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Session 1: Word List

forbid

v. to order somebody not to do something, especially officially; to keep something from happening or arising

synonym : prohibit, ban, outlaw

(1) **forbid** smoking in public areas, (2) **forbid** the use of chemical weapons

God **forbid** you should regret your marriage.

addition

n. the act or process of adding something to something else; the process of adding numbers

synonym : accumulation, expansion, addendum

(1) chemical **addition**, (2) **addition** of vectors

In **addition**, private corporations provide healthcare services.

phrase

n. a group of words that mean something specific when used together

synonym : expression, idiom, term

(1) ready-made **phrases**, (2) noun **phrase**

We bought a Spanish **phrase** book.

cliche

n. a phrase or expression that has become overused to the point that it has lost its original impact or meaning; a trite or unoriginal idea or statement

synonym : truism, platitude, stereotype

(1) **cliche** plot, (2) age-old **cliche**

Using the same **cliche** phrase in every conversation can take time and effort.

sardine

n. a small saltwater fish that is often canned and used for food; a crowded or tightly packed space or area

synonym: pilchard, anchovy, sprat

(1) a **sardine** fishery, (2) grilled **sardine**

I opened the can of **sardines**, and the oily smell filled the room.

frenzy

n. a state of wild, uncontrolled excitement or activity, often characterized by chaotic or irrational behavior

synonym: frenetic, commotion, tumult

(1) **frenzy** of activity, (2) buying **frenzy**

The shoppers were **frenzy** to get the best deals on Black Friday.

desperate

adj. feeling or showing a lack of hope and a willingness to do anything because of the problematic situation

synonym: anguish, frantic, hopeless

(1) her **desperate** screams, (2) **desperate** attempt

He was **desperate** when he lost all his money by gambling.

sawdust

n. fine particles or small chips of wood that are produced when the wood is sawed or cut, often used as a material for various purposes such as mulch, fuel, or animal bedding

synonym: wood shavings, particles, fragments

(1) **sawdust** on the floor, (2) mountain of **sawdust**

The woodworker used a saw to create **sawdust** while making the chair.

pedestrian

n. a person who is in the street, especially in an area where vehicles go

synonym: walker, footer

(1) **pedestrian** accident, (2) **pedestrian** safety

A **pedestrian** is an uncommon sight in this area.

pastime

n. an activity that is enjoyable and done for leisure or entertainment purposes, such as a hobby or game

synonym: hobby, diversion, leisure activity

(1) a familiar **pastime**, (2) national **pastime**

I enjoy gardening as a **pastime** during my free time.

breathless

adj. feeling or causing a lack of breath, often due to exertion or excitement; intense or exciting to the point of causing a feeling of breathlessness

synonym: panting, winded, out of breath

(1) with **breathless** interest, (2) **breathless** anticipation

After running up the stairs, I was left **breathless** and sweaty.

quarter

n. one of four equal parts; a fourth part or portion

synonym: fourth, one-fourth

(1) a **quarter** mile, (2) end of the first **quarter**

The unemployment rate in the first **quarter** was 2.3 percentage points higher than in the previous.

consecutive

adj. following in a sequence or order without interruption or break; occurring one after another

synonym: successive, sequential, uninterrupted

(1) **consecutive** holidays, (2) suffer **consecutive** defeats

The athlete won three **consecutive** championships in her sport.

singular

n. being only one of its kind; unique

synonym: unique, sole, individual

(1) **singular** purpose, (2) **singular** goal

The **singular** beauty of the night sky never ceases to amaze him.

compel

v. to force or require someone to do something; to exert a strong, irresistible force or pressure that makes someone act in a certain way

synonym : force, oblige, coerce

(1) **compel** a person to submission, (2) **compel** attention
The strict deadlines will **compel** the team to work efficiently.

experiment

n. the scientific test conducted to observe what happens and gain new knowledge

synonym : experimentation, investigation

(1) **experiment** design, (2) series of **experiments**
His **experiments** showed highly positive results.

tangible

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

synonym : palpable, real, actual

(1) **tangible** assets, (2) produce **tangible** results
A problem that has been pointed out for years finally becomes **tangible**.

inspect

v. to look at someone or something closely, usually to examine their condition or to detect flaws

synonym : check, examine, review

(1) **inspect** a plant, (2) **inspect** the enemy's movements
The employee had to wait outside while police **inspected** the building.

spike

n. a narrow, thin, pointed piece of metal, wood, etc.; a sudden large increase in the magnitude or concentration of something

synonym : end, spindle, point

(1) to **spike**, (2) to prevent blood sugar **spikes**
The recent **spike** in grain prices is partly due to the war in the producing countries.

assume

v. to think or accept something to be true without having proof of it; to take or begin to have power; to begin to exhibit a specific quality or appearance

synonym : guess, presume, suppose

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

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

equitable

adj. fair and impartial; treating everyone fairly

synonym: fair, honest, impartial

(1) in an **equitable** manner, (2) an **equitable** price

In a democratic country, governments promote **equitable** opportunities to participate in society.

evenhanded

adj. treating everyone fairly and without bias; impartial or equitable

synonym: impartial, equitable, fair

(1) **evenhanded** approach, (2) **evenhanded** justice

The teacher graded the essays in an **evenhanded** manner, treating each student fairly.

biology

n. the scientific study of life and the natural processes of living things

(1) evolutionary **biology**, (2) cell and molecular **biology**

In junior high school, we had to dissect a frog in **biology** class.

sprint

v. to run at full speed over a short distance or period of time

synonym: dash, bolt, race

(1) **sprint** for a bus, (2) **sprint** towards the finish line

Top athletes can **sprint** 100 meters in less than 10 seconds.

champion

n. someone who has won first place in a competition; someone who fights for a specific group of people or a belief

synonym: victor, winner, fighter

(1) a **champion** of peace, (2) the grand **champion**

The **champion** bicyclist outrode all his competitors.

premise

n. a statement or proposition that is held to be true or from which a conclusion can be drawn

synonym: assumption, postulate, supposition

(1) the major **premise**, (2) make a **premise**

The book's **premise** is that the main character must save the world from an impending disaster.

apex

n. the highest point or tip of something

synonym: summit, peak, zenith

(1) **apex** predator, (2) **apex** position

The company reached the **apex** of success in the market.

dunk

v. to immerse or submerge briefly in a liquid, often repeatedly to coat or moisten; to slam or force something down into a container of liquid

synonym: dip, plunge, soak

(1) **dunk** in water, (2) **dunk** a basketball

I like to **dunk** my cookies in milk before eating them.

column

n. one of the vertical blocks that split content on a page or screen from top to bottom; an upright pillar that often supports an arch, entablature, or other structure or stands alone as a monument

synonym: line, pillar, cue

(1) the spinal **column**, (2) a **column** of water

The newspaper devoted several **columns** to the affair.

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.

horn

n. a hard, pointed, often curved part that grows on the top of the heads of some animals, such as sheep and cows; a noisemaker or musical instrument that makes a loud

noise when you blow through it

synonym : cornet, funnel, alarm

(1) a handle of **horn**, (2) **horn** of a vehicle

He enjoyed hearing the tootles of their **horns** with beer.

pinpoint

v. to locate or identify the exact position in space or time of something

synonym : name, direct, identify

(1) **pinpoint** the problem, (2) **pinpoint** signs of manipulation

This radar quickly **pinpoints** the position of the enemy.

toss

v. to throw something carelessly with a light motion

synonym : throw, sway

(1) **toss** a coin, (2) **toss** the bottle into a trash can

It would be best if you **tossed** out all those old magazines.

transcend

v. to rise above or go beyond the limits of something

synonym : surpass, exceed, overcome

(1) **transcend** boundaries, (2) **transcend** limits

The music **transcended** cultural barriers and reached audiences globally.

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.

fraction

n. a small part or item forming a piece of a whole; the quotient of two rational numbers

synonym : piece, part, fragment

(1) a **fractional** share of the vote, (2) a numerator in a **fraction**

He spent only a **fraction** of his earnings.

crucial

adj. extremely vital or necessary

synonym : essential, pivotal, vital

(1) **crucial** information, (2) a **crucial** issue for women

The revitalization of technology companies is **crucial** to the country's growth.

