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Session 1: Word List

laureate

n. a person who has been awarded an honor or a prize for achievement in a particular field, especially in literature or academia; a poet who is honored for achieving the highest level of excellence in a competition or for producing a lifetime body of work

(1) Oscar **laureate**, (2) poet **laureate**

The Nobel **laureate** delivered an inspiring speech to the graduating class.

swamp

n. an area of low-lying land that is flooded or saturated with water, often having a growth of natural vegetation

synonym: marsh, mire, bog

(1) muddy **swamp**, (2) **swamp** tour

The lowland **swamp** was full of dangerous animals and poisonous plants.

dweller

n. a person or animal that lives in a particular place or region; an inhabitant of a specific location

synonym: resident, occupant, inhabitant

(1) city **dweller**, (2) rural **dweller**

The mountain **dweller** lived off the land and had a deep connection to nature.

blind

adj. unable to see; unable or unwilling to perceive or understand the true nature of something

synonym : sightless, unseeing, random

(1) **blind** to the beauties, (2) **blind** spot

She was nearly **blind** due to severe diabetes.

beggar

n. a person who asks for money or food from others, particularly as a means of survival due to poverty or homelessness

synonym : pauper, mendicant, panhandler

(1) homeless **beggar**, (2) give alms to a **beggar**

The **beggar's** rags barely covered his body as he shivered in the cold.

attempt

n. an act or effort of trying to do something, especially something difficult

synonym : endeavor, effort, try

(1) the **attempt** to rescue the hostages, (2) a reckless **attempt**

The third **attempt** was far more successful.

swampland

n. an area of low-lying land that is typically saturated with water and has an abundance of vegetation, especially trees, that make travel or agriculture difficult

synonym : marshland, bog, fen

(1) **swampland** habitat, (2) tropical **swampland**

The developer had to drain the **swampland** before building the new community.

livelihood

n. a means of earning money people need to pay for food, a place to live, clothing, etc.

synonym : occupation, living, income

(1) a means of **livelihood**, (2) **livelihood** assistance

I could no longer earn my own **livelihood**.

villager

n. a person who lives in a village or small rural community; a person who is part of a close-knit and traditional

community

synonym : resident, inhabitant, countryperson

(1) **villager** community, (2) local **villager**

The rural **villagers** were saddened by the destruction of their homes in the natural disaster.

deity

n. a divine being or god worshipped and revered by people in a particular religion or culture

synonym : god, goddess, divine being

(1) existence of a **deity**, (2) **deity** of commerce

The ancient Egyptians believed that the sun **deity** Ra was the most powerful god.

misfortune

n. an unfortunate event or circumstance; bad luck or trouble

synonym : adversity, calamity, tragedy

(1) economic **misfortune**, (2) a string of **misfortunes**

The flood was a great **misfortune** to the small town causing extensive damage.

survival

n. the state of continuing to exist or live, frequently in the face of difficulty or danger

synonym : endurance, continuity

(1) **survival** ability, (2) **survival** food

He evaluated his chances for **survival** rather pessimistically.

peatland

n. an area covered with peat (= a partially decayed organic matter formed from plants)

synonym : bog, marsh, moor

(1) **peatland** ecosystem, (2) **peatland** bog

The preservation of **peatlands** is crucial in mitigating climate change, as they help regulate the Earth's temperature and reduce atmospheric carbon dioxide.

basin

n. a natural depression or valley that is circular or oval on the surface of the earth, especially one that has water in

it; a container with a bowl form that is typically used to hold food or liquids

synonym : watershed, bowl

(1) inland **basin**, (2) the **basin** of the Great Salt Lake
Many of the lakes and marshes in the **basin** are mildly salty.

lush

adj. produced or growing in extreme abundance, often in an attractive way; having strong sexual appeal

synonym : leafy, overgrown, dense

(1) **lush** and fertile land, (2) the abundance of **lush** vegetation

This area has an environment of **lush** greenery and water courses.

vast

adj. enormous in size, number, amount, or quantity

synonym : expansive, extended, boundless

(1) **vast** majority, (2) **vast** desert

A **vast** audience viewed the broadcast.

expanse

n. a substance, such as water or oil, that flows freely and is neither a solid nor a gas

synonym : stretch, field, spread

(1) vast **expanse**, (2) large **expanses**

She looked over the immense **expanse** of the sea.

weed

n. a wild plant growing where it is not wanted and in competition with cultivated plants

synonym : plant, grass, shrub

(1) pull up a **weed**, (2) **weed** management

The garden was full of **weeds** that needed to be pulled.

shrub

n. a woody plant that is smaller than a tree and has several main stems emerging from the soil

synonym : bush, hedge, fern

(1) tree and **shrubs**, (2) small **shrub**

These are **shrubs** with no trunks that rarely grow taller than 3

meters.

absorb

v. to take in a fluid or other substance gradually

synonym: consume, soak, ingest

(1) **absorb** energy, (2) **absorb** a shock

The sponge **absorbs** water well.

carbon

n. a chemical element that can be found in pure form as diamond or graphite, and it is also an essential part of coal and oil and is found in all plants and animals

(1) **carbon** dioxide, (2) **carbon** emission

Trees absorb **carbon** dioxide and give off oxygen.

