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Session 1: Word List

scroll

n. a long roll of paper containing writing; (verb) to move through text or graphics on a screen to view different parts of them

synonym: manuscript, document, parchment

(1) roll up a **scroll**, (2) **scroll** through a document

The house owner loved the large hanging **scroll** in the guest room.

afford

v. to have enough money or time to be able to buy or do something

(1) **afford** to buy a new car, (2) **afford** a high travel cost

He cannot **afford** a holiday.

rainwater

n. water that falls from the clouds in the form of rain and is collected

synonym: precipitation, drizzle, showers

(1) **rainwater** acidity, (2) **rainwater** drainage

The company installed a **rainwater** harvesting system to collect and reuse it for manufacturing.

barrel

n. a large round container made of wood, metal, or plastic, with flat ends and, usually, curved sides; one of several units of volume

synonym : cask, firkin, drum

(1) a **barrel** of beer, (2) \$30 a **barrel**

One rotten apple spoils the whole **barrel**.

relative

adj. considered and evaluated through comparison with something else

synonym : comparative, proximate, congeneric

(1) a remote **relative**, (2) **relative** factors

Most countries prohibit sexual activity between certain close **relatives**.

custody

n. the state of being physically responsible for something or someone, especially a child; a state of being confined, usually for a short time

synonym : guardianship, care, detention

(1) take a person into **custody**, (2) **custody** arrangement

After a lengthy court battle, the child's **custody** was granted to the father.

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**.

elderly

adj. (a polite word for) old

synonym : aged, old, senior

(1) a home for the **elderly**, (2) **elderly** woman

The **elderly** woman is quite energetic.

disabled

adj. having a physical or mental condition that limits someone's specific actions that most other people can do

synonym : handicapped, impaired, incapacitated

(1) a **disabled** veteran, (2) a learning- **disabled** child

She was **disabled** in a car accident.

contempt

n. the feeling that a person or thing is beneath consideration, worthless, or deserving of scorn

synonym : scorn, disdain, disrespect

(1) display **contempt**, (2) below **contempt**

The defendant's **contempt** for the court and its authority was evident in his behavior.

deny

v. to state that one refuses to admit the existence or truth of something

synonym : refute, reject, repudiate

(1) adamantly **deny** killing, (2) **deny** the allegations

He is still **denying** stealing the money from the cash register.

disgust

n. a strong feeling of dislike or disapproval

synonym : nauseate, hate, dislike

(1) public **disgust**, (2) show **disgust** at his actions

He was filled with **disgust** and fear for the threat of war.

lord

n. a person who has general authority, control, or power over others; a man of noble rank or high office

synonym : master, noble, peer

(1) a young **lord**, (2) **lord** of castle

The feudal **lord** had ruled the land for many years.

statistics

n. the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data

(1) **statistics** for cancer, (2) official **statistics**

The **statistics** demonstrate that poverty and unemployment are genuine problems.

overwhelming

adj. very great or intense; so powerful that you cannot fight or react against it

synonym : overpowering, astounding, amazing

(1) **overwhelming** majority, (2) an **overwhelming** victory

He has shown signs of uneasiness and **overwhelming** worry.

urge

v. to spur on or encourage someone, especially by cheers and shouts; (noun) a strong desire or impulse, especially one that is difficult to control or resist

synonym : push for, advise, (noun) impulse

(1) **urge** a total ban, (2) a sexual **urge**

The lobbyist **urged** Congress not to approve the measure.

pajama

n. a pair of loose pants with a matching top, worn for sleeping or lounging

synonym : nightgown, nightdress

(1) care **pajama**, (2) **pajama** pants

My little sister loves to have **pajama** parties with her friends on the weekends.

decide

v. to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options

synonym : choose, determine, settle

(1) **decide** a question, (2) **decide** on a course of action

She couldn't **decide** whether to order the pizza or the pasta for dinner.

tweet

n. a short, high sound made by a small bird; a message sent using Twitter, the social media application

synonym : peep, chirp, post (on Twitter)

(1) a chick's **tweet**, (2) his latest **tweets**

We could hear the **tweet** of baby birds.

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.

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.

start-up

n. a newly established company or business

(1) **start-up** business, (2) early-stage **start-up**
Our company's services are targeted at **start-up** executives.

investor

n. someone who puts money or capital into something to gain financial returns

synonym : financier, banker, stockholder

(1) **investor** lawsuit, (2) a real estate **investor**
Institutional **investors** refrained from buying stocks amid the booming economy.

resolve

v. to find a suitable answer to the problems or difficulty

synonym : decide, determine, fix

(1) **resolve** a dispute, (2) **resolve** the computer error
This company **resolves** its battery problem completely.

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.

skip

v. to move along lightly and quickly, making a step from one foot to the other with a hop or bounce; to intentionally fail to do something which would normally do

synonym : bounce, spring, neglect

(1) **skip** across the country, (2) **skip** breakfast
We **skipped** the topic because it was too complicated.

delinquent

n. a person who regularly engages in minor criminal or antisocial activities, especially a young person; a person who has failed to neglect one's duty

synonym : offender, lawbreaker, criminal

(1) a juvenile **delinquent**, (2) **delinquent** payments

The high rate of **delinquents** in the community has led to increased crime.

instruction

n. detailed direction, order, etc., on how to do or use something

synonym : education, direction, guidance

(1) individual **instruction**, (2) follow his **instructions**

They needed further **instruction** to perform their duties efficiently.

utility

n. the state or quality of being useful or convenient; the service, such as electric power or water or transportation, provided by a public

synonym : usefulness, practicality, utility

(1) **utility** costs, (2) marginal **utility**

The **utility** of the device was immediately apparent to all who saw it.

