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Session 1: Word List

comfort

n. a state of physical ease and freedom from pain or constraint

synonym: ease, solace, coziness

(1) words of **comfort**, (2) **comfort** level

He found **comfort** in the warm embrace of his loved ones.

zone

n. a specific area, region, or section that is marked off or defined in some way

synonym: area, region, territory

(1) time **zone**, (2) **zone** defense

He was reluctant to leave his comfort **zone** and try something new.

heartbreak

n. a feeling of great sadness or disappointment

synonym: grief, sorrow, bitterness

(1) ease her **heartbreak**, (2) go through **heartbreak**

They had experienced the **heartbreak** of losing two children due to premature births.

strength

n. the quality or state of being physically, or sometimes mentally, strong

synonym: resilience, power, muscles

(1) **strength** of the economy, (2) muscular **strength**

Health and **strength** are, above all, gold.

define

v. to state or explain precisely the nature, scope, or meaning of something

synonym: characterize, depict, express

(1) **define** a word, (2) **define** my position

To advance this discussion, we must **define** "success" rigorously.

cherish

v. to hold someone or something dear; to feel or show affection for someone or something

synonym: treasure, value, hold dear

(1) **cherish** a stuffed animal, (2) **cherish** relationships

She **cherished** the memories of her childhood.

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**.

contradict

v. to deny the truth of a statement by stating the opposite; to be in conflict with

synonym: conflict, oppose, belie

(1) **contradict** each other, (2) **contradict** the principle

The book contains numerous statements that **contradict** previous reports.

chaos

n. a state of complete confusion or disorder, often characterized by a lack of predictability or control

synonym: disorder, turmoil, confusion

(1) **chaos** theory, (2) midst of **chaos**

The conference room was in **chaos** as everyone tried to speak at once.

poetry

n. poems in general as a genre of literature

synonym: ode, poesy, verse

(1) modern **poetry**, (2) book of **poetry**

Different cultures have different comfortable word rhythms, so the composition of **poetry** varies greatly.

despair

n. the feeling that there is no hope and you cannot do anything to improve a difficult situation

synonym: dismay, anguish, misery

(1) **despair** at the future, (2) untold **despair**

His friend's death drove him to **despair**.

coexist

v. to live or exist together at the same time in the same place

synonym: cohabit, accompany, synchronize

(1) **coexist** with nature, (2) **coexist** with diversity

The different species can **coexist** in the same ecosystem by filling different niches and using different resources.

sorrow

n. a feeling of deep sadness, grief, or regret, especially for something lost or ending

synonym: grief, heartache, melancholy

(1) deep **sorrow**, (2) **sorrow** for sin

The death of her best friend filled her with **sorrow**.

inseparable

adj. incapable of being separated or disjoined; closely welded or joined together; mutually dependent or closely linked

synonym: attached, connected, united

(1) **inseparable** friends, (2) **inseparable** duo

The two friends were **inseparable** and did everything together.

poem

n. a piece of writing that emphasizes the expression of feelings and ideas by paying particular attention to diction (sometimes rhyme), rhythm, and imagery

synonym: ballad, lyric, verse

(1) a narrative **poem**, (2) **poem** to the dead

A great **poem** is a fountain forever overflowing with the waters of wisdom and delight.

nation

n. a large organized community of people living in a particular country or region and having a particular culture

synonym: country, state, sovereign entity

(1) **nation-state**, (2) a seafaring **nation**

The **nation** of Japan is known for its unique culture and advanced technology.

poet

n. a person who writes poetry

synonym: versifier, rhymers, writer

(1) a court **poet**, (2) a **poet** of sorts

She is a talented **poet** who has been recognized for her work.

mention

v. to speak or write about something or someone briefly

synonym: reference, allude, cite

(1) **mention** name, (2) **mention** in a report

I **mentioned** to him that I had seen his sister at the grocery store earlier that day.

laughter

n. the act or sound of laughing

synonym: laugh, chuckle, giggle

(1) **laughter** all around, (2) bring **laughter**

Some doctor says **laughter** is the best medicine.

nonetheless

adv. in spite of what has just been said or done; nevertheless

synonym: nevertheless, regardless, still

(1) we are **nonetheless** confident, (2) love him

nonetheless

They each choose **nonetheless** to battle.

constantly

adv. all the time

synonym : continuously, always, frequently

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

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

verge

n. the point at which something is about to happen or where something begins; the edge or margin of something, particularly a physical boundary or border

synonym : brink, edge, margin

(1) **verge** of bankruptcy, (2) on the **verge** of tears

He stood on the **verge** of a major discovery.

silent

adj. without any or little sound

synonym : quiet, hushed, mute

(1) **silent** reading, (2) give **silent** consent

The politician remained **silent** despite intense media scrutiny.

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.

agonize

v. to spend a long time thinking about a difficult problem and trying to make a decision, especially through worrying

synonym : disturb, excruciate, lament

(1) **agonize** pain, (2) **agonize** about financing

He **agonized** over whether to accept the job offer.

screenwriter

n. a writer who writes or creates scripts, screenplays, or stories for movies, television shows, or other visual media

synonym : scriptwriter, playwright

(1) aspiring **screenwriter**, (2) experienced **screenwriter**
The movie's success was largely attributed to the **screenwriter's** cleverly written script.

fascinate

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

synonym: captivate, intrigue, mesmerize

(1) **fascinate** the public, (2) **fascinate** the young
The magic tricks **fascinated** the children.

flaw

n. a fault, mistake, or weakness that causes something not to be perfect

synonym: defect, fault, imperfection

(1) a minor **flaw**, (2) the **flaw** in the legislation
Even the slightest design **flaw** in an aircraft can lead to a fatal accident.

vulnerable

adj. capable of being hurt or influenced physically or mentally

synonym: susceptible, exposed, weak

(1) a **vulnerable** bridge, (2) **vulnerable** parts of the body
Infants and pregnant women are particularly **vulnerable**.

pandemic

n. an outbreak of a disease that affects many people over a very wide area

synonym: outbreak

(1) flu **pandemic**, (2) global **pandemic**
They fear a **pandemic** of a new type of virus.

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.

architect

n. a person whose job is to design plans to be used in making something, such as buildings

synonym: creator, designer, planner

(1) landscape **architect**, (2) **architect** of the peace accord
The building **architect** tried to build the house above the tree.

definition

n. a concise explanation of the meaning of a word, phrase, or symbol

synonym: description, connotation, meaning

(1) a precise **definition**, (2) the **definition** of a word
Parallel lines are, by **definition**, lines on the same plane that never cross.

filmmaker

n. a person who makes films, typically as a profession

synonym: director, producer, cinematographer

(1) non-fiction **filmmaker**, (2) a successful **filmmaker**
The renowned **filmmaker** won several awards for his latest film.

architecture

n. the art and science of designing and constructing buildings

synonym: design, structure, layout

(1) **architecture** design, (2) classic **architecture**
The city is known for its impressive **architecture** and beautiful old buildings.

inhabit

v. to live in a specific location; to reside

synonym: settle, occupy, populate

(1) **inhabit** a cave, (2) **inhabit** the stomach
I have no idea what sort of folks **inhabit** the neighborhood.

frame

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

synonym: body, skeleton, scaffolding

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

instability

n. the state of being unstable or uncertain and likely to change suddenly

synonym : imbalance, fluctuation, unstableness

(1) political **instability**, (2) **instability** in currency markets

Lack of sleep and overwork often lead to emotional **instability**.

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.

disaster

n. an unexpected event or series of events that cause widespread damage, destruction, or loss of life

synonym : catastrophe, calamity, tragedy

(1) global **disaster**, (2) **disaster** recovery

The **disaster** response team worked around the clock to aid those affected by the earthquake.

ravage

v. to cause damage to something badly

synonym : devastate, ruin, destroy

(1) **ravage** a country, (2) **ravage** the brain

A large fire **ravaged** the forest.

threaten

v. to utter intentions of injury or punishment against someone

synonym : endanger, terrorize, intimidate

(1) **threaten** a healthy relationship, (2) **threaten** national security

Various artificially induced causes are **threatening** our ecosystem.