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**.

span

n. the entire length of something, such as time or space from beginning to end; the amount of space that something covers

synonym: interval, period, length

(1) the **span** of a bird's wings, (2) the average life **span**

He slightly modified the **span** of training because it was just before a match.

peat

n. a type of soil made up of partially decayed organic matter (usually moss) that accumulates in wetlands or bogs, often used as fuel for heat and cooking in some regions of the world

(1) **peat** reserves, (2) **peat** production

Gardeners often use **peat** as a soil conditioner to improve drainage and retain moisture.

hunt

v. to go after and try to catch wild animals to kill them for food, sport, or profit

synonym: chase, pursuit, quest

(1) **hunt** a job, (2) **hunt** after knowledge

Hounds **hunt** their prey by using their keen scent.

discovery

n. the act or process of finding information, a place, or an object, or learning about something that was previously not known

synonym: finding, uncovering, detection

(1) a scientific **discovery**, (2) the great **discovery** of the century

Her research team made an important **discovery**.

tropical

adj. originating in, located in, or characteristic of the tropics

synonym: equatorial, tropic

(1) **tropical** cyclones, (2) **tropical** islands

Tropical storm Marco is making his way along the coast of Florida.

sink

v. to submerge or go down below the surface of a liquid or substance; to decline or deteriorate; to cause something to go down into a liquid substance or sink into something else

synonym: descend, drop, plummet

(1) **sink** a lot of capital, (2) **sink** a buzzer-beater

The abandoned ship slowly began to **sink** into the murky waters of the harbor.

threshold

n. the floor or ground that forms the bottom of a doorway and offers support when passing through a doorway; the smallest detectable sensation

synonym: anteroom, brink, verge

(1) the **threshold** between rooms, (2) high pain **threshold**

She's on the **threshold** of adulthood.

threat

n. a strong indication or likelihood of harm, danger, or adverse consequences; an expression of intent to inflict harm or injury on someone or something, often made as a means of coercion or intimidation

synonym: menace, danger, hazard

(1) economic **threat**, (2) environmental **threat**

The **threat** of severe weather prompted the city to issue an evacuation warning.

exploration

n. the activity of searching and finding out about something through a place

synonym: inquiry, quest, investigation

(1) future of space **exploration**, (2) an Arctic **exploration**

He called for a careful **exploration** of the consequences.

contemplate

v. to think about a possible future action or to think about something for a long time thoughtfully

synonym: think over, ponder, consider

(1) **contemplate** a marriage, (2) **contemplated** leaving school

I recently **contemplated** dropping out of school and getting a full-time job.

award

n. a prize or other mark of recognition given in honor of an achievement

synonym: prize, honor, accolade

(1) **award** ceremony, (2) participation **award**

He won the **award** for best actor at the film festival.

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.

economy

n. the system by which a country or region produces, manages, and distributes goods and services, including the money and finances involved in these activities; (of an airline) the lowest-priced, most basic option for seating in commercial travel

synonym: finance, trade, business

(1) **economy** of scale, (2) **economy** class

The **economy** of the country is struggling due to the recent political instability.

wit

n. the ability to say or write things or ideas in a clever and humorous way

synonym: humor, comedy, funniness

(1) the **wit** of man, (2) full of **wit**

He has the **wit** to keep talking about this topic.

drain

v. to empty or dry something by removing the liquid from it

synonym: draw off, bleed

(1) **drain** water from the swamp, (2) **drain** excess liquid

Push the button and let the water **drain** away.

palm

n. the inner surface of the hand from the wrist to the base of the fingers; any plant of the family *Palmae* having an unbranched trunk crowned by large pinnate or palmate leaves

synonym: hand, fist

(1) the **palm** side of the forearm, (2) coconut **palm** trees

This high-performance camera is compact enough to fit in the **palm** of your hand.

devastating

adj. causing a great deal of destruction or damage

synonym: destructive, annihilative, disastrous

(1) have **devastating** effects, (2) treat this **devastating** disease

This typhoon was the most **devastating** in years.

befall

v. to happen or occur, especially unexpectedly or by chance; to affect or happen to someone or something in a negative or unfortunate way

synonym : occur, happen, take place

(1) **befall** tragedy, (2) misfortunes **befall**

I hope nothing bad will **befall** my family during the storm.

climate

n. the weather in a particular location averaged over some long period

synonym : atmosphere, weather, environment

(1) a cold **climate**, (2) effects of **climate** change

Climate and weather have an impact on every part of our lifestyles.

responsible

adj. answerable or accountable for something within one's power, control, or management

synonym : accountable, answerable, liable

(1) **responsible** action, (2) **responsible** for a customer service

She's a **responsible** pet owner who ensures her dog gets enough exercise and a healthy diet.

adequate

adj. enough, acceptable, satisfactory for a particular purpose or need

synonym : enough, acceptable, able

(1) **adequate** parking facilities, (2) provide **adequate** funding

This argument is still not **adequate**.

apportion

v. to distribute, divide, or assign something fairly or proportionally, often based on specific criteria or system

synonym : allocate, distribute, divide

(1) **apportion** blame, (2) **apportion** resources

We need to **apportion** the funding fairly among all the departments.

emit

v. to give off or send out something such as light, heat, sound, gas, etc.

synonym: give off, radiate, expel

(1) **emit** a gamma ray, (2) **emit** air pollution

During the unloading, the container box **emits** a clicking sound.

transport

n. a system for moving people or products from one location to another using automobiles, roads, and so on

synonym: shipment, transit, conveyance

(1) **transport** facilities, (2) access to public **transport**

Enhanced rail **transportation** is crucial for our business.

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.

asset

n. something or someone that is useful or valuable quality, skill, etc.; valuable property

synonym: aid, resource, equity

(1) frozen **assets**, (2) liquid **assets** of the company

A sense of humor is an invaluable **asset** in this job.

appropriate

adj. suitable or proper in the circumstances; fitting

synonym: fitting, suitable, proper

(1) **appropriate** behavior, (2) an **appropriate** time

It would be **appropriate** to dress nicely for the wedding.

improve

v. to make or become better

synonym: enhance, ameliorate, enrich

(1) **improve** a process, (2) **improve** the test score

We want to **improve** ties between our two countries.

reserve

v. to keep something for future use or contingency; to obtain or arrange something, such as a meeting, seat,

etc., in advance

synonym : keep, hold, preserve

(1) **reserve** the right, (2) **reserve** a concert ticket

You can easily **reserve** seats over the telephone.

sequester

v. to take temporary possession of someone's property until a debt is paid.