receipt

n. a written or printed statement acknowledging that something has been paid for or received; the act of receiving something

synonym : acknowledgement, record, invoice

(1) a **receipt** slip, (2) **receipt** date

Please make sure to keep your **receipt** as proof of purchase.

empower

v. to give someone the power or authority to do something

synonym : authorize, endow, entitle

(1) **empower** my life, (2) **empower** the secretary to do the same

The company **empowered** employees to buy low-price items without approval to achieve efficient purchasing.

donation

n. a voluntary gift of money, service, or ideas that are given to a person or an organization, or the act of giving them

synonym: contribution, gift, subsidy

(1) make a **donation**, (2) political **donation**

He made a generous **donation** to the charity.

advocate

n. a person who supports or suggests an idea, development, or way of doing something

synonym: proponent, exponent, promoter

(1) an **advocate** of disarmament, (2) public education

advocates

Advocates of abolishing the death penalty often argue that the alternative heaviest sentence should be life in prison.

brag

v. to say something in a boastful manner, to impress others, or make oneself feel superior

synonym: boast, swagger, vaunt

(1) **brag** to each other, (2) **brag** about my knowledge

Despite his impressive achievements, he refrained from **bragging** about his success.

encourage

v. to give someone support, confidence, or hope; to persuade someone to do or continue to do something by making it easier for them and making them believe it is a good thing to do

synonym: facilitate, persuade, stimulate

(1) **encourage** a sense of affinity, (2) **encourage** antisocial behavior

They **encouraged** customers with a premium for loyal patronage.

abundantly

adv. in large quantities; plentifully

synonym: plentifully, copiously, lavishly

(1) **abundantly** clear, (2) **abundantly** available

The policy change resulted in an **abundantly** positive outcome for the company.

overarch

v. to be central or dominant; to form an arch over
(1) **overarched** the road, (2) **overarch** the stream
This scene **overarches** the entire first act.

nonprofit

adj. not established for commercial profit
synonym : charitable
(1) a **nonprofit** organization, (2) **nonprofit** agency
Our law firm also focuses on **nonprofit** activities.

confess

v. to admit to having done something wrong or to reveal something personal or private
synonym : admit, acknowledge, own up
(1) **confess** sin, (2) **confess** truth
He **confessed** to his crime and turned himself into the police.

imperfectly

adv. in a faulty or incomplete way
synonym : amiss, insufficiently, clumsily
(1) **imperfectly** developed, (2) **imperfectly** known disease
He created an **imperfectly** shaped torso.

unique

adj. being the only one of its kind; unlike anything else
synonym : one-of-a-kind, unparalleled, incomparable
(1) a **unique** teacher, (2) **unique** design
The painting is **unique**, and there is no other like it.

appointment

n. a formal arrangement to meet someone at a particular time and place, especially for a reason connected with their work; the act of putting a person into a job or position of responsibility
synonym : assignment, selection, commission
(1) **appointment** calendar, (2) take up an **appointment**
We had to reschedule the dentist's **appointment**.

mutual

adj. common to or shared by two or more parties
synonym : shared, common, joint
(1) share of a **mutual** fund, (2) **mutual** efforts

They cooperated for their **mutual** benefit.

aid *n.* things sent to help countries in need, notably food or money; support
synonym: helper, resource, assistance
(1) financial **aid**, (2) country-by-country **aid** programs
Pakistan's **aid** budget was still being reviewed.

generous *adj.* willing to give and share something such as money, help, kindness, etc., especially more than is necessary or expected
synonym: charitable, benevolent, giving
(1) a **generous** reward, (2) a **generous** and thoughtful person
This teacher is **generous** in his grading.

compassion *n.* a strong feeling of sympathy and sadness for another's suffering or bad luck
synonym: pity, empathy, understanding
(1) feel **compassion** for the poor, (2) have **compassion** toward the accident
His infinite love and **compassion** for everyone never weary.

contagious *adj.* able to be passed on to others through contact or proximity, especially by infection or disease
synonym: infectious, transmissible, communicable
(1) **contagious** enthusiasm, (2) **contagious** virus
The disease is highly **contagious** and spreads quickly.

annoy *v.* to make someone angry, anxious, or irritating slightly
synonym: aggravate, irritate, unsettle
(1) **annoy** at the time, (2) **annoy** everyone else
Her constant chatter was starting to **annoy** the neighbors.

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?

grade

n. a particular level of quality, size, importance, etc.
synonym: score, rate, degree

(1) boys in the twelfth **grade**, (2) students at all **grade** levels
Departments may set requirements for a higher **grade** point average.

debt

n. something, especially money, goods, or services owed by one person to another; the state of owing something
synonym: liability, obligation, deficit

(1) **debt** ceiling, (2) corporate **debt**
He became in **debt** after losing his job.

sponsor

v. to provide funds for a particular event, program, individual, etc. as a way of advertising
synonym: back, fund, finance

(1) **sponsor** a contest, (2) **sponsor** a local group
Our company **sponsors** numerous disabled athletes.

systemic

adj. affecting or related to the whole of something, especially the human body or a society

(1) the **systemic** arteries, (2) **systemic** reforms of the organization

This vaccine causes mild **systemic** side effects.

nutrition

n. the substances or the process that organisms take into their bodies as food for their growth and health
synonym: alimentionation, nourishment, sustenance

(1) **nutrition** condition, (2) **nutrition** intake
This food contains all the **nutrition** your dog requires.

