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Session 1: Word List

invention

n. the creation of a new device or process resulting from study and experimentation; the act of inventing

synonym: creation, design, innovation

(1) the **invention** of new techniques, (2) common **invention**
Necessity is the mother of **invention**.

fan

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

synonym: lover, devotee, blade

(1) a film **fan**, (2) engine cooling **fan**
I'm a big **fan** of French food.

addition

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

synonym: accumulation, expansion, addendum

(1) chemical **addition**, (2) **addition** of vectors
In **addition**, private corporations provide healthcare services.

disability

n. a physical or mental condition that makes it difficult for someone to do some things that other people do

synonym: impairment, disadvantage, restriction

(1) a **disability** pension, (2) a learning **disability**

Listening to music at a high volume may lead to a hearing **disability**.

spinal

adj. of or relating to the spine (= the long bone in the body's back)

(1) **spinal** injury, (2) brain and **spinal** cord

The surgeon carefully confirmed how to remove the tumor to avoid damaging the **spinal** nerves.

muscular

adj. of or relating to the muscles; having or suggesting great physical power or force

synonym: powerful, athletic, brawny

(1) a **muscular** person, (2) **muscular** contraction

She worked hard to treat her **muscular** dystrophy.

atrophy

n. a decrease in size of a muscle, organ, etc., caused by disease or disuse

synonym: disintegration, degeneration, wasting away

(1) weakness with **atrophy**, (2) **atrophy** of the muscles

Daily exercise and adequate sleep are necessary to prevent the progression of **atrophy**.

brain

n. the organ inside the head that is responsible for one's movement, thought, memory, and feeling

synonym: intellect, mind, encephalon

(1) basic **brain** function, (2) permanent **brain** damage

X-rays revealed a small tumor in his **brain**.

brilliant

adj. extremely clever, skilled, or impressive

synonym: luminous, intelligent, clever

(1) **brilliant** idea, (2) **brilliant** performance

The more **brilliant** you are, the more people around you look at you with envy and jealousy.

union

n. a group of employees who have banded together to advocate for their rights and better their working conditions; the act or the state of joining together or

being joined together

synonym: alliance, coalition, confederation

(1) bank and credit **unions**, (2) a craft **union**

The trade **union** remained adamant about its demands.

awareness

n. the fact or state of knowing something exists and is important

synonym: understanding, cognition, knowledge

(1) **awareness** of my ignorance, (2) raise public **awareness**

There has been a gradual but steady rise in environmental **awareness**.

honor

n. high regard or great respect for someone; the quality of having and doing based on a keen sense of morality;
(verb) to show respect towards someone

synonym: integrity, virtue, acclaim

(1) womanly **honor**, (2) **honor** our ancestors

I claim on my **honor** that it is true.

recognition

n. the action or process of recognizing or being recognized, especially by remembering; an agreement that something is true or legal

synonym: acknowledgement, identification, credit

(1) **recognition** award, (2) joint **recognition**

He was given **recognition** for his outstanding work in the field of medicine.

opportune

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

synonym: suitable, timely, practical

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

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

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**.

assembly

n. a group of people who have been elected, especially one that meets regularly and makes decisions or laws for a specific region or country

synonym : crowd, gathering, mass

(1) **assembly** line, (2) **assembly** hall

This company's **assembly** plant is an enormous facility.

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.

celebrate

v. to acknowledge a memorable or good day or event with a social gathering or enjoyable activity

synonym : praise, glorify, honor

(1) **celebrate** his election, (2) **celebrate** Christmas

He **celebrated** the 10th anniversary of his tenure.

amazing

adj. extremely surprising, especially in a way that you like or admire

synonym : exceptional, extraordinary, wonderful

(1) **amazing** advances, (2) the most **amazing** feeling

The golfer recorded an **amazing** distance.

coincidence

n. an occasion when two or more similar things happen at the same time by chance, in a surprising way

synonym : co-occurrence, concurrency, accident

(1) the **coincidence** of an opinion, (2) by a strange **coincidence**

It was a pure **coincidence** that we met her in the library.

inclusive

adj. including much or everything, and especially including stated limits; not excluding any of the people, things, ideas, etc. involved in something

synonym: cover-all, all-embracing, comprehensive

(1) a fully **inclusive** price, (2) **inclusive** education

The university has established a capacity for each nationality as part of its **inclusive** policy.

environment

n. the natural world such as air, water, and land in which humans, animals, and plants live

synonym: atmosphere, surroundings, climate

(1) **environment** affairs, (2) chaotic **environment**

Every human is responsible for taking care of the Earth's **environment**.

wheelchair

n. a chair fitted with large wheels for use as a means of transport by a person who is unable to walk

(1) electric-powered **wheelchair**, (2) **wheelchair** accessibility

This library rents out various types of folding **wheelchairs** for visitors.

