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All Words

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Session 1: Word List

- 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.
- 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.
- pollution** *n.* the introduction of harmful substances or waste into the natural environment that causes adverse change
synonym : corrosion, deterioration, corruption
(1) environmental **pollution**, (2) high levels of air **pollution**
The **pollution** is endangering the local plants and animals.
- smog** *n.* a type of air pollution that forms a mixture of smoke and fog resulting from the combustion of fossil fuels, industrial activity, and motor vehicle emissions in urban areas
synonym : smog, haze, pollution

(1) **smog** alert, (2) toxic **smog**

The heavy **smog** in the city was causing health issues for the residents.

blanket

n. a large piece of soft material used to cover or wrap a person or thing to keep them warm; (adjective) broad in scope or content

synonym: cover, coverlet, bedspread

(1) **blanket** authority, (2) **blanket** scarf

The electric **blanket** keeps me warm on cold nights.

obscure

adj. not well known to many people

synonym: esoteric, vague, unrecognized

(1) **obscure** answer, (2) **obscure** artist

This information was primarily **obscured** in the first release.

trace

v. to find or discover someone or something that was lost

synonym: seek, follow, depict

(1) **trace** a telephone call, (2) **trace** back to medieval times

Let's **trace** the origins of some familiar foreign words.

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.

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.

increasingly

adv. more and more

synonym : more and more, progressively

(1) **increasingly** become common, (2) face **increasingly** complicated challenges

Our company found it **increasingly** difficult to keep up with the competition.

alarm

n. a loud noise or an automatic signal that warns people of danger; a device that signals the occurrence of some undesirable event or particular danger

synonym : notice, warning, panic

(1) give the **alarm**, (2) an **alarm** clock

The **alarm** announcing an enemy attack went off this morning.

temperature

n. the degree of hotness or coldness of a thing or place

synonym : climate, warmth, degree

(1) extreme **temperatures**, (2) the atmospheric **temperature**

Cities around the world set records for highest **temperatures** this summer.

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.

relative

adj. considered and evaluated through comparison with something else

synonym : comparative, proximate, congeneric

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

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

shock

n. a strong feeling or physical reaction to a sudden and unexpected event or experience, especially something unpleasant

synonym : amazement, surprise, stunner

(1) death from **shock**, (2) **shock-resistant**

He got an electric **shock** at work.

prop

n. a piece of wood, metal, etc., placed beneath or against something to support it or keep it in position; a system, institution, or person that gives help or support to someone or something

synonym : support, buttress, column

(1) emotional **prop**, (2) **prop** stick

We have finally lost our last **prop**.

greenhouse

n. a building with walls and roof made chiefly of transparent material, such as glass, for growing plants in

synonym : conservatory

(1) exotic plants in a **greenhouse**, (2) emissions of **greenhouse** gases

The **greenhouse** effect is a phenomenon that happens naturally.

scour

v. to clean thoroughly and vigorously by scrubbing or rubbing; to search or examine something thoroughly and systematically

synonym : cleanse, scrub, clean

(1) **scour** a pot, (2) **scour** the Internet

She had to **scour** the kitchen to find a clean dish to use for dinner.

dot

n. a very small circular mark, especially one that is printed

synonym : drop, dab, fleck

(1) connecting the **dots**, (2) **dot** blot method

The wallpaper had a pattern of pink **dots** on a white surface.

severe

adj. extremely serious or bad in feeling, manner, or strict and harsh; extremely strong or vigorous

synonym : harsh, relentless, powerful

(1) **severe** heat, (2) a **severe** case of pneumonia

The senator received **severe** criticism from his opponent.

native

adj. connecting with or describing someone's birth country or place of birth, or someone born in a specific country or place

synonym : endemic, domestic, aboriginal

(1) **native** to Africa, (2) **native** language

The vegetation here is almost wholly **native**.

determinant

n. a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result

synonym : cause, factor, element

(1) environmental **determinant**, (2) a **determinant** of crop yields

One **determinant** of success is having a positive attitude and a strong work ethic.

educate

v. to provide or receive instruction or training over a period of time at a school, university, etc.

synonym : instruct, teach, train

(1) **educate** student, (2) **educate** public

The school's mission is to **educate** young children and prepare them for the future.

translate

v. to convert or change words into another language

synonym : convert, transcribe, render

(1) **translate** a document into English, (2) **translate** the emotion to a movement

Translate the text from Italian into English.

induce

v. to persuade someone to do something; to cause to act in a specific manner

synonym : cause, encourage, persuade

(1) **induce** a crisis, (2) **induce** him to see a doctor

The lack of sleep **induces** both physical and psychological diseases.