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.

invisible

adj. impossible or nearly impossible to see

synonym : hidden, imperceptible, unseen

(1) an **invisible** asset, (2) **invisible** stars

The phenomenon is **invisible** at optical wavelengths.

monster

n. an imaginary creature that is large and has various human and animal parts; someone or something large and powerful

synonym : giant, freak, behemoth

(1) horde of **monsters**, (2) **monster** film

This car has a **monster** engine.

tuck

v. to push a stray piece of clothing or material into a particular area or position, especially to make it more orderly or comfortable

synonym : insert, wrap, pinch

(1) **tuck** a baby in the blanket, (2) **tuck** into another cigarette

You should **tuck** your shirt into your trousers.

bubble

n. a thin, round, and often transparent mass of gas that is surrounded by a thin layer of liquid; a state of economic or social prosperity that is unsustainable and eventually collapses

synonym : blob, balloon, mania

(1) **bubble** in the champagne glass, (2) economic **bubble**

Many people worry that the current real estate market is a **bubble** that could burst soon.

abuse

n. the use of something in an incorrect or harmful manner

synonym :

misuse, misconduct, vilification

(1) the problem of drug **abuse**, (2) victim of sexual **abuse**
Our company has an audit team that monitors directors for **abuse** of authority.

victim

n. a person who has been harmed, injured, or otherwise negatively affected by a particular action, circumstance, or event

synonym: prey, target, sufferer

(1) **victim** support, (2) **victim** compensation

The **victim** of the crime deserves justice and support to recover from the trauma.

domestic

adj. relating to or inside a particular country, not foreign or international

synonym: endemic, private, household

(1) **domestic** airline, (2) a **domestic** animal

GDP stands for gross **domestic** product.

split

v. to divide, or to make something divide into two or more parts, especially along a particular line

synonym: break, divide, break apart

(1) **split** a bill, (2) **split** a reward equally

Companies often **split** their shares to lower the stock price and encourage investors to buy.

nuclear

adj. of or relating to or constituting the nucleus of an atom; deriving destructive energy from the release of atomic energy

synonym: atomic

(1) **nuclear** fusion, (2) use of **nuclear** power

Many countries have now agreed to a treaty banning the use of **nuclear** weapons.

explosion

n. a violent release induced by a chemical or nuclear reaction

synonym:

burst, eruption, outbreak

(1) a lot of **explosions**, (2) site of the **explosion**

A broken gas pipe triggered the **explosion**.

pulverize

v. to break into fine particles or dust; to crush, pound, or grind into a powder or a paste; to destroy completely or utterly

synonym: crush, smash, demolish

(1) **pulverize** rocks, (2) **pulverize** competition

The demolition crew had to **pulverize** the old building to make room for the new one.

destroy

v. to ruin or damage severely or completely; to eradicate or eliminate completely

synonym: demolish, ruin, obliterate

(1) **destroy** the ecosystem, (2) **destroyed** evidence

The building was **destroyed** in the fire and had to be rebuilt.

mismanagement

n. the act of managing something poorly, incompetently, or ineffectively, resulting in negative consequences

synonym: inefficiency, mishandling, incompetence

(1) **mismanagement** of funds, (2) **mismanagement** of time

The company's profits suffered due to the **mismanagement** of its resources.

corruption

n. dishonest, harmful, or illegal behavior, especially of people in positions of power

synonym: depravity, bribery, degeneration

(1) **corruption** accusation, (2) federal **corruption** charges

Rampant **corruption** led to a loss of trust in the government.

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.

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.

utopian

adj. ideal and perfect; relating to or resembling a utopia (= an ideal and perfect society)

synonym: idealistic, perfectionistic, unrealistic

(1) **utopian** society, (2) **utopian** goal

He had a **utopian** vision of a world without war.

sustainable

adj. able to continue or be continued for a long time

synonym: continuable, endurable, tolerable

(1) **sustainable** alternative fuel, (2) principles of **sustainable** development

The government should do more to support environmentally **sustainable** agriculture.

cast

v. to cause light or shadow to appear on a surface; to assign or choose someone such as an actor or representative, especially by selection process

synonym: throw, project, select

(1) **cast** a ballot, (2) **cast** a charming eye

This accident **cast** a dark shadow over their lives.

utopia

n. an ideal and perfect society in which all social and political problems have been solved, and all members live in harmony and prosperity

synonym: paradise, heaven, Arcadia

(1) perfect **utopia**, (2) a **utopia** for an engineer

The concept of **utopia** is often viewed as an impossible or unrealistic goal, as it goes beyond what is currently possible.

government

n. the group of people with authority to control a country or state

synonym: administration, regime, state

(1) **government** bureaucracy, (2) **government** funding

The federal **government** is planning to increase taxes for the next fiscal year.

illegal

adj. not allowed by law

synonym: banned, prohibited, illicit

(1) **illegal** drugs, (2) child of **illegal** immigrants

The customs agents seized the **illegal** shipment.

garbage

n. waste material, especially food waste and kitchen refuse

synonym: waste, trash, debris

(1) **garbage** collection, (2) lump of **garbage**

The **garbage** truck will be coming to pick up the trash every Monday morning.

landfill

n. a site for the disposal of waste materials

synonym: dump, trash-yard, waste-yard

(1) disposal in a **landfill**, (2) **landfill** sites

This country faces problems in finding enough suitable **landfill** sites.

confront

v. to face, meet or deal with a problem or difficult situation or person

synonym: engage, encounter, contend

(1) **confront** a global warming, (2) **confront** the issue

He finally decided to **confront** problems directly.

destruction

n. the act of causing so much damage to something

synonym: devastation, annihilation, ruin

(1) path of **destruction**, (2) cyclonic **destruction**

The extinction of several subspecies has been linked to climate change and habitat **destruction**.

crew

n. a group of people who work together, especially on a ship or airplane

synonym: team, group, squad

(1) the film **crew**, (2) the **crew** of a fishing boat

The ship's **crew** worked hard to repair the damaged sails before the next storm hit.

upside

n. the positive aspect or potential of something; the upper side of something

synonym: advantage, benefit, top

(1) have no **upside**, (2) market **upside**

Many people see the **upside** of traveling as an opportunity to experience new cultures and broaden their horizons.

creative

adj. relating to or involving the use of skill and original and unusual ideas to create something

synonym: imaginative, innovative, inventive

(1) **creative** writing, (2) barren of **creative** spirit

All the supervisor has to do is assign tasks that make his subordinates more **creative**.

excitement

n. a feeling of great enthusiasm and eagerness

synonym: thrill, exhilaration, incitement

(1) the **excitement** in the business world, (2) aesthetic **excitement**

The **excitement** of the upcoming concert was palpable among the crowd.

rubble

n. fragments of rock, stone, or other materials that remain after a building or other structure has been destroyed or demolished; the remains of something that has been broken down or destroyed

synonym: debris, ruins, wreckage

(1) clear away **rubble**, (2) **rubble-strewn** road

After the earthquake, the city was left in a pile of **rubble**.

cinematograph

n. an early motion picture projector invented by the French Lumière brothers, often used to refer to early cinema in general

synonym : movie camera, film projector, motion picture

(1) **cinematograph** camera, (2) silent **cinematograph** film
Early silent movies were projected using a hand-cranked **cinematograph**.

injury

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

synonym : wound, damage, hurt

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

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

zombie

n. a dead body that has been brought back to life by a supernatural force; someone who acts or responds in a mechanical or apathetic way

synonym : living dead, ghost, machine

(1) **zombie** bank, (2) **zombie** movie

If you don't get a good night's sleep, you will become a **zombie** at work.

surround

v. to be all around something or somebody

synonym : encircle, encompass, envelop

(1) **surround** a town, (2) a stone wall **surrounds** the palace

On three sides, mountains **surround** the settlement.

confuse

v. to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand

synonym : confound, obscure, disorient

(1) **confuse** the listener, (2) **confuse** fantasy with reality

Her remarks **confused** the debate.

stun

v. to make a person or an animal unconscious or dizzy, especially by hitting them on the head; to make someone surprised or shocked greatly

synonym : shock, amaze, astound

(1) **stun** fish, (2) **stun** an audience

This sprinter **stunned** the world with his speed.

coordinate

v. to bring the different parts of the activity and the people into an organized, ordered, or efficient relationship;
(adjective) of equal importance, rank, or degree

synonym: organize, harmonize, ordinate

(1) **coordinate** a special project, (2) a **coordinate** clause

We want to **coordinate** a schedule for the investigation.

grieve

v. to feel or show great sadness or sorrow, especially for someone who has died

synonym: mourn, lament, sorrow

(1) **grieve** for loss, (2) **grieve** at the sad news

She **grieved** the loss of her parents.