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.

storyline

n. the central narrative or plot of a story, often involving a series of events or conflicts that move the story forward; the overall structure or arc of a story

synonym : plot, narrative

(1) follow a **storyline**, (2) predictable **storyline**

The **storyline** of the movie was predictable but still entertaining.

medal

n. a flat, usually circular piece of metal or other material that is often given as an award or commemoration for an achievement, victory, or honor

synonym : award, decoration, badge

(1) gold **medal**, (2) a prize **medal**

She was proud to receive a **medal** for her hard work and dedication to the sport.

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.

jersey

n. a knitted garment typically made of wool or cotton, worn as a shirt or pullover

synonym : shirt, sweater, top

(1) **jersey** material, (2) fabric of the **jersey**

I always wear my favorite basketball player's **jersey** to the games.

commitment

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

synonym : burden, obligation, promise

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

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

storytelling

n. the act or art of narrating or writing stories

synonym : narrating, relating, recounting

(1) **storytelling** performance, (2) courtroom **storytelling**

She was skilled in **storytelling** techniques, such as using different voices for other characters.

teary

adj. characterized by or containing tears; likely to cry; causing or evoking a feeling of sadness or emotion

synonym : tearful, weepy, emotional

(1) **teary** confession, (2) **teary** goodbye

After watching the sad movie, I was left **teary-eyed** and emotional.

vignette

n. a brief or short descriptive account, episode, or story that focuses on a particular moment, person, or object; a small decorative design or illustration

synonym : sketch, drawing, illustration

(1) poignant **vignette**, (2) **vignette** from the incident

The novel has a series of **vignettes** that showcase the everyday struggles of its characters.

gymnast

n. a person who performs physical exercises or feats of agility, strength, balance, and coordination, often for

sport or entertainment

synonym : acrobat, tumbler, contortionist

(1) talented **gymnast**, (2) female **gymnast**

The Olympic **gymnast** performed a flawless routine on the balance beam and received a perfect ten score.

competition

n. a situation in which someone is attempting to beat or outperform another

synonym : contest, match, fight

(1) the first round of the **competition**, (2) intraspecific **competition**

Global **competition** is rising in virtually every industry.

desperately

adv. in a way that shows a lack of hope and a willingness to do anything because of the problematic situation; with great urgency

synonym : urgently, perilously, seriously

(1) **desperately** anxious, (2) **desperately** ill patient

The baby clung **desperately** to her mother.

overcome

v. to succeed in controlling or dealing with something, such as a problem or difficulty; to defeat or overwhelm someone

synonym : beat, confound, overwhelm

(1) **overcome** opponents, (2) **overcome** all difficulties

He tried to **overcome** a bad reputation and win the election.

odds

n. the degree or probability that a particular thing will or will not happen

synonym : chances, likelihoods, probabilities

(1) **odds** in favor, (2) **odds** of business

What are the **odds** that he will survive?

boom

n. a sudden increase in economic activity, or a sudden happening that brings good fortune; a deep, loud, and prolonged sound

synonym : roaring, prosperity, boost

(1) **boom** in sales, (2) a sonic **boom**

The high-technology industry is enjoying a **boom**.

athlete

n. a person who competes in one or more sports that involve physical strength, speed, or endurance

synonym : player, contestant, jock

(1) become a professional **athlete**, (2) high school **athletes**

His dream is to become an Olympic **athlete**.

tip

n. the top or extreme point of something slender or tapering, usually a mountain or hill; a piece of advice about something practical; a small amount of money given for services

synonym : edge, advice, gratuity

(1) the **tip** of a paintbrush, (2) give the waiter a **tip** .

I will introduce some **tips** on learning English in this class.

representation

n. the act of speaking, acting, or being present on behalf of someone officially; a statement of facts and reasons made in appealing or protesting

synonym : delegacy, manifestation, expression

(1) sales **representation**, (2) binary **representation**

A person who has been declared incompetent should have legal **representation**.

burden

n. a duty, responsibility, etc. that is oppressive or worrisome; a load, typically a heavy one that is difficult to carry

synonym : obligation, duty, load

(1) carry a **burden**, (2) **burden** of disease

That car has a low environmental **burden**.

pursue

v. to do something or attempt to attain something over time; to follow or seek someone or something, especially in trying to catch them

synonym : seek, hunt, chase

(1) **pursue** a goal, (2) **pursue** freedoms

She intends to **pursue** a political career.

expand

v. to increase or to make something greater in size, number, or importance

synonym: extend, grow, boost

(1) **expand** a lineup, (2) **expand** agricultural output

They hope to **expand** their business worldwide.

continually

adv. in a way that happens without interruption or repeatedly

synonym: repeatedly, frequently, constantly

(1) **continually** access information, (2) **continually** changing world

Her tongue runs on **continually**.

pitch

n. the property of sound that varies with variation in the frequency of vibration; the degree of a slope, especially of a roof; short presentation for selling or sharing something

synonym: angle, gradient, slope

(1) make a **pitch** for a new product, (2) a low- **pitched** sound

Her voice gradually increased in **pitch**.

segment

n. a part or section of something; a distinct group within a larger whole

synonym: section, part, division

(1) **segment** analysis, (2) market **segment**

The report divided the data into **segments** based on age, gender, and income level.

gender

n. the range of characteristics of femininity and masculinity and differentiating between them, especially when considering social and cultural differences rather than differences in biology

synonym: sexuality

(1) **gender-blind** policies, (2) dual **gender**

Cultural norms strongly influence **gender** expectations.

bland

adj. lacking in strong flavor, character, or interest;
unremarkable or unexciting

synonym : boring, insipid, flavorless

(1) make a **bland** reply, (2) **bland** novel

The dinner was rather **bland** and in need of some seasoning.

redo

v. to do again, usually to correct or improve upon a previous attempt; to renovate or redesign something to make it better or more suitable

synonym : revise, remake, rework

(1) **redo** a kitchen, (2) **redo** a project

I had to **redo** my entire presentation because the formatting was off.

microcosm

n. a miniature or small-scale version of something that represents the larger whole or system; a representation of society or culture on a smaller scale

synonym : miniature, tiny world, little universe

(1) soil **microcosm**, (2) environmental **microcosm**

The small town felt like a **microcosm** of the larger society.

rely

v. to require a specific thing or the assistance and support of someone or something to continue, run properly, or succeed.

synonym : depend, count, lean

(1) **rely** on convenience stores, (2) **rely** entirely on him

Babies heavily **rely** on others for food.

imaginable

adj. capable of being imagined

synonym : conceivable, plausible, possible

(1) easily **imaginable**, (2) worst **imaginable** case

This is the only **imaginable** strategy.

notify

v. to inform, alert, or give notice to someone about something, often formally or in writing

synonym : inform, apprise, alert

(1) **notify** through documents, (2) **notify** authorities

Please **notify** me if there are any changes to the schedule.

drama

n. a play in a theatre, television, or radio, or performance on a stage

synonym: acting, play, theater

(1) secular **drama**, (2) upcoming crime **drama**

She had an audition for **drama** school.

osmosis

n. the process by which molecules of a solvent (such as water) move through a semipermeable membrane from a region of higher concentration to a region of lower concentration; the gradual or subtle absorption of knowledge, ideas, or influence from one source to another

synonym: diffusion, permeation, absorption

(1) **osmosis** process, (2) **osmosis** tube

The roots of plants absorb water and nutrients through **osmosis**.

row

n. an arrangement of objects or people side by side in a line

synonym: line, sequence, layer

(1) criminal on death **row**, (2) a **row** of cherry trees

He was the leader of the demonstrators and spoke out against the war in the front **row**.

legend

n. an old story that may or may not be accurate regarding some persons and events; a well-known person who is admired by others for a long time, particularly in a particular field

synonym: fable, fiction, myth

(1) basketball **legend**, (2) **legend** of King Arthur

Many of the **legends** of the famous general came about hundreds of years after his death.

tribune

n. an official in ancient Rome who represented various social groups and had the power to veto decisions made

by other officials; a platform or elevated area used for speaking or addressing a public audience

synonym : platform, podium, stand

(1) the position of **tribune**, (2) editorial **tribune**

The politician delivered his speech from the **tribune** to a crowd of cheering supporters.

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.

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.

intracity

n. relating to, occurring within, or connecting different parts or areas within a city, as opposed to connecting different cities or regions

synonym : within-city, metro, intra-municipal

(1) **intracity** transport, (2) **intracity** travel

The **intracity** busing system makes getting around town without a car easy.

rival

n. a person, company, or thing competing with others for the same thing or in the same area

synonym : adversary, competitor, contender

(1) **rival** bidder, (2) merge with a **rival** company

He interfered with his **rivals** in various ways during the campaign.