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.

plastered

adj. made smooth by applying a sticky or glossy substance; very drunk

synonym : coated, smeared, drunk

(1) **plastered** walls, (2) get absolutely **plastered**

The wall was **plastered** with posters and graffiti.

convincing

adj. able to make someone believe that something is true

synonym : clear, compelling, believable

(1) a **convincing** victory, (2) **convincing** biochemical explanation

I found her assertion pretty **convincing**.

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.

anecdotal

adj. based on personal accounts or stories that may not be verifiable or representative of a larger population; characterized by anecdotes or casual observations rather than scientific data or empirical evidence

synonym: hearsay, informal, unreliable

(1) **anecdotal** evidence, (2) **anecdotal** example

My friend shared an **anecdotal** story about her experience in customer service.

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.

database

n. a large amount of data stored in a computer system in such a way that it can be searched and updated easily

(1) **database** administrator, (2) employee **database**

Each country's officials can access the central **database**.

peer

n. a person who has the same age, status, or ability

synonym: fellow, associate, counterpart

(1) **peer** group, (2) **peer** review

Among young people, **peer** pressure can be pretty influential.

journal

n. a newspaper or magazine specialized in a specific topic or profession

synonym: periodical, diary, bulletin

(1) scientific **journal**, (2) **journal** articles

The physician is reading the **journals** related to medicine

entirely

adv. completely

synonym: completely, fully, totally

(1) **entirely** satisfied with the meal, (2) he was **entirely** to blame

Later, his claim was found to be **entirely** false.

regard

v. to think about or consider somebody or something in a specified way

synonym: consider, see, reckon

(1) **regard** him as an enemy, (2) **regard** the situation as

unfortunate

Frugality and industry are still **regarded** as virtues.

renowned

adj. famous and respected for great achievements, qualities, etc.

synonym : noted, prominent, acclaimed

(1) a **renowned** artist, (2) **renowned** as a novelist

This area is **renowned** for its hot springs.

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.

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.

misinformation

n. information that is false or inaccurate, or the act of giving wrong information, especially deliberately

synonym : falsity, misreport, misstatement

(1) **misinformation** about a vaccine, (2) combat **misinformation** on social media

The government called for caution against pseudoscientific **misinformation** about vaccines.

tackle

v. to try to deal with a complex problem or situation

synonym : deal with, dive into, work on

(1) **tackle** the issue, (2) help **tackle** climate change

The government is determined to **tackle** sharp inflation.

curriculum

n. a series of subjects comprising a course of study in a school, college, etc.

synonym: program, syllabus, course of study

(1) a **curriculum** vitae, (2) an academic **curriculum**

A committee was appointed to manage the reorganization of the **curriculum**.

indigenous

adj. someone or something that is native to or occurring naturally in a particular place

synonym: domestic, endemic, primitive

(1) **indigenous** crop, (2) **indigenous** peoples

The **indigenous** plants need to be pollinated by local insects.

worsen

v. to become or make something worse

synonym: languish, degenerate, degrade

(1) **worsen** a relation, (2) **worsen** the food problem

Unilateral import bans have **worsened** that country's terms of trade.

typhoon

n. a tropical storm with strong winds and heavy rain, typically occurring in the western Pacific Ocean

synonym: cyclone, hurricane, storm

(1) super **typhoon**, (2) **typhoon** season

Many families were forced to evacuate their homes due to the **typhoon's** severity.

disrupt

v. to prevent or stop something, especially an event, activity, or process, from continuing in the usual way by causing a problem or disturbance

synonym: interrupt, disturb, break into

(1) **disrupt** a well-ordered condition, (2) **disrupt** sleep

I'm so sorry to **disrupt** you when you're pretty busy.

agriculture

n. the practice or science of cultivating the land or raising stock

synonym: farming, husbandry, agribusiness

(1) organic **agriculture**, (2) intensive **agriculture**

Agriculture is the foundation of our economy.

industrious

adj. hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort

synonym : diligent, hardworking, assiduous

(1) **industrious** worker, (2) **industrious** student

He was known to be very **industrious** and would often work late into the night.

barrier

n. a fence or other obstruction that makes it hard to move or get in; any condition that makes it difficult to make progress or to achieve an objective

synonym : border, barricade, fence

(1) cost **barrier**, (2) information **barrier**

The police placed a **barrier** across the street to halt traffic.

transfer

v. to move, pass, or change from one person, place, or situation to another

synonym : move, relocate, shift

(1) **transfer** a file, (2) **transfer** power

She **transferred** the money from her savings account to her checking account.