independence

n. freedom from another's or others' control or influence

synonym: freedom, liberty, autonomy

(1) financial **independence**, (2) **independence** ceremony

There is nothing more valuable than **independence** and freedom.

motor

n. a device that converts electricity, fuel, etc. into movement and makes a machine, vehicle, etc. work

synonym: actuator, engine, machine

(1) a **motor** mechanic, (2) DC **motor** control

Energy-efficient **motors** are needed to maximize the cruising distance of electric vehicles.

incredibly

adv. in a way that is very difficult to believe; exceedingly or extremely

synonym: enormously, exceptionally, extraordinarily

(1) **incredibly** cheerful character, (2) get **incredibly** insecure

Several cities are experiencing **incredibly** high unemployment rates.

assist

v. to help someone in doing anything

synonym: help, support, aid

(1) **assist** a patient, (2) **assist** his goal

Please **assist** her with the furniture relocation.

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.

eligible

adj. having the required qualities or satisfying the necessary criteria

synonym: qualified, suitable, acceptable

(1) **eligible** candidates, (2) **eligible** for a refund

All those **eligible** will receive a substantial amount of money.

suppose

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

synonym: guess, assume, presume

(1) **suppose** you're right, (2) **suppose** beforehand

What do you **suppose** the culprit's motive was?

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.

insure

v. to provide coverage in the event of loss or damage
synonym: protect, guard, safeguard

(1) **insure** my house against fire, (2) **insure** domestic tranquility

I will **insure** my car before I go on a road trip.

afford

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

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

He cannot **afford** a holiday.

donation

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

synonym: contribution, gift, subsidy

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

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

oversea

adj. situated or operating beyond national boundaries; in, from, or to foreign countries

synonym: foreign, abroad, international

(1) **oversea** shipments, (2) for **oversea** use

The company enhanced **oversea** operations to tap into new markets.

outgrow

v. to grow too large for something; to grow taller or faster than another person

(1) **outgrow** my coat, (2) **outgrow** its usefulness

Bamboo will soon **outgrow** the other plants.

statistics

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

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

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

behalf

n. represent; advantage, benefit, the interest of someone
synonym: benefit, advantage, favor

(1) on **behalf** of our management, (2) on his own **behalf**
I gave witness on her **behalf**.

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.

kindergarten

n. a school or class for young children, usually between the ages of four and six

synonym: preschool, nursery school, daycare

(1) **kindergarten** class, (2) **kindergarten** teacher

The **kindergarten** students were having a good time playing with toys.

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.

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.

Don

n. a Spanish gentleman; a university lecturer, especially a senior member of a college at Oxford or Cambridge

(1) the **don** of the university, (2) **Don** Giovanni

He could never go against what **Don** Carlos said.

charity

n. an organization that helps people in need, especially by providing food, shelter, or money; a kindly and sympathetic attitude toward people

synonym : philanthropy, benevolence, generosity

(1) **charity** work, (2) ask **charity**

She volunteers at a local **charity** every weekend to help those in need.

discovery

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

synonym : finding, uncovering, detection

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

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

movement

n. a group of people working together to achieve a shared goal, especially a political, social, or artistic one; the process of moving or being moved, physically or figuratively

synonym : motion, progression, action

(1) a circular **movement**, (2) **movement** of troops

The **movement** of the dancers on stage was graceful and elegant.

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.

reinvent

v. to change something so drastically that it looks to be completely new

synonym : recreate, remake, revive

(1) **reinvent** local dishes, (2) **reinvent** our life

They have tried to **reinvent** their grocery stores.

policy

n. a set of rules, guidelines, principles, or procedures that govern decision-making or action, often used in the

context of business or government; a course of action or plan of action adopted or followed by an organization or individual to achieve a goal or objective

synonym : strategy, plan, guideline

(1) health **policy**, (2) foreign **policy**

The company's new **policy** on remote work has made it a more inclusive workplace.

infrastructure

n. the basic systems, services, or features that are necessary for an organization or country, such as transport and power supplies

synonym : foundation, framework

(1) IT **infrastructure**, (2) **infrastructure** cost

Ageing societies tend to require huge costs for **infrastructure** maintenance.

ramp

n. a sloping surface connecting two levels or inclines, typically used for the movement of people, vehicles, or goods

synonym : slope, incline, gradient

(1) the **ramp** of a chasm, (2) an exit **ramp**

The wheelchair user needed a **ramp** to access the building's entrance.

elevator

n. a mechanical device used for vertical transportation, typically in multi-story buildings, consisting of a compartmentalized platform that moves between floors

synonym : lift, hoist

(1) **elevator** ride, (2) modern **elevator**

The hotel's **elevator** was out of order, so we had to take the stairs to our room on the fifth floor.

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.

transport

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

synonym: shipment, transit, conveyance

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

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

fulfill

v. to meet the requirements or expectations; to achieve or realize

synonym: satisfy, complete, accomplish

(1) **fulfill** a contract, (2) **fulfill** a lifetime dream

It was the first time for her, but she **fulfilled** the role of Priest.