assess

v. to judge or decide the nature or quality of someone or something

synonym: estimate, evaluate, consider

(1) **assess** a tax of 10 pounds, (2) **assess** the quality

Our company needs to **assess** the business impact of climate change.

hell

n. the place thought to be where bad people go and are punished after death, often depicted as being located beneath the earth; an extraordinarily unpleasant or difficult place

synonym: inferno, agony, misery

(1) run like **hell**, (2) **hell** broke loose

The battlefield became **hell** on earth.

hero

n. a person who is admired or idealized for courage, outstanding achievements, or noble qualities; a character in literature or history who is central to the plot and who exhibits heroic qualities

synonym: champion, protagonist, savior

(1) local **hero**, (2) unsung **hero**

The soldier who sacrificed his life for his country is considered a national **hero**.

quotation

n. a group of words taken from a text or speech and repeated by someone other than the original author or speaker

synonym : excerpt, passage, quote

(1) double **quotation** marks, (2) take a **quotation**

He included a **quotation** from the book in his essay.

suffer

v. to experience pain, distress, or hardship; to undergo or endure something painful or unpleasant

synonym : endure, undergo, tolerate

(1) **suffer** a setback, (2) **suffer** bad grades

The older man **suffers** from arthritis and finds it difficult to move around.

risky

adj. involving the possibility of danger, failure, or loss

synonym : dangerous, perilous, scary

(1) change **risky** behavior, (2) a **risky** enterprise

It is extremely **risky** to sail in such a storm.

constant

adj. happening repeatedly or all the time

synonym : ceaseless, stable, unchanging

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

Constant dropping wears away the stone.

vigilance

n. the state of being watchful, alert, and attentive to potential dangers or threats; careful attention to detail and an active effort to prevent harm or damage

synonym : watchfulness, attentiveness, alertness

(1) exercise **vigilance**, (2) heightened **vigilance**

Constant **vigilance** is crucial for preventing home burglaries.

apprehension

n. the act of apprehending or arresting someone; a feeling of anxiety, worry, or uncertainty about something that may happen in the future; understanding or

comprehension of something, particularly a complex or abstract concept or idea

synonym : anxiety, worry, unease

(1) criminal **apprehension**, (2) **apprehension** of danger

The company's CEO felt a sense of **apprehension** before making the major decision.

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.

midst

n. the middle part of people or things

synonym : middle, core, bosom

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

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

brainstorming

n. a group activity or business method in which a group of people meet and think about something at the same time to solve a problem or to create good ideas

(1) **brainstorming** session, (2) do a **brainstorming** about a new product

Many companies employ **brainstorming** as a good way of generating innovative ideas.

crazy

adj. stupid or not sensible; very angry

synonym : insane, absurd, bizarre

(1) **crazy** about cars and racing, (2) a **crazy** scheme

The rain and thunder are **crazy** today.

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.

inception

n. the beginning or start of something; the point in time when something comes into existence

synonym : origin, beginning, start

(1) **inception** date, (2) lease **inception**

The idea for the company was formed at its **inception** and has since grown into a successful business.

resistance

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

synonym : opposition, antagonism, defiance

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

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

regain

v. to get something back or recover something after it has been lost or taken away

synonym : recover, reclaim, retrieve

(1) **regain** our reputation, (2) **regain** my health

After years of hard work, he finally **regained** his financial stability.

untold

adj. not yet revealed or known; not having been counted or measured

synonym : countless, immeasurable, innumerable

(1) **untold** riches, (2) an **untold** number of people

The **untold** stories of the disaster victims need to be heard to understand the impact fully.

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.

rebuild

v. to build again or anew

synonym: reconstruct, renovate, restore

(1) **rebuild** a company, (2) **rebuild** communities

They are planning to **rebuild** the house after the fire.

decision

n. the act or process of making up someone's mind about something; a choice or judgment reached after considering options

synonym: choice, determination, judgment

(1) **decision** authority, (2) a selfish **decision**

She was struggling to make a **decision** between two job offers.

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?

obstacle

n. a thing that blocks one's way or prevents or hinders progress

synonym: hindrance, barrier, block

(1) an **obstacle** to progress, (2) **obstacle** avoidance

The **obstacle** course was challenging but fun.

fragile

adj. delicate or easily broken or damaged

synonym: delicate, brittle, breakable

(1) politically **fragile** nation, (2) **fragile** ecosystem

The vase was made of **fragile** ceramic and easily broke when it was dropped.

loveless

adj. lacking in love, affection, or warmth; showing little or no affection or concern for others; also, relating to or characterized by a lack of love or intimacy in a romantic

relationship

synonym : unloving, heartless

(1) **loveless** communication, (2) **loveless** relationship

Their **loveless** marriage finally came to an end after years of unhappiness.

recreate

v. to make something that existed previously happen or appear to exist again

synonym : renovate, vivify, revive

(1) **recreate** a single country, (2) **recreate** the feeling of the 1920s

She **recreated** the atmosphere of the pre-war age with her stage setting.

magic

n. beliefs and actions employed to influence supernatural beings and forces; any art or performance that invokes supernatural powers

synonym : fascination, illusion, wizardry

(1) a **magic** spell, (2) she is **magic**

He performed **magic** tricks with sophisticated moves.

desire

n. a strong feeling of wanting to have or do something

synonym : ambition, appetite, greed

(1) unsatisfied **desire**, (2) fleshly **desire**

Low sexual **desire** typically correlates with low testosterone levels.

courage

n. the ability to face danger, difficulty, uncertainty, or pain without being overcome by fear or despair; the quality of being brave or courageous

synonym : bravery, valor, fearlessness

(1) mental **courage**, (2) inspire **courage**

It takes a lot of **courage** to stand up for what you believe is right.

inspiration

n. something that motivates or encourages someone to create or achieve something, or a feeling of excitement or creativity

synonym : motivation, drive, encouragement

(1) source of **inspiration**, (2) get **inspiration** from nature
He found **inspiration** in the works of his favorite authors.

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.

importance

n. the quality of being important and worthy of note

synonym : significance, primacy, matter

(1) a man of **importance**, (2) high **importance**
I stopped by the branch though I have no business of **importance**.

twin

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

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

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

rim

n. the edge of something in the shape of a more or less circular object

synonym : boundary, lip, edge

(1) **rim** of the ear, (2) crater **rim**

The water level was even with the basin's **rim**.

protagonist

n. the main character in a literary work, film, or other stories

synonym : hero, central figure, leading character

(1) **protagonist** of drama, (2) play a **protagonist**

The **protagonist's** triumph over adversity was the theme of

this play.

background

n. the details of a person's social heritage, such as family, vocational or educational experience; past information that is essential to understanding a situation or problem

synonym: ground, experience, backdrop

(1) a **background** color, (2) a criminal **background**

The company's hiring criteria emphasize personality, not a person's **background**.

generation

n. all the people born and living at about the same time, regarded collectively; the production of heat or electricity

synonym: cohort, age group, era

(1) **generation** gap, (2) the **generation** of electricity

The younger **generation** has different values and beliefs than the older one.

necessarily

adv. in an essential manner; in such a way as could not be otherwise

synonym: inevitable, certainly, automatically

(1) not **necessarily** a problem, (2) **necessarily** true

This accident was something that happened **necessarily**.

grateful

adj. feeling or showing an appreciation of kindness; thankful

synonym: thankful, appreciative, indebted

(1) a **grateful** breeze, (2) put a **grateful** expression

She was **grateful** for the help he provided.