process

n. a series of actions or operations performed to achieve a particular outcome or goal; a systematic procedure or approach used to accomplish a specific task or objective; a method of treating milk to make it suitable for consumption or use in other dairy products

synonym : procedure, method, system

(1) **process** improvement, (2) decision-making **process**

The **process** for applying for a visa can be lengthy and complicated.

gap

n. a conspicuous disparity or difference separates something such as a figure, people, their opinions, situation, etc.

synonym : opening, lacuna, spread

(1) the **gap** between ideal and reality, (2) distance **gap**

Many people are working together to close the gender **gap**.

cardinal

n. a high-ranking official in the Roman Catholic Church, appointed by the Pope; a deep or bright red color; a bird of the finch family with a distinctive crest on its head; (adjective) of or relating to the highest or most important things

synonym : bishop, archbishop, carmine

(1) **cardinal** rule, (2) **cardinal** red

The **cardinal's** robes were made of rich red silk.

nonprofit

adj. not established for commercial profit

synonym : charitable

(1) a **nonprofit** organization, (2) **nonprofit** agency

Our law firm also focuses on **nonprofit** activities.

bilingual

n. a person who speaks two languages fluently; (adjective) involving or relating to two languages or language groups

synonym : biliterate, bicultural

(1) **bilingual** community, (2) **bilingual** education

The company is looking for a **bilingual** customer service representative.

volunteer

n. a person who performs or offers to perform a job or service without being paid for or forced to do

synonym : unpaid worker, draftee, enlistee

(1) seek **volunteers**, (2) my **volunteer** work

The teachers make full use of **volunteer** assistance.

exchange

v. to give something and receive something else in return, often with the implication that the items being traded are of equal or comparable value; (noun) the act of giving or taking something in return for something else; a place or system where goods or services can be bought, sold, or traded

synonym : trade, swap, interchange

(1) **exchange** rate, (2) **exchange** a few friendly words
My sister and I frequently **exchange** books, as we love reading.

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.

ragtag

adj. consisting of a disorganized or mismatched group of people or things, often of low social status or questionable quality

synonym: disheveled, fragmented, motley

(1) **ragtag** clothing, (2) **ragtag** team

The army's **ragtag** troop was no match for the well-equipped enemy.

congregate

v. to come together or gather in a group or assembly; to collect or accumulate in a particular place or area

synonym: assemble, converge, gather

(1) **congregate** at the park, (2) **congregate** in a mosque

The protesters plan to **congregate** in front of the city hall to raise awareness for their cause.

concentration

n. the ability to focus all your time and energy on one thing without thinking about anything else.

synonym: attention, engagement, assiduity

(1) **concentration** of armaments, (2) his research area of **concentration**

This exam requires excellent **concentration** to pass.

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.

policymaker

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

(1) education **policymaker**, (2) regional **policymaker**
Policymakers struggle to develop various laws and regulations to address international trade conflicts.

disproportionately

adv. in a way that is not reasonably or appropriately balanced, equal, or distributed; in a manner that is unequal or excessive about something else
synonym: excessively, unequally

(1) **disproportionately** affected, (2) **disproportionately** high
The rich can often **disproportionately** benefit from tax breaks and other advantages.

deserve

v. to be worthy of or entitled to something, especially something good or valuable
synonym: merit, earn, justify

(1) **deserve** respect, (2) **deserve** this prize
The employee **deserved** the promotion for their hard work and dedication.

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.

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.

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.

engage

v. to attract and keep someone's attention and interest; to participate in or obtain services of something

synonym: confront, employ, amuse

(1) **engage** in environmental protection activities,

(2) **engage** a new employee

Many multinational companies are **engaged** in the reconstruction of that country.

Session 2: Spelling

1. co_____nt the issue *v.* to face, meet or deal with a problem or difficult situation or person
2. ind_____us worker *adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
3. toxic s__g *n.* a type of air pollution that forms a mixture of smoke and fog resulting from the combustion of fossil fuels, industrial activity, and motor vehicle emissions in urban areas
4. di_____t a well-ordered condition *v.* to prevent or stop something, especially an event, activity, or process, from continuing in the usual way by causing a problem or disturbance
5. de_____e respect *v.* to be worthy of or entitled to something, especially something good or valuable
6. co_____al swimming pool *adj.* belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use
7. in___e him to see a doctor *v.* to persuade someone to do something; to cause to act in a specific manner
8. full of w_t *n.* the ability to say or write things or ideas in a clever and humorous way
9. wo___n a relation *v.* to become or make something worse
10. organic agr_____re *n.* the practice or science of cultivating the land or raising stock
11. face inc_____gly complicated challenges *adv.* more and more