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.

contribute

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

synonym: donate, devote, commit

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

(2) **contribute** to society

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

intellect

n. the ability to think logically and comprehend information, especially at an advanced level

synonym: mind, brightness, cleverness

(1) enrich my **intellect**, (2) human **intellect**

Your **intellect** is capable of distinguishing among similar objects.

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.

strategy

n. a detailed plan of action designed to achieve a long-term or overall goal.

synonym : approach, procedure, scenario

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

Our plan includes a comprehensive marketing **strategy**.

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.

mutual

adj. common to or shared by two or more parties

synonym : shared, common, joint

(1) share of a **mutual** fund, (2) **mutual** efforts

They cooperated for their **mutual** benefit.

mathematics

n. the science dealing with the logic of quantities, shapes, spaces, and arrangement

synonym : arithmetic, calculation, calculus

(1) a good grounding in **mathematics**, (2) **mathematics** competition

He has a flair for **mathematics**.

backpack

n. a bag or pack that is worn on the back, often used for carrying books, equipment, or supplies

synonym : knapsack, rucksack, pack

(1) **backpacker's** hostel, (2) **backpacking** trip

I packed my **backpack** with all the necessary camping gear for our trip.

struggle

v. to make a great effort to do something when it is difficult, or there are a lot of problems; to use force or violence to break away from restraint or constriction

synonym: toil, strive, compete

(1) **struggle** against discrimination, (2) **struggle** to get the job

He could not **struggle** against temptation.

conversation

n. an informal talk between two or more people to exchange their views, ideas, information, etc.

synonym: chat, discussion, dialogue

(1) **conversation** in English, (2) a friendly **conversation**

Your **conversation** reflects your thoughts.

honesty

n. the quality of being truthful, sincere, and morally upright; adherence to moral and ethical principles

synonym: sincerity, integrity, truthfulness

(1) **honesty** policy, (2) **honesty** box

A culture of **honesty** in the workplace leads to better communication and productivity.

simplicity

n. the quality or condition of being natural and plain or easy to understand or do

synonym: easiness, plainness, modesty

(1) a life of **simplicity**, (2) refined **simplicity**

He liked the car because of the **simplicity** of the design.

function

n. the purpose or use of an object, system, or process; a particular activity or operation that is designed to serve a specific purpose; a mathematical concept that describes a relationship between two sets of values, called the input and output sets; (verb) to operate or work in a specific way, or to perform a particular task or purpose

synonym: purpose, mapping, job

(1) **function** properly, (2) immune **function**

The brain is an incredibly complex organ that controls the body's **function**.

doorway

n. an opening in a wall for a door to fit into

synonym: entrance, portal, gateway

(1) a wide **doorway**, (2) **doorway** to success

He leaned against the **doorway**, waiting for her to come home.

giant

adj. enormous; much bigger or more important than similar items usually are

synonym: big, gigantic, huge

(1) **giant** trees, (2) **giant** tech company

The **giant** jets gradually dominate the world's airlines.

globe

n. the earth or world, mainly used to emphasize its vastness

synonym: Earth, world, sphere

(1) terrestrial **globe**, (2) around the **globe**

His final goal is to sail around the **globe**.

disabled

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

synonym: handicapped, impaired, incapacitated

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

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

playground

n. an area where many people go for recreation, especially at a school or in a park

synonym: park, garden, sandbox

(1) a well-equipped **playground**, (2) a **playground** on the roof

There is a woods with a creek near the school **playground**.

Session 2: Spelling

1. re____nt local dishes *v.* to change something so drastically that it looks to be completely new
2. put a gr____ul expression *adj.* feeling or showing an appreciation of kindness; thankful
3. foreign po____y *n.* a set of rules, guidelines, principles, or procedures that govern decision-making or action, often used in the context of business or government; a course of action or plan of action adopted or followed by an organization or individual to achieve a goal or objective
4. terrestrial gl__e *n.* the earth or world, mainly used to emphasize its vastness
5. a scientific di____ry *n.* the act or process of finding information, a place, or an object, or learning about something that was previously not known
6. mu____l efforts *adj.* common to or shared by two or more parties
7. mu____ar contraction *adj.* of or relating to the muscles; having or suggesting great physical power or force
8. el____or ride *n.* a mechanical device used for vertical transportation, typically in multi-story buildings, consisting of a compartmentalized platform that moves between floors

ANSWERS: 1. reinvent, 2. grateful, 3. policy, 4. globe, 5. discovery, 6. mutual, 7. muscular, 8. elevator

