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Session 1: Word List

childcare

n. a service involving care for other people's children

synonym : babysitting

(1) **childcare** allowance, (2) allow **childcare** leave

Our company offers a full range of **childcare** facilities as part of our benefits package.

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.

dough

n. a mixture of flour, liquid, and other ingredients, typically used to make bread, pastry, or pasta

synonym : flour, mix

(1) work **dough**, (2) **dough** for pastry

She mixed flour, yeast, sugar, and water to make **dough** for the bread.

communicate

v. to share or exchange information with others by speaking, writing, moving your body, or using other

signals

synonym: convey, share, transmit

(1) **communicate** his anxieties to the psychiatrist,

(2) **communicate** well with my advisor

Dolphins use sound to **communicate** with each other.

infant

n. a baby or very young child

synonym: baby, newborn, tot

(1) **infant** daughter, (2) **infant** food

Mozart was an **infant** prodigy.

toddler

n. a young child who has recently learned to walk

synonym: child, infant, youngster

(1) an active **toddler**, (2) **toddler** in nappy

A **toddler** needs constant supervision and firm control.

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.

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.

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**.

develop

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

synonym: evolve, progress, advance

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

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

nanny

n. a caregiver, usually a woman, who provides child care services in the home of the children's parents or guardians, either on a part-time or full-time basis

synonym: childcare provider, babysitter, nurse

(1) part-time **nanny**, (2) professional **nanny**

She works as a **nanny** for a family with two young children.

grandparent

n. a parent of one's father or mother

(1) great- **grandparent**, (2) person of **grandparent** age

She was close to her paternal **grandparents** and often spent summers with them.

desert

n. arid land with little or no vegetation often covered with sand or rocks

(1) **desert** basin, (2) oasis in the **desert**

This region is predominantly **desert**.

pre-K

n. (an abbreviation for "pre-kindergarten") a program that provides structured educational activities and socialization opportunities for young children before they start formal kindergarten

synonym: preschool, early education

(1) **pre-K** education, (2) **pre-K** program

My son will start attending **pre-K** next year.

spot

n. a particular location or place; a small round or roundish area, differing in color or feels from the surface around it

synonym:

dot, mark, place

(1) beauty **spot**, (2) a **spot** on his honor

This remote **spot** is rarely visited.

succumb

v. to fail to oppose something, such as desire, pressure, or some other opposing force; to die or suffer badly from the effect of a disease or injury

synonym: surrender, break down, die

(1) **succumb** to cancer, (2) **succumb** to old age

He finally **succumbed** to temptation.

lottery

n. a game of chance in which a large number of people buy tickets or chances to win a prize, with the winner(s) determined by a random drawing

synonym: raffle, sweepstakes, drawing

(1) national **lottery**, (2) scratch-off **lottery**

The odds of winning the **lottery** are extremely low, but millions still buy tickets hoping to hit the jackpot.

generation

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

synonym: cohort, age group, era

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

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

app

n. (abbreviation for application) software designed to run on smartphones and other mobile devices or inside a web browser on a PC

synonym: application, software

(1) killer **app**, (2) cannot log in to the **app**

The discovery of a critical bug caused the company to delay the **app's** release.

diaper

n. a soft, absorbent piece of material worn by babies and young children around their waist and between their legs to catch urine and feces

synonym : napkin, nappy

(1) **diaper** bag, (2) cloth **diaper**

I need to buy a pack of **diapers** for my baby before we run out.

appropriate

adj. suitable or proper in the circumstances; fitting

synonym : fitting, suitable, proper

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

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

emotional

adj. relating to people's feelings

synonym : affecting, impactful, impressive

(1) **emotional** health, (2) **emotional** distress

Human **emotional** responses vary widely depending on the society to which they belong.

multitude

n. a large number of things or people

synonym : mass, assembly, hive

(1) great **multitude**, (2) from a **multitude** of sources

This company is faced with a **multitude** of problems.

invest

v. to put money, effort, time, etc. into something to make a profit or achieve a result

synonym : fund, sponsor, support

(1) **invest** in stocks, (2) **invest** capital

The government should view children as national assets and actively **invest** in them.

trillion

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

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

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

empower

v. to give someone the power or authority to do something

synonym : authorize, endow, entitle

(1) **empower** my life, (2) **empower** the secretary to do the same

The company **empowered** employees to buy low-price items without approval to achieve efficient purchasing.