Session 2: Spelling

1. res_____ce to insulin *n.* the act of defending oneself from an aggressor or refusing to accept something
2. 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
3. unsatisfied de_____e *n.* a strong feeling of wanting to have or do something
4. cr____s management *n.* a time of great disagreement, confusion, or danger when problems must be resolved or critical decisions must be taken
5. landscape ar_____ct *n.* a person whose job is to design plans to be used in making something, such as buildings
6. a co_____nt wind *adj.* happening repeatedly or all the time
7. ra_____e a country *v.* to cause damage to something badly
8. the exc_____nt in the business world *n.* a feeling of great enthusiasm and eagerness
9. untold de_____r *n.* the feeling that there is no hope and you cannot do anything to improve a difficult situation
10. a p__t of sorts *n.* a person who writes poetry
11. o__s of business *n.* the degree or probability that a particular thing will or will not happen

ANSWERS: 1. resistance, 2. achieve, 3. desire, 4. crisis, 5. architect, 6. constant, 7. ravage, 8. excitement, 9. despair, 10. poet, 11. odds

12. put a gr____ul expression *adj.* feeling or showing an appreciation of kindness; thankful
13. t__k into another cigarette *v.* to push a stray piece of clothing or material into a particular area or position, especially to make it more orderly or comfortable
14. fa_____te the public *v.* to attract and hold the attention of someone deeply and irresistibly
15. crater r_m *n.* the edge of something in the shape of a more or less circular object
16. a co_____nt temperature *adj.* happening repeatedly or all the time
17. 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
18. la_____er all around *n.* the act or sound of laughing
19. so____w for sin *n.* a feeling of deep sadness, grief, or regret, especially for something lost or ending
20. ra____e the brain *v.* to cause damage to something badly
21. ut_____n goal *adj.* ideal and perfect; relating to or resembling a utopia (= an ideal and perfect society)
22. a successful fi_____er *n.* a person who makes films, typically as a profession
23. on the ve__e of tears *n.* the point at which something is about to happen or where something begins; the edge or margin of something, particularly a physical boundary or border

ANSWERS: 12. grateful, 13. tuck, 14. fascinate, 15. rim, 16. constant, 17. planet, 18. laughter, 19. sorrow, 20. ravage, 21. utopian, 22. filmmaker, 23. verge

24. horde of mo____rs
n. an imaginary creature that is large and has various human and animal parts; someone or something large and powerful
25. fa_____te the young
v. to attract and hold the attention of someone deeply and irresistibly
26. gov_____nt funding
n. the group of people with authority to control a country or state
27. nu_____r fusion
adj. of or relating to or constituting the nucleus of an atom; deriving destructive energy from the release of atomic energy
28. re_____d communities
v. to build again or anew
29. barren of cr_____ve spirit
adj. relating to or involving the use of skill and original and unusual ideas to create something
30. a ri__y enterprise
adj. involving the possibility of danger, failure, or loss
31. clear away ru___e
n. fragments of rock, stone, or other materials that remain after a building or other structure has been destroyed or demolished; the remains of something that has been broken down or destroyed
32. non-fiction fi_____er
n. a person who makes films, typically as a profession
33. app_____ion of danger
n. the act of apprehending or arresting someone; a feeling of anxiety, worry, or uncertainty about something that may happen in the future; understanding or comprehension of something, particularly a complex or abstract concept or idea

ANSWERS: 24. monster, 25. fascinate, 26. government, 27. nuclear, 28. rebuild, 29. creative, 30. risky, 31. rubble, 32. filmmaker, 33. apprehension

34. a ut___a for an engineer *n.* an ideal and perfect society in which all social and political problems have been solved, and all members live in harmony and prosperity
35. un___d riches *adj.* not yet revealed or known; not having been counted or measured
36. victim of sexual ab___e *n.* the use of something in an incorrect or harmful manner
37. ch___s theory *n.* a state of complete confusion or disorder, often characterized by a lack of predictability or control
38. mo_____r film *n.* an imaginary creature that is large and has various human and animal parts; someone or something large and powerful
39. su___r a setback *v.* to experience pain, distress, or hardship; to undergo or endure something painful or unpleasant
40. the fr___e of the policy *n.* a strong border or structure of the wood, metal, etc. that surrounds something such as a picture, door, or window
41. the c___w of a fishing boat *n.* a group of people who work together, especially on a ship or airplane
42. co_____e fantasy with reality *v.* to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand
43. coo_____te a special project *v.* to bring the different parts of the activity and the people into an organized, ordered, or efficient relationship; (adjective) of equal importance, rank, or degree

ANSWERS: 34. utopia, 35. untold, 36. abuse, 37. chaos, 38. monster, 39. suffer, 40. frame, 41. crew, 42. confuse, 43. coordinate

44. na___n-state *n.* a large organized community of people living in a particular country or region and having a particular culture
45. in_____t a cave *v.* to live in a specific location; to reside
46. cyclonic des_____on *n.* the act of causing so much damage to something
47. have no up___e *n.* the positive aspect or potential of something; the upper side of something
48. local h__o *n.* a person who is admired or idealized for courage, outstanding achievements, or noble qualities; a character in literature or history who is central to the plot and who exhibits heroic qualities
49. 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
50. play a pro_____st *n.* the main character in a literary work, film, or other stories
51. th_____en a healthy relationship *v.* to utter intentions of injury or punishment against someone
52. a t__n room *n.* either of two children born at the same time from the same mother
53. ga_____e collection *n.* waste material, especially food waste and kitchen refuse
54. re_____d a company *v.* to build again or anew
55. co_____e the listener *v.* to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand

ANSWERS: 44. nation, 45. inhabit, 46. destruction, 47. upside, 48. hero, 49. recognize, 50. protagonist, 51. threaten, 52. twin, 53. garbage, 54. rebuild, 55. confuse

56. in the mi__t of the crowd *n.* the middle part of people or things
57. we are non_____ss confident *adv.* in spite of what has just been said or done; nevertheless
58. muscular st_____th *n.* the quality or state of being physically, or sometimes mentally, strong
59. ag_____e pain *v.* to spend a long time thinking about a difficult problem and trying to make a decision, especially through worrying
60. re_____ze achievement *v.* to acknowledge or realize something or someone; to identify, remember, or become aware of something that was previously known or encountered
61. a t__n-lens camera *n.* either of two children born at the same time from the same mother
62. silent cin_____aph film *n.* an early motion picture projector invented by the French Lumière brothers, often used to refer to early cinema in general
63. not nec_____ly a problem *adv.* in an essential manner; in such a way as could not be otherwise
64. ch_____h relationships *v.* to hold someone or something dear; to feel or show affection for someone or something
65. sp__t a reward equally *v.* to divide, or to make something divide into two or more parts, especially along a particular line
66. cin_____aph camera *n.* an early motion picture projector invented by the French Lumière brothers, often used to refer to early cinema in general

ANSWERS: 56. midst, 57. nonetheless, 58. strength, 59. agonize, 60. recognize, 61. twin, 62. cinematograph, 63. necessarily, 64. cherish, 65. split, 66. cinematograph

67. without in___y *n.* harm done to a person's or an animal's body caused by an accident or an attack
68. de_____r at the future *n.* the feeling that there is no hope and you cannot do anything to improve a difficult situation
69. unsung h__o *n.* a person who is admired or idealized for courage, outstanding achievements, or noble qualities; a character in literature or history who is central to the plot and who exhibits heroic qualities
70. words of co_____t *n.* a state of physical ease and freedom from pain or constraint
71. ob_____le avoidance *n.* a thing that blocks one's way or prevents or hinders progress
72. site of the ex_____on *n.* a violent release induced by a chemical or nuclear reaction
73. gr___e at the sad news *v.* to feel or show great sadness or sorrow, especially for someone who has died
74. ch_____h a stuffed animal *v.* to hold someone or something dear; to feel or show affection for someone or something
75. re_____te a single country *v.* to make something that existed previously happen or appear to exist again
76. ease her hea_____ak *n.* a feeling of great sadness or disappointment
77. nec_____ly true *adv.* in an essential manner; in such a way as could not be otherwise

ANSWERS: 67. injury, 68. despair, 69. hero, 70. comfort, 71. obstacle, 72. explosion, 73. grieve, 74. cherish, 75. recreate, 76. heartbreak, 77. necessarily

78. co____t with diversity *v.* to live or exist together at the same time in the same place
79. su____r bad grades *v.* to experience pain, distress, or hardship; to undergo or endure something painful or unpleasant
80. gov____nt bureaucracy *n.* the group of people with authority to control a country or state
81. modern po____y *n.* poems in general as a genre of literature
82. t__k a baby in the blanket *v.* to push a stray piece of clothing or material into a particular area or position, especially to make it more orderly or comfortable
83. a narrative p__m *n.* a piece of writing that emphasizes the expression of feelings and ideas by paying particular attention to diction (sometimes rhyme), rhythm, and imagery
84. vi____m compensation *n.* a person who has been harmed, injured, or otherwise negatively affected by a particular action, circumstance, or event
85. zo____e bank *n.* a dead body that has been brought back to life by a supernatural force; someone who acts or responds in a mechanical or apathetic way
86. the problem of drug ab__e *n.* the use of something in an incorrect or harmful manner
87. aesthetic exc____nt *n.* a feeling of great enthusiasm and eagerness