9. a gr____ul breeze *adj.* feeling or showing an appreciation of kindness; thankful
10. share of a mu____l fund *adj.* common to or shared by two or more parties
11. env____nt affairs *n.* the natural world such as air, water, and land in which humans, animals, and plants live
12. an op____ne remark *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
13. joint rec____on *n.* the action or process of recognizing or being recognized, especially by remembering; an agreement that something is true or legal
14. gi__t tech company *adj.* enormous; much bigger or more important than similar items usually are
15. a wide do____y *n.* an opening in a wall for a door to fit into
16. ho____y box *n.* the quality of being truthful, sincere, and morally upright; adherence to moral and ethical principles
17. ch____y work *n.* an organization that helps people in need, especially by providing food, shelter, or money; a kindly and sympathetic attitude toward people
18. su____e beforehand *v.* to think that something is likely to be actual or possible
19. ou____w its usefulness *v.* to grow too large for something; to grow taller or faster than another person

ANSWERS: 9. grateful, 10. mutual, 11. environment, 12. opportune, 13. recognition, 14. giant, 15. doorway, 16. honesty, 17. charity, 18. suppose, 19. outgrow

20. 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
21. refined sim_____ty *n.* the quality or condition of being natural and plain or easy to understand or do
22. ov_____a shipments *adj.* situated or operating beyond national boundaries; in, from, or to foreign countries
23. get inc_____ly insecure *adv.* in a way that is very difficult to believe; exceedingly or extremely
24. af____d to buy a new car *v.* to have enough money or time to be able to buy or do something
25. a pla_____nd on the roof *n.* an area where many people go for recreation, especially at a school or in a park
26. gov_____nt funding *n.* the group of people with authority to control a country or state
27. a stone wall su_____nds the palace *v.* to be all around something or somebody
28. IT inf_____ure *n.* the basic systems, services, or features that are necessary for an organization or country, such as transport and power supplies
29. su_____e you're right *v.* to think that something is likely to be actual or possible
30. human in_____ct *n.* the ability to think logically and comprehend information, especially at an advanced level

ANSWERS: 20. achieve, 21. simplicity, 22. oversea, 23. incredibly, 24. afford, 25. playground, 26. government, 27. surround, 28. infrastructure, 29. suppose, 30. intellect

31. re_____nt our life *v.* to change something so drastically that it looks to be completely new
32. su_____nd a town *v.* to be all around something or somebody
33. a circular mo_____nt *n.* a group of people working together to achieve a shared goal, especially a political, social, or artistic one; the process of moving or being moved, physically or figuratively
34. on be____f of our management *n.* represent; advantage, benefit, the interest of someone
35. kin_____ten teacher *n.* a school or class for young children, usually between the ages of four and six
36. the great di_____ry of the century *n.* the act or process of finding information, a place, or an object, or learning about something that was previously not known
37. aw_____ss of my ignorance *n.* the fact or state of knowing something exists and is important
38. tr_____er power *v.* to move, pass, or change from one person, place, or situation to another
39. in_____ve education *adj.* including much or everything, and especially including stated limits; not excluding any of the people, things, ideas, etc. involved in something
40. kin_____ten class *n.* a school or class for young children, usually between the ages of four and six

ANSWERS: 31. reinvent, 32. surround, 33. movement, 34. behalf, 35. kindergarten, 36. discovery, 37. awareness, 38. transfer, 39. inclusive, 40. kindergarten

41. education pol_____er *n.* a person in charge of or involved in developing action plans for a political party, business, etc.
42. a friendly con_____ion *n.* an informal talk between two or more people to exchange their views, ideas, information, etc.
43. el_____le candidates *adj.* having the required qualities or satisfying the necessary criteria
44. whe_____ir accessibility *n.* a chair fitted with large wheels for use as a means of transport by a person who is unable to walk
45. immune fu_____on *n.* the purpose or use of an object, system, or process; a particular activity or operation that is designed to serve a specific purpose; a mathematical concept that describes a relationship between two sets of values, called the input and output sets; (verb) to operate or work in a specific way, or to perform a particular task or purpose
46. na_____n-state *n.* a large organized community of people living in a particular country or region and having a particular culture
47. st_____le against discrimination *v.* to make a great effort to do something when it is difficult, or there are a lot of problems; to use force or violence to break away from restraint or constriction
48. modern el_____or *n.* a mechanical device used for vertical transportation, typically in multi-story buildings, consisting of a compartmentalized platform that moves between floors

ANSWERS: 41. policymaker, 42. conversation, 43. eligible, 44. wheelchair, 45. function, 46. nation, 47. struggle, 48. elevator

49. health po___y *n.* a set of rules, guidelines, principles, or procedures that govern decision-making or action, often used in the context of business or government; a course of action or plan of action adopted or followed by an organization or individual to achieve a goal or objective
50. tr_____er a file *v.* to move, pass, or change from one person, place, or situation to another
51. at_____y of the muscles *n.* a decrease in size of a muscle, organ, etc., caused by disease or disuse
52. bank and credit un__ns *n.* a group of employees who have banded together to advocate for their rights and better their working conditions; the act or the state of joining together or being joined together
53. landscape ar_____ct *n.* a person whose job is to design plans to be used in making something, such as buildings
54. ob_____le avoidance *n.* a thing that blocks one's way or prevents or hinders progress
55. 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
56. af___d a high travel cost *v.* to have enough money or time to be able to buy or do something
57. regional pol_____er *n.* a person in charge of or involved in developing action plans for a political party, business, etc.