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.

atmosphere

n. the mass of air that surrounds the Earth; the pervading tone or mood of a place, situation, or creative work
synonym: air, ambiance, circumstances

(1) carbon dioxide in the **atmosphere**, (2) a convivial **atmosphere**

The spaceship began to burn up as it approached the Earth's **atmosphere**.

fan

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

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

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

ardor

n. intense enthusiasm or passion for something; fervor, zeal, or eagerness
synonym: zeal, passion, enthusiasm

(1) youthful **ardor**, (2) inspire **ardor**

The couple's **ardor** for each other was evident in their affectionate gestures.

outlet

n. a means of release or expression, often for emotions or energy; a place of business that sells goods directly to customers; a device or opening through which something can flow out
synonym: opening, vent, aperture

(1) an **outlet** for water, (2) media **outlet**

The **outlet** in the bathroom was faulty, so I had to use a different one for my hair dryer.

- riot** *n.* a violent disturbance of the peace by a crowd, characterized by destruction of property, looting, arson, and attacks on individuals
synonym : disturbance, unrest, upheaval
(1) **riot** police, (2) **riot** control gas
The **riots** in the city have left many buildings damaged and several people injured.
- impulse** *n.* a sudden strong and unreflective wish or need to do something; the electrical discharge that travels along a nerve fiber
synonym : stimulation, provocation, urge
(1) a combative **impulse**, (2) profound religious **impulses**
Nerve **impulses** cross a synapse through the action of neurotransmitters.
- faint** *adj.* not strong, clear, or vigorous; slight or weak
synonym : slight, vague, soft
(1) **faint** memory, (2) **faint** aroma of roses
She heard a **faint**, nearly invisible scream.
- dense** *adj.* containing a large number of people or something with little space between them
synonym : heavy, thick, idiotic
(1) nutrient- **dense** foods, (2) **dense** forests
The entire mountain is covered in **dense** rainforest.
- damn** *v.* to express disapproval of or disappointment in something or someone; to condemn or to curse; (a swear word) an expression of anger
synonym : curse, condemn, denounce
(1) **damn** the consequences, (2) **damn** with faint praise
The company's poor financial performance is likely to **damn** the CEO's chances of being re-elected to the board.
- compelling** *adj.* arousing strong and irresistible interest, attention, or admiration

synonym: tempting, captivating, influential

(1) tell a **compelling** story, (2) new and **compelling** evidence

His **compelling** presentation deeply moved everyone.

vertical

adj. upright or perpendicular to a horizontal surface or line

synonym: perpendicular, upright, plumb

(1) **vertical** takeoff, (2) **vertical** axis

The ladder leaned against the **vertical** surface of the building.

leap

v. to jump or spring into the air, often with the feet leaving the ground or a surface below; to move quickly or suddenly, often forward or upward

synonym: jump, bound, hop

(1) **leap** to a conclusion, (2) **leap** of faith

The athlete was able to **leap** over the hurdle with ease.

participate

v. to take part in something

synonym: take part, partake, enter

(1) **participate** fully in conversation, (2) **participate** in the program

The majority of students actively **participated** in the college's intramural sports program.

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.

release

v. to set free or allow to escape from confinement

synonym: free, let go, discharge

(1) **release** a prisoner, (2) **release** CO₂ into the air

The animal rights group worked to **release** the dolphins back into the wild.

coverage

n. the reporting or news of an important event, sports, subject, etc.; the amount, range, area, or quality of something that something provides

synonym : reportage, scope, range

(1) full- **coverage** insurance, (2) contractual **coverage**

The scandal received widespread media **coverage**.

recap

v. to repeat or summarize what has been said, decided, etc.

synonym : outline, summarize, abstract

(1) **recap** key points, (2) **recap** briefly

Let me quickly **recap** these results.

highlight

v. to make something prominent, mainly so that people give it more attention

synonym : feature, emphasize, stress

(1) **highlight** a string in red, (2) **highlight** an important difference

The introduction **highlighted** the speaker's distinguished career as a consultant

villain

n. a character in a story, movie, or play which often opposes the hero, typically characterized as immoral, evil, or cruel

synonym : scoundrel, rogue, antagonist

(1) evil **villain**, (2) authoritarian **villain**

The **villain** in the movie was a complex character with a tragic backstory.

league

n. an association of sports teams who compete against each other; an obsolete unit of distance of variable length, equal to about 3 miles or 4,000 meters

synonym : association, organization, alliance

(1) **league** championship, (2) a baseball **league**

He was recruited to play in the professional **league**.

studio

n. a room or building where creative or artistic work is produced; a television or radio production company

synonym : workshop, atelier, room

(1) a photo **studio**, (2) music **studio**

She works at a recording **studio** in Los Angeles.

introductory

adj. intended as an introduction or preliminary; serving as a base or starting point

synonym : beginning, preliminary, initial

(1) **introductory** biology text, (2) product **introductory** sale

The **introductory** class was designed to give students a basic understanding of the subject.

consume

v. to spend something, especially fuel, energy, or time, in a large amount

synonym : absorb, ingest, use up

(1) **consume** a large of alcohol, (2) **consume** electricity

A smaller car will **consume** less fuel.

pathological

adj. relating to or caused by a physical or mental disease or disorder; extreme or abnormal in a way that is harmful or unhealthy

synonym : aberrant, diseased, abnormal

(1) **pathological** liar, (2) **pathological** condition

The doctor was concerned that the patient's **pathological** fear of germs impacted their daily life.

motivation

n. the reason or enthusiasm for acting or behaving in a particular way

synonym : inspiration, incentive, reason

(1) understand his **motivation**, (2) **motivation** for a change

A significant amount of **motivation** is required to be a teacher.

athletics

n. the physical activities or sports that involve physical exertion and competition, such as running, jumping, throwing, or walking

synonym : sports, physical activity, exercise

(1) high school **athletics**, (2) professional **athletics**

She excelled in **athletics** during high school and went on to compete at the collegiate level.

equation

n. the act of regarding as equal; (mathematics) a statement that expresses the equality of two expressions by connecting them with the equals sign

(1) the **equation** of poverty with ignorance, (2) a chemical **equation**

In this class, you will learn how to solve quadratic **equations**.

elevate

v. to raise something from a lower to a higher position; to give a promotion to or assign to a higher position

synonym : lift, heighten, promote

(1) **elevate** educational standards, (2) **elevate** a close relationship

Eating food in a hurry **elevates** blood glucose levels.

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**.

reluctantly

adv. in a way that you are unwilling to do something; with hesitation

synonym : unwillingly, hesitantly, grudgingly

(1) **reluctantly** approve the idea, (2) **reluctantly** leave

He **reluctantly** agreed to go to the party.

Session 2: Spelling

1. fo___d the use of chemical weapons
 2. upcoming crime dr__a
 3. carry a bu___n
 4. de___e on a course of action
 5. rel_____ly approve the idea
 6. os_____s process
 7. poignant vi_____te
 8. suffer con_____ve defeats
- v.* to order somebody not to do something, especially officially; to keep something from happening or arising
- n.* a play in a theatre, television, or radio, or performance on a stage
- n.* a duty, responsibility, etc. that is oppressive or worrisome; a load, typically a heavy one that is difficult to carry
- v.* to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options
- adv.* in a way that you are unwilling to do something; with hesitation
- n.* the process by which molecules of a solvent (such as water) move through a semipermeable membrane from a region of higher concentration to a region of lower concentration; the gradual or subtle absorption of knowledge, ideas, or influence from one source to another
- n.* a brief or short descriptive account, episode, or story that focuses on a particular moment, person, or object; a small decorative design or illustration
- adj.* following in a sequence or order without interruption or break; occurring one after another

ANSWERS: 1. forbid, 2. drama, 3. burden, 4. decide, 5. reluctantly, 6. osmosis, 7. vignette, 8. consecutive