stick

v. to put something, usually a sharp object, into something; to restrict yourself to doing or using one certain thing and not change; (noun) a thin piece of wood or other material

synonym : pierce, adhere, stay

(1) **stick** a key in a lock, (2) fire **stick**

You **stick** a bill in the change machine, and the coins pop out.

influence

n. the ability to affect someone's or something's character, growth, or behavior, or the effect itself

synonym : power, leverage, effect

(1) **influence** a child's future, (2) **influence** the daily life

The former emperor had a particular **influence** even after he abdicated.

initially

adv. at the beginning; at first

synonym : originally, primarily, firstly

(1) **initially** anticipated, (2) diagnosed **initially** as a tumor

This train departed later than **initially** scheduled.

hasty

adj. done or acting with excessive speed or urgency and without sufficient thought or consideration

synonym : rushed, impulsive, prompt

(1) a **hasty** temper, (2) **hasty** commitment

The **hasty** conclusion drawn by the researchers resulted in flawed study findings.

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**.

fleeting

adj. brief or temporary, lasting only a short time

synonym : temporary, brief, transitory

(1) for a **fleeting** moment, (2) **fleeting** opportunity

She savored the **fleeting** happiness she felt during the vacation.

injury

n. harm done to a person's or an animal's body caused by an accident or an attack

synonym : wound, damage, hurt

(1) without **injury**, (2) a fatal **injury**

My accidental **injury** got better right away.

opportune

adj. suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose

synonym : suitable, timely, practical

(1) **opportune** occasion, (2) an **opportune** remark

The phone rang at the most **opportune** time.

heal

v. to make a wound or injury to become well again

synonym : recover, bring around, mend

(1) **heal** a broken bone, (2) **heal** the hurt mind

It will take time for her mental scars to **heal**.

benevolent

adj. well-meaning and kind; serving a charitable or philanthropic purpose

synonym : kindly, compassionate, philanthropic

(1) **benevolent** gesture, (2) a **benevolent** individual

The **benevolent** donor's contribution to the charity greatly impacted the lives of those it served.

substitute

n. a person or thing acting or serving instead of another one; (verb) to act as a something or someone instead of another one

synonym : alternate, replacement, reserve

(1) **substitute** coffee, (2) **substitute** teacher

I **substitute** skim milk for regular milk because we are on a strict diet.

structural

adj. associated with the way on construction or organization of anything

synonym : architectural, basic, anatomical

(1) **structural** analyses, (2) **structural** reorganization

The earthquake resulted in significant **structural** destruction.

poverty

n. the condition of being extremely poor
synonym: deprivation, destitution, poorness

(1) **poverty** alleviation, (2) the cycle of **poverty**

Many studies have investigated the relationship between **poverty** and academic achievement.

unemployed

adj. not having a job, although able to work
synonym: idle, inactive, jobless

(1) assignment for the **unemployed** youth, (2) people who are **unemployed**

My father was **unemployed** for so long.

enthusiastically

adv. in a way that shows intense and eager enjoyment, interest, or approval

synonym: fervently, eagerly, passionately

(1) **enthusiastically** applauded, (2) discuss **enthusiastically**

The study participants **enthusiastically** participated in the discussion, showing genuine interest.

relief

n. a feeling of happiness and relaxation that comes when something burdensome is removed or reduced

synonym: remedy, consolation, alleviation

(1) tax **relief**, (2) sigh of **relief**

He devoted his life to establishing a humanitarian **relief** fund.

durable

adj. capable of lasting and being used for a long time without being damaged or destroyed

synonym: enduring, stable, long-lasting

(1) **durable** peace, (2) **durable** materials

Our company's products are made of highly **durable** materials.

contribute

v. to give something, especially money or goods, to provide or achieve something together with other people

synonym: donate, devote, commit

(1) **contribute** a large sum of money to the fund,

(2) **contribute** to society

Government workers cannot **contribute** to political campaigns.

ripple

n. a small wave on the surface of a liquid, typically caused by an object falling into it or a slight wind

synonym: wave, undulation, fluctuation

(1) a **ripple** of laughter, (2) **ripple** in the water

Many businesses felt the **ripple** effect of the economy's decline.

compassionate

adj. feeling or showing sympathy and concern for the suffering or bad luck of others

synonym: empathetic, sympathetic, merciful

(1) a **compassionate** heart, (2) **compassionate** leave

My father has a serious and **compassionate** personality.

Congress

n. a formal meeting of the representatives of different countries, constituent states, organizations, trade unions, political parties, or other groups

synonym: legislature, parliament, assembly

(1) an international **Congress**, (2) peace **Congress**

Congress must consider this proposal in an unusual situation.

constituent

n. one of the parts of the whole; a person represented by an elected official

synonym: member, element, part

(1) **constituent** assembly, (2) the solid **constituent** of blood cells

Each **constituent** member of the council has the right to vote on important decisions.

policymaker

n. a person in charge of or involved in developing action plans for a political party, business, etc.

synonym: lawmaker, legislator

(1) education **policymaker**, (2) regional **policymaker**

Policymakers struggle to develop various laws and regulations to address international trade conflicts.

district

n. a part of a country or town, especially one with particular features

synonym: territory, dominion, zone

(1) school **districts**, (2) urban **districts**

Since 2001, the **district** has provided training programs for automotive technicians.

evict

v. to expel someone from a property, especially with the support of the law

synonym: oust, expel, eject

(1) **evict** a person from his home, (2) **evict** squatter

The landlord may **evict** tenants for violations of the lease agreement.

homeless

adj. without a home, and therefore typically living on the streets

synonym: destitute, displaced, transient

(1) **homeless** shelter, (2) a **homeless** cat

He became **homeless** after losing his job.

affordable

adj. not expensive and able to pay

synonym: cheap, reasonable, inexpensive

(1) **affordable** housing, (2) **affordable** solution

The automaker has been providing **affordable** car financing options since last year.

legendary

adj. famous or well-known, especially through long-standing popular stories or tradition

synonym: mythical, fabled, storied

(1) **legendary** actor, (2) achieve a **legendary** status
The **legendary** stories of King Arthur have been passed down for centuries.

