queen

synonym: empire, realm, land

(1) establish his **kingdom**, (2) a subordinate **kingdom**

By remaining neutral, this **kingdom** continued to exist.

evolve

v. to develop gradually, or to cause the development of something or someone gradually

synonym: develop, mature, grow

(1) **evolve**, (2) **evolve** over the past decade

Eyeless fish **evolved** in dark caves.

nation-state

n. a sovereign political entity that is composed of a nation, which is a group of people who share a common cultural, linguistic, or ethnic identity

synonym: sovereignty, independence, autonomy

(1) emerging **nation-state**, (2) **nation-state** autonomy

Some people argue that the rise of globalization has weakened the power of **nation-states**.

distinct

adj. noticeable from something else of a similar type

synonym: different, special, characteristic

(1) **distinct** difference, (2) **distinct** from each other

It is essential to keep these two issues **distinct**.

identity

n. the fact of being who or what somebody or something is; the features, emotions, or ideas that distinguish persons from one another

synonym: character, personality, individuality

(1) mistaken **identity**, (2) **identity** as an individual

The terrorist's **identity** remains unknown.

fuel

n. a substance that is typically burned to generate heat or energy

synonym: energy, power, gas

(1) biomass **fuel**, (2) smokeless **fuel**

The **fuel** scarcity most severely impacted the manufacturing sector

patriotism

n. love and loyalty to one's country

synonym: nationalism, loyalty, devotion

(1) the spirit of **patriotism**, (2) fanatic **patriotism**

His actions were a testament to his deep love and **patriotism** for his country.

evil

adj. profoundly immoral, cruel, and wicked; having or exerting a harmful effect on people

synonym: malign, corruption, immorality

(1) **evil** ways, (2) a charm against **evil**

Corruption is an **evil** act for any reason.

twin

n. either of two children born at the same time from the same mother

(1) a **twin-lens** camera, (2) a **twin** room

Its **twin** brothers are difficult to tell apart except for their parents.

xenophobia

n. extreme fear or hatred of people from other countries

synonym: fear, hatred, aversion

(1) suffer from **xenophobia**, (2) linguistic **xenophobia**

The **xenophobia** in society makes it hard for immigrants to assimilate and integrate.

execute

v. to kill someone, especially as a legal punishment; to carry out or perform an action, duty, etc.

synonym: direct, conduct, enforce

(1) **execute** a bold strategy, (2) **execute** a double play

The mafioso who collaborated with the police was **executed**.

trump

n. a playing card with a picture of a trumpeter on it, used in certain card games

(1) **trump** card, (2) choose **trump**

The **trump** suit in the game of bridge is determined at the beginning of each hand.

overturn

v. to turn something upside down; to upset

synonym: flip over, upset, topple

(1) **overturn** a decision, (2) **overturn** a table

The court **overturned** the original verdict.

conviction

n. a strong belief or opinion, especially one that is based on principles or evidence; (criminal law) a final judgment of guilty in a criminal case and the punishment that is imposed

synonym: belief, certainty, faith

(1) moral **conviction**, (2) **conviction** for murder

She spoke with **conviction** about the importance of education.

saint

n. a person who is recognized as having an exceptional degree of holiness, virtue, or devotion

synonym: holy person, martyr, angel

(1) **saint** statue, (2) the departed **saint**

The faithful follower venerated the **saint's** relic.

Catholic

adj. universal and including many different types of things; related to or associated with the part of the Christian Church that has the Pope as its leader

(1) **catholic** in his tastes, (2) the **Catholic** Church

Sociologists are now interested in **catholic** world peace.

underground

adj. under the surface of the ground; a secret group organized to achieve a specific purpose, such as overthrowing the government or occupying a force

synonym: subterranean, subsurface, confidential

(1) water flowing **underground**, (2) **underground** activist

Having **underground** parking has been very beneficial throughout the winter.

resistance

n. the act of defending oneself from an aggressor or refusing to accept something

synonym: opposition, antagonism, defiance

(1) **resistance** movement, (2) **resistance** to insulin

The bill to increase the consumption tax had passed despite much **resistance** from the public.

adopt

v. to choose to follow something; to legally take a child from another family and care for them as if they were one's own

synonym: accept, assume, take on

(1) **adopt** a child, (2) **adopt** a bill

The national assembly has **adopted** the budget.

emblem

n. a design or symbol that represents a quality or idea

synonym: symbol, sign, badge

(1) a national **emblem**, (2) family **emblem**

The eagle is an **emblem** of strength and courage.