ANSWERS: 49. policy, 50. transfer, 51. atrophy, 52. union, 53. architect, 54. obstacle, 55. achieve, 56. afford, 57. policymaker

58. 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
59. 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
60. ce_____te Christmas *v.* to acknowledge a memorable or good day or event with a social gathering or enjoyable activity
61. sp___l injury *adj.* of or relating to the spine (= the long bone in the body's back)
62. as___t his goal *v.* to help someone in doing anything
63. fu_____l a lifetime dream *v.* to meet the requirements or expectations; to achieve or realize
64. raise public aw_____ss *n.* the fact or state of knowing something exists and is important
65. op_____ne occasion *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
66. ho__r our ancestors *n.* high regard or great respect for someone; the quality of having and doing based on a keen sense of morality; (verb) to show respect towards someone
67. financial ind_____nce *n.* freedom from another's or others' control or influence

ANSWERS: 58. hero, 59. hero, 60. celebrate, 61. spinal, 62. assist, 63. fulfill, 64. awareness, 65. opportune, 66. honor, 67. independence

78. a learning-di____ed child *adj.* having a physical or mental condition that limits someone's specific actions that most other people can do
79. 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
80. gov____nt bureaucracy *n.* the group of people with authority to control a country or state
81. as____ly line *n.* a group of people who have been elected, especially one that meets regularly and makes decisions or laws for a specific region or country
82. an ob____le to progress *n.* a thing that blocks one's way or prevents or hinders progress
83. the r__p of a chasm *n.* a sloping surface connecting two levels or inclines, typically used for the movement of people, vehicles, or goods
84. con____ion in English *n.* an informal talk between two or more people to exchange their views, ideas, information, etc.
85. rec____on award *n.* the action or process of recognizing or being recognized, especially by remembering; an agreement that something is true or legal
86. D_n Giovanni *n.* a Spanish gentleman; a university lecturer, especially a senior member of a college at Oxford or Cambridge
87. el____le for a refund *adj.* having the required qualities or satisfying the necessary criteria

ANSWERS: 78. disabled, 79. barrier, 80. government, 81. assembly, 82. obstacle, 83. ramp, 84. conversation, 85. recognition, 86. Don, 87. eligible

88. a learning dis_____ty *n.* a physical or mental condition that makes it difficult for someone to do some things that other people do
89. ar_____ct of the peace accord *n.* a person whose job is to design plans to be used in making something, such as buildings
90. make a do_____on *n.* a voluntary gift of money, service, or ideas that are given to a person or an organization, or the act of giving them
91. inf_____ure cost *n.* the basic systems, services, or features that are necessary for an organization or country, such as transport and power supplies
92. common in_____on *n.* the creation of a new device or process resulting from study and experimentation; the act of inventing
93. the in_____on of new techniques *n.* the creation of a new device or process resulting from study and experimentation; the act of inventing
94. chemical ad_____on *n.* the act or process of adding something to something else; the process of adding numbers
95. co_____al combination of funds *adj.* belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use
96. around the gl___e *n.* the earth or world, mainly used to emphasize its vastness
97. chaotic env_____nt *n.* the natural world such as air, water, and land in which humans, animals, and plants live

ANSWERS: 88. disability, 89. architect, 90. donation, 91. infrastructure, 92. invention, 93. invention, 94. addition, 95. communal, 96. globe, 97. environment

98. official sta_____cs *n.* the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data
99. an exit r__p *n.* a sloping surface connecting two levels or inclines, typically used for the movement of people, vehicles, or goods
100. 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
101. basic br__n function *n.* the organ inside the head that is responsible for one's movement, thought, memory, and feeling
102. fu_____l a contract *v.* to meet the requirements or expectations; to achieve or realize
103. electric-powered whe_____ir *n.* a chair fitted with large wheels for use as a means of transport by a person who is unable to walk
104. the d_n of the university *n.* a Spanish gentleman; a university lecturer, especially a senior member of a college at Oxford or Cambridge
105. DC mo__r control *n.* a device that converts electricity, fuel, etc. into movement and makes a machine, vehicle, etc. work
106. engine cooling f_n *n.* a person who admires and supports a person, group, sport, sports team, etc.; a device for creating a current of air by the movement of a surface or surfaces
107. military st_____gy *n.* a detailed plan of action designed to achieve a long-term or overall goal.