commerce

n. the activity of buying and selling things, especially on a large scale

synonym: trade, transaction, dealings

(1) interstate **commerce**, (2) the local chamber of **commerce**

This company has invested heavily in Internet **commerce**.

fraction

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

synonym: piece, part, fragment

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

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

software

n. a set of computer programs and associated documentation and data for doing particular computational jobs

synonym: program, system, operating system

(1) **software** architect, (2) copyrighted **software**

The company specializes in both hardware and **software**.

folk

n. people in general, especially those of a particular group or type

synonym: community, family, person

(1) **folk** art, (2) the **folk** songs of a particular district

Some seaweed was used as **folk** medicine in ancient times.

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.

spare

adj. additional to what is necessary for ordinary use; (verb) to give time, money, space, etc. to someone

synonym: extra, excess, (verb) afford

(1) **spare** parts, (2) **spare** cost

I made plans to spend my **spare** time beneficially.

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.

compete

v. to strive to achieve more success than someone or something

synonym: contend, contest, vie

(1) **compete** against a friend, (2) **compete** fiercely

You must **compete** with others to obtain this position.

chain

n. a series of connected links or objects; a system or group of interconnected elements; a restraint or shackle

synonym: series, string, link

(1) **chain** reaction, (2) supply **chain**

The **chain** on my bike broke, leaving me stranded.

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.

affordable

adj. not expensive and able to pay

synonym: cheap, reasonable, inexpensive

(1) **affordable** housing, (2) **affordable** solution

The automaker has been providing **affordable** car financing options since last year.

nimble

adj. quick and light in movement or action

synonym : agile, quick, flexible

(1) **nimble** handling, (2) **nimble-minded** person

His **nimble** movements allowed him to navigate the crowded streets with ease.

laboratory

n. a workplace for doing scientific research or teaching science; a lab

synonym : lab, workshop, testing room

(1) **laboratory** accident, (2) anthropology **laboratory**

Animal protection groups call for an end to animal testing in a **laboratory**.

innovation

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

synonym : invention, initiation, creation

(1) **innovation** leader, (2) cutting-edge **innovation**

The vegetarian burger was an **innovation** that quickly spread to the United Kingdom.

entrepreneur

n. an individual who creates or invests in one or more businesses, especially when this involves taking financial risks

synonym : founder, executive

(1) a successful **entrepreneur**, (2) billionaire **entrepreneur**

Entrepreneurs willingly accept business risks to achieve success.

advance

v. to go or move forward; to develop in a positive way

synonym : progress, boost, come along

(1) **advance** the technology, (2) **advance** a cooperative relationship

Scientific knowledge will **advance** significantly with the power

of AI.

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.

license

n. an official permission or authorization to do, use, or own something; a legal document that grants the holder the right to perform certain activities, such as driving a car, practicing a profession, or using a particular product or service

synonym: permit, authorization, certificate

(1) **license** renewal, (2) software **license**

Before driving, ensure you have a valid driver's **license**.

operate

v. to work in a particular way; to supervise something

synonym: work, use, employ

(1) **operate** 24 hours a day, (2) manually **operate** a machine

This machine is too difficult to **operate** for me.

background

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

synonym: ground, experience, backdrop

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

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

violation

n. an action that breaches a law, rule, or agreement; an infringement of rights or duties

synonym: breach, transgression, infraction

(1) **violation** law, (2) commit a traffic **violation**

The international community has widely condemned the

violation of human rights.

publicly

adv. in a manner accessible to or observable by the public;
by the government

synonym: candidly, openly, honestly

(1) **publicly** accessible record, (2) **publicly** financed schools

She **publicly** denounced the government's mishandling of the economic crisis.

decision

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

synonym: choice, determination, judgment

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

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

philosophy

n. the study of general and fundamental questions, such as those about existence, reason, knowledge, values, mind

synonym: doctrine, attitude, creed

(1) **philosophy** of education, (2) western **philosophy**

Ethics is a branch of **philosophy**.

tuition

n. the act of teaching something, especially when given to a small group or one person; fees charged by education institutions for instruction or other services

synonym: fee, schooling, education

(1) **tuition** assistance, (2) a college **tuition**

His father cannot afford his **tuition**.