mother-in-law

n. the mother of one's spouse

(1) **mother-in-law's** relationship, (2) nagging **mother-in-law**

Her relationship with her **mother-in-law** was strained, but they were working on improving it.

examine

v. to study or consider a person or object attentively and thoroughly to learn something about them

synonym: study, probe, analyze

(1) **examine** the data studiously, (2) **examine** the issue

Initially, we must **examine** all project-related expenses.

virgin

n. a person who has never had sex; (adjective) being used or worked for the first time

synonym: virtuous, vestal, beginner

(1) **virgin** material, (2) enter **virgin** territory

Within a few years, no **virgin** forests will remain.

fascinate

v. to attract and hold the attention of someone deeply and irresistibly

synonym: captivate, intrigue, mesmerize

(1) **fascinate** the public, (2) **fascinate** the young

The magic tricks **fascinated** the children.

extraordinary

adj. exceptional, unexpected, very unusual; surpassing the ordinary or usual

synonym: exceptional, noteworthy, astonishing

(1) **extraordinary** ability, (2) **extraordinary** weather

He narrated the **extraordinary** story of his adventure.

Session 2: Spelling

1. sa__t statue *n.* a person who is recognized as having an exceptional degree of holiness, virtue, or devotion
2. a territorial pos_____on *n.* the state or fact of owning or having something
3. ex_____e the issue *v.* to study or consider a person or object attentively and thoroughly to learn something about them
4. fe___l dictatorship *adj.* relating to a system of government in which a lord has certain rights and responsibilities to vassals in exchange for military service or other services that developed in Europe in the 8th century
5. the longstanding co_____ct *n.* a strong disagreement, argument, or a violent clash between two opposing groups or individuals
6. co_____t him of manslaughter *v.* to prove or declare someone to be guilty of a crime; (noun) a person serving a sentence in a jail or prison
7. nat_____ate autonomy *n.* a sovereign political entity that is composed of a nation, which is a group of people who share a common cultural, linguistic, or ethnic identity
8. a con_____ly varying mind *adv.* all the time
9. pr___t a feeling of hunger *v.* to make someone decide to or try to do something, or to make something happen

ANSWERS: 1. saint, 2. possession, 3. examine, 4. feudal, 5. conflict, 6. convict, 7. nation-state, 8. constantly, 9. prompt

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| 10. fa_____te the public | <i>v.</i> to attract and hold the attention of someone deeply and irresistibly |
| 11. retie the st___g and make it strong | <i>n.</i> long, thin material used for tying things together, composed of several twisted threads |
| 12. make ast_____ng gains | <i>adj.</i> surprising or shocking; difficult to believe |
| 13. eve_____ly succeed | <i>adv.</i> finally, particularly after a long time or a lot of struggle, complications, and so on |
| 14. gr___y for money | <i>adj.</i> having or showing an intense or insatiable desire for wealth, status, power, or food |
| 15. sp_____ic attempts | <i>adj.</i> occurring at irregular intervals or only in a few places; scattered |
| 16. me_____al times | <i>adj.</i> relating to or belonging to the Middle Age that is for the period of A.D.600 to A.D. 1450 |
| 17. pa_____ic fervor | <i>adj.</i> having or showing love for one's country and a desire for its success and welfare |
| 18. pos_____on of the evidence | <i>n.</i> the state or fact of owning or having something |
| 19. ca_____ic in his tastes | <i>adj.</i> universal and including many different types of things; related to or associated with the part of the Christian Church that has the Pope as its leader |
| 20. mo_____h butterflies | <i>n.</i> a person who rules a country, such as a king or queen |
| 21. ext_____ary weather | <i>adj.</i> exceptional, unexpected, very unusual; surpassing the ordinary or usual |

ANSWERS: 10. fascinate, 11. string, 12. astonishing, 13. eventually, 14. greedy, 15. sporadic, 16. medieval, 17. patriotic, 18. possession, 19. Catholic, 20. monarch, 21. extraordinary