ANSWERS: 98. statistics, 99. ramp, 100. barrier, 101. brain, 102. fulfill, 103. wheelchair, 104. Don, 105. motor, 106. fan, 107. strategy

108. permanent br__n damage *n.* the organ inside the head that is responsible for one's movement, thought, memory, and feeling
109. ask ch____y *n.* an organization that helps people in need, especially by providing food, shelter, or money; a kindly and sympathetic attitude toward people
110. the coi_____ce of an opinion *n.* an occasion when two or more similar things happen at the same time by chance, in a surprising way
111. a mo__r mechanic *n.* a device that converts electricity, fuel, etc. into movement and makes a machine, vehicle, etc. work
112. st____le to get the job *v.* to make a great effort to do something when it is difficult, or there are a lot of problems; to use force or violence to break away from restraint or constriction
113. ho____y policy *n.* the quality of being truthful, sincere, and morally upright; adherence to moral and ethical principles
114. am____g advances *adj.* extremely surprising, especially in a way that you like or admire
115. in___e my house against fire *v.* to provide coverage in the event of loss or damage
116. a craft un__n *n.* a group of employees who have banded together to advocate for their rights and better their working conditions; the act or the state of joining together or being joined together

ANSWERS: 108. brain, 109. charity, 110. coincidence, 111. motor, 112. struggle, 113. honesty, 114. amazing, 115. insure, 116. union

117. weakness with at_____y *n.* a decrease in size of a muscle, organ, etc., caused by disease or disuse
118. inc_____ly cheerful character *adv.* in a way that is very difficult to believe; exceedingly or extremely
119. brain and sp____l cord *adj.* of or relating to the spine (= the long bone in the body's back)
120. a mu_____ar person *adj.* of or relating to the muscles; having or suggesting great physical power or force
121. a good grounding in mat_____cs *n.* the science dealing with the logic of quantities, shapes, spaces, and arrangement
122. a dis_____ty pension *n.* a physical or mental condition that makes it difficult for someone to do some things that other people do
123. political do_____on *n.* a voluntary gift of money, service, or ideas that are given to a person or an organization, or the act of giving them
124. do_____y to success *n.* an opening in a wall for a door to fit into
125. ou_____w my coat *v.* to grow too large for something; to grow taller or faster than another person
126. con_____te to society *v.* to give something, especially money or goods, to provide or achieve something together with other people
127. a well-equipped pla_____nd *n.* an area where many people go for recreation, especially at a school or in a park
128. br_____nt idea *adj.* extremely clever, skilled, or impressive

ANSWERS: 117. atrophy, 118. incredibly, 119. spinal, 120. muscular, 121. mathematics, 122. disability, 123. donation, 124. doorway, 125. outgrow, 126. contribute, 127. playground, 128. brilliant

129. by a strange coi_____ce *n.* an occasion when two or more similar things happen at the same time by chance, in a surprising way
130. for ov_____a use *adj.* situated or operating beyond national boundaries; in, from, or to foreign countries
131. ind_____nce ceremony *n.* freedom from another's or others' control or influence
132. as_____ly hall *n.* a group of people who have been elected, especially one that meets regularly and makes decisions or laws for a specific region or country
133. enrich my in_____ct *n.* the ability to think logically and comprehend information, especially at an advanced level
134. a life of sim_____ty *n.* the quality or condition of being natural and plain or easy to understand or do
135. a film f_n *n.* a person who admires and supports a person, group, sport, sports team, etc.; a device for creating a current of air by the movement of a surface or surfaces
136. a fully in_____ve price *adj.* including much or everything, and especially including stated limits; not excluding any of the people, things, ideas, etc. involved in something
137. the most am_____g feeling *adj.* extremely surprising, especially in a way that you like or admire
138. mat_____cs competition *n.* the science dealing with the logic of quantities, shapes, spaces, and arrangement

ANSWERS: 129. coincidence, 130. oversea, 131. independence, 132. assembly, 133. intellect, 134. simplicity, 135. fan, 136. inclusive, 137. amazing, 138. mathematics

139. gi__t trees *adj.* enormous; much bigger or more important than similar items usually are
140. ad_____on of vectors *n.* the act or process of adding something to something else; the process of adding numbers
141. ba_____cking trip *n.* a bag or pack that is worn on the back, often used for carrying books, equipment, or supplies
142. on his own be___f *n.* represent; advantage, benefit, the interest of someone
143. br_____nt performance *adj.* extremely clever, skilled, or impressive
144. sta_____cs for cancer *n.* the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data
145. develop a st_____gy *n.* a detailed plan of action designed to achieve a long-term or overall goal.
146. a seafaring na___n *n.* a large organized community of people living in a particular country or region and having a particular culture
147. ba_____cker's hostel *n.* a bag or pack that is worn on the back, often used for carrying books, equipment, or supplies
148. fu_____on properly *n.* the purpose or use of an object, system, or process; a particular activity or operation that is designed to serve a specific purpose; a mathematical concept that describes a relationship between two sets of values, called the input and output sets; (verb) to operate or work in a specific way, or to perform a particular task or purpose