enroll

v. to officially register or sign up for something, particularly a course of study, an organization, or a service

synonym: register, enlist, join

(1) **enroll** at a college, (2) **enroll** in a school

I need to **enroll** in a cooking class to improve my culinary skills.

grocery

n. a shop that sells food and other household items

synonym : foodstuff, market

(1) the **grocery** business, (2) run a **grocery**

I will go to the **grocery** store to buy food for dinner.

leap

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

synonym : jump, bound, hop

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

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

misconception

n. a belief or an idea that is wrong because it has been based on faulty thinking, understanding, or hypothesis

synonym : fallacy, incomprehension, misunderstanding

(1) dispel the **misconception**, (2) commonly held **misconception**

There are numerous **misconceptions** about food and health.

economics

n. the branch of social science that deals with the production, consumption, and transfer of goods and services

synonym : social science, finance, business

(1) welfare **economics**, (2) **economics** professor

His class will cover an introduction to agricultural **economics**.

vary

v. to become different in terms of size, shape, etc.

synonym : alter, contrast, differ

(1) **vary** according to the age, (2) **vary** directly with the price

Maximum heart rates **vary** a lot for each individual.

locate

v. to specify or determine the exact position of someone or something

synonym : discover, find, place

(1) **locate** a missing pet, (2) **locate** a tumor

The robot can accurately **locate** construction material.

economy

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

synonym: finance, trade, business

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

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

standpoint

n. a particular perspective or position from which something is viewed or considered; a point of view or opinion on a specific matter

synonym: viewpoint, perspective, opinion

(1) **standpoint** theory, (2) moral **standpoint**

From a marketing **standpoint**, this product may need to be more effective.

studio

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

synonym: workshop, atelier, room

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

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

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.

forestry

n. the science, art, and practice of managing forests, including planting, cultivating, and caring for trees and conserving and developing natural forests

synonym: lumbering, timbering, arboriculture

(1) a **forestry** school, (2) sustainable **forestry**

The **forestry** industry plays a crucial role in the management and conservation of forests around the world.

nurse

n. a healthcare professional who is trained to provide care for the sick or injured; (verb) to try to cure by special care or treatment of an illness or injury

synonym : healthcare worker, caregiver, medic

(1) **nurse** practitioner, (2) a volunteer **nurse**

The night shift **nurse** checked my vital signs before administering the medication.

outdo

v. to do better than someone; to surpass

synonym : excel, surpass, outshine

(1) **outdo** him in trickery, (2) **outdo** the competition

He tried to **outdo** his rival by breaking the world record.

therapy

n. the act of caring for someone through medication, remedial training, etc.

synonym : antidote, medicine, treatment

(1) **therapy** for a patient, (2) field of gene **therapy**

I underwent aversion **therapy** for my addiction to alcohol.

incur

v. to suffer from something, usually something negative, such as a loss, cost, or financial burden; to become subject to something as a result of one's actions or conduct

synonym : suffer, acquire, accumulate

(1) **incur** a \$50 fine for, (2) **incur** a great danger

I didn't mean to **incur** such a large debt on my credit card.

workforce

n. all the people who work in a company, industry, country, etc.

synonym : labor pool, manpower

(1) skilled **workforce**, (2) the **workforce** is on strike

Many companies outsource and hire consultants to keep their **workforce** flexible.

vital

adj. necessary for the success or continued existence of something

synonym : critical, crucial, invigorating

(1) play a **vital** role, (2) **vital** for a healthy society
Perseverance and optimism are **vital** to success.

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.

immersion

n. the act of putting someone or something into a liquid completely; the state of being completely involved in a subject or activity

synonym: submergence, involvement, engagement

(1) baptism by **immersion**, (2) **immersion** in acid
I felt like I was in a different world because of the **immersion** experience of virtual reality.

teamwork

n. the combined action of a group of people working together towards a common goal

synonym: collaboration, cooperation, coordination

(1) poor **teamwork**, (2) **teamwork** in business
Harmonious **teamwork** is essential to the success of this project.