22. ev___e *v.* to develop gradually, or to cause the development of something or someone gradually
23. a t__n-lens camera *n.* either of two children born at the same time from the same mother
24. di_____e settlement *n.* a disagreement, argument, or controversy between two people, groups, or countries, especially a formal one
25. in_____e him to write a novel *v.* to make somebody fill with the desire, confidence, or enthusiasm, especially to do something creative
26. fanatic pat_____sm *n.* love and loyalty to one's country
27. vi___n material *n.* a person who has never had sex; (adjective) being used or worked for the first time
28. make a cou_____us decision *adj.* able to face and deal with danger or fear without flinching
29. ex_____e the data studiously *v.* to study or consider a person or object attentively and thoroughly to learn something about them
30. co_____t in a jail *v.* to prove or declare someone to be guilty of a crime; (noun) a person serving a sentence in a jail or prison
31. the a_c current *n.* the shape of a portion of a circle or other curved line
32. vi_____y in the law court *n.* success in a game, competition, election, or battle, or the knowledge that you have won

ANSWERS: 22. evolve, 23. twin, 24. dispute, 25. inspire, 26. patriotism, 27. virgin, 28. courageous, 29. examine, 30. convict, 31. arc, 32. victory

33. family em__m *n.* a design or symbol that represents a quality or idea
34. persecution for he__y *n.* an opinion or belief that goes against the traditional or generally accepted view, especially in religion
35. a no__e family *adj.* having or showing excellent personal qualities or high moral principles that people admire
36. vi____y over terrorism *n.* success in a game, competition, election, or battle, or the knowledge that you have won
37. f__t accomplishment *n.* a notable or impressive achievement, especially one that requires great skill or bravery
38. ter____al aggression *adj.* related to a specific country's ownership of land or water
39. linguistic xen____ia *n.* extreme fear or hatred of people from other countries
40. water flowing und____nd *adj.* under the surface of the ground; a secret group organized to achieve a specific purpose, such as overthrowing the government or occupying a force
41. nat____st revolt *adj.* relating to or supporting a political ideology that emphasizes a strong sense of national identity and devotion to one's own country
42. b__d as a family *n.* a close emotional connection between two or more people; a certificate of debt that a government or corporation issues to raise money

ANSWERS: 33. emblem, 34. heresy, 35. noble, 36. victory, 37. feat, 38. territorial, 39. xenophobia, 40. underground, 41. nationalist, 42. bond

43. sp____ic outbreaks *adj.* occurring at irregular intervals or only in a few places; scattered
44. ca____e customers' hearts *v.* to catch a person or an animal and confine them in an area which they cannot escape
45. und____nd activist *adj.* under the surface of the ground; a secret group organized to achieve a specific purpose, such as overthrowing the government or occupying a force
46. ca____e a glimpse *v.* to catch a person or an animal and confine them in an area which they cannot escape
47. in____d line *adj.* having or showing traits or characteristics that have developed as a result of long-standing habits or inherited traits
48. member of the ari____cy *n.* a group of persons with high social status
49. a co____nt wind *adj.* happening repeatedly or all the time
50. no__e gas *adj.* having or showing excellent personal qualities or high moral principles that people admire
51. pr____t a debate *v.* to make someone decide to or try to do something, or to make something happen
52. pr____e changes *v.* to make a proposal, declare a plan for something
53. a co____nt temperature *adj.* happening repeatedly or all the time

ANSWERS: 43. sporadic, 44. capture, 45. underground, 46. capture, 47. inbred, 48. aristocracy, 49. constant, 50. noble, 51. prompt, 52. propose, 53. constant

54. pr____e the amendment *v.* to make a proposal, declare a plan for something
55. ov____rn a decision *v.* to turn something upside down; to upset
56. nagging mot____law *n.* the mother of one's spouse
57. the departed sa__t *n.* a person who is recognized as having an exceptional degree of holiness, virtue, or devotion
58. nat____st sentiment *adj.* relating to or supporting a political ideology that emphasizes a strong sense of national identity and devotion to one's own country
59. the blue-blooded ari____cy *n.* a group of persons with high social status
60. a cl__h of viewpoints *n.* a fight or argument between two groups of people; a loud noise caused by striking against something
61. sy___l for happiness *n.* something visible that is used to represent something else
62. the suppression of he___y *n.* an opinion or belief that goes against the traditional or generally accepted view, especially in religion
63. ex____t a valuable opportunity *v.* to make full use of and gain an advantage from resources, opportunities, etc.
64. a t__n room *n.* either of two children born at the same time from the same mother
65. ov____rn a table *v.* to turn something upside down; to upset

ANSWERS: 54. propose, 55. overturn, 56. mother-in-law, 57. saint, 58. nationalist, 59. aristocracy, 60. clash, 61. symbol, 62. heresy, 63. exploit, 64. twin, 65. overturn