9. se____t analysis *n.* a part or section of something; a distinct group within a larger whole
10. a photo st____o *n.* a room or building where creative or artistic work is produced; a television or radio production company
11. produce ta____le results *adj.* real and concrete; able to be perceived, especially able to be touched; (of business assets) having physical substance and intrinsic monetary value
12. his conclusion was ob____s *adj.* easy to see, discover or understand
13. a film f_n *n.* a person who admires and supports a person, group, sport, sports team, etc.; a device for creating a current of air by the movement of a surface or surfaces
14. de____e a question *v.* to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options
15. hi____ht a string in red *v.* to make something prominent, mainly so that people give it more attention
16. in____ty travel *n.* relating to, occurring within, or connecting different parts or areas within a city, as opposed to connecting different cities or regions
17. d__n the consequences *v.* to express disapproval of or disappointment in something or someone; to condemn or to curse; (a swear word) an expression of anger
18. full-co____ge insurance *n.* the reporting or news of an important event, sports, subject, etc.; the amount, range, area, or quality of something that something provides

ANSWERS: 9. segment, 10. studio, 11. tangible, 12. obvious, 13. fan, 14. decide, 15. highlight, 16. intracity, 17. damn, 18. coverage

19. binary rep_____ion *n.* the act of speaking, acting, or being present on behalf of someone officially; a statement of facts and reasons made in appealing or protesting
20. in_____t the enemy's movements *v.* to look at someone or something closely, usually to examine their condition or to detect flaws
21. o__s of business *n.* the degree or probability that a particular thing will or will not happen
22. os_____s tube *n.* the process by which molecules of a solvent (such as water) move through a semipermeable membrane from a region of higher concentration to a region of lower concentration; the gradual or subtle absorption of knowledge, ideas, or influence from one source to another
23. an ou_____t for water *n.* a means of release or expression, often for emotions or energy; a place of business that sells goods directly to customers; a device or opening through which something can flow out
24. merge with a ri___l company *n.* a person, company, or thing competing with others for the same thing or in the same area
25. media ou_____t *n.* a means of release or expression, often for emotions or energy; a place of business that sells goods directly to customers; a device or opening through which something can flow out

ANSWERS: 19. representation, 20. inspect, 21. odds, 22. osmosis, 23. outlet, 24. rival, 25. outlet

26. 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
27. market se_____t *n.* a part or section of something; a distinct group within a larger whole
28. b__m in sales *n.* a sudden increase in economic activity, or a sudden happening that brings good fortune; a deep, loud, and prolonged sound
29. the major pr_____e *n.* a statement or proposition that is held to be true or from which a conclusion can be drawn
30. pat_____cal condition *adj.* relating to or caused by a physical or mental disease or disorder; extreme or abnormal in a way that is harmful or unhealthy
31. professional at_____cs *n.* the physical activities or sports that involve physical exertion and competition, such as running, jumping, throwing, or walking
32. d__k in water *v.* to immerse or submerge briefly in a liquid, often repeatedly to coat or moisten; to slam or force something down into a container of liquid
33. te__y goodbye *adj.* characterized by or containing tears; likely to cry; causing or evoking a feeling of sadness or emotion
34. courtroom sto_____ing *n.* the act or art of narrating or writing stories

ANSWERS: 26. vision, 27. segment, 28. boom, 29. premise, 30. pathological, 31. athletics, 32. dunk, 33. teary, 34. storytelling

35. r__o a project v. to do again, usually to correct or improve upon a previous attempt; to renovate or redesign something to make it better or more suitable
36. ov_____me all difficulties v. to succeed in controlling or dealing with something, such as a problem or difficulty; to defeat or overwhelm someone
37. si_____ar goal n. being only one of its kind; unique
38. gold me__l n. a flat, usually circular piece of metal or other material that is often given as an award or commemoration for an achievement, victory, or honor
39. intraspecific com_____on n. a situation in which someone is attempting to beat or outperform another
40. talented gy_____t n. a person who performs physical exercises or feats of agility, strength, balance, and coordination, often for sport or entertainment
41. a numerator in a fr_____on n. a small part or item forming a piece of a whole; the quotient of two rational numbers
42. a handle of h__n n. a hard, pointed, often curved part that grows on the top of the heads of some animals, such as sheep and cows; a noisemaker or musical instrument that makes a loud noise when you blow through it

ANSWERS: 35. redo, 36. overcome, 37. singular, 38. medal, 39. competition, 40. gymnast, 41. fraction, 42. horn

43. ex___d agricultural output *v.* to increase or to make something greater in size, number, or importance
44. pi_____nt signs of manipulation *v.* to locate or identify the exact position in space or time of something
45. ri__l bidder *n.* a person, company, or thing competing with others for the same thing or in the same area
46. ad_____on of vectors *n.* the act or process of adding something to something else; the process of adding numbers
47. d__k a basketball *v.* to immerse or submerge briefly in a liquid, often repeatedly to coat or moisten; to slam or force something down into a container of liquid
48. hi_____ht an important difference *v.* to make something prominent, mainly so that people give it more attention
49. sp_____r a local group *v.* to provide funds for a particular event, program, individual, etc. as a way of advertising
50. tr_____nd boundaries *v.* to rise above or go beyond the limits of something
51. a low-pi__hed sound *n.* the property of sound that varies with variation in the frequency of vibration; the degree of a slope, especially of a roof; short presentation for selling or sharing something
52. co_____e electricity *v.* to spend something, especially fuel, energy, or time, in a large amount
53. con_____ly changing world *adv.* in a way that happens without interruption or repeatedly

ANSWERS: 43. expand, 44. pinpoint, 45. rival, 46. addition, 47. dunk, 48. highlight, 49. sponsor, 50. transcend, 51. pitch, 52. consume, 53. continually

54. bre_____ss anticipation *adj.* feeling or causing a lack of breath, often due to exertion or excitement; intense or exciting to the point of causing a feeling of breathlessness
55. co___l attention *v.* to force or require someone to do something; to exert a strong, irresistible force or pressure that makes someone act in a certain way
56. for a fl_____ng moment *adj.* brief or temporary, lasting only a short time
57. end of the first qu_____r *n.* one of four equal parts; a fourth part or portion
58. pat_____cal liar *adj.* relating to or caused by a physical or mental disease or disorder; extreme or abnormal in a way that is harmful or unhealthy
59. 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
60. o___s in favor *n.* the degree or probability that a particular thing will or will not happen
61. pr_____e the amendment *v.* to make a proposal, declare a plan for something
62. authoritarian vi_____n *n.* a character in a story, movie, or play which often opposes the hero, typically characterized as immoral, evil, or cruel
63. ex___d a lineup *v.* to increase or to make something greater in size, number, or importance

ANSWERS: 54. breathless, 55. compel, 56. fleeting, 57. quarter, 58. pathological, 59. stake, 60. odds, 61. propose, 62. villain, 63. expand

64. ta____le assets *adj.* real and concrete; able to be perceived, especially able to be touched; (of business assets) having physical substance and intrinsic monetary value
65. de__e forests *adj.* containing a large number of people or something with little space between them
66. fl____ng opportunity *adj.* brief or temporary, lasting only a short time
67. as____e an important role *v.* to think or accept something to be true without having proof of it; to take or begin to have power; to begin to exhibit a specific quality or appearance
68. editorial tr____e *n.* an official in ancient Rome who represented various social groups and had the power to veto decisions made by other officials; a platform or elevated area used for speaking or addressing a public audience
69. intellectual f__t *n.* a notable or impressive achievement, especially one that requires great skill or bravery
70. national pa____e *n.* an activity that is enjoyable and done for leisure or entertainment purposes, such as a hobby or game
71. a__x predator *n.* the highest point or tip of something
72. the spinal co____n *n.* one of the vertical blocks that split content on a page or screen from top to bottom; an upright pillar that often supports an arch, entablature, or other structure or stands alone as a monument

ANSWERS: 64. tangible, 65. dense, 66. fleeting, 67. assume, 68. tribune, 69. feat, 70. pastime, 71. apex, 72. column

73. a r_w of cherry trees *n.* an arrangement of objects or people side by side in a line
74. bu__n of disease *n.* a duty, responsibility, etc. that is oppressive or worrisome; a load, typically a heavy one that is difficult to carry
75. con_____ve holidays *adj.* following in a sequence or order without interruption or break; occurring one after another
76. cell and molecular bi_____y *n.* the scientific study of life and the natural processes of living things
77. ped_____an safety *n.* a person who is in the street, especially in an area where vehicles go
78. carbon dioxide in the atm_____re *n.* the mass of air that surrounds the Earth; the pervading tone or mood of a place, situation, or creative work
79. l__p to a conclusion *v.* to jump or spring into the air, often with the feet leaving the ground or a surface below; to move quickly or suddenly, often forward or upward
80. contractual co_____ge *n.* the reporting or news of an important event, sports, subject, etc.; the amount, range, area, or quality of something that something provides
81. worst ima_____le case *adj.* capable of being imagined
82. a convivial atm_____re *n.* the mass of air that surrounds the Earth; the pervading tone or mood of a place, situation, or creative work
83. buying fr_____y *n.* a state of wild, uncontrolled excitement or activity, often characterized by chaotic or irrational behavior