ANSWERS: 78. coexist, 79. suffer, 80. government, 81. poetry, 82. tuck, 83. poem, 84. victim, 85. zombie, 86. abuse, 87. excitement

88. con_____ct the principle *v.* to deny the truth of a statement by stating the opposite; to be in conflict with
89. r_m of the ear *n.* the edge of something in the shape of a more or less circular object
90. inspire co_____e *n.* the ability to face danger, difficulty, uncertainty, or pain without being overcome by fear or despair; the quality of being brave or courageous
91. co_____nt a global warming *v.* to face, meet or deal with a problem or difficult situation or person
92. ag_____e about financing *v.* to spend a long time thinking about a difficult problem and trying to make a decision, especially through worrying
93. intellectual f__t *n.* a notable or impressive achievement, especially one that requires great skill or bravery
94. bring la_____er *n.* the act or sound of laughing
95. di_____er recovery *n.* an unexpected event or series of events that cause widespread damage, destruction, or loss of life
96. a fatal in_____y *n.* harm done to a person's or an animal's body caused by an accident or an attack
97. politically fr_____e nation *adj.* delicate or easily broken or damaged
98. st_____th of the economy *n.* the quality or state of being physically, or sometimes mentally, strong
99. de___e a question *v.* to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options

ANSWERS: 88. contradict, 89. rim, 90. courage, 91. confront, 92. agonize, 93. feat, 94. laughter, 95. disaster, 96. injury, 97. fragile, 98. strength, 99. decide

100. the def_____on of a word *n.* a concise explanation of the meaning of a word, phrase, or symbol
101. arc_____ure design *n.* the art and science of designing and constructing buildings
102. an in_____le asset *adj.* impossible or nearly impossible to see
103. 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
104. exercise vi_____ce *n.* the state of being watchful, alert, and attentive to potential dangers or threats; careful attention to detail and an active effort to prevent harm or damage
105. global pa_____ic *n.* an outbreak of a disease that affects many people over a very wide area
106. a con_____ly innovative enterprise *adv.* all the time
107. 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
108. res_____ce movement *n.* the act of defending oneself from an aggressor or refusing to accept something
109. path of des_____on *n.* the act of causing so much damage to something

ANSWERS: 100. definition, 101. architecture, 102. invisible, 103. planet, 104. vigilance, 105. pandemic, 106. constantly, 107. economy, 108. resistance, 109. destruction

110. vi___m support *n.* a person who has been harmed, injured, or otherwise negatively affected by a particular action, circumstance, or event
111. 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
112. series of exp_____nts *n.* the scientific test conducted to observe what happens and gain new knowledge
113. book of po___y *n.* poems in general as a genre of literature
114. experienced scr_____ter *n.* a writer who writes or creates scripts, screenplays, or stories for movies, television shows, or other visual media
115. go through hea_____ak *n.* a feeling of great sadness or disappointment
116. a man of imp_____ce *n.* the quality of being important and worthy of note
117. market up___e *n.* the positive aspect or potential of something; the upper side of something
118. 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

ANSWERS: 110. victim, 111. threat, 112. experiment, 113. poetry, 114. screenwriter, 115. heartbreak, 116. importance, 117. upside, 118. economy

119. ru___e-strewn road *n.* fragments of rock, stone, or other materials that remain after a building or other structure has been destroyed or demolished; the remains of something that has been broken down or destroyed
120. aspiring scr_____ter *n.* a writer who writes or creates scripts, screenplays, or stories for movies, television shows, or other visual media
121. con_____ct each other *v.* to deny the truth of a statement by stating the opposite; to be in conflict with
122. in_____le stars *adj.* impossible or nearly impossible to see
123. me_____n in a report *v.* to speak or write about something or someone briefly
124. economic bu___e *n.* a thin, round, and often transparent mass of gas that is surrounded by a thin layer of liquid; a state of economic or social prosperity that is unsustainable and eventually collapses
125. f__t accomplishment *n.* a notable or impressive achievement, especially one that requires great skill or bravery
126. il_____l drugs *adj.* not allowed by law
127. a vul_____le bridge *adj.* capable of being hurt or influenced physically or mentally
128. re___n my health *v.* to get something back or recover something after it has been lost or taken away

ANSWERS: 119. rubble, 120. screenwriter, 121. contradict, 122. invisible, 123. mention, 124. bubble, 125. feat, 126. illegal, 127. vulnerable, 128. regain

129. sp__t a bill *v.* to divide, or to make something divide into two or more parts, especially along a particular line
130. si___t reading *adj.* without any or little sound
131. ut_____n society *adj.* ideal and perfect; relating to or resembling a utopia (= an ideal and perfect society)
132. me_____n name *v.* to speak or write about something or someone briefly
133. mis_____ent of time *n.* the act of managing something poorly, incompetently, or ineffectively, resulting in negative consequences
134. fr_____e ecosystem *adj.* delicate or easily broken or damaged
135. flu pa_____ic *n.* an outbreak of a disease that affects many people over a very wide area
136. midst of ch__s *n.* a state of complete confusion or disorder, often characterized by a lack of predictability or control
137. s__n an audience *v.* to make a person or an animal unconscious or dizzy, especially by hitting them on the head; to make someone surprised or shocked greatly
138. change ri__y behavior *adj.* involving the possibility of danger, failure, or loss
139. as___s a tax of 10 pounds *v.* to judge or decide the nature or quality of someone or something
140. bra_____ing session *n.* a group activity or business method in which a group of people meet and think about something at the same time to solve a problem or to create good ideas

ANSWERS: 129. split, 130. silent, 131. utopian, 132. mention, 133. mismanagement, 134. fragile, 135. pandemic, 136. chaos, 137. stun, 138. risky, 139. assess, 140. brainstorming

141. cr____ve writing *adj.* relating to or involving the use of skill and original and unusual ideas to create something
142. z__e defense *n.* a specific area, region, or section that is marked off or defined in some way
143. child of il____l immigrants *adj.* not allowed by law
144. take a qu____on *n.* a group of words taken from a text or speech and repeated by someone other than the original author or speaker
145. federal cor____on charges *n.* dishonest, harmful, or illegal behavior, especially of people in positions of power
146. financial cr____s *n.* a time of great disagreement, confusion, or danger when problems must be resolved or critical decisions must be taken
147. pro____st of drama *n.* the main character in a literary work, film, or other stories
148. re____n our reputation *v.* to get something back or recover something after it has been lost or taken away
149. sus____le alternative fuel *adj.* able to continue or be continued for a long time
150. fleshly de____e *n.* a strong feeling of wanting to have or do something
151. c__t a charming eye *v.* to cause light or shadow to appear on a surface; to assign or choose someone such as an actor or representative, especially by selection process

ANSWERS: 141. creative, 142. zone, 143. illegal, 144. quotation, 145. corruption, 146. crisis, 147. protagonist, 148. regain, 149. sustainable, 150. desire, 151. cast

152. an ob____le to progress *n.* a thing that blocks one's way or prevents or hinders progress
153. heightened vi____ce *n.* the state of being watchful, alert, and attentive to potential dangers or threats; careful attention to detail and an active effort to prevent harm or damage
154. a coo____te clause *v.* to bring the different parts of the activity and the people into an organized, ordered, or efficient relationship; (adjective) of equal importance, rank, or degree
155. th____en national security *v.* to utter intentions of injury or punishment against someone
156. de___e on a course of action *v.* to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options
157. su____nd a town *v.* to be all around something or somebody
158. lo____ss relationship *adj.* lacking in love, affection, or warmth; showing little or no affection or concern for others; also, relating to or characterized by a lack of love or intimacy in a romantic relationship
159. in the mi__t of a scandal *n.* the middle part of people or things
160. effects of cl____e change *n.* the weather in a particular location averaged over some long period
161. deep so___w *n.* a feeling of deep sadness, grief, or regret, especially for something lost or ending

ANSWERS: 152. obstacle, 153. vigilance, 154. coordinate, 155. threaten, 156. decide, 157. surround, 158. loveless, 159. midst, 160. climate, 161. sorrow