66. ev___e over the past decade *v.* to develop gradually, or to cause the development of something or someone gradually
67. gr___y person *adj.* having or showing an intense or insatiable desire for wealth, status, power, or food
68. sy___l color *n.* something visible that is used to represent something else
69. co_____nt urinary diversion *n.* one of the earth's large landmasses; (adjective) abstaining from your feelings, especially your desire to have sex
70. ext_____ary ability *adj.* exceptional, unexpected, very unusual; surpassing the ordinary or usual
71. a charm against e__l *adj.* profoundly immoral, cruel, and wicked; having or exerting a harmful effect on people
72. intellectual f__t *n.* a notable or impressive achievement, especially one that requires great skill or bravery
73. ex_____e a double play *v.* to kill someone, especially as a legal punishment; to carry out or perform an action, duty, etc.
74. exploited pe_____t *n.* a farmer or agricultural worker who owns or rents a small piece of land and grows crops, especially in a traditional or undeveloped society
75. acquisition of nat_____ty *n.* the legal status or right of belonging to a particular country

ANSWERS: 66. evolve, 67. greedy, 68. symbol, 69. continent, 70. extraordinary, 71. evil, 72. feat, 73. execute, 74. peasant, 75. nationality

76. a fe___l lord *adj.* relating to a system of government in which a lord has certain rights and responsibilities to vassals in exchange for military service or other services that developed in Europe in the 8th century
77. execution by burning at a st__e *n.* a share or financial investment in something such as a business; a wooden or metal post set up to mark something
78. moral con_____on *n.* a strong belief or opinion, especially one that is based on principles or evidence; (criminal law) a final judgment of guilty in a criminal case and the punishment that is imposed
79. pe_____t class *n.* a farmer or agricultural worker who owns or rents a small piece of land and grows crops, especially in a traditional or undeveloped society
80. a subordinate ki_____m *n.* the country ruled by a king or queen
81. choose tr__p *n.* a playing card with a picture of a trumpeter on it, used in certain card games
82. enter vi___n territory *n.* a person who has never had sex; (adjective) being used or worked for the first time
83. di_____ct difference *adj.* noticeable from something else of a similar type
84. a con_____ly innovative enterprise *adv.* all the time
85. a cl__h between the two task forces *n.* a fight or argument between two groups of people; a loud noise caused by striking against something

ANSWERS: 76. feudal, 77. stake, 78. conviction, 79. peasant, 80. kingdom, 81. trump, 82. virgin, 83. distinct, 84. constantly, 85. clash

86. buy the company's st__e *n.* a share or financial investment in something such as a business; a wooden or metal post set up to mark something
87. a national em___m *n.* a design or symbol that represents a quality or idea
88. res_____ce to insulin *n.* the act of defending oneself from an aggressor or refusing to accept something
89. res_____ce movement *n.* the act of defending oneself from an aggressor or refusing to accept something
90. suffer from xen_____ia *n.* extreme fear or hatred of people from other countries
91. an absolute mo_____h *n.* a person who rules a country, such as a king or queen
92. mot_____law's relationship *n.* the mother of one's spouse
93. the domain of a ba__n *n.* a member of the lowest grade of nobility (= group of people from a high social class)
94. smokeless f__l *n.* a substance that is typically burned to generate heat or energy
95. mistaken id_____ty *n.* the fact of being who or what somebody or something is; the features, emotions, or ideas that distinguish persons from one another
96. telescopic vi___n *n.* the ability to think about or see the future with imagination and intelligence; the faculty of being able to see

ANSWERS: 86. stake, 87. emblem, 88. resistance, 89. resistance, 90. xenophobia, 91. monarch, 92. mother-in-law, 93. baron, 94. fuel, 95. identity, 96. vision

97. me_____al history *adj.* relating to or belonging to the Middle Age that is for the period of A.D.600 to A.D. 1450
98. ki_____p relations *n.* the state or fact of being related to someone
99. the inland of a co_____nt *n.* one of the earth's large landmasses; (adjective) abstaining from your feelings, especially your desire to have sex
100. the Ca_____ic Church *adj.* universal and including many different types of things; related to or associated with the part of the Christian Church that has the Pope as its leader
101. tense piano st_____gs *n.* long, thin material used for tying things together, composed of several twisted threads
102. the spirit of pat_____sm *n.* love and loyalty to one's country
103. fa_____te the young *v.* to attract and hold the attention of someone deeply and irresistibly
104. di_____ct from each other *adj.* noticeable from something else of a similar type
105. te_____ry in charge *n.* an area under the control of a ruler or state
106. in_____e a feeling of curiosity *v.* to make somebody fill with the desire, confidence, or enthusiasm, especially to do something creative
107. media ba__n *n.* a member of the lowest grade of nobility (= group of people from a high social class)