ANSWERS: 73. row, 74. burden, 75. consecutive, 76. biology, 77. pedestrian, 78. atmosphere, 79. leap, 80. coverage, 81. imaginable, 82. atmosphere, 83. frenzy

84. to prevent blood sugar sp__es *n.* a narrow, thin, pointed piece of metal, wood, etc.; a sudden large increase in the magnitude or concentration of something
85. basketball le___d *n.* an old story that may or may not be accurate regarding some persons and events; a well-known person who is admired by others for a long time, particularly in a particular field
86. sp_____r a contest *v.* to provide funds for a particular event, program, individual, etc. as a way of advertising
87. el_____e educational standards *v.* to raise something from a lower to a higher position; to give a promotion to or assign to a higher position
88. fo___d smoking in public areas *v.* to order somebody not to do something, especially officially; to keep something from happening or arising
89. re_____e a prisoner *v.* to set free or allow to escape from confinement
90. r__y entirely on him *v.* to require a specific thing or the assistance and support of someone or something to continue, run properly, or succeed.
91. a sonic b__m *n.* a sudden increase in economic activity, or a sudden happening that brings good fortune; a deep, loud, and prolonged sound
92. easily ima_____le *adj.* capable of being imagined

ANSWERS: 84. spike, 85. legend, 86. sponsor, 87. elevate, 88. forbid, 89. release, 90. rely, 91. boom, 92. imaginable

93. r__o a kitchen *v.* to do again, usually to correct or improve upon a previous attempt; to renovate or redesign something to make it better or more suitable
94. r__y on convenience stores *v.* to require a specific thing or the assistance and support of someone or something to continue, run properly, or succeed.
95. tr_____nd limits *v.* to rise above or go beyond the limits of something
96. a chemical eq_____on *n.* the act of regarding as equal; (mathematics) a statement that expresses the equality of two expressions by connecting them with the equals sign
97. criminal on death r_w *n.* an arrangement of objects or people side by side in a line
98. make a pr_____e *n.* a statement or proposition that is held to be true or from which a conclusion can be drawn
99. fa__t memory *adj.* not strong, clear, or vigorous; slight or weak
100. fabric of the je____y *n.* a knitted garment typically made of wool or cotton, worn as a shirt or pullover
101. a co____n of water *n.* one of the vertical blocks that split content on a page or screen from top to bottom; an upright pillar that often supports an arch, entablature, or other structure or stands alone as a monument

ANSWERS: 93. redo, 94. rely, 95. transcend, 96. equation, 97. row, 98. premise, 99. faint, 100. jersey, 101. column

102. secular dr__a *n.* a play in a theatre, television, or radio, or performance on a stage
103. in an eq_____le manner *adj.* fair and impartial; treating everyone fairly
104. con_____ly access information *adv.* in a way that happens without interruption or repeatedly
105. a com_____nt to an alliance *n.* a promise or firm decision to do something or to behave in a certain way
106. ready-made ph___es *n.* a group of words that mean something specific when used together
107. el_____e a close relationship *v.* to raise something from a lower to a higher position; to give a promotion to or assign to a higher position
108. fr___y of activity *n.* a state of wild, uncontrolled excitement or activity, often characterized by chaotic or irrational behavior
109. the eq_____on of poverty with ignorance *n.* the act of regarding as equal; (mathematics) a statement that expresses the equality of two expressions by connecting them with the equals sign
110. evil vi_____n *n.* a character in a story, movie, or play which often opposes the hero, typically characterized as immoral, evil, or cruel
111. co___l a person to submission *v.* to force or require someone to do something; to exert a strong, irresistible force or pressure that makes someone act in a certain way
112. inspire ar___r *n.* intense enthusiasm or passion for something; fervor, zeal, or eagerness

ANSWERS: 102. drama, 103. equitable, 104. continually, 105. commitment, 106. phrase, 107. elevate, 108. frenzy, 109. equation, 110. villain, 111. compel, 112. ardor

113. female gy____t *n.* a person who performs physical exercises or feats of agility, strength, balance, and coordination, often for sport or entertainment
114. a baseball le____e *n.* an association of sports teams who compete against each other; an obsolete unit of distance of variable length, equal to about 3 miles or 4,000 meters
115. d__n with faint praise *v.* to express disapproval of or disappointment in something or someone; to condemn or to curse; (a swear word) an expression of anger
116. give the waiter a t_p. *n.* the top or extreme point of something slender or tapering, usually a mountain or hill; a piece of advice about something practical; a small amount of money given for services
117. meet his com_____nts *n.* a promise or firm decision to do something or to behave in a certain way
118. as____e a lousy attitude to his boss *v.* to think or accept something to be true without having proof of it; to take or begin to have power; to begin to exhibit a specific quality or appearance
119. no____y authorities *v.* to inform, alert, or give notice to someone about something, often formally or in writing
120. a fr____onal share of the vote *n.* a small part or item forming a piece of a whole; the quotient of two rational numbers

ANSWERS: 113. gymnast, 114. league, 115. damn, 116. tip, 117. commitment, 118. assume, 119. notify, 120. fraction

121. re____e CO2 into the air *v.* to set free or allow to escape from confinement
122. ped_____an accident *n.* a person who is in the street, especially in an area where vehicles go
123. the grand ch_____on *n.* someone who has won first place in a competition; someone who fights for a specific group of people or a belief
124. a__x position *n.* the highest point or tip of something
125. no___y through documents *v.* to inform, alert, or give notice to someone about something, often formally or in writing
126. le___d of King Arthur *n.* an old story that may or may not be accurate regarding some persons and events; a well-known person who is admired by others for a long time, particularly in a particular field
127. sa_____t on the floor *n.* fine particles or small chips of wood that are produced when the wood is sawed or cut, often used as a material for various purposes such as mulch, fuel, or animal bedding
128. make a pi__h for a new product *n.* the property of sound that varies with variation in the frequency of vibration; the degree of a slope, especially of a roof; short presentation for selling or sharing something
129. make a bl__d reply *adj.* lacking in strong flavor, character, or interest; unremarkable or unexciting
130. pi_____nt the problem *v.* to locate or identify the exact position in space or time of something

ANSWERS: 121. release, 122. pedestrian, 123. champion, 124. apex, 125. notify, 126. legend, 127. sawdust, 128. pitch, 129. bland, 130. pinpoint

131. des_____ly anxious *adv.* in a way that shows a lack of hope and a willingness to do anything because of the problematic situation; with great urgency
132. te__y confession *adj.* characterized by or containing tears; likely to cry; causing or evoking a feeling of sadness or emotion
133. vi_____te from the incident *n.* a brief or short descriptive account, episode, or story that focuses on a particular moment, person, or object; a small decorative design or illustration
134. mountain of sa_____t *n.* fine particles or small chips of wood that are produced when the wood is sawed or cut, often used as a material for various purposes such as mulch, fuel, or animal bedding
135. cl___e plot *n.* a phrase or expression that has become overused to the point that it has lost its original impact or meaning; a trite or unoriginal idea or statement
136. r__t control gas *n.* a violent disturbance of the peace by a crowd, characterized by destruction of property, looting, arson, and attacks on individuals
137. int_____ory biology text *adj.* intended as an introduction or preliminary; serving as a base or starting point
138. environmental mi_____sm *n.* a miniature or small-scale version of something that represents the larger whole or system; a representation of society or culture on a smaller scale

ANSWERS: 131. desperately, 132. teary, 133. vignette, 134. sawdust, 135. cliché, 136. riot, 137. introductory, 138. microcosm