Session 2: Spelling

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|----------------------------|---|
| 1. a bac_____nd color | <i>n.</i> the details of a person's social heritage, such as family, vocational or educational experience; past information that is essential to understanding a situation or problem |
| 2. inn_____on leader | <i>n.</i> the creation of a new device or process resulting from study and experimentation |
| 3. kin_____ten teacher | <i>n.</i> a school or class for young children, usually between the ages of four and six |
| 4. nu__e practitioner | <i>n.</i> a healthcare professional who is trained to provide care for the sick or injured; (verb) to try to cure by special care or treatment of an illness or injury |
| 5. op_____e 24 hours a day | <i>v.</i> to work in a particular way; to supervise something |
| 6. su_____b to old age | <i>v.</i> to fail to oppose something, such as desire, pressure, or some other opposing force; to die or suffer badly from the effect of a disease or injury |
| 7. music st____o | <i>n.</i> a room or building where creative or artistic work is produced; a television or radio production company |
| 8. western phi_____hy | <i>n.</i> the study of general and fundamental questions, such as those about existence, reason, knowledge, values, mind |

ANSWERS: 1. background, 2. innovation, 3. kindergarten, 4. nurse, 5. operate, 6. succumb, 7. studio, 8. philosophy

9. ec____y of scale *n.* the system by which a country or region produces manages, and distributes goods and services, including the money and finances involved in these activities; (of an airline) the lowest-priced, most basic option for seating in commercial travel
10. ad____e a cooperative relationship *v.* to go or move forward; to develop in a positive way
11. in__r a great danger *v.* to suffer from something, usually something negative, such as a loss, cost, or financial burden; to become subject to something as a result of one's actions or conduct
12. interstate co____ce *n.* the activity of buying and selling things, especially on a large scale
13. copyrighted so____re *n.* a set of computer programs and associated documentation and data for doing particular computational jobs
14. from a mu____de of sources *n.* a large number of things or people
15. com____te well with my advisor *v.* to share or exchange information with others by speaking, writing, moving your body, or using other signals
16. sustainable fo____ry *n.* the science, art, and practice of managing forests, including planting, cultivating, and caring for trees and conserving and developing natural forests
17. phi____hy of education *n.* the study of general and fundamental questions, such as those about existence, reason, knowledge, values, mind

ANSWERS: 9. economy, 10. advance, 11. incur, 12. commerce, 13. software, 14. multitude, 15. communicate, 16. forestry, 17. philosophy

18. in___t daughter *n.* a baby or very young child
19. access to public tr_____rt *n.* a system for moving people or products from one location to another using automobiles, roads, and so on
20. an app_____te time *adj.* suitable or proper in the circumstances; fitting
21. 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
22. oasis in the de___t *n.* arid land with little or no vegetation often covered with sand or rocks
23. a s__t on his honor *n.* a particular location or place; a small round or roundish area, differing in color or feels from the surface around it
24. the f__k songs of a particular district *n.* people in general, especially those of a particular group or type
25. im_____on in acid *n.* the act of putting someone or something into a liquid completely; the state of being completely involved in a subject or activity
26. great mu_____de *n.* a large number of things or people
27. aff_____le solution *adj.* not expensive and able to pay
28. great-gra_____nt *n.* a parent of one's father or mother
29. beauty s__t *n.* a particular location or place; a small round or roundish area, differing in color or feels from the surface around it

ANSWERS: 18. infant, 19. transport, 20. appropriate, 21. span, 22. desert, 23. spot, 24. folk, 25. immersion, 26. multitude, 27. affordable, 28. grandparent, 29. spot

30. en___l at a college *v.* to officially register or sign up for something, particularly a course of study, an organization, or a service
31. allow ch_____re leave *n.* a service involving care for other people's children
32. co_____al swimming pool *adj.* belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use
33. a numerator in a fr_____on *n.* a small part or item forming a piece of a whole; the quotient of two rational numbers
34. part-time na__y *n.* a caregiver, usually a woman, who provides child care services in the home of the children's parents or guardians, either on a part-time or full-time basis
35. an op_____ne remark *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
36. em_____r my life *v.* to give someone the power or authority to do something
37. dispel the mis_____ion *n.* a belief or an idea that is wrong because it has been based on faulty thinking, understanding, or hypothesis
38. vi_____on law *n.* an action that breaches a law, rule, or agreement; an infringement of rights or duties
39. kin_____ten class *n.* a school or class for young children, usually between the ages of four and six
40. an active to_____r *n.* a young child who has recently learned to walk