synonym : isolate, set apart, segregate

(1) **sequester** ten percent of the annual carbon emissions,

(2) **sequester** myself from the world

He approved their requests to **sequester** the jury.

trillion

n. the number 1,000,000,000,000; a million million

(1) **trillion** cubic feet, (2) many **trillions** of dollars

One light year is nearly 6 **trillion** miles.

develop

v. to grow or expand; to improve or refine through a process of progress and refinement, often to achieve greater sophistication or complexity; to elaborate or add detail to something that is in the process of being created

synonym : evolve, progress, advance

(1) **develop** a strategy, (2) **develop** a skill

We must **develop** a new system to streamline our workflow and increase efficiency.

stubborn

adj. refusing to change one's mind or behavior despite persuasion or evidence to the contrary; unyielding; difficult to move or change

synonym : persistent, obstinate, determined

(1) **stubborn** attitude, (2) **stubborn** stains

He was so **stubborn** about his beliefs that he refused to listen to any other points of view.

persistent

adj. continuing firmly or obstinately in the course of action despite difficulty or opposition; lasting or enduring without fading or being lost over time

synonym: tenacious, steadfast, unrelenting

(1) **persistent** cough, (2) **persistent** data

Despite the setbacks, he remained **persistent** in his pursuit of his dreams.

continent

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

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

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

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

decarbonize

v. to stop or reduce emitting carbon gases, especially carbon dioxide, by replacing energy made from fossil fuels with renewable energy

synonym: decoke, decarburise, decarburize

(1) **decarbonize** their manufacturing process,

(2) **decarbonize** its energy system

We have to seek methods to **decarbonize** its fossil fuel economy.

dignity

n. the quality of being worthy of esteem or respect; high office or rank or station

synonym: grace, elegance, nobility

(1) respect for human **dignity**, (2) retain everyone's **dignity**

The failure destroyed his trust and personal **dignity**.

equity

n. the value of the shares issued by a company

synonym: fairness

(1) private **equity** firm, (2) **equity** capital market

That company is cautious when it comes to **equity** investment.

transparency

n. the condition or quality of being easy to see through

synonym: clearness, clarity, translucence

(1) lack of **transparency**, (2) **transparency** during the trials

The main discussion topic is government **transparency**.

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.

enormous

adj. extremely large or great

synonym : huge, giant, gigantic

(1) **enormous** amount, (2) **enormous** potential

Shakespeare's output of poetry was **enormous**.

crisis

n. a time of great disagreement, confusion, or danger when problems must be resolved or critical decisions must be taken

synonym : concern, problem, emergency

(1) financial **crisis**, (2) **crisis** management

The Chinese word for **crisis** comprises two characters, one for danger and the other for opportunity.

visible

adj. capable of being seen; or open to easy view

synonym : clear, observable, seeable

(1) **visible** stars, (2) **visible** by X-ray

My home is easily **visible** from the shore.

planet

n. any of the nine large celestial bodies that circle in the solar system; any celestial body that revolves around a star

synonym : earth, world, globe

(1) **planet** like the Earth, (2) save the **planet**

Mercury is the closest **planet** to the sun.

plead

v. to make a serious and urgent request or appeal, especially for help or mercy

synonym : beg, implore, supplicate

(1) **plead** for mercy, (2) **plead** a political cause

He **pleaded** with the authorities to release his son, who had been wrongly accused.

achieve

v. to successfully complete a task or goal, often through hard work, perseverance, and dedication; to attain or accomplish something that one has set out to do

synonym : accomplish, attain, reach

(1) **achieve** success, (2) **achieve** milestones

I will work hard to **achieve** my goals and realize my dreams.

overlook

v. to fail to notice something; to watch over someone; to provide a view from above

synonym : disregard, look down, supervise

(1) **overlook** a street, (2) **overlook** that fact

We cannot **overlook** an opportunity for great success.

undermine

v. to make someone or something less powerful, less effective, weaker gradually; to make someone's fame, confidence, or authority less effective or weaker gradually

synonym : damage, subvert, weaken

(1) **undermine** a good relationship, (2) **undermine** their adversary's reputation

They tried to **undermine** her position by slandering her.

contribution

n. the act of giving something, especially money, to a particular cause or organization; a voluntary gift as of money or service or ideas made to some worthwhile cause

synonym : donation, gift, offering

(1) make a positive **contribution**, (2) **contribution** to society

His **contribution** to the charity was a generous donation of money.

recognize

v. to acknowledge or realize something or someone; to identify, remember, or become aware of something that was previously known or encountered

synonym : acknowledge, identify, admit

(1) **recognize** talent, (2) **recognize** achievement

It's important to **recognize** your strengths and weaknesses.

reward

n. a thing given in acknowledgment of service, hard work, achievement, etc.

synonym : compensation, gratuity, bonus

(1) the **reward** for good works, (2) shopping **rewards** cards

Night fishing has a lot of **rewards**.

Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. an Arctic exp_____on | <i>n.</i> the activity of searching and finding out about something through a place |
| 2. en____us amount | <i>adj.</i> extremely large or great |
| 3. ab____b a shock | <i>v.</i> to take in a fluid or other substance gradually |
| 4. the w_t of man | <i>n.</i> the ability to say or write things or ideas in a clever and humorous way |
| 5. a string of mis_____nes | <i>n.</i> an unfortunate event or circumstance; bad luck or trouble |
| 6. vast ex_____e | <i>n.</i> a substance, such as water or oil, that flows freely and is neither a solid nor a gas |
| 7. tree and sh__bs | <i>n.</i> a woody plant that is smaller than a tree and has several main stems emerging from the soil |
| 8. the ba__n of the Great Salt Lake | <i>n.</i> a natural depression or valley that is circular or oval on the surface of the earth, especially one that has water in it; a container with a bowl form that is typically used to hold food or liquids |
| 9. an app_____te time | <i>adj.</i> suitable or proper in the circumstances; fitting |
| 10. re_____ze achievement | <i>v.</i> to acknowledge or realize something or someone; to identify, remember, or become aware of something that was previously known or encountered |