ANSWERS: 139. giant, 140. addition, 141. backpack, 142. behalf, 143. brilliant, 144. statistics, 145. strategy, 146. nation, 147. backpack, 148. function

ANSWERS:

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. He has a flair for _____.
n. the science dealing with the logic of quantities, shapes, spaces, and arrangement
2. Energy-efficient _____ are needed to maximize the cruising distance of electric vehicles.
n. a device that converts electricity, fuel, etc. into movement and makes a machine, vehicle, etc. work
3. I'm a big ____ of French food.
n. a person who admires and supports a person, group, sport, sports team, etc.; a device for creating a current of air by the movement of a surface or surfaces
4. It was the first time for her, but she _____ the role of Priest.
v. to meet the requirements or expectations; to achieve or realize
5. It was a pure _____ that we met her in the library.
n. an occasion when two or more similar things happen at the same time by chance, in a surprising way
6. The surgeon carefully confirmed how to remove the tumor to avoid damaging the _____ nerves.
adj. of or relating to the spine (= the long bone in the body's back)
7. His final goal is to sail around the _____.
n. the earth or world, mainly used to emphasize its vastness

ANSWERS: 1. mathematics, 2. motors, 3. fan, 4. fulfilled, 5. coincidence, 6. spinal, 7. globe

8. Her research team made an important _____.
- n.* the act or process of finding information, a place, or an object, or learning about something that was previously not known
9. The _____ students were having a good time playing with toys.
- n.* a school or class for young children, usually between the ages of four and six
10. Listening to music at a high volume may lead to a hearing _____.
- n.* a physical or mental condition that makes it difficult for someone to do some things that other people do
11. Every human is responsible for taking care of the Earth's _____.
- n.* the natural world such as air, water, and land in which humans, animals, and plants live
12. There is a woods with a creek near the school _____.
- n.* an area where many people go for recreation, especially at a school or in a park
13. Enhanced rail _____ is crucial for our business.
- n.* a system for moving people or products from one location to another using automobiles, roads, and so on
14. On three sides, mountains _____ the settlement.
- v.* to be all around something or somebody
15. In _____ private corporations provide healthcare services.
- n.* the act or process of adding something to something else; the process of adding numbers

ANSWERS: 8. discovery, 9. kindergarten, 10. disability, 11. environment, 12. playground, 13. transportation, 14. surround, 15. addition,

16. I gave witness on her _____.

n. represent; advantage, benefit, the interest of someone

17. I claim on my _____ that it is true.

n. high regard or great respect for someone; the quality of having and doing based on a keen sense of morality; (verb) to show respect towards someone

18. I will _____ my car before I go on a road trip.

v. to provide coverage in the event of loss or damage

19. She worked hard to treat her _____ dystrophy.

adj. of or relating to the muscles; having or suggesting great physical power or force

20. This library rents out various types of folding _____ for visitors.

n. a chair fitted with large wheels for use as a means of transport by a person who is unable to walk

21. The _____ jets gradually dominate the world's airlines.

adj. enormous; much bigger or more important than similar items usually are

22. _____ 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.

23. He could not _____ against temptation.

v. to make a great effort to do something when it is difficult, or there are a lot of problems; to use force or violence to break away from restraint or constriction

ANSWERS: 16. behalf, 17. honor, 18. insure, 19. muscular, 20. wheelchairs, 21. giant, 22. Policymakers, 23. struggle

24. The trade _____ remained adamant about its demands.
n. a group of employees who have banded together to advocate for their rights and better their working conditions; the act or the state of joining together or being joined together
25. He cannot _____ a holiday.
v. to have enough money or time to be able to buy or do something
26. There is nothing more valuable than _____ and freedom.
n. freedom from another's or others' control or influence
27. 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
28. She volunteers at a local _____ every weekend to help those in need.
n. an organization that helps people in need, especially by providing food, shelter, or money; a kindly and sympathetic attitude toward people
29. They cooperated for their _____ benefit.
adj. common to or shared by two or more parties
30. This company's _____ plant is an enormous facility.
n. a group of people who have been elected, especially one that meets regularly and makes decisions or laws for a specific region or country
31. The university has established a capacity for each nationality as part of its _____ policy.
adj. including much or everything, and especially including stated limits; not excluding any of the people, things, ideas, etc. involved in something

ANSWERS: 24. union, 25. afford, 26. independence, 27. government, 28. charity, 29. mutual, 30. assembly, 31. inclusive

32. 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
33. He _____ the 10th anniversary of his tenure.
v. to acknowledge a memorable or good day or event with a social gathering or enjoyable activity
34. The brain is an incredibly complex organ that controls the body's _____.
n. the purpose or use of an object, system, or process; a particular activity or operation that is designed to serve a specific purpose; a mathematical concept that describes a relationship between two sets of values, called the input and output sets; (verb) to operate or work in a specific way, or to perform a particular task or purpose
35. All those _____ will receive a substantial amount of money.
adj. having the required qualities or satisfying the necessary criteria
36. They have tried to _____ their grocery stores.
v. to change something so drastically that it looks to be completely new
37. 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
38. She was _____ for the help he provided.
adj. feeling or showing an appreciation of kindness; thankful
39. She was _____ in a car accident.
adj. having a physical or mental condition that limits someone's specific actions that most other people can do