Session 2: Spelling

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5. de___e on a course of action *v.* to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options
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9. marginal ut____y *n.* the state or quality of being useful or convenient; the service, such as electric power or water or transportation, provided by a public
10. del_____nt payments *n.* a person who regularly engages in minor criminal or antisocial activities, especially a young person; a person who has failed to neglect one's duty

ANSWERS: 1. unique, 2. contempt, 3. aid, 4. disgust, 5. decide, 6. systemic, 7. contribute, 8. constituent, 9. utility, 10. delinquent

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16. the cycle of po_____y *n.* the condition of being extremely poor
17. app_____nt calendar *n.* a formal arrangement to meet someone at a particular time and place, especially for a reason connected with their work; the act of putting a person into a job or position of responsibility
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21. ov____ch the stream *v.* to be central or dominant; to form an arch over
22. str_____al reorganization *adj.* associated with the way on construction or organization of anything
23. diagnosed in_____ly as a tumor *adv.* at the beginning; at first
24. public education ad_____tes *n.* a person who supports or suggests an idea, development, or way of doing something
25. a di_____ed veteran *adj.* having a physical or mental condition that limits someone's specific actions that most other people can do
26. l__d of castle *n.* a person who has general authority, control, or power over others; a man of noble rank or high office
27. a remote re_____ve *adj.* considered and evaluated through comparison with something else
28. su_____e beforehand *v.* to think that something is likely to be actual or possible
29. an__y everyone else *v.* to make someone angry, anxious, or irritating slightly
30. ev__t squatter *v.* to expel someone from a property, especially with the support of the law
31. take a person into cu_____y *n.* the state of being physically responsible for something or someone, especially a child; a state of being confined, usually for a short time
32. ov_____ched the road *v.* to be central or dominant; to form an arch over

ANSWERS: 21. overarch, 22. structural, 23. initially, 24. advocate, 25. disabled, 26. lord, 27. relative, 28. suppose, 29. annoy, 30. evict, 31. custody, 32. overarch

33. co____al swimming pool *adj.* belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use
34. individual ins_____on *n.* detailed direction, order, etc., on how to do or use something
35. imp_____ly known disease *adv.* in a faulty or incomplete way
36. ev__t a person from his home *v.* to expel someone from a property, especially with the support of the law
37. ent_____lly applauded *adv.* in a way that shows intense and eager enjoyment, interest, or approval
38. in_____ce a child's future *n.* the ability to affect someone's or something's character, growth, or behavior, or the effect itself
39. a juvenile del_____nt *n.* a person who regularly engages in minor criminal or antisocial activities, especially a young person; a person who has failed to neglect one's duty
40. su_____e you're right *v.* to think that something is likely to be actual or possible
41. a ri___e of laughter *n.* a small wave on the surface of a liquid, typically caused by an object falling into it or a slight wind
42. a com_____ate heart *adj.* feeling or showing sympathy and concern for the suffering or bad luck of others
43. sta_____cs for cancer *n.* the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data
44. em_____r the secretary to do the same *v.* to give someone the power or authority to do something

ANSWERS: 33. communal, 34. instruction, 35. imperfectly, 36. evict, 37. enthusiastically, 38. influence, 39. delinquent, 40. suppose, 41. ripple, 42. compassionate, 43. statistics, 44. empower

45. nu_____on intake *n.* the substances or the process that organisms take into their bodies as food for their growth and health
46. commit a tra_____ion *n.* the violation of a law, duty, or moral principle
47. in_____or lawsuit *n.* someone who puts money or capital into something to gain financial returns
48. co_____s sin *v.* to admit to having done something wrong or to reveal something personal or private
49. af____d to buy a new car *v.* to have enough money or time to be able to buy or do something
50. en_____ge antisocial behavior *v.* to give someone support, confidence, or hope; to persuade someone to do or continue to do something by making it easier for them and making them believe it is a good thing to do
51. corporate d__t *n.* something, especially money, goods, or services owed by one person to another; the state of owing something
52. du_____e peace *adj.* capable of lasting and being used for a long time without being damaged or destroyed
53. abu_____ly available *adv.* in large quantities; plentifully
54. ra_____er drainage *n.* water that falls from the clouds in the form of rain and is collected
55. co_____s truth *v.* to admit to having done something wrong or to reveal something personal or private

ANSWERS: 45. nutrition, 46. transgression, 47. investor, 48. confess, 49. afford, 50. encourage, 51. debt, 52. durable, 53. abundantly, 54. rainwater, 55. confess

56. du____e materials *adj.* capable of lasting and being used for a long time without being damaged or destroyed
57. sigh of re____f *n.* a feeling of happiness and relaxation that comes when something burdensome is removed or reduced
58. re____e a dispute *v.* to find a suitable answer to the problems or difficulty
59. a ha__y temper *adj.* done or acting with excessive speed or urgency and without sufficient thought or consideration
60. education pol____er *n.* a person in charge of or involved in developing action plans for a political party, business, etc.
61. a chick's tw__t *n.* a short, high sound made by a small bird; a message sent using Twitter, the social media application
62. assignment for the une____ed youth *adj.* not having a job, although able to work
63. a fatal in____y *n.* harm done to a person's or an animal's body caused by an accident or an attack
64. a sexual u__e *v.* to spur on or encourage someone, especially by cheers and shouts; (noun) a strong desire or impulse, especially one that is difficult to control or resist
65. public di____t *n.* a strong feeling of dislike or disapproval
66. urban di____cts *n.* a part of a country or town, especially one with particular features