ANSWERS: 30. enroll, 31. childcare, 32. communal, 33. fraction, 34. nanny, 35. opportune, 36. empower, 37. misconception, 38. violation, 39. kindergarten, 40. toddler

41. pu____ly financed schools *adv.* in a manner accessible to or observable by the public; by the government
42. a college tu____n *n.* the act of teaching something, especially when given to a small group or one person; fees charged by education institutions for instruction or other services
43. ou__o him in trickery *v.* to do better than someone; to surpass
44. in__t food *n.* a baby or very young child
45. de___e a question *v.* to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options
46. ni___e-minded person *adj.* quick and light in movement or action
47. cloth di___r *n.* a soft, absorbent piece of material worn by babies and young children around their waist and between their legs to catch urine and feces
48. di___r bag *n.* a soft, absorbent piece of material worn by babies and young children around their waist and between their legs to catch urine and feces
49. to____r in nappy *n.* a young child who has recently learned to walk
50. in__r a \$50 fine for *v.* to suffer from something, usually something negative, such as a loss, cost, or financial burden; to become subject to something as a result of one's actions or conduct

ANSWERS: 41. publicly, 42. tuition, 43. outdo, 44. infant, 45. decide, 46. nimble, 47. diaper, 48. diaper, 49. toddler, 50. incur

51. work do__h *n.* a mixture of flour, liquid, and other ingredients, typically used to make bread, pastry, or pasta
52. gen_____on gap *n.* all the people born and living at about the same time, regarded collectively; the production of heat or electricity
53. em_____al distress *adj.* relating to people's feelings
54. aff_____le housing *adj.* not expensive and able to pay
55. in___t capital *v.* to put money, effort, time, etc. into something to make a profit or achieve a result
56. sp__e cost *adj.* additional to what is necessary for ordinary use; (verb) to give time, money, space, etc. to someone
57. tr_____on cubic feet *n.* the number 1,000,000,000,000; a million million
58. supply ch__n *n.* a series of connected links or objects; a system or group of interconnected elements; a restraint or shackle
59. f__k art *n.* people in general, especially those of a particular group or type
60. l__p to a conclusion *v.* to jump or spring into the air, often with the feet leaving the ground or a surface below; to move quickly or suddenly, often forward or upward
61. pu_____ly accessible record *adv.* in a manner accessible to or observable by the public; by the government
62. a fr_____onal share of the vote *n.* a small part or item forming a piece of a whole; the quotient of two rational numbers

ANSWERS: 51. dough, 52. generation, 53. emotional, 54. affordable, 55. invest, 56. spare, 57. trillion, 58. chain, 59. folk, 60. leap, 61. publicly, 62. fraction

63. ch__n reaction *n.* a series of connected links or objects; a system or group of interconnected elements; a restraint or shackle
64. l__p of faith *v.* to jump or spring into the air, often with the feet leaving the ground or a surface below; to move quickly or suddenly, often forward or upward
65. anthropology lab_____ry *n.* a workplace for doing scientific research or teaching science; a lab
66. basic br__n function *n.* the organ inside the head that is responsible for one's movement, thought, memory, and feeling
67. ch_____re allowance *n.* a service involving care for other people's children
68. person of gra_____nt age *n.* a parent of one's father or mother
69. cannot log in to the a_p *n.* (abbreviation for application) software designed to run on smartphones and other mobile devices or inside a web browser on a PC
70. run a gr_____y *n.* a shop that sells food and other household items
71. mo_____nt of troops *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
72. ec_____cs professor *n.* the branch of social science that deals with the production, consumption, and transfer of goods and services

ANSWERS: 63. chain, 64. leap, 65. laboratory, 66. brain, 67. childcare, 68. grandparent, 69. app, 70. grocery, 71. movement, 72. economics

73. a fo____ry school *n.* the science, art, and practice of managing forests, including planting, cultivating, and caring for trees and conserving and developing natural forests
74. field of gene th____y *n.* the act of caring for someone through medication, remedial training, etc.
75. sp__e parts *adj.* additional to what is necessary for ordinary use; (verb) to give time, money, space, etc. to someone
76. 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
77. te____rk in business *n.* the combined action of a group of people working together towards a common goal
78. the gen____on of electricity *n.* all the people born and living at about the same time, regarded collectively; the production of heat or electricity
79. co____e against a friend *v.* to strive to achieve more success than someone or something
80. de____on authority *n.* the act or process of making up someone's mind about something; a choice or judgment reached after considering options
81. en____l in a school *v.* to officially register or sign up for something, particularly a course of study, an organization, or a service