ANSWERS: 1. confront, 2. industrious, 3. smog, 4. disrupt, 5. deserve, 6. communal, 7. induce, 8. wit, 9. worsen, 10. agriculture, 11. increasingly

12. de____y the ecosystem *v.* to ruin or damage severely or completely; to eradicate or eliminate completely
13. the atmospheric tem_____re *n.* the degree of hotness or coldness of a thing or place
14. financial cr____s *n.* a time of great disagreement, confusion, or danger when problems must be resolved or critical decisions must be taken
15. ex____ge a few friendly words *v.* to give something and receive something else in return, often with the implication that the items being traded are of equal or comparable value; (noun) the act of giving or taking something in return for something else; a place or system where goods or services can be bought, sold, or traded
16. dis_____ely high *adv.* in a way that is not reasonably or appropriately balanced, equal, or distributed; in a manner that is unequal or excessive about something else
17. 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
18. environmental det_____nt *n.* a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result
19. employee da____se *n.* a large amount of data stored in a computer system in such a way that it can be searched and updated easily

ANSWERS: 12. destroy, 13. temperature, 14. crisis, 15. exchange, 16. disproportionately, 17. span, 18. determinant, 19. database

20. ind_____us peoples *adj.* someone or something that is native to or occurring naturally in a particular place
21. en_____ly satisfied with the meal *adv.* completely
22. ed_____e student *v.* to provide or receive instruction or training over a period of time at a school, university, etc.
23. con_____ion of armaments *n.* the ability to focus all your time and energy on one thing without thinking about anything else.
24. an academic cur_____um *n.* a series of subjects comprising a course of study in a school, college, etc.
25. ind_____us crop *adj.* someone or something that is native to or occurring naturally in a particular place
26. de___e a question *v.* to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options
27. ind_____us student *adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
28. sh__k-resistant *n.* a strong feeling or physical reaction to a sudden and unexpected event or experience, especially something unpleasant
29. jo_____l articles *n.* a newspaper or magazine specialized in a specific topic or profession
30. di_____er recovery *n.* an unexpected event or series of events that cause widespread damage, destruction, or loss of life

ANSWERS: 20. indigenous, 21. entirely, 22. educate, 23. concentration, 24. curriculum, 25. indigenous, 26. decide, 27. industrious, 28. shock, 29. journal, 30. disaster

31. inc_____gly become common *adv.* more and more
32. ra___g clothing *adj.* consisting of a disorganized or mismatched group of people or things, often of low social status or questionable quality
33. ca_____al red *n.* a high-ranking official in the Roman Catholic Church, appointed by the Pope; a deep or bright red color; a bird of the finch family with a distinctive crest on its head; (adjective) of or relating to the highest or most important things
34. cr___s management *n.* a time of great disagreement, confusion, or danger when problems must be resolved or critical decisions must be taken
35. na___e language *adj.* connecting with or describing someone's birth country or place of birth, or someone born in a specific country or place
36. information ba_____r *n.* a fence or other obstruction that makes it hard to move or get in; any condition that makes it difficult to make progress or to achieve an objective
37. no_____it agency *adj.* not established for commercial profit
38. help ta___e climate change *v.* to try to deal with a complex problem or situation
39. distance g_p *n.* a conspicuous disparity or difference separates something such as a figure, people, their opinions, situation, etc.

ANSWERS: 31. increasingly, 32. ragtag, 33. cardinal, 34. crisis, 35. native, 36. barrier, 37. nonprofit, 38. tackle, 39. gap

40. ob____e artist *adj.* not well known to many people
41. da____se administrator *n.* a large amount of data stored in a computer system in such a way that it can be searched and updated easily
42. education pol____er *n.* a person in charge of or involved in developing action plans for a political party, business, etc.
43. he was en____ly to blame *adv.* completely
44. a con____ng victory *adj.* able to make someone believe that something is true
45. high levels of air po____on *n.* the introduction of harmful substances or waste into the natural environment that causes adverse change
46. give the al__m *n.* a loud noise or an automatic signal that warns people of danger; a device that signals the occurrence of some undesirable event or particular danger
47. re___d him as an enemy *v.* to think about or consider somebody or something in a specified way
48. a re____ed artist *adj.* famous and respected for great achievements, qualities, etc.
49. pl____ed walls *adj.* made smooth by applying a sticky or glossy substance; very drunk
50. ed____e public *v.* to provide or receive instruction or training over a period of time at a school, university, etc.
51. a no____it organization *adj.* not established for commercial profit

ANSWERS: 40. obscure, 41. database, 42. policymaker, 43. entirely, 44. convincing, 45. pollution, 46. alarm, 47. regard, 48. renowned, 49. plastered, 50. educate, 51. nonprofit