ANSWERS: 56. durable, 57. relief, 58. resolve, 59. hasty, 60. policymaker, 61. tweet, 62. unemployed, 63. injury, 64. urge, 65. disgust, 66. district

67. ho____ss shelter *adj.* without a home, and therefore typically living on the streets
68. h__l the hurt mind *v.* to make a wound or injury to become well again
69. pa____a pants *n.* a pair of loose pants with a matching top, worn for sleeping or lounging
70. make a do_____on *n.* a voluntary gift of money, service, or ideas that are given to a person or an organization, or the act of giving them
71. official sta_____cs *n.* the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data
72. a no_____it organization *adj.* not established for commercial profit
73. fl_____ng opportunity *adj.* brief or temporary, lasting only a short time
74. a ben_____nt individual *adj.* well-meaning and kind; serving a charitable or philanthropic purpose
75. sub_____te teacher *n.* a person or thing acting or serving instead of another one; (verb) to act as a something or someone instead of another one
76. con_____te a large sum of money to the fund *v.* to give something, especially money or goods, to provide or achieve something together with other people
77. an ove_____ing victory *adj.* very great or intense; so powerful that you cannot fight or react against it
78. re_____t date *n.* a written or printed statement acknowledging that something has been paid for or received; the act of receiving something

ANSWERS: 67. homeless, 68. heal, 69. pajama, 70. donation, 71. statistics, 72. nonprofit, 73. fleeting, 74. benevolent, 75. substitute, 76. contribute, 77. overwhelming, 78. receipt

79. in_____ly anticipated *adv.* at the beginning; at first
80. without in____y *n.* harm done to a person's or an animal's body caused by an accident or an attack
81. d__y the allegations *v.* to state that one refuses to admit the existence or truth of something
82. af____d a high travel cost *v.* to have enough money or time to be able to buy or do something
83. s__p breakfast *v.* to move along lightly and quickly, making a step from one foot to the other with a hop or bounce; to intentionally fail to do something which would normally do
84. po_____y alleviation *n.* the condition of being extremely poor
85. an international co_____ss *n.* a formal meeting of the representatives of different countries, constituent states, organizations, trade unions, political parties, or other groups
86. imp_____ly developed *adv.* in a faulty or incomplete way
87. in_____ce the daily life *n.* the ability to affect someone's or something's character, growth, or behavior, or the effect itself
88. ut_____y costs *n.* the state or quality of being useful or convenient; the service, such as electric power or water or transportation, provided by a public
89. share of a mu____l fund *adj.* common to or shared by two or more parties

ANSWERS: 79. initially, 80. injury, 81. deny, 82. afford, 83. skip, 84. poverty, 85. congress, 86. imperfectly, 87. influence, 88. utility, 89. mutual

90. st____up business *n.* a newly established company or business
91. aff_____le housing *adj.* not expensive and able to pay
92. regional pol_____er *n.* a person in charge of or involved in developing action plans for a political party, business, etc.
93. co_____al combination of funds *adj.* belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use
94. h__l a broken bone *v.* to make a wound or injury to become well again
95. a ge_____us reward *adj.* willing to give and share something such as money, help, kindness, etc., especially more than is necessary or expected
96. his conclusion was ob_____s *adj.* easy to see, discover or understand
97. em_____r my life *v.* to give someone the power or authority to do something
98. care pa____a *n.* a pair of loose pants with a matching top, worn for sleeping or lounging
99. st__k a key in a lock *v.* to put something, usually a sharp object, into something; to restrict yourself to doing or using one certain thing and not change; (noun) a thin piece of wood or other material
100. com_____ate leave *adj.* feeling or showing sympathy and concern for the suffering or bad luck of others
101. art cr____c *n.* someone who expresses opinions about the quality of books, music, etc.

ANSWERS: 90. start-up, 91. affordable, 92. policymaker, 93. communal, 94. heal, 95. generous, 96. obvious, 97. empower, 98. pajama, 99. stick, 100. compassionate, 101. critic

102. feel com_____on for the poor *n.* a strong feeling of sympathy and sadness for another's suffering or bad luck
103. boys in the twelfth gr__e *n.* a particular level of quality, size, importance, etc.
104. ove_____ing majority *adj.* very great or intense; so powerful that you cannot fight or react against it
105. a ge_____us and thoughtful person *adj.* willing to give and share something such as money, help, kindness, etc., especially more than is necessary or expected
106. re_____ve factors *adj.* considered and evaluated through comparison with something else
107. early-stage st_____up *n.* a newly established company or business
108. a ho_____ss cat *adj.* without a home, and therefore typically living on the streets
109. financial a_d *n.* things sent to help countries in need, notably food or money; support
110. his latest tw__ts *n.* a short, high sound made by a small bird; a message sent using Twitter, the social media application
111. ob_____s reasons *adj.* easy to see, discover or understand
112. roll up a sc___l *n.* a long roll of paper containing writing; (verb) to move through text or graphics on a screen to view different parts of them
113. de___e a question *v.* to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options