ANSWERS: 73. forestry, 74. therapy, 75. spare, 76. span, 77. teamwork, 78. generation, 79. compete, 80. decision, 81. enroll

82. vi__l for a healthy society *adj.* necessary for the success or continued existence of something
83. th____y for a patient *n.* the act of caring for someone through medication, remedial training, etc.
84. welfare ec_____cs *n.* the branch of social science that deals with the production, consumption, and transfer of goods and services
85. inc_____ly cheerful character *adv.* in a way that is very difficult to believe; exceedingly or extremely
86. lo___e a tumor *v.* to specify or determine the exact position of someone or something
87. play a vi__l role *adj.* necessary for the success or continued existence of something
88. the local chamber of co_____ce *n.* the activity of buying and selling things, especially on a large scale
89. ni___e handling *adj.* quick and light in movement or action
90. commit a traffic vi_____on *n.* an action that breaches a law, rule, or agreement; an infringement of rights or duties
91. app_____te behavior *adj.* suitable or proper in the circumstances; fitting
92. em_____al health *adj.* relating to people's feelings
93. co_____al combination of funds *adj.* belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use
94. li_____e renewal *n.* an official permission or authorization to do, use, or own something; a legal document that grants the holder the right to perform certain activities, such as driving a car, practicing a profession, or using a particular product or service

ANSWERS: 82. vital, 83. therapy, 84. economics, 85. incredibly, 86. locate, 87. vital, 88. commerce, 89. nimble, 90. violation, 91. appropriate, 92. emotional, 93. communal, 94. license

95. com_____te his anxieties to the psychiatrist
v. to share or exchange information with others by speaking, writing, moving your body, or using other signals
96. ou__o the competition
v. to do better than someone; to surpass
97. a criminal bac_____nd
n. the details of a person's social heritage, such as family, vocational or educational experience; past information that is essential to understanding a situation or problem
98. the gr_____y business
n. a shop that sells food and other household items
99. the wo_____ce is on strike
n. all the people who work in a company, industry, country, etc.
100. em_____r the secretary to do the same
v. to give someone the power or authority to do something
101. ad_____e the technology
v. to go or move forward; to develop in a positive way
102. ind_____us worker
adj. hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
103. a volunteer nu__e
n. a healthcare professional who is trained to provide care for the sick or injured; (verb) to try to cure by special care or treatment of an illness or injury
104. lo___e a missing pet
v. to specify or determine the exact position of someone or something
105. ec_____y class
n. the system by which a country or region produces manages, and distributes goods and services, including the money and finances involved in these activities; (of an airline) the lowest-priced, most basic option for seating in commercial travel

ANSWERS: 95. communicate, 96. outdo, 97. background, 98. grocery, 99. workforce, 100. empower, 101. advance, 102. industrious, 103. nurse, 104. locate, 105. economy

106. permanent br__n damage *n.* the organ inside the head that is responsible for one's movement, thought, memory, and feeling
107. get inc_____ly insecure *adv.* in a way that is very difficult to believe; exceedingly or extremely
108. sta_____nt theory *n.* a particular perspective or position from which something is viewed or considered; a point of view or opinion on a specific matter
109. pr__K education *n.* (an abbreviation for "pre-kindergarten") a program that provides structured educational activities and socialization opportunities for young children before they start formal kindergarten
110. skilled wo_____ce *n.* all the people who work in a company, industry, country, etc.
111. cutting-edge inn_____on *n.* the creation of a new device or process resulting from study and experimentation
112. lab_____ry accident *n.* a workplace for doing scientific research or teaching science; a lab
113. so_____re architect *n.* a set of computer programs and associated documentation and data for doing particular computational jobs
114. scratch-off lo_____y *n.* a game of chance in which a large number of people buy tickets or chances to win a prize, with the winner(s) determined by a random drawing

ANSWERS: 106. brain, 107. incredibly, 108. standpoint, 109. pre-K, 110. workforce, 111. innovation, 112. laboratory, 113. software, 114. lottery