ANSWERS: 1. exploration, 2. enormous, 3. absorb, 4. wit, 5. misfortune, 6. expanse, 7. shrub, 8. basin, 9. appropriate, 10. recognize

11. a scientific di_____ry *n.* the act or process of finding information, a place, or an object, or learning about something that was previously not known
12. liv_____od assistance *n.* a means of earning money people need to pay for food, a place to live, clothing, etc.
13. pl__d a political cause *v.* to make a serious and urgent request or appeal, especially for help or mercy
14. his latest tw__ts *n.* a short, high sound made by a small bird; a message sent using Twitter, the social media application
15. s__k a buzzer-beater *v.* to submerge or go down below the surface of a liquid or substance; to decline or deteriorate; to cause something to go down into a liquid substance or sink into something else
16. provide ad_____te funding *adj.* enough, acceptable, satisfactory for a particular purpose or need
17. small sh__b *n.* a woody plant that is smaller than a tree and has several main stems emerging from the soil
18. h__t a job *v.* to go after and try to catch wild animals to kill them for food, sport, or profit
19. a cold cl_____e *n.* the weather in a particular location averaged over some long period
20. local vi_____er *n.* a person who lives in a village or small rural community; a person who is part of a close-knit and traditional community

ANSWERS: 11. discovery, 12. livelihood, 13. plead, 14. tweet, 15. sink, 16. adequate, 17. shrub, 18. hunt, 19. climate, 20. villager

21. res_____le for a customer service *adj.* answerable or accountable for something within one's power, control, or management
22. de_____p a skill *v.* to grow or expand; to improve or refine through a process of progress and refinement, often to achieve greater sophistication or complexity; to elaborate or add detail to something that is in the process of being created
23. the re____d for good works *n.* a thing given in acknowledgment of service, hard work, achievement, etc.
24. v__t majority *adj.* enormous in size, number, amount, or quantity
25. rural dw_____r *n.* a person or animal that lives in a particular place or region; an inhabitant of a specific location
26. ec_____y class *n.* the system by which a country or region produces manages, and distributes goods and services, including the money and finances involved in these activities; (of an airline) the lowest-priced, most basic option for seating in commercial travel
27. co_____al swimming pool *adj.* belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use
28. be____l tragedy *v.* to happen or occur, especially unexpectedly or by chance; to affect or happen to someone or something in a negative or unfortunate way
29. liquid as__ts of the company *n.* something or someone that is useful or valuable quality, skill, etc.; valuable property

ANSWERS: 21. responsible, 22. develop, 23. reward, 24. vast, 25. dweller, 26. economy, 27. communal, 28. befall, 29. asset

30. vi____er community *n.* a person who lives in a village or small rural community; a person who is part of a close-knit and traditional community
31. tr____al cyclones *adj.* originating in, located in, or characteristic of the tropics
32. s__k a lot of capital *v.* to submerge or go down below the surface of a liquid or substance; to decline or deteriorate; to cause something to go down into a liquid substance or sink into something else
33. dr__n water from the swamp *v.* to empty or dry something by removing the liquid from it
34. ap_____on blame *v.* to distribute, divide, or assign something fairly or proportionally, often based on specific criteria or system
35. high pain th_____ld *n.* the floor or ground that forms the bottom of a doorway and offers support when passing through a doorway; the smallest detectable sensation
36. ab____b energy *v.* to take in a fluid or other substance gradually
37. a chick's tw__t *n.* a short, high sound made by a small bird; a message sent using Twitter, the social media application
38. save the pl__t *n.* any of the nine large celestial bodies that circle in the solar system; any celestial body that revolves around a star
39. dr__n excess liquid *v.* to empty or dry something by removing the liquid from it

ANSWERS: 30. villager, 31. tropical, 32. sink, 33. drain, 34. apportion, 35. threshold, 36. absorb, 37. tweet, 38. planet, 39. drain

40. pl__d for mercy *v.* to make a serious and urgent request or appeal, especially for help or mercy
41. give alms to a be___r *n.* a person who asks for money or food from others, particularly as a means of survival due to poverty or homelessness
42. financial cr___s *n.* a time of great disagreement, confusion, or danger when problems must be resolved or critical decisions must be taken
43. dec_____ze its energy system *v.* to stop or reduce emitting carbon gases, especially carbon dioxide, by replacing energy made from fossil fuels with renewable energy
44. pl___t like the Earth *n.* any of the nine large celestial bodies that circle in the solar system; any celestial body that revolves around a star
45. 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
46. Oscar la_____te *n.* a person who has been awarded an honor or a prize for achievement in a particular field, especially in literature or academia; a poet who is honored for achieving the highest level of excellence in a competition or for producing a lifetime body of work
47. h__t after knowledge *v.* to go after and try to catch wild animals to kill them for food, sport, or profit

ANSWERS: 40. plead, 41. beggar, 42. crisis, 43. decarbonize, 44. planet, 45. contribute, 46. laureate, 47. hunt

48. v__t desert *adj.* enormous in size, number, amount, or quantity
49. de____p a strategy *v.* to grow or expand; to improve or refine through a process of progress and refinement, often to achieve greater sophistication or complexity; to elaborate or add detail to something that is in the process of being created
50. se_____er ten percent of the annual carbon emissions *v.* to take temporary possession of someone's property until a debt is paid.
51. p__t reserves *n.* a type of soil made up of partially decayed organic matter (usually moss) that accumulates in wetlands or bogs, often used as fuel for heat and cooking in some regions of the world
52. cr____s management *n.* a time of great disagreement, confusion, or danger when problems must be resolved or critical decisions must be taken
53. ec_____y of scale *n.* the system by which a country or region produces manages, and distributes goods and services, including the money and finances involved in these activities; (of an airline) the lowest-priced, most basic option for seating in commercial travel
54. e__t air pollution *v.* to give off or send out something such as light, heat, sound, gas, etc.
55. large ex_____es *n.* a substance, such as water or oil, that flows freely and is neither a solid nor a gas