52. in___e a crisis *v.* to persuade someone to do something; to cause to act in a specific manner
53. pr____s improvement *n.* a series of actions or operations performed to achieve a particular outcome or goal; a systematic procedure or approach used to accomplish a specific task or objective; a method of treating milk to make it suitable for consumption or use in other dairy products
54. a cur_____um vitae *n.* a series of subjects comprising a course of study in a school, college, etc.
55. decision-making pr____s *n.* a series of actions or operations performed to achieve a particular outcome or goal; a systematic procedure or approach used to accomplish a specific task or objective; a method of treating milk to make it suitable for consumption or use in other dairy products
56. bi_____al education *n.* a person who speaks two languages fluently; (adjective) involving or relating to two languages or language groups
57. have dev_____ng effects *adj.* causing a great deal of destruction or damage
58. de_____e this prize *v.* to be worthy of or entitled to something, especially something good or valuable
59. re___d the situation as unfortunate *v.* to think about or consider somebody or something in a specified way
60. 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: 52. induce, 53. process, 54. curriculum, 55. process, 56. bilingual, 57. devastating, 58. deserve, 59. regard, 60. span

61. exotic plants in a gre_____se *n.* a building with walls and roof made chiefly of transparent material, such as glass, for growing plants in
62. emissions of gre_____se gases *n.* a building with walls and roof made chiefly of transparent material, such as glass, for growing plants in
63. bl_____t scarf *n.* a large piece of soft material used to cover or wrap a person or thing to keep them warm; (adjective) broad in scope or content
64. co_____nt a global warming *v.* to face, meet or deal with a problem or difficult situation or person
65. seek vo_____ers *n.* a person who performs or offers to perform a job or service without being paid for or forced to do
66. ta_____e the issue *v.* to try to deal with a complex problem or situation
67. the w_t of man *n.* the ability to say or write things or ideas in a clever and humorous way
68. en_____e in environmental protection activities *v.* to attract and keep someone's attention and interest; to participate in or obtain services of something
69. gov_____nt bureaucracy *n.* the group of people with authority to control a country or state
70. na_____e to Africa *adj.* connecting with or describing someone's birth country or place of birth, or someone born in a specific country or place
71. wo_____n the food problem *v.* to become or make something worse

ANSWERS: 61. greenhouse, 62. greenhouse, 63. blanket, 64. confront, 65. volunteer, 66. tackle, 67. wit, 68. engage, 69. government, 70. native, 71. worsen

72. environmental po_____on *n.* the introduction of harmful substances or waste into the natural environment that causes adverse change
73. bl_____t authority *n.* a large piece of soft material used to cover or wrap a person or thing to keep them warm; (adjective) broad in scope or content
74. the g_p between ideal and reality *n.* a conspicuous disparity or difference separates something such as a figure, people, their opinions, situation, etc.
75. con_____te at the park *v.* to come together or gather in a group or assembly; to collect or accumulate in a particular place or area
76. 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
77. ex_____ge rate *v.* to give something and receive something else in return, often with the implication that the items being traded are of equal or comparable value; (noun) the act of giving or taking something in return for something else; a place or system where goods or services can be bought, sold, or traded
78. an al__m clock *n.* a loud noise or an automatic signal that warns people of danger; a device that signals the occurrence of some undesirable event or particular danger

ANSWERS: 72. pollution, 73. blanket, 74. gap, 75. congregate, 76. threat, 77. exchange, 78. alarm

79. emotional p__p *n.* a piece of wood, metal, etc., placed beneath or against something to support it or keep it in position; a system, institution, or person that gives help or support to someone or something
80. treat this dev_____ng disease *adj.* causing a great deal of destruction or damage
81. 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
82. global di_____er *n.* an unexpected event or series of events that cause widespread damage, destruction, or loss of life
83. re_____ed as a novelist *adj.* famous and respected for great achievements, qualities, etc.
84. connecting the d_ts *n.* a very small circular mark, especially one that is printed
85. ra___g team *adj.* consisting of a disorganized or mismatched group of people or things, often of low social status or questionable quality
86. ob_____e answer *adj.* not well known to many people
87. v__t majority *adj.* enormous in size, number, amount, or quantity
88. get absolutely pl_____ed *adj.* made smooth by applying a sticky or glossy substance; very drunk

ANSWERS: 79. prop, 80. devastating, 81. threat, 82. disaster, 83. renowned, 84. dot, 85. ragtag, 86. obscure, 87. vast, 88. plastered