139. the position of tr____e *n.* an official in ancient Rome who represented various social groups and had the power to veto decisions made by other officials; a platform or elevated area used for speaking or addressing a public audience
140. the first round of the com_____on *n.* a situation in which someone is attempting to beat or outperform another
141. with bre_____ss interest *adj.* feeling or causing a lack of breath, often due to exertion or excitement; intense or exciting to the point of causing a feeling of breathlessness
142. r__t police *n.* a violent disturbance of the peace by a crowd, characterized by destruction of property, looting, arson, and attacks on individuals
143. f__t accomplishment *n.* a notable or impressive achievement, especially one that requires great skill or bravery
144. sp___t for a bus *v.* to run at full speed over a short distance or period of time
145. tell a com_____ng story *adj.* arousing strong and irresistible interest, attention, or admiration
146. de_____te attempt *adj.* feeling or showing a lack of hope and a willingness to do anything because of the problematic situation
147. a combative im_____e *n.* a sudden strong and unreflective wish or need to do something; the electrical discharge that travels along a nerve fiber

ANSWERS: 139. tribune, 140. competition, 141. breathless, 142. riot, 143. feat, 144. sprint, 145. compelling, 146. desperate, 147. impulse

148. mot_____on for a change *n.* the reason or enthusiasm for acting or behaving in a particular way
149. new and com_____ng evidence *adj.* arousing strong and irresistible interest, attention, or admiration
150. je___y material *n.* a knitted garment typically made of wool or cotton, worn as a shirt or pullover
151. h__n of a vehicle *n.* a hard, pointed, often curved part that grows on the top of the heads of some animals, such as sheep and cows; a noisemaker or musical instrument that makes a loud noise when you blow through it
152. pu___e freedoms *v.* to do something or attempt to attain something over time; to follow or seek someone or something, especially in trying to catch them
153. eve_____ed approach *adj.* treating everyone fairly and without bias; impartial or equitable
154. fa__t aroma of roses *adj.* not strong, clear, or vigorous; slight or weak
155. official sta_____cs *n.* the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data
156. age-old cl___e *n.* a phrase or expression that has become overused to the point that it has lost its original impact or meaning; a trite or unoriginal idea or statement
157. sta_____cs for cancer *n.* the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data

ANSWERS: 148. motivation, 149. compelling, 150. jersey, 151. horn, 152. pursue, 153. evenhanded, 154. faint, 155. statistics, 156. cliché, 157. statistics

158. le___e championship *n.* an association of sports teams who compete against each other; an obsolete unit of distance of variable length, equal to about 3 miles or 4,000 meters
159. sp___t towards the finish line *v.* to run at full speed over a short distance or period of time
160. l___p of faith *v.* to jump or spring into the air, often with the feet leaving the ground or a surface below; to move quickly or suddenly, often forward or upward
161. t___s a coin *v.* to throw something carelessly with a light motion
162. series of exp_____nts *n.* the scientific test conducted to observe what happens and gain new knowledge
163. become a professional at_____e *n.* a person who competes in one or more sports that involve physical strength, speed, or endurance
164. product int_____ory sale *adj.* intended as an introduction or preliminary; serving as a base or starting point
165. predictable st_____ne *n.* the central narrative or plot of a story, often involving a series of events or conflicts that move the story forward; the overall structure or arc of a story
166. rel_____ly leave *adv.* in a way that you are unwilling to do something; with hesitation
167. ve_____al takeoff *adj.* upright or perpendicular to a horizontal surface or line

ANSWERS: 158. league, 159. sprint, 160. leap, 161. toss, 162. experiment, 163. athlete, 164. introductory, 165. storyline, 166. reluctantly, 167. vertical

168. a ch_____on of peace *n.* someone who has won first place in a competition; someone who fights for a specific group of people or a belief
169. high school at_____es *n.* a person who competes in one or more sports that involve physical strength, speed, or endurance
170. follow a st_____ne *n.* the central narrative or plot of a story, often involving a series of events or conflicts that move the story forward; the overall structure or arc of a story
171. par_____te in the program *v.* to take part in something
172. pr_____e changes *v.* to make a proposal, declare a plan for something
173. music st___o *n.* a room or building where creative or artistic work is produced; a television or radio production company
174. pu___e a goal *v.* to do something or attempt to attain something over time; to follow or seek someone or something, especially in trying to catch them
175. des_____ly ill patient *adv.* in a way that shows a lack of hope and a willingness to do anything because of the problematic situation; with great urgency
176. sales rep_____ion *n.* the act of speaking, acting, or being present on behalf of someone officially; a statement of facts and reasons made in appealing or protesting
177. high school at_____cs *n.* the physical activities or sports that involve physical exertion and competition, such as running, jumping, throwing, or walking

ANSWERS: 168. champion, 169. athlete, 170. storyline, 171. participate, 172. propose, 173. studio, 174. pursue, 175. desperately, 176. representation, 177. athletics

178. the t_p of a paintbrush *n.* the top or extreme point of something slender or tapering, usually a mountain or hill; a piece of advice about something practical; a small amount of money given for services
179. nutrient-de__e foods *adj.* containing a large number of people or something with little space between them
180. ve____al axis *adj.* upright or perpendicular to a horizontal surface or line
181. cr____l information *adj.* extremely vital or necessary
182. par____te fully in conversation *v.* to take part in something
183. 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
184. grilled sa____e *n.* a small saltwater fish that is often canned and used for food; a crowded or tightly packed space or area
185. si____ar purpose *n.* being only one of its kind; unique
186. ge____r-blind policies *n.* the range of characteristics of femininity and masculinity and differentiating between them, especially when considering social and cultural differences rather than differences in biology
187. ob____s reasons *adj.* easy to see, discover or understand
188. bl__d novel *adj.* lacking in strong flavor, character, or interest; unremarkable or unexciting

ANSWERS: 178. tip, 179. dense, 180. vertical, 181. crucial, 182. participate, 183. stake, 184. sardine, 185. singular, 186. gender, 187. obvious, 188. bland

189. t__s the bottle into a trash can *v.* to throw something carelessly with a light motion
190. re__p key points *v.* to repeat or summarize what has been said, decided, etc.
191. co_____e a large of alcohol *v.* to spend something, especially fuel, energy, or time, in a large amount
192. in_____t a plant *v.* to look at someone or something closely, usually to examine their condition or to detect flaws
193. a prize me__l *n.* a flat, usually circular piece of metal or other material that is often given as an award or commemoration for an achievement, victory, or honor
194. sto_____ing performance *n.* the act or art of narrating or writing stories
195. soil mi_____sm *n.* a miniature or small-scale version of something that represents the larger whole or system; a representation of society or culture on a smaller scale
196. youthful ar__r *n.* intense enthusiasm or passion for something; fervor, zeal, or eagerness
197. in_____ty transport *n.* relating to, occurring within, or connecting different parts or areas within a city, as opposed to connecting different cities or regions
198. a cr_____l issue for women *adj.* extremely vital or necessary
199. ov_____me opponents *v.* to succeed in controlling or dealing with something, such as a problem or difficulty; to defeat or overwhelm someone

ANSWERS: 189. toss, 190. recap, 191. consume, 192. inspect, 193. medal, 194. storytelling, 195. microcosm, 196. ardor, 197. intracity, 198. crucial, 199. overcome

200. exp_____nt design *n.* the scientific test conducted to observe what happens and gain new knowledge
201. a sa_____e fishery *n.* a small saltwater fish that is often canned and used for food; a crowded or tightly packed space or area
202. a qu_____r mile *n.* one of four equal parts; a fourth part or portion
203. to sp__e *n.* a narrow, thin, pointed piece of metal, wood, etc.; a sudden large increase in the magnitude or concentration of something
204. re__p briefly *v.* to repeat or summarize what has been said, decided, etc.
205. an eq_____le price *adj.* fair and impartial; treating everyone fairly
206. telescopic vi____n *n.* the ability to think about or see the future with imagination and intelligence; the faculty of being able to see
207. her de_____te screams *adj.* feeling or showing a lack of hope and a willingness to do anything because of the problematic situation
208. chemical ad_____on *n.* the act or process of adding something to something else; the process of adding numbers
209. a familiar pa_____e *n.* an activity that is enjoyable and done for leisure or entertainment purposes, such as a hobby or game
210. profound religious im_____es *n.* a sudden strong and unreflective wish or need to do something; the electrical discharge that travels along a nerve fiber

ANSWERS: 200. experiment, 201. sardine, 202. quarter, 203. spike, 204. recap, 205. equitable, 206. vision, 207. desperate, 208. addition, 209. pastime, 210. impulse