162. she is ma__c *n.* beliefs and actions employed to influence supernatural beings and forces; any art or performance that invokes supernatural powers
163. cr__y about cars and racing *adj.* stupid or not sensible; very angry
164. c__t a ballot *v.* to cause light or shadow to appear on a surface; to assign or choose someone such as an actor or representative, especially by selection process
165. the gen_____on of electricity *n.* all the people born and living at about the same time, regarded collectively; the production of heat or electricity
166. do a bra_____ing about a new product *n.* a group activity or business method in which a group of people meet and think about something at the same time to solve a problem or to create good ideas
167. time z__e *n.* a specific area, region, or section that is marked off or defined in some way
168. de___e my position *v.* to state or explain precisely the nature, scope, or meaning of something
169. high imp_____ce *n.* the quality of being important and worthy of note
170. a lot of ex_____ons *n.* a violent release induced by a chemical or nuclear reaction
171. re_____te the feeling of the 1920s *v.* to make something that existed previously happen or appear to exist again
172. a cr__y scheme *adj.* stupid or not sensible; very angry

ANSWERS: 162. magic, 163. crazy, 164. cast, 165. generation, 166. brainstorming, 167. zone, 168. define, 169. importance, 170. explosion, 171. recreate, 172. crazy

173. mis_____ent of funds *n.* the act of managing something poorly, incompetently, or ineffectively, resulting in negative consequences
174. a court p__t *n.* a person who writes poetry
175. get ins_____on from nature *n.* something that motivates or encourages someone to create or achieve something, or a feeling of excitement or creativity
176. ins_____le friends *adj.* incapable of being separated or disjoined; closely welded or joined together; mutually dependent or closely linked
177. zo___e movie *n.* a dead body that has been brought back to life by a supernatural force; someone who acts or responds in a mechanical or apathetic way
178. 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
179. co_____nt the issue *v.* to face, meet or deal with a problem or difficult situation or person
180. give si___t consent *adj.* without any or little sound
181. perfect ut___a *n.* an ideal and perfect society in which all social and political problems have been solved, and all members live in harmony and prosperity

ANSWERS: 173. mismanagement, 174. poet, 175. inspiration, 176. inseparable, 177. zombie, 178. threat, 179. confront, 180. silent, 181. utopia

182. mental co_____e
n. the ability to face danger, difficulty, uncertainty, or pain without being overcome by fear or despair; the quality of being brave or courageous
183. gr___e for loss
v. to feel or show great sadness or sorrow, especially for someone who has died
184. disposal in a la_____ll
n. a site for the disposal of waste materials
185. lump of ga_____e
n. waste material, especially food waste and kitchen refuse
186. in_____t the stomach
v. to live in a specific location; to reside
187. a con_____ly varying mind
adv. all the time
188. use of nu_____r power
adj. of or relating to or constituting the nucleus of an atom; deriving destructive energy from the release of atomic energy
189. do_____ic airline
adj. relating to or inside a particular country, not foreign or international
190. h__l broke loose
n. the place thought to be where bad people go and are punished after death, often depicted as being located beneath the earth; an extraordinarily unpleasant or difficult place
191. source of ins_____on
n. something that motivates or encourages someone to create or achieve something, or a feeling of excitement or creativity
192. gen_____on gap
n. all the people born and living at about the same time, regarded collectively; the production of heat or electricity

ANSWERS: 182. courage, 183. grieve, 184. landfill, 185. garbage, 186. inhabit, 187. constantly, 188. nuclear, 189. domestic, 190. hell, 191. inspiration, 192. generation

193. s__n fish *v.* to make a person or an animal unconscious or dizzy, especially by hitting them on the head; to make someone surprised or shocked greatly
194. 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
195. a ma__c spell *n.* beliefs and actions employed to influence supernatural beings and forces; any art or performance that invokes supernatural powers
196. an un____d number of people *adj.* not yet revealed or known; not having been counted or measured
197. as___s the quality *v.* to judge or decide the nature or quality of someone or something
198. a criminal bac____nd *n.* the details of a person's social heritage, such as family, vocational or educational experience; past information that is essential to understanding a situation or problem
199. run like h__l *n.* the place thought to be where bad people go and are punished after death, often depicted as being located beneath the earth; an extraordinarily unpleasant or difficult place
200. a minor f__w *n.* a fault, mistake, or weakness that causes something not to be perfect
201. a picture fr__e *n.* a strong border or structure of the wood, metal, etc. that surrounds something such as a picture, door, or window

ANSWERS: 193. stun, 194. achieve, 195. magic, 196. untold, 197. assess, 198. background, 199. hell, 200. flaw, 201. frame

202. bu___e in the champagne glass *n.* a thin, round, and often transparent mass of gas that is surrounded by a thin layer of liquid; a state of economic or social prosperity that is unsustainable and eventually collapses
203. de_____yed evidence *v.* to ruin or damage severely or completely; to eradicate or eliminate completely
204. the film c__w *n.* a group of people who work together, especially on a ship or airplane
205. ins_____le duo *adj.* incapable of being separated or disjoined; closely welded or joined together; mutually dependent or closely linked
206. classic arc _____ure *n.* the art and science of designing and constructing buildings
207. a selfish de_____on *n.* the act or process of making up someone's mind about something; a choice or judgment reached after considering options
208. political ins_____ty *n.* the state of being unstable or uncertain and likely to change suddenly
209. ins_____ty in currency markets *n.* the state of being unstable or uncertain and likely to change suddenly
210. a cold cl_____e *n.* the weather in a particular location averaged over some long period
211. global di_____er *n.* an unexpected event or series of events that cause widespread damage, destruction, or loss of life

ANSWERS: 202. bubble, 203. destroy, 204. crew, 205. inseparable, 206. architecture, 207. decision, 208. instability, 209. instability, 210. climate, 211. disaster

212. double qu_____on marks *n.* a group of words taken from a text or speech and repeated by someone other than the original author or speaker
213. principles of sus_____le development *adj.* able to continue or be continued for a long time
214. the f__w in the legislation *n.* a fault, mistake, or weakness that causes something not to be perfect
215. 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
216. a bac_____nd color *n.* the details of a person's social heritage, such as family, vocational or educational experience; past information that is essential to understanding a situation or problem
217. ar_____ct of the peace accord *n.* a person whose job is to design plans to be used in making something, such as buildings
218. lease in_____on *n.* the beginning or start of something; the point in time when something comes into existence
219. in_____on date *n.* the beginning or start of something; the point in time when something comes into existence
220. co_____t level *n.* a state of physical ease and freedom from pain or constraint
221. criminal app_____ion *n.* the act of apprehending or arresting someone; a feeling of anxiety, worry, or uncertainty about something that may happen in the future; understanding or comprehension of something, particularly a complex or abstract concept or idea

ANSWERS: 212. quotation, 213. sustainable, 214. flaw, 215. burden, 216. background, 217. architect, 218. inception, 219. inception, 220. comfort, 221. apprehension

222. pu_____ze rocks *v.* to break into fine particles or dust; to crush, pound, or grind into a powder or a paste; to destroy completely or utterly
223. co_____t with nature *v.* to live or exist together at the same time in the same place
224. pu_____ze competition *v.* to break into fine particles or dust; to crush, pound, or grind into a powder or a paste; to destroy completely or utterly
225. exp_____nt design *n.* the scientific test conducted to observe what happens and gain new knowledge
226. de_____y the ecosystem *v.* to ruin or damage severely or completely; to eradicate or eliminate completely
227. p__m to the dead *n.* a piece of writing that emphasizes the expression of feelings and ideas by paying particular attention to diction (sometimes rhyme), rhythm, and imagery
228. de_____on authority *n.* the act or process of making up someone's mind about something; a choice or judgment reached after considering options
229. carry a bu____n *n.* a duty, responsibility, etc. that is oppressive or worrisome; a load, typically a heavy one that is difficult to carry
230. cor_____on accusation *n.* dishonest, harmful, or illegal behavior, especially of people in positions of power

ANSWERS: 222. pulverize, 223. coexist, 224. pulverize, 225. experiment, 226. destroy, 227. poem, 228. decision, 229. burden, 230. corruption

231. ve__e of bankruptcy *n.* the point at which something is about to happen or where something begins; the edge or margin of something, particularly a physical boundary or border
232. la____ll sites *n.* a site for the disposal of waste materials
233. love him non_____ss *adv.* in spite of what has just been said or done; nevertheless
234. a do____ic animal *adj.* relating to or inside a particular country, not foreign or international
235. o__s in favor *n.* the degree or probability that a particular thing will or will not happen
236. lo____ss communication *adj.* lacking in love, affection, or warmth; showing little or no affection or concern for others; also, relating to or characterized by a lack of love or intimacy in a romantic relationship
237. de___e a word *v.* to state or explain precisely the nature, scope, or meaning of something
238. a precise def_____on *n.* a concise explanation of the meaning of a word, phrase, or symbol
239. a gr____ul breeze *adj.* feeling or showing an appreciation of kindness; thankful
240. vul_____le parts of the body *adj.* capable of being hurt or influenced physically or mentally
241. a stone wall su_____nds the palace *v.* to be all around something or somebody
242. a seafaring na___n *n.* a large organized community of people living in a particular country or region and having a particular culture