ANSWERS: 48. vast, 49. develop, 50. sequester, 51. peat, 52. crisis, 53. economy, 54. emit, 55. expanse

56. pe_____nd bog *n.* an area covered with peat (= a partially decayed organic matter formed from plants)
57. economic th____t *n.* a strong indication or likelihood of harm, danger, or adverse consequences; an expression of intent to inflict harm or injury on someone or something, often made as a means of coercion or intimidation
58. misfortunes be____l *v.* to happen or occur, especially unexpectedly or by chance; to affect or happen to someone or something in a negative or unfortunate way
59. re_____ze talent *v.* to acknowledge or realize something or someone; to identify, remember, or become aware of something that was previously known or encountered
60. respect for human di____y *n.* the quality of being worthy of esteem or respect; high office or rank or station
61. app_____te behavior *adj.* suitable or proper in the circumstances; fitting
62. city dw____r *n.* a person or animal that lives in a particular place or region; an inhabitant of a specific location
63. un_____ne their adversary's reputation *v.* to make someone or something less powerful, less effective, weaker gradually; to make someone's fame, confidence, or authority less effective or weaker gradually
64. re_____e the right *v.* to keep something for future use or contingency; to obtain or arrange something, such as a meeting, seat, etc., in advance

ANSWERS: 56. peatland, 57. threat, 58. befall, 59. recognize, 60. dignity, 61. appropriate, 62. dweller, 63. undermine, 64. reserve

65. se_____er myself from the world *v.* to take temporary possession of someone's property until a debt is paid.
66. homeless be____r *n.* a person who asks for money or food from others, particularly as a means of survival due to poverty or homelessness
67. ov_____ok a street *v.* to fail to notice something; to watch over someone; to provide a view from above
68. inland ba__n *n.* a natural depression or valley that is circular or oval on the surface of the earth, especially one that has water in it; a container with a bowl form that is typically used to hold food or liquids
69. su_____al ability *n.* the state of continuing to exist or live, frequently in the face of difficulty or danger
70. 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
71. im_____e a process *v.* to make or become better
72. environmental th____t *n.* a strong indication or likelihood of harm, danger, or adverse consequences; an expression of intent to inflict harm or injury on someone or something, often made as a means of coercion or intimidation
73. coconut p__m trees *n.* the inner surface of the hand from the wrist to the base of the fingers; any plant of the family Palmae having an unbranched trunk crowned by large pinnate or palmate leaves

ANSWERS: 65. sequester, 66. beggar, 67. overlook, 68. basin, 69. survival, 70. atmosphere, 71. improve, 72. threat, 73. palm

74. ad____te parking facilities *adj.* enough, acceptable, satisfactory for a particular purpose or need
75. have dev_____ng effects *adj.* causing a great deal of destruction or damage
76. ov_____ok that fact *v.* to fail to notice something; to watch over someone; to provide a view from above
77. access to public tr_____rt *n.* a system for moving people or products from one location to another using automobiles, roads, and so on
78. vi_____e by X-ray *adj.* capable of being seen; or open to easy view
79. res_____le action *adj.* answerable or accountable for something within one's power, control, or management
80. tr_____al islands *adj.* originating in, located in, or characteristic of the tropics
81. frozen as__ts *n.* something or someone that is useful or valuable quality, skill, etc.; valuable property
82. the great di_____ry of the century *n.* the act or process of finding information, a place, or an object, or learning about something that was previously not known
83. many tr_____ons of dollars *n.* the number 1,000,000,000,000; a million million
84. the abundance of l__h vegetation *adj.* produced or growing in extreme abundance, often in an attractive way; having strong sexual appeal

ANSWERS: 74. adequate, 75. devastating, 76. overlook, 77. transport, 78. visible, 79. responsible, 80. tropical, 81. asset, 82. discovery, 83. trillion, 84. lush

85. un_____ne a good relationship *v.* to make someone or something less powerful, less effective, weaker gradually; to make someone's fame, confidence, or authority less effective or weaker gradually
86. en_____us potential *adj.* extremely large or great
87. con_____te a marriage *v.* to think about a possible future action or to think about something for a long time thoughtfully
88. a means of liv_____od *n.* a means of earning money people need to pay for food, a place to live, clothing, etc.
89. full of w_t *n.* the ability to say or write things or ideas in a clever and humorous way
90. future of space exp_____on *n.* the activity of searching and finding out about something through a place
91. bl__d to the beauties *adj.* unable to see; unable or unwilling to perceive or understand the true nature of something
92. con_____ted leaving school *v.* to think about a possible future action or to think about something for a long time thoughtfully
93. vi_____e stars *adj.* capable of being seen; or open to easy view
94. muddy sw__p *n.* an area of low-lying land that is flooded or saturated with water, often having a growth of natural vegetation
95. ac_____e milestones *v.* to successfully complete a task or goal, often through hard work, perseverance, and dedication; to attain or accomplish something that one has set out to do

ANSWERS: 85. undermine, 86. enormous, 87. contemplate, 88. livelihood, 89. wit, 90. exploration, 91. blind, 92. contemplate, 93. visible, 94. swamp, 95. achieve