123. poor te____rk *n.* the combined action of a group of people working together towards a common goal
124. op_____ne occasion *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
125. tr_____rt facilities *n.* a system for moving people or products from one location to another using automobiles, roads, and so on
126. in____t in stocks *v.* to put money, effort, time, etc. into something to make a profit or achieve a result
127. a selfish de_____on *n.* the act or process of making up someone's mind about something; a choice or judgment reached after considering options
128. 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
129. software li_____e *n.* an official permission or authorization to do, use, or own something; a legal document that grants the holder the right to perform certain activities, such as driving a car, practicing a profession, or using a particular product or service
130. a successful ent_____eur *n.* an individual who creates or invests in one or more businesses, especially when this involves taking financial risks

ANSWERS: 123. teamwork, 124. opportune, 125. transport, 126. invest, 127. decision, 128. movement, 129. license, 130. entrepreneur

141. de___e on a course of action *v.* to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options
142. ind_____us student *adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
143. manually op_____e a machine *v.* to work in a particular way; to supervise something
144. moral sta_____nt *n.* a particular perspective or position from which something is viewed or considered; a point of view or opinion on a specific matter

ANSWERS: 141. decide, 142. industrious, 143. operate, 144. standpoint

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. Many companies outsource and hire consultants to keep their _____ flexible.
n. all the people who work in a company, industry, country, etc.
2. He was known to be very _____ and would often work late into the night.
adj. hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
3. The _____ on my bike broke, leaving me stranded.
n. a series of connected links or objects; a system or group of interconnected elements; a restraint or shackle
4. His _____ movements allowed him to navigate the crowded streets with ease.
adj. quick and light in movement or action
5. Animal protection groups call for an end to animal testing in a _____.
n. a workplace for doing scientific research or teaching science; a lab
6. The discovery of a critical bug caused the company to delay the _____ release.
n. (abbreviation for application) software designed to run on smartphones and other mobile devices or inside a web browser on a PC
7. Our company offers a full range of _____ facilities as part of our benefits package.
n. a service involving care for other people's children
8. The company specializes in both hardware and _____.
n. a set of computer programs and associated documentation and data for doing particular computational jobs

ANSWERS: 1. workforce, 2. industrious, 3. chain, 4. nimble, 5. laboratory, 6. app's, 7. childcare, 8. software

9. The international community has widely condemned the _____ of human rights.
- n.* an action that breaches a law, rule, or agreement; an infringement of rights or duties
10. His father cannot afford his _____.
- n.* the act of teaching something, especially when given to a small group or one person; fees charged by education institutions for instruction or other services
11. His class will cover an introduction to agricultural _____.
- n.* the branch of social science that deals with the production, consumption, and transfer of goods and services
12. The night shift _____ checked my vital signs before administering the medication.
- n.* a healthcare professional who is trained to provide care for the sick or injured; (verb) to try to cure by special care or treatment of an illness or injury
13. The company _____ employees to buy low-price items without approval to achieve efficient purchasing.
- v.* to give someone the power or authority to do something
14. 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
15. She _____ denounced the government's mishandling of the economic crisis.
- adv.* in a manner accessible to or observable by the public; by the government
16. It would be _____ to dress nicely for the wedding.
- adj.* suitable or proper in the circumstances; fitting

ANSWERS: 9. violation, 10. tuition, 11. economics, 12. nurse, 13. empowered, 14. kindergarten, 15. publicly, 16. appropriate

17. This machine is too difficult to _____ for me.
v. to work in a particular way; to supervise something
18. I felt like I was in a different world because of the _____ experience of virtual reality.
n. the act of putting someone or something into a liquid completely; the state of being completely involved in a subject or activity
19. _____ willingly accept business risks to achieve success.
n. an individual who creates or invests in one or more businesses, especially when this involves taking financial risks
20. A _____ needs constant supervision and firm control.
n. a young child who has recently learned to walk
21. 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
22. I need to _____ in a cooking class to improve my culinary skills.
v. to officially register or sign up for something, particularly a course of study, an organization, or a service
23. Human _____ responses vary widely depending on the society to which they belong.
adj. relating to people's feelings
24. I will go to the _____ store to buy food for dinner.
n. a shop that sells food and other household items

ANSWERS: 17. operate, 18. immersion, 19. Entrepreneurs, 20. toddler, 21. brain, 22. enroll, 23. emotional, 24. grocery