211. engine cooling f_n *n.* a person who admires and supports a person, group, sport, sports team, etc.; a device for creating a current of air by the movement of a surface or surfaces
212. eve_____ed justice *adj.* treating everyone fairly and without bias; impartial or equitable
213. dual ge____r *n.* the range of characteristics of femininity and masculinity and differentiating between them, especially when considering social and cultural differences rather than differences in biology
214. noun ph____e *n.* a group of words that mean something specific when used together
215. understand his mot_____on *n.* the reason or enthusiasm for acting or behaving in a particular way
216. evolutionary bi____y *n.* the scientific study of life and the natural processes of living things

ANSWERS: 211. fan, 212. evenhanded, 213. gender, 214. phrase, 215. motivation, 216. biology

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. She excelled in _____ during high school and went on to compete at the collegiate level.
 - n. the physical activities or sports that involve physical exertion and competition, such as running, jumping, throwing, or walking
2. His business _____ took him to the United States.
 - n. a promise or firm decision to do something or to behave in a certain way
3. The _____ in the bathroom was faulty, so I had to use a different one for my hair dryer.
 - n. a means of release or expression, often for emotions or energy; a place of business that sells goods directly to customers; a device or opening through which something can flow out
4. We bought a Spanish _____ book.
 - n. a group of words that mean something specific when used together
5. He was the leader of the demonstrators and spoke out against the war in the front _____.
 - n. an arrangement of objects or people side by side in a line
6. They hope to _____ their business worldwide.
 - v. to increase or to make something greater in size, number, or importance
7. The high-technology industry is enjoying a _____.
 - n. a sudden increase in economic activity, or a sudden happening that brings good fortune; a deep, loud, and prolonged sound

ANSWERS: 1. athletics, 2. commitments, 3. outlet, 4. phrase, 5. row, 6. expand, 7. boom

8. The Olympic _____ performed a flawless routine on the balance beam and received a perfect ten score.
- n.* a person who performs physical exercises or feats of agility, strength, balance, and coordination, often for sport or entertainment
9. The _____ busing system makes getting around town without a car easy.
- n.* relating to, occurring within, or connecting different parts or areas within a city, as opposed to connecting different cities or regions
10. Let me quickly _____ these results.
- v.* to repeat or summarize what has been said, decided, etc.
11. The woodworker used a saw to create _____ while making the chair.
- n.* fine particles or small chips of wood that are produced when the wood is sawed or cut, often used as a material for various purposes such as mulch, fuel, or animal bedding
12. The newspaper devoted several _____ to the affair.
- n.* one of the vertical blocks that split content on a page or screen from top to bottom; an upright pillar that often supports an arch, entablature, or other structure or stands alone as a monument
13. There are _____ differences between the two wine-producing regions.
- adj.* easy to see, discover or understand
14. In a democratic country, governments promote _____ opportunities to participate in society.
- adj.* fair and impartial; treating everyone fairly
15. The ladder leaned against the _____ surface of the building.
- adj.* upright or perpendicular to a horizontal surface or line

ANSWERS: 8. gymnast, 9. intracity, 10. recap, 11. sawdust, 12. columns, 13. obvious, 14. equitable, 15. vertical

16. She was skilled in _____ techniques, such as using different voices for other characters.
n. the act or art of narrating or writing stories
17. I always wear my favorite basketball player's _____ to the games.
n. a knitted garment typically made of wool or cotton, worn as a shirt or pullover
18. Many of the _____ of the famous general came about hundreds of years after his death.
n. an old story that may or may not be accurate regarding some persons and events; a well-known person who is admired by others for a long time, particularly in a particular field
19. He spent only a _____ of his earnings.
n. a small part or item forming a piece of a whole; the quotient of two rational numbers
20. I like to _____ my cookies in milk before eating them.
v. to immerse or submerge briefly in a liquid, often repeatedly to coat or moisten; to slam or force something down into a container of liquid
21. The revitalization of technology companies is _____ to the country's growth.
adj. extremely vital or necessary
22. Our company _____ numerous disabled athletes.
v. to provide funds for a particular event, program, individual, etc. as a way of advertising
23. A _____ is an uncommon sight in this area.
n. a person who is in the street, especially in an area where vehicles go

ANSWERS: 16. storytelling, 17. jersey, 18. legends, 19. fraction, 20. dunk, 21. crucial, 22. sponsors, 23. pedestrian

24. The company's poor financial performance is likely to _____ the CEO's chances of being re-elected to the board.
- v.* to express disapproval of or disappointment in something or someone; to condemn or to curse; (a swear word) an expression of anger
25. Her tongue runs on _____.
- adv.* in a way that happens without interruption or repeatedly
26. Cultural norms strongly influence _____ expectations.
- n.* the range of characteristics of femininity and masculinity and differentiating between them, especially when considering social and cultural differences rather than differences in biology
27. The spaceship began to burn up as it approached the Earth's _____.
- n.* the mass of air that surrounds the Earth; the pervading tone or mood of a place, situation, or creative work
28. The dinner was rather _____ and in need of some seasoning.
- adj.* lacking in strong flavor, character, or interest; unremarkable or unexciting
29. She works at a recording _____ in Los Angeles.
- n.* a room or building where creative or artistic work is produced; a television or radio production company
30. This radar quickly _____ the position of the enemy.
- v.* to locate or identify the exact position in space or time of something
31. The athlete was able to _____ over the hurdle with ease.
- v.* to jump or spring into the air, often with the feet leaving the ground or a surface below; to move quickly or suddenly, often forward or upward

ANSWERS: 24. damn, 25. continually, 26. gender, 27. atmosphere, 28. bland, 29. studio, 30. pinpoints, 31. leap

32. She heard a _____ nearly invisible scream.

adj. not strong, clear, or vigorous; slight or weak

33. The baby clung _____ to her mother.

adv. in a way that shows a lack of hope and a willingness to do anything because of the problematic situation; with great urgency

34. His dream is to become an Olympic _____.

n. a person who competes in one or more sports that involve physical strength, speed, or endurance

35. After running up the stairs, I was left _____ and sweaty.

adj. feeling or causing a lack of breath, often due to exertion or excitement; intense or exciting to the point of causing a feeling of breathlessness

36. She was proud to receive a _____ for her hard work and dedication to the sport.

n. a flat, usually circular piece of metal or other material that is often given as an award or commemoration for an achievement, victory, or honor

37. She intends to _____ a political career.

v. to do something or attempt to attain something over time; to follow or seek someone or something, especially in trying to catch them

38. His _____ showed highly positive results.

n. the scientific test conducted to observe what happens and gain new knowledge

39. The majority of students actively _____ in the college's intramural sports program.

v. to take part in something

ANSWERS: 32. faint, 33. desperately, 34. athlete, 35. breathless, 36. medal, 37. pursue, 38. experiments, 39. participated

40. She had an audition for _____ school.

n. a play in a theatre, television, or radio, or performance on a stage

41. Top athletes can _____ 100 meters in less than 10 seconds.

v. to run at full speed over a short distance or period of time

42. I had to _____ my entire presentation because the formatting was off.

v. to do again, usually to correct or improve upon a previous attempt; to renovate or redesign something to make it better or more suitable

43. The _____ class was designed to give students a basic understanding of the subject.

adj. intended as an introduction or preliminary; serving as a base or starting point

44. I will introduce some _____ on learning English in this class.

n. the top or extreme point of something slender or tapering, usually a mountain or hill; a piece of advice about something practical; a small amount of money given for services

45. He was recruited to play in the professional _____.

n. an association of sports teams who compete against each other; an obsolete unit of distance of variable length, equal to about 3 miles or 4,000 meters

46. That car has a low environmental _____.

n. a duty, responsibility, etc. that is oppressive or worrisome; a load, typically a heavy one that is difficult to carry

47. I'm a big _____ of French food.

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

ANSWERS: 40. drama, 41. sprint, 42. redo, 43. introductory, 44. tips, 45. league, 46. burden, 47. fan

48. The _____ of the movie was predictable but still entertaining.
- n.* the central narrative or plot of a story, often involving a series of events or conflicts that move the story forward; the overall structure or arc of a story
49. The shoppers were _____ to get the best deals on Black Friday.
- n.* a state of wild, uncontrolled excitement or activity, often characterized by chaotic or irrational behavior
50. In _____ private corporations provide healthcare services.
- n.* the act or process of adding something to something else; the process of adding numbers
51. The politician delivered his speech from the _____ to a crowd of cheering supporters.
- n.* an official in ancient Rome who represented various social groups and had the power to veto decisions made by other officials; a platform or elevated area used for speaking or addressing a public audience
52. The scandal received widespread media _____.
- n.* the reporting or news of an important event, sports, subject, etc.; the amount, range, area, or quality of something that something provides
53. Babies heavily _____ on others for food.
- v.* to require a specific thing or the assistance and support of someone or something to continue, run properly, or succeed.
54. She savored the _____ happiness she felt during the vacation.
- adj.* brief or temporary, lasting only a short time
55. Global _____ is rising in virtually every industry.
- n.* a situation in which someone is attempting to beat or outperform another