96. st____rn stains *adj.* refusing to change one's mind or behavior despite persuasion or evidence to the contrary; unyielding; difficult to move or change
97. poet la____te *n.* a person who has been awarded an honor or a prize for achievement in a particular field, especially in literature or academia; a poet who is honored for achieving the highest level of excellence in a competition or for producing a lifetime body of work
98. sw____nd habitat *n.* an area of low-lying land that is typically saturated with water and has an abundance of vegetation, especially trees, that make travel or agriculture difficult
99. ac____e success *v.* to successfully complete a task or goal, often through hard work, perseverance, and dedication; to attain or accomplish something that one has set out to do
100. a reckless at____t *n.* an act or effort of trying to do something, especially something difficult
101. p__t production *n.* a type of soil made up of partially decayed organic matter (usually moss) that accumulates in wetlands or bogs, often used as fuel for heat and cooking in some regions of the world
102. co____al combination of funds *adj.* belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use

ANSWERS: 96. stubborn, 97. laureate, 98. swampland, 99. achieve, 100. attempt, 101. peat, 102. communal

103. make a positive con_____ion *n.* the act of giving something, especially money, to a particular cause or organization; a voluntary gift as of money or service or ideas made to some worthwhile cause
104. w__d management *n.* a wild plant growing where it is not wanted and in competition with cultivated plants
105. su_____al food *n.* the state of continuing to exist or live, frequently in the face of difficulty or danger
106. existence of a de__y *n.* a divine being or god worshipped and revered by people in a particular religion or culture
107. tra_____ncy during the trials *n.* the condition or quality of being easy to see through
108. tropical sw_____nd *n.* an area of low-lying land that is typically saturated with water and has an abundance of vegetation, especially trees, that make travel or agriculture difficult
109. lack of tra_____ncy *n.* the condition or quality of being easy to see through
110. ap_____on resources *v.* to distribute, divide, or assign something fairly or proportionally, often based on specific criteria or system
111. the s__n of a bird's wings *n.* the entire length of something, such as time or space from beginning to end; the amount of space that something covers

ANSWERS: 103. contribution, 104. weed, 105. survival, 106. deity, 107. transparency, 108. swampland, 109. transparency, 110. apportion, 111. span

112. eq___y capital market *n.* the value of the shares issued by a company
113. dec_____ze their manufacturing process *v.* to stop or reduce emitting carbon gases, especially carbon dioxide, by replacing energy made from fossil fuels with renewable energy
114. per_____nt cough *adj.* continuing firmly or obstinately in the course of action despite difficulty or opposition; lasting or enduring without fading or being lost over time
115. con_____te to society *v.* to give something, especially money or goods, to provide or achieve something together with other people
116. sw___p tour *n.* an area of low-lying land that is flooded or saturated with water, often having a growth of natural vegetation
117. retain everyone's di_____y *n.* the quality of being worthy of esteem or respect; high office or rank or station
118. ca___n emission *n.* a chemical element that can be found in pure form as diamond or graphite, and it is also an essential part of coal and oil and is found in all plants and animals
119. per_____nt data *adj.* continuing firmly or obstinately in the course of action despite difficulty or opposition; lasting or enduring without fading or being lost over time
120. im_____e the test score *v.* to make or become better
121. 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

ANSWERS: 112. equity, 113. decarbonize, 114. persistent, 115. contribute, 116. swamp, 117. dignity, 118. carbon, 119. persistent, 120. improve, 121. atmosphere

122. treat this dev_____ng disease *adj.* causing a great deal of destruction or damage
123. co_____nt urinary diversion *n.* one of the earth's large landmasses; (adjective) abstaining from your feelings, especially your desire to have sex
124. shopping re____ds cards *n.* a thing given in acknowledgment of service, hard work, achievement, etc.
125. economic mis_____ne *n.* an unfortunate event or circumstance; bad luck or trouble
126. con_____ion to society *n.* the act of giving something, especially money, to a particular cause or organization; a voluntary gift as of money or service or ideas made to some worthwhile cause
127. private eq____y firm *n.* the value of the shares issued by a company
128. e__t a gamma ray *v.* to give off or send out something such as light, heat, sound, gas, etc.
129. the at_____t to rescue the hostages *n.* an act or effort of trying to do something, especially something difficult
130. the average life s__n *n.* the entire length of something, such as time or space from beginning to end; the amount of space that something covers
131. tr_____on cubic feet *n.* the number 1,000,000,000,000; a million million
132. aw__d ceremony *n.* a prize or other mark of recognition given in honor of an achievement

ANSWERS: 122. devastating, 123. continent, 124. reward, 125. misfortune, 126. contribution, 127. equity, 128. emit, 129. attempt, 130. span, 131. trillion, 132. award

133. effects of cl_____e change *n.* the weather in a particular location averaged over some long period
134. pe_____nd ecosystem *n.* an area covered with peat (= a partially decayed organic matter formed from plants)
135. de__y of commerce *n.* a divine being or god worshipped and revered by people in a particular religion or culture
136. l__h and fertile land *adj.* produced or growing in extreme abundance, often in an attractive way; having strong sexual appeal
137. pull up a w__d *n.* a wild plant growing where it is not wanted and in competition with cultivated plants
138. the inland of a co_____nt *n.* one of the earth's large landmasses; (adjective) abstaining from your feelings, especially your desire to have sex
139. st_____rn attitude *adj.* refusing to change one's mind or behavior despite persuasion or evidence to the contrary; unyielding; difficult to move or change
140. re_____e a concert ticket *v.* to keep something for future use or contingency; to obtain or arrange something, such as a meeting, seat, etc., in advance
141. tr_____rt facilities *n.* a system for moving people or products from one location to another using automobiles, roads, and so on

ANSWERS: 133. climate, 134. peatland, 135. deity, 136. lush, 137. weed, 138. continent, 139. stubborn, 140. reserve, 141. transport

142. bl__d spot *adj.* unable to see; unable or unwilling to perceive or understand the true nature of something
143. the p__m side of the forearm *n.* the inner surface of the hand from the wrist to the base of the fingers; any plant of the family Palmae having an unbranched trunk crowned by large pinnate or palmate leaves
144. the th_____ld between rooms *n.* the floor or ground that forms the bottom of a doorway and offers support when passing through a doorway; the smallest detectable sensation
145. ca___n dioxide *n.* a chemical element that can be found in pure form as diamond or graphite, and it is also an essential part of coal and oil and is found in all plants and animals
146. participation aw__d *n.* a prize or other mark of recognition given in honor of an achievement