ANSWERS: 97. medieval, 98. kinship, 99. continent, 100. Catholic, 101. string, 102. patriotism, 103. fascinate, 104. distinct, 105. territory, 106. inspire, 107. baron

108. ki____p ties *n.* the state or fact of being related to someone
109. the co____ct between good and evil *n.* a strong disagreement, argument, or a violent clash between two opposing groups or individuals
110. establish his ki____m *n.* the country ruled by a king or queen
111. id____ty as an individual *n.* the fact of being who or what somebody or something is; the features, emotions, or ideas that distinguish persons from one another
112. con____on for murder *n.* a strong belief or opinion, especially one that is based on principles or evidence; (criminal law) a final judgment of guilty in a criminal case and the punishment that is imposed
113. e__l ways *adj.* profoundly immoral, cruel, and wicked; having or exerting a harmful effect on people
114. ex____t a security hole *v.* to make full use of and gain an advantage from resources, opportunities, etc.
115. ter____al integrity *adj.* related to a specific country's ownership of land or water
116. global b__d market *n.* a close emotional connection between two or more people; a certificate of debt that a government or corporation issues to raise money
117. in the mi__t of a scandal *n.* the middle part of people or things

ANSWERS: 108. kinship, 109. conflict, 110. kingdom, 111. identity, 112. conviction, 113. evil, 114. exploit, 115. territorial, 116. bond, 117. midst

118. ad__t a child *v.* to choose to follow something; to legally take a child from another family and care for them as if they were one's own
119. ad__t a bill *v.* to choose to follow something; to legally take a child from another family and care for them as if they were one's own
120. emerging nat_____ate *n.* a sovereign political entity that is composed of a nation, which is a group of people who share a common cultural, linguistic, or ethnic identity
121. tr__p card *n.* a playing card with a picture of a trumpeter on it, used in certain card games
122. in the mi__t of the crowd *n.* the middle part of people or things
123. cou_____us rescue attempt *adj.* able to face and deal with danger or fear without flinching
124. acquire te_____ry *n.* an area under the control of a ruler or state
125. ex_____e a bold strategy *v.* to kill someone, especially as a legal punishment; to carry out or perform an action, duty, etc.
126. a legal di_____e over the title *n.* a disagreement, argument, or controversy between two people, groups, or countries, especially a formal one
127. pa_____ic duty *adj.* having or showing love for one's country and a desire for its success and welfare
128. eve_____ly become obsolete *adv.* finally, particularly after a long time or a lot of struggle, complications, and so on

ANSWERS: 118. adopt, 119. adopt, 120. nation-state, 121. trump, 122. midst, 123. courageous, 124. territory, 125. execute, 126. dispute, 127. patriotic, 128. eventually

129. ast_____ng achievement

adj. surprising or shocking; difficult to believe

130. a prodigious vi___n

n. the ability to think about or see the future with imagination and intelligence; the faculty of being able to see

131. in___d behavior

adj. having or showing traits or characteristics that have developed as a result of long-standing habits or inherited traits

132. biomass f__l

n. a substance that is typically burned to generate heat or energy

133. an a_c of a circumference

n. the shape of a portion of a circle or other curved line

134. nat_____ty certificate

n. the legal status or right of belonging to a particular country

ANSWERS: 129. astonishing, 130. vision, 131. inbred, 132. fuel, 133. arc, 134. nationality

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The news of her sudden death was _____ to everyone who knew her.
adj. surprising or shocking; difficult to believe

2. He is a _____ man
adj. having or showing excellent personal qualities or high moral principles that people admire

3. Many people today romanticize the idea of the simple life of a _____ but in reality, it was a difficult and often harsh existence.
n. a farmer or agricultural worker who owns or rents a small piece of land and grows crops, especially in a traditional or undeveloped society

4. Within a few years, no _____ forests will remain.
n. a person who has never had sex; (adjective) being used or worked for the first time

5. _____ dropping wears away the stone.
adj. happening repeatedly or all the time