ANSWERS: 102. compassion, 103. grade, 104. overwhelming, 105. generous, 106. relative, 107. start-up, 108. homeless, 109. aid, 110. tweet, 111. obvious, 112. scroll, 113. decide

114. an ad_____te of disarmament *n.* a person who supports or suggests an idea, development, or way of doing something
115. school di_____cts *n.* a part of a country or town, especially one with particular features
116. sub_____te coffee *n.* a person or thing acting or serving instead of another one; (verb) to act as a something or someone instead of another one
117. people who are une_____ed *adj.* not having a job, although able to work
118. mu____l efforts *adj.* common to or shared by two or more parties
119. tax re____f *n.* a feeling of happiness and relaxation that comes when something burdensome is removed or reduced
120. peace co_____ss *n.* a formal meeting of the representatives of different countries, constituent states, organizations, trade unions, political parties, or other groups
121. political do_____on *n.* a voluntary gift of money, service, or ideas that are given to a person or an organization, or the act of giving them
122. ri____e in the water *n.* a small wave on the surface of a liquid, typically caused by an object falling into it or a slight wind
123. severe cr____c *n.* someone who expresses opinions about the quality of books, music, etc.
124. 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.

ANSWERS: 114. advocate, 115. district, 116. substitute, 117. unemployed, 118. mutual, 119. relief, 120. congress, 121. donation, 122. ripple, 123. critic, 124. politician

125. un___e design *adj.* being the only one of its kind; unlike anything else
126. b__g to each other *v.* to say something in a boastful manner, to impress others, or make oneself feel superior
127. take up an app_____nt *n.* a formal arrangement to meet someone at a particular time and place, especially for a reason connected with their work; the act of putting a person into a job or position of responsibility
128. a home for the el_____y *adj.* (a polite word for) old
129. students at all gr__e levels *n.* a particular level of quality, size, importance, etc.
130. cu_____y arrangement *n.* the state of being physically responsible for something or someone, especially a child; a state of being confined, usually for a short time
131. discuss ent_____lly *adv.* in a way that shows intense and eager enjoyment, interest, or approval
132. display co_____pt *n.* the feeling that a person or thing is beneath consideration, worthless, or deserving of scorn
133. s__p across the country *v.* to move along lightly and quickly, making a step from one foot to the other with a hop or bounce; to intentionally fail to do something which would normally do
134. con_____us virus *adj.* able to be passed on to others through contact or proximity, especially by infection or disease

ANSWERS: 125. unique, 126. brag, 127. appointment, 128. elderly, 129. grade, 130. custody, 131. enthusiastically, 132. contempt, 133. skip, 134. contagious

135. \$30 a ba___l *n.* a large round container made of wood, metal, or plastic, with flat ends and, usually, curved sides; one of several units of volume
136. an op_____ne remark *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
137. a re_____t slip *n.* a written or printed statement acknowledging that something has been paid for or received; the act of receiving something
138. follow his ins_____ons *n.* detailed direction, order, etc., on how to do or use something
139. the sy_____ic arteries *adj.* affecting or related to the whole of something, especially the human body or a society
140. an__y at the time *v.* to make someone angry, anxious, or irritating slightly
141. d__t ceiling *n.* something, especially money, goods, or services owed by one person to another; the state of owing something
142. inexcusable tra_____ion *n.* the violation of a law, duty, or moral principle
143. aff_____le solution *adj.* not expensive and able to pay
144. str_____al analyses *adj.* associated with the way on construction or organization of anything
145. sp_____r a local group *v.* to provide funds for a particular event, program, individual, etc. as a way of advertising

ANSWERS: 135. barrel, 136. opportune, 137. receipt, 138. instruction, 139. systemic, 140. annoy, 141. debt, 142. transgression, 143. affordable, 144. structural, 145. sponsor

146. sc___l through a document *n.* a long roll of paper containing writing; (verb) to move through text or graphics on a screen to view different parts of them
147. op_____ne occasion *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
148. 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.
149. b__g about my knowledge *v.* to say something in a boastful manner, to impress others, or make oneself feel superior
150. fire st__k *v.* to put something, usually a sharp object, into something; to restrict yourself to doing or using one certain thing and not change; (noun) a thin piece of wood or other material
151. for a fl_____ng moment *adj.* brief or temporary, lasting only a short time
152. ra_____er acidity *n.* water that falls from the clouds in the form of rain and is collected
153. a real estate in_____or *n.* someone who puts money or capital into something to gain financial returns
154. have com_____on toward the accident *n.* a strong feeling of sympathy and sadness for another's suffering or bad luck
155. sp_____r a contest *v.* to provide funds for a particular event, program, individual, etc. as a way of advertising

ANSWERS: 146. scroll, 147. opportune, 148. politician, 149. brag, 150. stick, 151. fleeting, 152. rainwater, 153. investor, 154. compassion, 155. sponsor

156. abu_____ly clear *adv.* in large quantities; plentifully
157. u__e a total ban *v.* to spur on or encourage someone, especially by cheers and shouts; (noun) a strong desire or impulse, especially one that is difficult to control or resist
158. a ba___l of beer *n.* a large round container made of wood, metal, or plastic, with flat ends and, usually, curved sides; one of several units of volume
159. a young l__d *n.* a person who has general authority, control, or power over others; a man of noble rank or high office
160. re_____e the computer error *v.* to find a suitable answer to the problems or difficulty
161. ha__y commitment *adj.* done or acting with excessive speed or urgency and without sufficient thought or consideration
162. adamantly d__y killing *v.* to state that one refuses to admit the existence or truth of something
163. a learning-di_____ed child *adj.* having a physical or mental condition that limits someone's specific actions that most other people can do
164. el_____y woman *adj.* (a polite word for) old