ANSWERS: 142. blind, 143. palm, 144. threshold, 145. carbon, 146. award

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The developer had to drain the _____ before building the new community.
 - n.* an area of low-lying land that is typically saturated with water and has an abundance of vegetation, especially trees, that make travel or agriculture difficult

2. She's on the _____ of adulthood.
 - n.* the floor or ground that forms the bottom of a doorway and offers support when passing through a doorway; the smallest detectable sensation

3. The abandoned ship slowly began to _____ into the murky waters of the harbor.
 - v.* to submerge or go down below the surface of a liquid or substance; to decline or deteriorate; to cause something to go down into a liquid substance or sink into something else

4. Trees absorb _____ dioxide and give off oxygen.
 - n.* a chemical element that can be found in pure form as diamond or graphite, and it is also an essential part of coal and oil and is found in all plants and animals

5. Flight across the _____ was a daring adventure in its day.
 - n.* one of the earth's large landmasses; (adjective) abstaining from your feelings, especially your desire to have sex

6. Many of the lakes and marshes in the _____ are mildly salty.
 - n.* a natural depression or valley that is circular or oval on the surface of the earth, especially one that has water in it; a container with a bowl form that is typically used to hold food or liquids

7. The mountain _____ lived off the land and had a deep connection to nature.
 - n.* a person or animal that lives in a particular place or region; an inhabitant of a specific location

ANSWERS: 1. swampland, 2. threshold, 3. sink, 4. carbon, 5. continent, 6. basin, 7. dweller

8. Hounds _____ their prey by using their keen scent.
v. to go after and try to catch wild animals to kill them for food, sport, or profit
9. It's important to _____ your strengths and weaknesses.
v. to acknowledge or realize something or someone; to identify, remember, or become aware of something that was previously known or encountered
10. Push the button and let the water _____ away.
v. to empty or dry something by removing the liquid from it
11. _____ and weather have an impact on every part of our lifestyles.
n. the weather in a particular location averaged over some long period
12. He was so _____ about his beliefs that he refused to listen to any other points of view.
adj. refusing to change one's mind or behavior despite persuasion or evidence to the contrary; unyielding; difficult to move or change
13. 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
14. She's a _____ pet owner who ensures her dog gets enough exercise and a healthy diet.
adj. answerable or accountable for something within one's power, control, or management
15. We have to seek methods to _____ its fossil fuel economy.
v. to stop or reduce emitting carbon gases, especially carbon dioxide, by replacing energy made from fossil fuels with renewable energy

ANSWERS: 8. hunt, 9. recognize, 10. drain, 11. Climate, 12. stubborn, 13. tweet, 14. responsible, 15. decarbonize

16. During the unloading, the container box _____ a clicking sound.

v. to give off or send out something such as light, heat, sound, gas, etc.

17. I will work hard to _____ my goals and realize my dreams.

v. to successfully complete a task or goal, often through hard work, perseverance, and dedication; to attain or accomplish something that one has set out to do

18. You can easily _____ seats over the telephone.

v. to keep something for future use or contingency; to obtain or arrange something, such as a meeting, seat, etc., in advance

19. The sponge _____ water well.

v. to take in a fluid or other substance gradually

20. This argument is still not _____.

adj. enough, acceptable, satisfactory for a particular purpose or need

21. One light year is nearly 6 _____ miles.

n. the number 1,000,000,000,000; a million million

22. Her research team made an important _____.

n. the act or process of finding information, a place, or an object, or learning about something that was previously not known

23. The garden was full of _____ that needed to be pulled.

n. a wild plant growing where it is not wanted and in competition with cultivated plants

24. He approved their requests to _____ the jury.

v. to take temporary possession of someone's property until a debt is paid.

ANSWERS: 16. emits, 17. achieve, 18. reserve, 19. absorbs, 20. adequate, 21. trillion, 22. discovery, 23. weeds, 24. sequester

25. _____ elections were held in several European countries.
adj. belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use
26. Mercury is the closest _____ to the sun.
n. any of the nine large celestial bodies that circle in the solar system; any celestial body that revolves around a star
27. He has the ____ to keep talking about this topic.
n. the ability to say or write things or ideas in a clever and humorous way
28. The preservation of _____ is crucial in mitigating climate change, as they help regulate the Earth's temperature and reduce atmospheric carbon dioxide.
n. an area covered with peat (= a partially decayed organic matter formed from plants)
29. That company is cautious when it comes to _____ investment.
n. the value of the shares issued by a company
30. This high-performance camera is compact enough to fit in the ____ of your hand.
n. the inner surface of the hand from the wrist to the base of the fingers; any plant of the family Palmae having an unbranched trunk crowned by large pinnate or palmate leaves
31. The flood was a great _____ to the small town causing extensive damage.
n. an unfortunate event or circumstance; bad luck or trouble
32. We want to _____ ties between our two countries.
v. to make or become better

ANSWERS: 25. Communal, 26. planet, 27. wit, 28. peatlands, 29. equity, 30. palm, 31. misfortune, 32. improve

33. We must _____ a new system to streamline our workflow and increase efficiency.
- v.* to grow or expand; to improve or refine through a process of progress and refinement, often to achieve greater sophistication or complexity; to elaborate or add detail to something that is in the process of being created
34. The _____ rags barely covered his body as he shivered in the cold.
- n.* a person who asks for money or food from others, particularly as a means of survival due to poverty or homelessness
35. Enhanced rail _____ is crucial for our business.
- n.* a system for moving people or products from one location to another using automobiles, roads, and so on
36. I could no longer earn my own _____.
- n.* a means of earning money people need to pay for food, a place to live, clothing, etc.
37. She was nearly _____ due to severe diabetes.
- adj.* unable to see; unable or unwilling to perceive or understand the true nature of something
38. I recently _____ dropping out of school and getting a full-time job.
- v.* to think about a possible future action or to think about something for a long time thoughtfully
39. He _____ with the authorities to release his son, who had been wrongly accused.
- v.* to make a serious and urgent request or appeal, especially for help or mercy