89. en___e a new employee *v.* to attract and keep someone's attention and interest; to participate in or obtain services of something
90. 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
91. tr_____te the emotion to a movement *v.* to convert or change words into another language
92. a remote re_____ve *adj.* considered and evaluated through comparison with something else
93. v__t desert *adj.* enormous in size, number, amount, or quantity
94. dis_____ely affected *adv.* in a way that is not reasonably or appropriately balanced, equal, or distributed; in a manner that is unequal or excessive about something else
95. his research area of con_____ion *n.* the ability to focus all your time and energy on one thing without thinking about anything else.
96. re_____ve factors *adj.* considered and evaluated through comparison with something else
97. scientific jo_____l *n.* a newspaper or magazine specialized in a specific topic or profession
98. ty_____n season *n.* a tropical storm with strong winds and heavy rain, typically occurring in the western Pacific Ocean
99. tr__e back to medieval times *v.* to find or discover someone or something that was lost

ANSWERS: 89. engage, 90. planet, 91. translate, 92. relative, 93. vast, 94. disproportionately, 95. concentration, 96. relative, 97. journal, 98. typhoon, 99. trace

100. extreme tem_____res	<i>n.</i> the degree of hotness or coldness of a thing or place
101. super ty_____n	<i>n.</i> a tropical storm with strong winds and heavy rain, typically occurring in the western Pacific Ocean
102. an_____al evidence	<i>adj.</i> based on personal accounts or stories that may not be verifiable or representative of a larger population; characterized by anecdotes or casual observations rather than scientific data or empirical evidence
103. p__r review	<i>n.</i> a person who has the same age, status, or ability
104. intensive agr_____re	<i>n.</i> the practice or science of cultivating the land or raising stock
105. my vo_____er work	<i>n.</i> a person who performs or offers to perform a job or service without being paid for or forced to do
106. con_____te in a mosque	<i>v.</i> to come together or gather in a group or assembly; to collect or accumulate in a particular place or area
107. a se___e case of pneumonia	<i>adj.</i> extremely serious or bad in feeling, manner, or strict and harsh; extremely strong or vigorous
108. regional pol_____er	<i>n.</i> a person in charge of or involved in developing action plans for a political party, business, etc.
109. mis_____ion about a vaccine	<i>n.</i> information that is false or inaccurate, or the act of giving wrong information, especially deliberately

ANSWERS: 100. temperature, 101. typhoon, 102. anecdotal, 103. peer, 104. agriculture, 105. volunteer, 106. congregate, 107. severe, 108. policymaker, 109. misinformation

110. tr__e a telephone call *v.* to find or discover someone or something that was lost
111. a det_____nt of crop yields *n.* a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result
112. p__p stick *n.* a piece of wood, metal, etc., placed beneath or against something to support it or keep it in position; a system, institution, or person that gives help or support to someone or something
113. sc__r a pot *v.* to clean thoroughly and vigorously by scrubbing or rubbing; to search or examine something thoroughly and systematically
114. s__g alert *n.* a type of air pollution that forms a mixture of smoke and fog resulting from the combustion of fossil fuels, industrial activity, and motor vehicle emissions in urban areas
115. co_____al combination of funds *adj.* belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use
116. death from sh__k *n.* a strong feeling or physical reaction to a sudden and unexpected event or experience, especially something unpleasant
117. ca_____al rule *n.* a high-ranking official in the Roman Catholic Church, appointed by the Pope; a deep or bright red color; a bird of the finch family with a distinctive crest on its head; (adjective) of or relating to the highest or most important things

ANSWERS: 110. trace, 111. determinant, 112. prop, 113. scour, 114. smog, 115. communal, 116. shock, 117. cardinal

127. cost ba____r *n.* a fence or other obstruction that makes it hard to move or get in; any condition that makes it difficult to make progress or to achieve an objective
128. effects of cl____e change *n.* the weather in a particular location averaged over some long period
129. bi____al community *n.* a person who speaks two languages fluently; (adjective) involving or relating to two languages or language groups
130. gov____nt funding *n.* the group of people with authority to control a country or state
131. an____al example *adj.* based on personal accounts or stories that may not be verifiable or representative of a larger population; characterized by anecdotes or casual observations rather than scientific data or empirical evidence
132. p__r group *n.* a person who has the same age, status, or ability
133. sc__r the Internet *v.* to clean thoroughly and vigorously by scrubbing or rubbing; to search or examine something thoroughly and systematically
134. tr____er a file *v.* to move, pass, or change from one person, place, or situation to another
135. tr____te a document into English *v.* to convert or change words into another language
136. tr____er power *v.* to move, pass, or change from one person, place, or situation to another