6. The _____ over the ownership of the land has been ongoing for years.
n. a disagreement, argument, or controversy between two people, groups, or countries, especially a formal one

7. We are optimistic about our final _____.
n. success in a game, competition, election, or battle, or the knowledge that you have won

ANSWERS: 1. astonishing, 2. noble-minded, 3. peasant, 4. virgin, 5. Constant, 6. dispute, 7. victory

8. Corruption is an _____ act for any reason.

adj. profoundly immoral, cruel, and wicked; having or exerting a harmful effect on people

9. They incorporated the conquered _____ into their nation.

n. an area under the control of a ruler or state

10. She spoke with _____ about the importance of education.

n. a strong belief or opinion, especially one that is based on principles or evidence; (criminal law) a final judgment of guilty in a criminal case and the punishment that is imposed

11. The dragon is considered a _____ of bravery.

n. something visible that is used to represent something else

12. Her dress was a disturbing _____ of colors.

n. a fight or argument between two groups of people; a loud noise caused by striking against something

13. They had formed a friendship _____.

n. a close emotional connection between two or more people; a certificate of debt that a government or corporation issues to raise money

14. He and I often had _____ not only in personality but also in ideology.

n. a strong disagreement, argument, or a violent clash between two opposing groups or individuals

15. Eyeless fish _____ in dark caves.

v. to develop gradually, or to cause the development of something or someone gradually

ANSWERS: 8. evil, 9. territory, 10. conviction, 11. symbol, 12. clash, 13. bond, 14. conflicts, 15. evolved

16. The terrorist's _____ remains unknown.
- n.* the fact of being who or what somebody or something is; the features, emotions, or ideas that distinguish persons from one another
17. The national assembly has _____ the budget.
- v.* to choose to follow something; to legally take a child from another family and care for them as if they were one's own
18. That incident _____ a nationwide chain reaction regarding the crackdown on illegal groups.
- v.* to make someone decide to or try to do something, or to make something happen
19. The faithful follower venerated the _____ relic.
- n.* a person who is recognized as having an exceptional degree of holiness, virtue, or devotion
20. The _____ strain of roses was weaker and less disease-resistant.
- adj.* having or showing traits or characteristics that have developed as a result of long-standing habits or inherited traits
21. Driving is difficult for me because of my poor _____.
- n.* the ability to think about or see the future with imagination and intelligence; the faculty of being able to see
22. A ball flew in a big ____.
- n.* the shape of a portion of a circle or other curved line
23. Some people argue that the rise of globalization has weakened the power of _____.
- n.* a sovereign political entity that is composed of a nation, which is a group of people who share a common cultural, linguistic, or ethnic identity

ANSWERS: 16. identity, 17. adopted, 18. prompted, 19. saint's, 20. inbred, 21. vision, 22. arc, 23. nation-states

24. It is essential to keep these two issues _____.

adj. noticeable from something else of a similar type

25. The _____ suit in the game of bridge is determined at the beginning of each hand.

n. a playing card with a picture of a trumpeter on it, used in certain card games

26. The doctrine was considered _____ by the mainstream church.

n. an opinion or belief that goes against the traditional or generally accepted view, especially in religion

27. I was able to _____ the moment on film.

v. to catch a person or an animal and confine them in an area which they cannot escape

28. I want to _____ a toast in honor of our longstanding relationship.

v. to make a proposal, declare a plan for something

29. Lords and serfs characterized the _____ system of medieval Europe.

adj. relating to a system of government in which a lord has certain rights and responsibilities to vassals in exchange for military service or other services that developed in Europe in the 8th century

30. She came from a commoner background but eventually became the _____ of that country.

n. a person who rules a country, such as a king or queen

31. Having _____ parking has been very beneficial throughout the winter.

adj. under the surface of the ground; a secret group organized to achieve a specific purpose, such as overthrowing the government or occupying a force

ANSWERS: 24. distinct, 25. trump, 26. heresy, 27. capture, 28. propose, 29. feudal, 30. monarch, 31. underground

32. He remained serene in the _____ of turbulence.

n. the middle part of people or things

33. She wore a _____ of pearls around her neck.

n. long, thin material used for tying things together, composed of several twisted threads

34. Sociologists are now interested in _____ world peace.

adj. universal and including many different types of things; related to or associated with the part of the Christian Church that has the Pope as its leader

35. Only the _____ tower remained standing.

adj. relating to or belonging to the Middle Age that is for the period of A.D.600 to A.D. 1450