ANSWERS: 231. verge, 232. landfill, 233. nonetheless, 234. domestic, 235. odds, 236. loveless, 237. define, 238. definition, 239. grateful, 240. vulnerable, 241. surround, 242. nation

ANSWERS:

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. They fear a _____ of a new type of virus.
n. an outbreak of a disease that affects many people over a very wide area

2. A broken gas pipe triggered the _____.
n. a violent release induced by a chemical or nuclear reaction

3. His friend's death drove him to _____.
n. the feeling that there is no hope and you cannot do anything to improve a difficult situation

4. The _____ course was challenging but fun.
n. a thing that blocks one's way or prevents or hinders progress

5. Their _____ marriage finally came to an end after years of unhappiness.
adj. lacking in love, affection, or warmth; showing little or no affection or concern for others; also, relating to or characterized by a lack of love or intimacy in a romantic relationship

6. She _____ the loss of her parents.
v. to feel or show great sadness or sorrow, especially for someone who has died

7. He found _____ in the works of his favorite authors.
n. something that motivates or encourages someone to create or achieve something, or a feeling of excitement or creativity

8. He remained serene in the _____ of turbulence.
n. the middle part of people or things

ANSWERS: 1. pandemic, 2. explosion, 3. despair, 4. obstacle, 5. loveless, 6. grieved, 7. inspiration, 8. midst

9. This country faces problems in finding enough suitable _____ sites.
n. a site for the disposal of waste materials
10. The concept of _____ is often viewed as an impossible or unrealistic goal, as it goes beyond what is currently possible.
n. an ideal and perfect society in which all social and political problems have been solved, and all members live in harmony and prosperity
11. Its _____ brothers are difficult to tell apart except for their parents.
n. either of two children born at the same time from the same mother
12. He had a _____ vision of a world without war.
adj. ideal and perfect; relating to or resembling a utopia (= an ideal and perfect society)
13. After years of hard work, he finally _____ his financial stability.
v. to get something back or recover something after it has been lost or taken away
14. If you don't get a good night's sleep, you will become a _____ at work.
n. a dead body that has been brought back to life by a supernatural force; someone who acts or responds in a mechanical or apathetic way
15. It takes a lot of _____ to stand up for what you believe is right.
n. the ability to face danger, difficulty, uncertainty, or pain without being overcome by fear or despair; the quality of being brave or courageous
16. A large fire _____ the forest.
v. to cause damage to something badly

ANSWERS: 9. landfill, 10. utopia, 11. twin, 12. utopian, 13. regained, 14. zombie, 15. courage, 16. ravaged

17. The vase was made of _____ ceramic and easily broke when it was dropped.
adj. delicate or easily broken or damaged
18. The building was _____ in the fire and had to be rebuilt.
v. to ruin or damage severely or completely; to eradicate or eliminate completely
19. The older man _____ from arthritis and finds it difficult to move around.
v. to experience pain, distress, or hardship; to undergo or endure something painful or unpleasant
20. The water level was even with the basin's _____.
n. the edge of something in the shape of a more or less circular object
21. We want to _____ a schedule for the investigation.
v. to bring the different parts of the activity and the people into an organized, ordered, or efficient relationship; (adjective) of equal importance, rank, or degree
22. The customs agents seized the _____ shipment.
adj. not allowed by law
23. My accidental _____ got better right away.
n. harm done to a person's or an animal's body caused by an accident or an attack
24. 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

ANSWERS: 17. fragile, 18. destroyed, 19. suffers, 20. rim, 21. coordinate, 22. illegal, 23. injury, 24. recognize

25. This accident was something that happened _____.
adv. in an essential manner; in such a way as could not be otherwise
26. The city is known for its impressive _____ and beautiful old buildings.
n. the art and science of designing and constructing buildings
27. He was reluctant to leave his comfort _____ and try something new.
n. a specific area, region, or section that is marked off or defined in some way
28. The conference room was in _____ as everyone tried to speak at once.
n. a state of complete confusion or disorder, often characterized by a lack of predictability or control
29. 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
30. To advance this discussion, we must _____ "success" rigorously.
v. to state or explain precisely the nature, scope, or meaning of something
31. He included a _____ from the book in his essay.
n. a group of words taken from a text or speech and repeated by someone other than the original author or speaker
32. 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

ANSWERS: 25. necessarily, 26. architecture, 27. zone, 28. chaos, 29. economy, 30. define, 31. quotation, 32. decide

33. Low sexual _____ typically correlates with low testosterone levels.
n. a strong feeling of wanting to have or do something
34. The extinction of several subspecies has been linked to climate change and habitat _____.
n. the act of causing so much damage to something
35. _____ and weather have an impact on every part of our lifestyles.
n. the weather in a particular location averaged over some long period
36. The soldier who sacrificed his life for his country is considered a national _____.
n. a person who is admired or idealized for courage, outstanding achievements, or noble qualities; a character in literature or history who is central to the plot and who exhibits heroic qualities
37. The ship's _____ worked hard to repair the damaged sails before the next storm hit.
n. a group of people who work together, especially on a ship or airplane
38. The company's hiring criteria emphasize personality, not a person's _____.
n. the details of a person's social heritage, such as family, vocational or educational experience; past information that is essential to understanding a situation or problem
39. The building _____ tried to build the house above the tree.
n. a person whose job is to design plans to be used in making something, such as buildings
40. The battlefield became _____ on earth.
n. the place thought to be where bad people go and are punished after death, often depicted as being located beneath the earth; an extraordinarily unpleasant or difficult place

ANSWERS: 33. desire, 34. destruction, 35. Climate, 36. hero, 37. crew, 38. background, 39. architect, 40. hell

41. The government should do more to support environmentally _____ agriculture.
adj. able to continue or be continued for a long time
42. He stood on the _____ of a major discovery.
n. the point at which something is about to happen or where something begins; the edge or margin of something, particularly a physical boundary or border
43. Our company has an audit team that monitors directors for _____ of authority.
n. the use of something in an incorrect or harmful manner
44. Health and _____ are, above all, gold.
n. the quality or state of being physically, or sometimes mentally, strong
45. The renowned _____ won several awards for his latest film.
n. a person who makes films, typically as a profession
46. The _____ stories of the disaster victims need to be heard to understand the impact fully.
adj. not yet revealed or known; not having been counted or measured
47. The _____ truck will be coming to pick up the trash every Monday morning.
n. waste material, especially food waste and kitchen refuse
48. He found _____ in the warm embrace of his loved ones.
n. a state of physical ease and freedom from pain or constraint
49. This sprinter _____ the world with his speed.
v. to make a person or an animal unconscious or dizzy, especially by hitting them on the head; to make someone surprised or shocked greatly

ANSWERS: 41. sustainable, 42. verge, 43. abuse, 44. strength, 45. filmmaker, 46. untold, 47. garbage, 48. comfort, 49. stunned

50. They each choose _____ to battle.

adv. in spite of what has just been said or done; nevertheless

51. He finally decided to _____ problems directly.

v. to face, meet or deal with a problem or difficult situation or person

52. The _____ of the crime deserves justice and support to recover from the trauma.

n. a person who has been harmed, injured, or otherwise negatively affected by a particular action, circumstance, or event

53. Her remarks _____ the debate.

v. to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand

54. The company's profits suffered due to the _____ of its resources.

n. the act of managing something poorly, incompetently, or ineffectively, resulting in negative consequences

55. The younger _____ has different values and beliefs than the older one.

n. all the people born and living at about the same time, regarded collectively; the production of heat or electricity

56. Many companies employ _____ as a good way of generating innovative ideas.

n. a group activity or business method in which a group of people meet and think about something at the same time to solve a problem or to create good ideas

57. Infants and pregnant women are particularly _____.

adj. capable of being hurt or influenced physically or mentally

ANSWERS: 50. nonetheless, 51. confront, 52. victim, 53. confused, 54. mismanagement, 55. generation, 56. brainstorming, 57. vulnerable