ANSWERS: 127. barrier, 128. climate, 129. bilingual, 130. government, 131. anecdotal, 132. peer, 133. scour, 134. transfer, 135. translate, 136. transfer

137. de____yed evidence

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

138. se____e heat

adj. extremely serious or bad in feeling, manner, or strict and harsh; extremely strong or vigorous

ANSWERS: 137. destroy, 138. severe

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. I'm so sorry to _____ you when you're pretty busy.
v. to prevent or stop something, especially an event, activity, or process, from continuing in the usual way by causing a problem or disturbance

2. Cities around the world set records for highest _____ this summer.
n. the degree of hotness or coldness of a thing or place

3. _____ struggle to develop various laws and regulations to address international trade conflicts.
n. a person in charge of or involved in developing action plans for a political party, business, etc.

4. 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

5. The senator received _____ criticism from his opponent.
adj. extremely serious or bad in feeling, manner, or strict and harsh; extremely strong or vigorous

6. 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

7. The _____ announcing an enemy attack went off this morning.
n. a loud noise or an automatic signal that warns people of danger; a device that signals the occurrence of some undesirable event or particular danger

ANSWERS: 1. disrupt, 2. temperatures, 3. Policymakers, 4. threat, 5. severe, 6. crisis, 7. alarm

8. Let's _____ the origins of some familiar foreign words.
v. to find or discover someone or something that was lost
9. 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
10. The wall was _____ with posters and graffiti.
adj. made smooth by applying a sticky or glossy substance; very drunk
11. The electric _____ keeps me warm on cold nights.
n. a large piece of soft material used to cover or wrap a person or thing to keep them warm; (adjective) broad in scope or content
12. Our company found it _____ difficult to keep up with the competition.
adv. more and more
13. Later, his claim was found to be _____ false.
adv. completely
14. The _____ is endangering the local plants and animals.
n. the introduction of harmful substances or waste into the natural environment that causes adverse change
15. Many families were forced to evacuate their homes due to the _____ severity.
n. a tropical storm with strong winds and heavy rain, typically occurring in the western Pacific Ocean

ANSWERS: 8. trace, 9. disaster, 10. plastered, 11. blanket, 12. increasingly, 13. entirely, 14. pollution, 15. typhoon's

16. 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

17. _____ elections were held in several European countries.

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

18. The teachers make full use of _____ assistance.

- n.* a person who performs or offers to perform a job or service without being paid for or forced to do

19. The employee _____ the promotion for their hard work and dedication.

- v.* to be worthy of or entitled to something, especially something good or valuable

20. Frugality and industry are still _____ as virtues.

- v.* to think about or consider somebody or something in a specified way

21. My sister and I frequently _____ books, as we love reading.

- v.* to give something and receive something else in return, often with the implication that the items being traded are of equal or comparable value; (noun) the act of giving or taking something in return for something else; a place or system where goods or services can be bought, sold, or traded

22. The government called for caution against pseudoscientific _____ about vaccines.

- n.* information that is false or inaccurate, or the act of giving wrong information, especially deliberately

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

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

ANSWERS: 16. planet, 17. Communal, 18. volunteer, 19. deserved, 20. regarded, 21. exchange, 22. misinformation, 23. Climate

24. The wallpaper had a pattern of pink _____ on a white surface.
n. a very small circular mark, especially one that is printed
25. The building was _____ in the fire and had to be rebuilt.
v. to ruin or damage severely or completely; to eradicate or eliminate completely
26. The _____ robes were made of rich red silk.
n. a high-ranking official in the Roman Catholic Church, appointed by the Pope; a deep or bright red color; a bird of the finch family with a distinctive crest on its head; (adjective) of or relating to the highest or most important things
27. This area is _____ for its hot springs.
adj. famous and respected for great achievements, qualities, etc.
28. She had to _____ the kitchen to find a clean dish to use for dinner.
v. to clean thoroughly and vigorously by scrubbing or rubbing; to search or examine something thoroughly and systematically
29. 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
30. A committee was appointed to manage the reorganization of the _____.
n. a series of subjects comprising a course of study in a school, college, etc.
31. 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
32. I found her assertion pretty _____.
adj. able to make someone believe that something is true

ANSWERS: 24. dots, 25. destroyed, 26. cardinal's, 27. renowned, 28. scour, 29. wit, 30. curriculum, 31. span, 32. convincing