36. The bill to increase the consumption tax had passed despite much _____ from the public.

n. the act of defending oneself from an aggressor or refusing to accept something

37. He was _____ on fraud charges and sentenced to five years in prison.

v. to prove or declare someone to be guilty of a crime; (noun) a person serving a sentence in a jail or prison

38. The mobile application industry is _____ changing.

adv. all the time

39. He was wearing a _____ T-shirt with the American flag on it.

adj. having or showing love for one's country and a desire for its success and welfare

ANSWERS: 32. midst, 33. string, 34. catholic, 35. medieval, 36. resistance, 37. convicted, 38. constantly, 39. patriotic

40. The _____ rally attracted thousands of supporters.

adj. relating to or supporting a political ideology that emphasizes a strong sense of national identity and devotion to one's own country

41. Initially, we must _____ all project-related expenses.

v. to study or consider a person or object attentively and thoroughly to learn something about them

42. Flight across the _____ was a daring adventure in its day.

n. one of the earth's large landmasses; (adjective) abstaining from your feelings, especially your desire to have sex

43. The rain was falling in _____ bursts.

adj. occurring at irregular intervals or only in a few places; scattered

44. The eagle is an _____ of strength and courage.

n. a design or symbol that represents a quality or idea

45. She felt a sense of _____ with her new colleagues.

n. the state or fact of being related to someone

46. The _____ of the company is too high nowadays.

n. a share or financial investment in something such as a business; a wooden or metal post set up to mark something

47. The _____ castle was the center of political and social life in the region.

n. a member of the lowest grade of nobility (= group of people from a high social class)

ANSWERS: 40. nationalist, 41. examine, 42. continent, 43. sporadic, 44. emblem, 45. kinship, 46. stake, 47. baron's

48. His actions were a testament to his deep love and _____ for his country.

n. love and loyalty to one's country

49. The ship will not enter Chinese _____ seas.

adj. related to a specific country's ownership of land or water

50. It is an incredible _____ to climb Mount Everest, the highest mountain in the world.

n. a notable or impressive achievement, especially one that requires great skill or bravery

51. The court _____ the original verdict.

v. to turn something upside down; to upset

52. He was a _____ soldier who had served his country with honor.

adj. able to face and deal with danger or fear without flinching

53. The _____ in society makes it hard for immigrants to assimilate and integrate.

n. extreme fear or hatred of people from other countries

54. His _____ behavior led him to steal from the company.

adj. having or showing an intense or insatiable desire for wealth, status, power, or food

55. Despite his popularity among the _____ he was unpopular with the general public.

n. a group of persons with high social status

ANSWERS: 48. patriotism, 49. territorial, 50. feat, 51. overturned, 52. courageous, 53. xenophobia, 54. greedy, 55. aristocracy,

56. The _____ scarcity most severely impacted the manufacturing sector
n. a substance that is typically burned to generate heat or energy
57. That painting is my _____ and I inherited it from my grandmother.
n. the state or fact of owning or having something
58. He narrated the _____ story of his adventure.
adj. exceptional, unexpected, very unusual; surpassing the ordinary or usual
59. The corporation _____ dominated the entire tobacco business.
adv. finally, particularly after a long time or a lot of struggle, complications, and so on
60. By remaining neutral, this _____ continued to exist.
n. the country ruled by a king or queen
61. Dual _____ is prohibited in specific nations but not in others.
n. the legal status or right of belonging to a particular country
62. We _____ our mining resources to strengthen our national power.
v. to make full use of and gain an advantage from resources, opportunities, etc.
63. The magic tricks _____ the children.
v. to attract and hold the attention of someone deeply and irresistibly
64. Her relationship with her _____ was strained, but they were working on improving it.
n. the mother of one's spouse

ANSWERS: 56. fuel, 57. possession, 58. extraordinary, 59. eventually, 60. kingdom, 61. nationality, 62. exploit, 63. fascinated, 64. mother-in-law

65. Its _____ brothers are difficult to tell apart except for their parents.

n. either of two children born at the same time from the same mother

66. The mafioso who collaborated with the police was _____.

v. to kill someone, especially as a legal punishment; to carry out or perform an action, duty, etc.

67. The unique style of this martial arts _____ many action film producers.

v. to make somebody fill with the desire, confidence, or enthusiasm, especially to do something creative

ANSWERS: 65. twin, 66. executed, 67. inspired