58. A great _____ is a fountain forever overflowing with the waters of wisdom and delight.
- n.* a piece of writing that emphasizes the expression of feelings and ideas by paying particular attention to diction (sometimes rhyme), rhythm, and imagery
59. The magic tricks _____ the children.
- v.* to attract and hold the attention of someone deeply and irresistibly
60. The two friends were _____ and did everything together.
- adj.* incapable of being separated or disjoined; closely welded or joined together; mutually dependent or closely linked
61. The movie's success was largely attributed to the _____ cleverly written script.
- n.* a writer who writes or creates scripts, screenplays, or stories for movies, television shows, or other visual media
62. Our company needs to _____ the business impact of climate change.
- v.* to judge or decide the nature or quality of someone or something
63. _____ dropping wears away the stone.
- adj.* happening repeatedly or all the time
64. 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
65. He _____ over whether to accept the job offer.
- v.* to spend a long time thinking about a difficult problem and trying to make a decision, especially through worrying

ANSWERS: 58. poem, 59. fascinated, 60. inseparable, 61. screenwriter's, 62. assess, 63. Constant, 64. burden, 65. agonized

66. Many people see the _____ of traveling as an opportunity to experience new cultures and broaden their horizons.
- n.* the positive aspect or potential of something; the upper side of something
67. 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
68. Many people worry that the current real estate market is a _____ that could burst soon.
- n.* a thin, round, and often transparent mass of gas that is surrounded by a thin layer of liquid; a state of economic or social prosperity that is unsustainable and eventually collapses
69. Companies often _____ their shares to lower the stock price and encourage investors to buy.
- v.* to divide, or to make something divide into two or more parts, especially along a particular line
70. It is extremely _____ to sail in such a storm.
- adj.* involving the possibility of danger, failure, or loss
71. 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
72. The politician remained _____ despite intense media scrutiny.
- adj.* without any or little sound

ANSWERS: 66. upside, 67. achieve, 68. bubble, 69. split, 70. risky, 71. crisis, 72. silent

73. Constant _____ is crucial for preventing home burglaries.
- n.* the state of being watchful, alert, and attentive to potential dangers or threats; careful attention to detail and an active effort to prevent harm or damage
74. The demolition crew had to _____ the old building to make room for the new one.
- v.* to break into fine particles or dust; to crush, pound, or grind into a powder or a paste; to destroy completely or utterly
75. The bill to increase the consumption tax had passed despite much _____ from the public.
- n.* the act of defending oneself from an aggressor or refusing to accept something
76. What are the _____ that he will survive?
- n.* the degree or probability that a particular thing will or will not happen
77. I have no idea what sort of folks _____ the neighborhood.
- v.* to live in a specific location; to reside
78. After the earthquake, the city was left in a pile of _____.
- n.* fragments of rock, stone, or other materials that remain after a building or other structure has been destroyed or demolished; the remains of something that has been broken down or destroyed
79. This car has a _____ engine.
- n.* an imaginary creature that is large and has various human and animal parts; someone or something large and powerful
80. The idea for the company was formed at its _____ and has since grown into a successful business.
- n.* the beginning or start of something; the point in time when something comes into existence

ANSWERS: 73. vigilance, 74. pulverize, 75. resistance, 76. odds, 77. inhabit, 78. rubble, 79. monster, 80. inception

81. She is a talented _____ who has been recognized for her work.

n. a person who writes poetry

82. She was struggling to make a _____ between two job offers.

n. the act or process of making up someone's mind about something; a choice or judgment reached after considering options

83. The company's CEO felt a sense of _____ before making the major decision.

n. the act of apprehending or arresting someone; a feeling of anxiety, worry, or uncertainty about something that may happen in the future; understanding or comprehension of something, particularly a complex or abstract concept or idea

84. They are planning to _____ the house after the fire.

v. to build again or anew

85. The _____ triumph over adversity was the theme of this play.

n. the main character in a literary work, film, or other stories

86. Parallel lines are, by _____ lines on the same plane that never cross.

n. a concise explanation of the meaning of a word, phrase, or symbol

87. The mobile application industry is _____ changing.

adv. all the time

88. Lack of sleep and overwork often lead to emotional _____.

n. the state of being unstable or uncertain and likely to change suddenly

89. The rain and thunder are _____ today.

adj. stupid or not sensible; very angry

ANSWERS: 81. poet, 82. decision, 83. apprehension, 84. rebuild, 85. protagonist's, 86. definition, 87. constantly, 88. instability, 89. crazy

90. Different cultures have different comfortable word rhythms, so the composition of _____ varies greatly.
n. poems in general as a genre of literature
91. The federal _____ is planning to increase taxes for the next fiscal year.
n. the group of people with authority to control a country or state
92. Even the slightest design _____ in an aircraft can lead to a fatal accident.
n. a fault, mistake, or weakness that causes something not to be perfect
93. She _____ the atmosphere of the pre-war age with her stage setting.
v. to make something that existed previously happen or appear to exist again
94. Early silent movies were projected using a hand-cranked _____.
n. an early motion picture projector invented by the French Lumière brothers, often used to refer to early cinema in general
95. The death of her best friend filled her with _____.
n. a feeling of deep sadness, grief, or regret, especially for something lost or ending
96. Various artificially induced causes are _____ our ecosystem.
v. to utter intentions of injury or punishment against someone
97. All the supervisor has to do is assign tasks that make his subordinates more _____.
adj. relating to or involving the use of skill and original and unusual ideas to create something

ANSWERS: 90. poetry, 91. government, 92. flaw, 93. recreated, 94. cinematograph, 95. sorrow, 96. threatening, 97. creative

98. Many countries have now agreed to a treaty banning the use of _____ weapons.

adj. of or relating to or constituting the nucleus of an atom; deriving destructive energy from the release of atomic energy

99. The _____ response team worked around the clock to aid those affected by the earthquake.

n. an unexpected event or series of events that cause widespread damage, destruction, or loss of life

100. On three sides, mountains _____ the settlement.

v. to be all around something or somebody

101. The book contains numerous statements that _____ previous reports.

v. to deny the truth of a statement by stating the opposite; to be in conflict with

102. GDP stands for gross _____ product.

adj. relating to or inside a particular country, not foreign or international

103. I stopped by the branch though I have no business of _____.

n. the quality of being important and worthy of note

104. She was _____ for the help he provided.

adj. feeling or showing an appreciation of kindness; thankful

105. His _____ showed highly positive results.

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

106. 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

ANSWERS: 98. nuclear, 99. disaster, 100. surround, 101. contradict, 102. domestic, 103. importance, 104. grateful, 105. experiments, 106. feat

107. The phenomenon is _____ at optical wavelengths.

adj. impossible or nearly impossible to see

108. They had experienced the _____ of losing two children due to premature births.

n. a feeling of great sadness or disappointment

109. The different species can _____ in the same ecosystem by filling different niches and using different resources.

v. to live or exist together at the same time in the same place

110. The _____ of Japan is known for its unique culture and advanced technology.

n. a large organized community of people living in a particular country or region and having a particular culture

111. Rampant _____ led to a loss of trust in the government.

n. dishonest, harmful, or illegal behavior, especially of people in positions of power

112. Some doctor says _____ is the best medicine.

n. the act or sound of laughing

113. 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

114. He performed _____ tricks with sophisticated moves.

n. beliefs and actions employed to influence supernatural beings and forces; any art or performance that invokes supernatural powers

ANSWERS: 107. invisible, 108. heartbreak, 109. coexist, 110. nation, 111. corruption, 112. laughter, 113. threat, 114. magic

115. The _____ of the upcoming concert was palpable among the crowd.

n. a feeling of great enthusiasm and eagerness

116. This accident _____ a dark shadow over their lives.

v. to cause light or shadow to appear on a surface; to assign or choose someone such as an actor or representative, especially by selection process

117. She _____ the memories of her childhood.

v. to hold someone or something dear; to feel or show affection for someone or something

118. I _____ to him that I had seen his sister at the grocery store earlier that day.

v. to speak or write about something or someone briefly

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

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

120. 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

121. You should _____ your shirt into your trousers.

v. to push a stray piece of clothing or material into a particular area or position, especially to make it more orderly or comfortable

ANSWERS: 115. excitement, 116. cast, 117. cherished, 118. mentioned, 119. frame, 120. planet, 121. tuck