ANSWERS: 48. storyline, 49. frenzy, 50. addition, 51. tribune, 52. coverage, 53. rely, 54. fleeting, 55. competition

56. The book's _____ is that the main character must save the world from an impending disaster.
- n.* a statement or proposition that is held to be true or from which a conclusion can be drawn
57. The unemployment rate in the first _____ was 2.3 percentage points higher than in the previous.
- n.* one of four equal parts; a fourth part or portion
58. This is the only _____ strategy.
- adj.* capable of being imagined
59. The music _____ cultural barriers and reached audiences globally.
- v.* to rise above or go beyond the limits of something
60. He tried to _____ a bad reputation and win the election.
- v.* to succeed in controlling or dealing with something, such as a problem or difficulty; to defeat or overwhelm someone
61. In junior high school, we had to dissect a frog in _____ class.
- n.* the scientific study of life and the natural processes of living things
62. The _____ in the city have left many buildings damaged and several people injured.
- n.* a violent disturbance of the peace by a crowd, characterized by destruction of property, looting, arson, and attacks on individuals
63. He enjoyed hearing the tootles of their _____ with beer.
- n.* a hard, pointed, often curved part that grows on the top of the heads of some animals, such as sheep and cows; a noisemaker or musical instrument that makes a loud noise when you blow through it

ANSWERS: 56. premise, 57. quarter, 58. imaginable, 59. transcended, 60. overcome, 61. biology, 62. riots, 63. horns

64. He interfered with his _____ in various ways during the campaign.
n. a person, company, or thing competing with others for the same thing or in the same area
65. The _____ bicyclist outrode all his competitors.
n. someone who has won first place in a competition; someone who fights for a specific group of people or a belief
66. I want to _____ a toast in honor of our longstanding relationship.
v. to make a proposal, declare a plan for something
67. 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
68. The teacher graded the essays in an _____ manner, treating each student fairly.
adj. treating everyone fairly and without bias; impartial or equitable
69. He _____ agreed to go to the party.
adv. in a way that you are unwilling to do something; with hesitation
70. God _____ you should regret your marriage.
v. to order somebody not to do something, especially officially; to keep something from happening or arising
71. The novel has a series of _____ that showcase the everyday struggles of its characters.
n. a brief or short descriptive account, episode, or story that focuses on a particular moment, person, or object; a small decorative design or illustration

ANSWERS: 64. rivals, 65. champion, 66. propose, 67. stake, 68. evenhanded, 69. reluctantly, 70. forbid, 71. vignettes

72. The athlete won three _____ championships in her sport.

adj. following in a sequence or order without interruption or break; occurring one after another

73. Her voice gradually increased in _____.

n. the property of sound that varies with variation in the frequency of vibration; the degree of a slope, especially of a roof; short presentation for selling or sharing something

74. In this class, you will learn how to solve quadratic _____.

n. the act of regarding as equal; (mathematics) a statement that expresses the equality of two expressions by connecting them with the equals sign

75. I enjoy gardening as a _____ during my free time.

n. an activity that is enjoyable and done for leisure or entertainment purposes, such as a hobby or game

76. A smaller car will _____ less fuel.

v. to spend something, especially fuel, energy, or time, in a large amount

77. His _____ presentation deeply moved everyone.

adj. arousing strong and irresistible interest, attention, or admiration

78. The strict deadlines will _____ the team to work efficiently.

v. to force or require someone to do something; to exert a strong, irresistible force or pressure that makes someone act in a certain way

79. I opened the can of _____ and the oily smell filled the room.

n. a small saltwater fish that is often canned and used for food; a crowded or tightly packed space or area

ANSWERS: 72. consecutive, 73. pitch, 74. equations, 75. pastime, 76. consume, 77. compelling, 78. compel, 79. sardines,

80. The _____ demonstrate that poverty and unemployment are genuine problems.
- n.* the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data
81. After watching the sad movie, I was left _____ and emotional.
- adj.* characterized by or containing tears; likely to cry; causing or evoking a feeling of sadness or emotion
82. The following example _____ that the capacity of each battery is the same.
- v.* to think or accept something to be true without having proof of it; to take or begin to have power; to begin to exhibit a specific quality or appearance
83. The couple's _____ for each other was evident in their affectionate gestures.
- n.* intense enthusiasm or passion for something; fervor, zeal, or eagerness
84. The recent _____ in grain prices is partly due to the war in the producing countries.
- n.* a narrow, thin, pointed piece of metal, wood, etc.; a sudden large increase in the magnitude or concentration of something
85. The animal rights group worked to _____ the dolphins back into the wild.
- v.* to set free or allow to escape from confinement
86. Eating food in a hurry _____ blood glucose levels.
- v.* to raise something from a lower to a higher position; to give a promotion to or assign to a higher position
87. The doctor was concerned that the patient's _____ fear of germs impacted their daily life.
- adj.* relating to or caused by a physical or mental disease or disorder; extreme or abnormal in a way that is harmful or unhealthy

ANSWERS: 80. statistics, 81. teary-eyed, 82. assumes, 83. ardor, 84. spike, 85. release, 86. elevates, 87. pathological

88. The company reached the _____ of success in the market.
n. the highest point or tip of something
89. A problem that has been pointed out for years finally becomes _____.
adj. real and concrete; able to be perceived, especially able to be touched; (of business assets) having physical substance and intrinsic monetary value
90. He was _____ when he lost all his money by gambling.
adj. feeling or showing a lack of hope and a willingness to do anything because of the problematic situation
91. It would be best if you _____ out all those old magazines.
v. to throw something carelessly with a light motion
92. What are the _____ that he will survive?
n. the degree or probability that a particular thing will or will not happen
93. The _____ beauty of the night sky never ceases to amaze him.
n. being only one of its kind; unique
94. Please _____ me if there are any changes to the schedule.
v. to inform, alert, or give notice to someone about something, often formally or in writing
95. The _____ in the movie was a complex character with a tragic backstory.
n. a character in a story, movie, or play which often opposes the hero, typically characterized as immoral, evil, or cruel
96. The entire mountain is covered in _____ rainforest.
adj. containing a large number of people or something with little space between them

ANSWERS: 88. apex, 89. tangible, 90. desperate, 91. tossed, 92. odds, 93. singular, 94. notify, 95. villain, 96. dense

97. The small town felt like a _____ of the larger society.
- n.* a miniature or small-scale version of something that represents the larger whole or system; a representation of society or culture on a smaller scale
98. Using the same _____ phrase in every conversation can take time and effort.
- n.* a phrase or expression that has become overused to the point that it has lost its original impact or meaning; a trite or unoriginal idea or statement
99. A person who has been declared incompetent should have legal _____.
- n.* the act of speaking, acting, or being present on behalf of someone officially; a statement of facts and reasons made in appealing or protesting
100. Nerve _____ cross a synapse through the action of neurotransmitters.
- n.* a sudden strong and unreflective wish or need to do something; the electrical discharge that travels along a nerve fiber
101. The introduction _____ the speaker's distinguished career as a consultant
- v.* to make something prominent, mainly so that people give it more attention
102. 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
103. The roots of plants absorb water and nutrients through _____.
- n.* the process by which molecules of a solvent (such as water) move through a semipermeable membrane from a region of higher concentration to a region of lower concentration; the gradual or subtle absorption of knowledge, ideas, or influence from one source to another

ANSWERS: 97. microcosm, 98. cliché, 99. representation, 100. impulses, 101. highlighted, 102. decide, 103. osmosis

104. 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

105. The employee had to wait outside while police _____ the building.

- v.* to look at someone or something closely, usually to examine their condition or to detect flaws

106. The report divided the data into _____ based on age, gender, and income level.

- n.* a part or section of something; a distinct group within a larger whole

107. A significant amount of _____ is required to be a teacher.

- n.* the reason or enthusiasm for acting or behaving in a particular way

108. 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

ANSWERS: 104. feat, 105. inspected, 106. segments, 107. motivation, 108. vision