ANSWERS: 156. abundantly, 157. urge, 158. barrel, 159. lord, 160. resolve, 161. hasty, 162. deny, 163. disabled, 164. elderly

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The company installed a _____ harvesting system to collect and reuse it for manufacturing.
n. water that falls from the clouds in the form of rain and is collected

2. The feudal _____ had ruled the land for many years.
n. a person who has general authority, control, or power over others; a man of noble rank or high office

3. This company _____ its battery problem completely.
v. to find a suitable answer to the problems or difficulty

4. The painting is _____ and there is no other like it.
adj. being the only one of its kind; unlike anything else

5. I _____ skim milk for regular milk because we are on a strict diet.
n. a person or thing acting or serving instead of another one; (verb) to act as a something or someone instead of another one

6. He devoted his life to establishing a humanitarian _____ fund.
n. a feeling of happiness and relaxation that comes when something burdensome is removed or reduced

7. My father has a serious and _____ personality.
adj. feeling or showing sympathy and concern for the suffering or bad luck of others

8. This teacher is _____ in his grading.
adj. willing to give and share something such as money, help, kindness, etc., especially more than is necessary or expected

ANSWERS: 1. rainwater, 2. lord, 3. resolves, 4. unique, 5. substitute, 6. relief, 7. compassionate, 8. generous

9. He cannot _____ a holiday.

v. to have enough money or time to be able to buy or do something

10. She was _____ in a car accident.

adj. having a physical or mental condition that limits someone's specific actions that most other people can do

11. Our company's products are made of highly _____ materials.

adj. capable of lasting and being used for a long time without being damaged or destroyed

12. The _____ stories of King Arthur have been passed down for centuries.

adj. famous or well-known, especially through long-standing popular stories or tradition

13. Her constant chatter was starting to _____ the neighbors.

v. to make someone angry, anxious, or irritating slightly

14. There are _____ differences between the two wine-producing regions.

adj. easy to see, discover or understand

15. This train departed later than _____ scheduled.

adv. at the beginning; at first

16. Since 2001, the _____ has provided training programs for automotive technicians.

n. a part of a country or town, especially one with particular features

17. _____ elections were held in several European countries.

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

ANSWERS: 9. afford, 10. disabled, 11. durable, 12. legendary, 13. annoy, 14. obvious, 15. initially, 16. district, 17. Communal

18. The study participants _____ participated in the discussion, showing genuine interest.

adv. in a way that shows intense and eager enjoyment, interest, or approval

19. He became _____ after losing his job.

adj. without a home, and therefore typically living on the streets

20. The defendant's _____ for the court and its authority was evident in his behavior.

n. the feeling that a person or thing is beneath consideration, worthless, or deserving of scorn

21. Government workers cannot _____ to political campaigns.

v. to give something, especially money or goods, to provide or achieve something together with other people

22. He _____ to his crime and turned himself into the police.

v. to admit to having done something wrong or to reveal something personal or private

23. This scene _____ the entire first act.

v. to be central or dominant; to form an arch over

24. _____ of abolishing the death penalty often argue that the alternative heaviest sentence should be life in prison.

n. a person who supports or suggests an idea, development, or way of doing something

25. Many businesses felt the _____ effect of the economy's decline.

n. a small wave on the surface of a liquid, typically caused by an object falling into it or a slight wind

ANSWERS: 18. enthusiastically, 19. homeless, 20. contempt, 21. contribute, 22. confessed, 23. overarches, 24. Advocates, 25. ripple

26. The company _____ employees to buy low-price items without approval to achieve efficient purchasing.
- v.* to give someone the power or authority to do something
27. Each _____ member of the council has the right to vote on important decisions.
- n.* one of the parts of the whole; a person represented by an elected official
28. Please make sure to keep your _____ as proof of purchase.
- n.* a written or printed statement acknowledging that something has been paid for or received; the act of receiving something
29. Despite his impressive achievements, he refrained from _____ about his success.
- v.* to say something in a boastful manner, to impress others, or make oneself feel superior
30. Pakistan's ___ budget was still being reviewed.
- n.* things sent to help countries in need, notably food or money; support
31. The _____ woman is quite energetic.
- adj.* (a polite word for) old
32. Our law firm also focuses on _____ activities.
- adj.* not established for commercial profit
33. The lobbyist _____ Congress not to approve the measure.
- v.* to spur on or encourage someone, especially by cheers and shouts; (noun) a strong desire or impulse, especially one that is difficult to control or resist

ANSWERS: 26. empowered, 27. constituent, 28. receipt, 29. bragging, 30. aid, 31. elderly, 32. nonprofit, 33. urged

34. The _____ conclusion drawn by the researchers resulted in flawed study findings.

adj. done or acting with excessive speed or urgency and without sufficient thought or consideration

35. The _____ demonstrate that poverty and unemployment are genuine problems.

n. the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data

36. The policy change resulted in an _____ positive outcome for the company.

adv. in large quantities; plentifully

37. He made a generous _____ to the charity.

n. a voluntary gift of money, service, or ideas that are given to a person or an organization, or the act of giving them

38. One rotten apple spoils the whole _____.

n. a large round container made of wood, metal, or plastic, with flat ends and, usually, curved sides; one of several units of volume

39. The _____ of the device was immediately apparent to all who saw it.

n. the state or quality of being useful or convenient; the service, such as electric power or water or transportation, provided by a public

40. _____ must consider this proposal in an unusual situation.

n. a formal meeting of the representatives of different countries, constituent states, organizations, trade unions, political parties, or other groups