33. The army's _____ troop was no match for the well-equipped enemy.
adj. consisting of a disorganized or mismatched group of people or things, often of low social status or questionable quality
34. Many people are working together to close the gender _____.
n. a conspicuous disparity or difference separates something such as a figure, people, their opinions, situation, etc.
35. He got an electric _____ at work.
n. a strong feeling or physical reaction to a sudden and unexpected event or experience, especially something unpleasant
36. She _____ the money from her savings account to her checking account.
v. to move, pass, or change from one person, place, or situation to another
37. The government is determined to _____ sharp inflation.
v. to try to deal with a complex problem or situation
38. A _____ audience viewed the broadcast.
adj. enormous in size, number, amount, or quantity
39. The physician is reading the _____ related to medicine
n. a newspaper or magazine specialized in a specific topic or profession
40. This information was primarily _____ in the first release.
adj. not well known to many people
41. This typhoon was the most _____ in years.
adj. causing a great deal of destruction or damage

ANSWERS: 33. ragtag, 34. gap, 35. shock, 36. transferred, 37. tackle, 38. vast, 39. journals, 40. obscured, 41. devastating

42. The lack of sleep _____ both physical and psychological diseases.
v. to persuade someone to do something; to cause to act in a specific manner
43. _____ the text from Italian into English.
v. to convert or change words into another language
44. The heavy _____ in the city was causing health issues for the residents.
n. a type of air pollution that forms a mixture of smoke and fog resulting from the combustion of fossil fuels, industrial activity, and motor vehicle emissions in urban areas
45. Many multinational companies are _____ in the reconstruction of that country.
v. to attract and keep someone's attention and interest; to participate in or obtain services of something
46. Most countries prohibit sexual activity between certain close _____.
adj. considered and evaluated through comparison with something else
47. 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
48. 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
49. Our law firm also focuses on _____ activities.
adj. not established for commercial profit

ANSWERS: 42. induces, 43. Translate, 44. smog, 45. engaged, 46. relatives, 47. government, 48. coordinate, 49. nonprofit

50. The company is looking for a _____ customer service representative.
- n.* a person who speaks two languages fluently; (adjective) involving or relating to two languages or language groups
51. The police placed a _____ across the street to halt traffic.
- n.* a fence or other obstruction that makes it hard to move or get in; any condition that makes it difficult to make progress or to achieve an objective
52. He was known to be very _____ and would often work late into the night.
- adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
53. 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
54. We have finally lost our last _____.
- n.* a piece of wood, metal, etc., placed beneath or against something to support it or keep it in position; a system, institution, or person that gives help or support to someone or something
55. The _____ plants need to be pollinated by local insects.
- adj.* someone or something that is native to or occurring naturally in a particular place
56. The school's mission is to _____ young children and prepare them for the future.
- v.* to provide or receive instruction or training over a period of time at a school, university, etc.
57. The _____ for applying for a visa can be lengthy and complicated.
- n.* a series of actions or operations performed to achieve a particular outcome or goal; a systematic procedure or approach used to accomplish a specific task or objective; a method of treating milk to make it suitable for consumption or use in other dairy products

ANSWERS: 50. bilingual, 51. barrier, 52. industrious, 53. decide, 54. prop, 55.

indigenous, 56. educate, 57. process

58. The rich can often _____ benefit from tax breaks and other advantages.

adv. in a way that is not reasonably or appropriately balanced, equal, or distributed; in a manner that is unequal or excessive about something else

59. The vegetation here is almost wholly _____.

adj. connecting with or describing someone's birth country or place of birth, or someone born in a specific country or place

60. My friend shared an _____ story about her experience in customer service.

adj. based on personal accounts or stories that may not be verifiable or representative of a larger population; characterized by anecdotes or casual observations rather than scientific data or empirical evidence

61. The _____ effect is a phenomenon that happens naturally.

n. a building with walls and roof made chiefly of transparent material, such as glass, for growing plants in

62. Unilateral import bans have _____ that country's terms of trade.

v. to become or make something worse

63. One _____ of success is having a positive attitude and a strong work ethic.

n. a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result

64. The protesters plan to _____ in front of the city hall to raise awareness for their cause.

v. to come together or gather in a group or assembly; to collect or accumulate in a particular place or area

ANSWERS: 58. disproportionately, 59. native, 60. anecdotal, 61. greenhouse, 62. worsened, 63. determinant, 64. congregate

65. This exam requires excellent _____ to pass.

- n.* the ability to focus all your time and energy on one thing without thinking about anything else.

66. _____ is the foundation of our economy.

- n.* the practice or science of cultivating the land or raising stock

67. Each country's officials can access the central _____.

- n.* a large amount of data stored in a computer system in such a way that it can be searched and updated easily

68. Among young people, _____ pressure can be pretty influential.

- n.* a person who has the same age, status, or ability

69. He finally decided to _____ problems directly.

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

ANSWERS: 65. concentration, 66. Agriculture, 67. database, 68. peer, 69. confront