ANSWERS: 33. develop, 34. beggar's, 35. transportation, 36. livelihood, 37. blind, 38. contemplated, 39. pleaded

40. The _____ of the country is struggling due to the recent political instability.
- n.* the system by which a country or region produces manages, and distributes goods and services, including the money and finances involved in these activities; (of an airline) the lowest-priced, most basic option for seating in commercial travel
41. He slightly modified the _____ of training because it was just before a match.
- n.* the entire length of something, such as time or space from beginning to end; the amount of space that something covers
42. My home is easily _____ from the shore.
- adj.* capable of being seen; or open to easy view
43. These are _____ with no trunks that rarely grow taller than 3 meters.
- n.* a woody plant that is smaller than a tree and has several main stems emerging from the soil
44. They tried to _____ her position by slandering her.
- v.* to make someone or something less powerful, less effective, weaker gradually; to make someone's fame, confidence, or authority less effective or weaker gradually
45. A _____ audience viewed the broadcast.
- adj.* enormous in size, number, amount, or quantity
46. Government workers cannot _____ to political campaigns.
- v.* to give something, especially money or goods, to provide or achieve something together with other people
47. Gardeners often use _____ as a soil conditioner to improve drainage and retain moisture.
- n.* a type of soil made up of partially decayed organic matter (usually moss) that accumulates in wetlands or bogs, often used as fuel for heat and cooking in some regions of the world

ANSWERS: 40. economy, 41. span, 42. visible, 43. shrubs, 44. undermine, 45. vast,

46. contribute, 47. peat

48. Shakespeare's output of poetry was _____.

adj. extremely large or great

49. The Nobel _____ delivered an inspiring speech to the graduating class.

n. a person who has been awarded an honor or a prize for achievement in a particular field, especially in literature or academia; a poet who is honored for achieving the highest level of excellence in a competition or for producing a lifetime body of work

50. 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

51. This typhoon was the most _____ in years.

adj. causing a great deal of destruction or damage

52. _____ storm Marco is making his way along the coast of Florida.

adj. originating in, located in, or characteristic of the tropics

53. This area has an environment of _____ greenery and water courses.

adj. produced or growing in extreme abundance, often in an attractive way; having strong sexual appeal

54. He called for a careful _____ of the consequences.

n. the activity of searching and finding out about something through a place

55. The _____ of severe weather prompted the city to issue an evacuation warning.

n. a strong indication or likelihood of harm, danger, or adverse consequences; an expression of intent to inflict harm or injury on someone or something, often made as a means of coercion or intimidation

ANSWERS: 48. enormous, 49. laureate, 50. atmosphere, 51. devastating, 52. Tropical, 53. lush, 54. exploration, 55. threat

56. He evaluated his chances for _____ rather pessimistically.

- n.* the state of continuing to exist or live, frequently in the face of difficulty or danger

57. His _____ to the charity was a generous donation of money.

- n.* the act of giving something, especially money, to a particular cause or organization; a voluntary gift as of money or service or ideas made to some worthwhile cause

58. Night fishing has a lot of _____.

- n.* a thing given in acknowledgment of service, hard work, achievement, etc.

59. The lowland _____ was full of dangerous animals and poisonous plants.

- n.* an area of low-lying land that is flooded or saturated with water, often having a growth of natural vegetation

60. The main discussion topic is government _____.

- n.* the condition or quality of being easy to see through

61. The failure destroyed his trust and personal _____.

- n.* the quality of being worthy of esteem or respect; high office or rank or station

62. It would be _____ to dress nicely for the wedding.

- adj.* suitable or proper in the circumstances; fitting

63. The rural _____ were saddened by the destruction of their homes in the natural disaster.

- n.* a person who lives in a village or small rural community; a person who is part of a close-knit and traditional community

ANSWERS: 56. survival, 57. contribution, 58. rewards, 59. swamp, 60. transparency, 61. dignity, 62. appropriate, 63. villagers

64. The ancient Egyptians believed that the sun _____ Ra was the most powerful god.
- n.* a divine being or god worshipped and revered by people in a particular religion or culture
65. The third _____ was far more successful.
- n.* an act or effort of trying to do something, especially something difficult
66. I hope nothing bad will _____ my family during the storm.
- v.* to happen or occur, especially unexpectedly or by chance; to affect or happen to someone or something in a negative or unfortunate way
67. We need to _____ the funding fairly among all the departments.
- v.* to distribute, divide, or assign something fairly or proportionally, often based on specific criteria or system
68. A sense of humor is an invaluable _____ in this job.
- n.* something or someone that is useful or valuable quality, skill, etc.; valuable property
69. She looked over the immense _____ of the sea.
- n.* a substance, such as water or oil, that flows freely and is neither a solid nor a gas
70. He won the _____ for best actor at the film festival.
- n.* a prize or other mark of recognition given in honor of an achievement
71. We cannot _____ an opportunity for great success.
- v.* to fail to notice something; to watch over someone; to provide a view from above

ANSWERS: 64. deity, 65. attempt, 66. befall, 67. apportion, 68. asset, 69. expanse, 70. award, 71. overlook

72. The Chinese word for _____ comprises two characters, one for danger and the other for opportunity.

n. a time of great disagreement, confusion, or danger when problems must be resolved or critical decisions must be taken

73. Despite the setbacks, he remained _____ in his pursuit of his dreams.

adj. continuing firmly or obstinately in the course of action despite difficulty or opposition; lasting or enduring without fading or being lost over time

ANSWERS: 72. crisis, 73. persistent