41. Institutional _____ refrained from buying stocks amid the booming economy.

n. someone who puts money or capital into something to gain financial returns

ANSWERS: 34. hasty, 35. statistics, 36. abundantly, 37. donation, 38. barrel, 39. utility, 40. Congress, 41. investors

42. Our company's services are targeted at _____ executives.
n. a newly established company or business
43. We _____ the topic because it was too complicated.
v. to move along lightly and quickly, making a step from one foot to the other with a hop or bounce; to intentionally fail to do something which would normally do
44. They _____ customers with a premium for loyal patronage.
v. to give someone support, confidence, or hope; to persuade someone to do or continue to do something by making it easier for them and making them believe it is a good thing to do
45. After a lengthy court battle, the child's _____ was granted to the father.
n. the state of being physically responsible for something or someone, especially a child; a state of being confined, usually for a short time
46. The high rate of _____ in the community has led to increased crime.
n. a person who regularly engages in minor criminal or antisocial activities, especially a young person; a person who has failed to neglect one's duty
47. My accidental _____ got better right away.
n. harm done to a person's or an animal's body caused by an accident or an attack
48. Advocates for legal reform hear less harsh words from their _____.
n. someone who expresses opinions about the quality of books, music, etc.
49. 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

ANSWERS: 42. start-up, 43. skipped, 44. encouraged, 45. custody, 46. delinquents, 47. injury, 48. critics, 49. nutrition

50. He is still _____ stealing the money from the cash register.

v. to state that one refuses to admit the existence or truth of something

51. He has shown signs of uneasiness and _____ worry.

adj. very great or intense; so powerful that you cannot fight or react against it

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

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

53. The house owner loved the large hanging _____ in the guest room.

n. a long roll of paper containing writing; (verb) to move through text or graphics on a screen to view different parts of them

54. Departments may set requirements for a higher _____ point average.

n. a particular level of quality, size, importance, etc.

55. This vaccine causes mild _____ side effects.

adj. affecting or related to the whole of something, especially the human body or a society

56. The landlord may _____ tenants for violations of the lease agreement.

v. to expel someone from a property, especially with the support of the law

57. They cooperated for their _____ benefit.

adj. common to or shared by two or more parties

58. It will take time for her mental scars to _____.

v. to make a wound or injury to become well again

ANSWERS: 50. denying, 51. overwhelming, 52. suppose, 53. scroll, 54. grade, 55. systemic, 56. evict, 57. mutual, 58. heal

59. My father was _____ for so long.

adj. not having a job, although able to work

60. She couldn't _____ whether to order the pizza or the pasta for dinner.

v. to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options

61. The phone rang at the most _____ time.

adj. suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose

62. His infinite love and _____ for everyone never weary.

n. a strong feeling of sympathy and sadness for another's suffering or bad luck

63. The _____ donor's contribution to the charity greatly impacted the lives of those it served.

adj. well-meaning and kind; serving a charitable or philanthropic purpose

64. The automaker has been providing _____ car financing options since last year.

adj. not expensive and able to pay

65. _____ struggle to develop various laws and regulations to address international trade conflicts.

n. a person in charge of or involved in developing action plans for a political party, business, etc.

66. We had to reschedule the dentist's _____.

n. a formal arrangement to meet someone at a particular time and place, especially for a reason connected with their work; the act of putting a person into a job or position of responsibility

ANSWERS: 59. unemployed, 60. decide, 61. opportune, 62. compassion, 63. benevolent, 64. affordable, 65. Policymakers, 66. appointment

67. Many studies have investigated the relationship between _____ and academic achievement.

n. the condition of being extremely poor

68. The earthquake resulted in significant _____ destruction.

adj. associated with the way on construction or organization of anything

69. We could hear the _____ of baby birds.

n. a short, high sound made by a small bird; a message sent using Twitter, the social media application

70. He was filled with _____ and fear for the threat of war.

n. a strong feeling of dislike or disapproval

71. The former emperor had a particular _____ even after he abdicated.

n. the ability to affect someone's or something's character, growth, or behavior, or the effect itself

72. 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.

73. Our company _____ numerous disabled athletes.

v. to provide funds for a particular event, program, individual, etc. as a way of advertising

74. Reporters questioned the politician about his past _____.

n. the violation of a law, duty, or moral principle

ANSWERS: 67. poverty, 68. structural, 69. tweet, 70. disgust, 71. influence, 72. politician, 73. sponsors, 74. transgression

75. You _____ a bill in the change machine, and the coins pop out.

- v.* to put something, usually a sharp object, into something; to restrict yourself to doing or using one certain thing and not change; (noun) a thin piece of wood or other material

76. She savored the _____ happiness she felt during the vacation.

- adj.* brief or temporary, lasting only a short time

77. My little sister loves to have _____ parties with her friends on the weekends.

- n.* a pair of loose pants with a matching top, worn for sleeping or lounging

78. He became in _____ after losing his job.

- n.* something, especially money, goods, or services owed by one person to another; the state of owing something

79. He created an _____ shaped torso.

- adv.* in a faulty or incomplete way

80. Most countries prohibit sexual activity between certain close _____.

- adj.* considered and evaluated through comparison with something else

81. The disease is highly _____ and spreads quickly.

- adj.* able to be passed on to others through contact or proximity, especially by infection or disease

82. They needed further _____ to perform their duties efficiently.

- n.* detailed direction, order, etc., on how to do or use something

ANSWERS: 75. stick, 76. fleeting, 77. pajama, 78. debt, 79. imperfectly, 80. relatives, 81. contagious, 82. instruction