ANSWERS: 32. nation, 33. celebrated, 34. function, 35. eligible, 36. reinvent, 37. achieve, 38. grateful, 39. disabled

40. There has been a gradual but steady rise in environmental _____.
- n.* the fact or state of knowing something exists and is important
41. 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
42. I packed my _____ with all the necessary camping gear for our trip.
- n.* a bag or pack that is worn on the back, often used for carrying books, equipment, or supplies
43. Daily exercise and adequate sleep are necessary to prevent the progression of _____.
- n.* a decrease in size of a muscle, organ, etc., caused by disease or disuse
44. The golfer recorded an _____ distance.
- adj.* extremely surprising, especially in a way that you like or admire
45. Necessity is the mother of _____.
- n.* the creation of a new device or process resulting from study and experimentation; the act of inventing
46. He could never go against what ____ Carlos said.
- n.* a Spanish gentleman; a university lecturer, especially a senior member of a college at Oxford or Cambridge
47. The company's new _____ on remote work has made it a more inclusive workplace.
- n.* a set of rules, guidelines, principles, or procedures that govern decision-making or action, often used in the context of business or government; a course of action or plan of action adopted or followed by an organization or individual to achieve a goal or objective

ANSWERS: 40. awareness, 41. barrier, 42. backpack, 43. atrophy, 44. amazing, 45. invention, 46. Don, 47. policy

48. _____ elections were held in several European countries.

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

49. Your _____ reflects your thoughts.

n. an informal talk between two or more people to exchange their views, ideas, information, etc.

50. The company enhanced _____ operations to tap into new markets.

adj. situated or operating beyond national boundaries; in, from, or to foreign countries

51. The _____ course was challenging but fun.

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

52. 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

53. The more _____ you are, the more people around you look at you with envy and jealousy.

adj. extremely clever, skilled, or impressive

54. Our plan includes a comprehensive marketing _____.

n. a detailed plan of action designed to achieve a long-term or overall goal.

55. He made a generous _____ to the charity.

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

56. Government workers cannot _____ to political campaigns.

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

ANSWERS: 48. Communal, 49. conversation, 50. oversea, 51. obstacle, 52. transferred, 53. brilliant, 54. strategy, 55. donation, 56. contribute

57. The phone rang at the most _____ time.

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

58. The hotel's _____ was out of order, so we had to take the stairs to our room on the fifth floor.

n. a mechanical device used for vertical transportation, typically in multi-story buildings, consisting of a compartmentalized platform that moves between floors

59. The _____ of the dancers on stage was graceful and elegant.

n. a group of people working together to achieve a shared goal, especially a political, social, or artistic one; the process of moving or being moved, physically or figuratively

60. He liked the car because of the _____ of the design.

n. the quality or condition of being natural and plain or easy to understand or do

61. The wheelchair user needed a _____ to access the building's entrance.

n. a sloping surface connecting two levels or inclines, typically used for the movement of people, vehicles, or goods

62. A culture of _____ in the workplace leads to better communication and productivity.

n. the quality of being truthful, sincere, and morally upright; adherence to moral and ethical principles

63. He leaned against the _____ waiting for her to come home.

n. an opening in a wall for a door to fit into

ANSWERS: 57. opportune, 58. elevator, 59. movement, 60. simplicity, 61. ramp, 62. honesty, 63. doorway,

64. Bamboo will soon _____ the other plants.

- v.* to grow too large for something; to grow taller or faster than another person

65. Your _____ is capable of distinguishing among similar objects.

- n.* the ability to think logically and comprehend information, especially at an advanced level

66. X-rays revealed a small tumor in his _____.

- n.* the organ inside the head that is responsible for one's movement, thought, memory, and feeling

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

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

68. He was given _____ for his outstanding work in the field of medicine.

- n.* the action or process of recognizing or being recognized, especially by remembering; an agreement that something is true or legal

69. Several cities are experiencing _____ high unemployment rates.

- adv.* in a way that is very difficult to believe; exceedingly or extremely

70. Aging societies tend to require huge costs for _____ maintenance.

- n.* the basic systems, services, or features that are necessary for an organization or country, such as transport and power supplies

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

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

ANSWERS: 64. outgrow, 65. intellect, 66. brain, 67. suppose, 68. recognition, 69. incredibly, 70. infrastructure, 71. statistics

72. Please _____ her with the furniture relocation.

v. to help someone in doing anything

73. 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

74. 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

ANSWERS: 72. assist, 73. architect, 74. hero