25. Scientific knowledge will _____ significantly with the power of AI.
v. to go or move forward; to develop in a positive way
26. Ethics is a branch of _____.
n. the study of general and fundamental questions, such as those about existence, reason, knowledge, values, mind
27. This region is predominantly _____.
n. arid land with little or no vegetation often covered with sand or rocks
28. Before driving, ensure you have a valid driver's _____.
n. an official permission or authorization to do, use, or own something; a legal document that grants the holder the right to perform certain activities, such as driving a car, practicing a profession, or using a particular product or service
29. 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
30. She was close to her paternal _____ and often spent summers with them.
n. a parent of one's father or mother
31. This company is faced with a _____ of problems.
n. a large number of things or people
32. Maximum heart rates _____ a lot for each individual.
v. to become different in terms of size, shape, etc.

ANSWERS: 25. advance, 26. philosophy, 27. desert, 28. license, 29. transportation, 30. grandparents, 31. multitude, 32. vary

33. 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
34. The phone rang at the most _____ time.
- adj. suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
35. We must _____ a new system to streamline our workflow and increase efficiency.
- v. to grow or expand; to improve or refine through a process of progress and refinement, often to achieve greater sophistication or complexity; to elaborate or add detail to something that is in the process of being created
36. Perseverance and optimism are _____ to success.
- adj. necessary for the success or continued existence of something
37. Dolphins use sound to _____ with each other.
- v. to share or exchange information with others by speaking, writing, moving your body, or using other signals
38. The automaker has been providing _____ car financing options since last year.
- adj. not expensive and able to pay
39. 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
40. From a marketing _____ this product may need to be more effective.
- n. a particular perspective or position from which something is viewed or considered; a point of view or opinion on a specific matter

ANSWERS: 33. decide, 34. opportune, 35. develop, 36. vital, 37. communicate, 38. affordable, 39. span, 40. standpoint,

41. _____ elections were held in several European countries.
adj. belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use
42. The government should view children as national assets and actively _____ in them.
v. to put money, effort, time, etc. into something to make a profit or achieve a result
43. The vegetarian burger was an _____ that quickly spread to the United Kingdom.
n. the creation of a new device or process resulting from study and experimentation
44. The odds of winning the _____ are extremely low, but millions still buy tickets hoping to hit the jackpot.
n. a game of chance in which a large number of people buy tickets or chances to win a prize, with the winner(s) determined by a random drawing
45. She was struggling to make a _____ between two job offers.
n. the act or process of making up someone's mind about something; a choice or judgment reached after considering options
46. She works as a _____ for a family with two young children.
n. a caregiver, usually a woman, who provides child care services in the home of the children's parents or guardians, either on a part-time or full-time basis
47. You must _____ with others to obtain this position.
v. to strive to achieve more success than someone or something
48. Harmonious _____ is essential to the success of this project.
n. the combined action of a group of people working together towards a common goal

ANSWERS: 41. Communal, 42. invest, 43. innovation, 44. lottery, 45. decision, 46. nanny, 47. compete, 48. teamwork

49. One light year is nearly 6 _____ miles.

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

50. I made plans to spend my _____ time beneficially.

adj. additional to what is necessary for ordinary use; (verb) to give time, money, space, etc. to someone

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

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

52. The company's hiring criteria emphasize personality, not a person's _____.

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

53. The _____ industry plays a crucial role in the management and conservation of forests around the world.

n. the science, art, and practice of managing forests, including planting, cultivating, and caring for trees and conserving and developing natural forests

54. He tried to _____ his rival by breaking the world record.

v. to do better than someone; to surpass

55. The _____ of the country is struggling due to the recent political instability.

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

ANSWERS: 49. trillion, 50. spare, 51. generation, 52. background, 53. forestry, 54. outdo, 55. economy

56. The athlete was able to _____ over the hurdle with ease.
- v.* to jump or spring into the air, often with the feet leaving the ground or a surface below; to move quickly or suddenly, often forward or upward
57. Some seaweed was used as _____ medicine in ancient times.
- n.* people in general, especially those of a particular group or type
58. Mozart was an _____ prodigy.
- n.* a baby or very young child
59. I underwent aversion _____ for my addiction to alcohol.
- n.* the act of caring for someone through medication, remedial training, etc.
60. He finally _____ to temptation.
- v.* to fail to oppose something, such as desire, pressure, or some other opposing force; to die or suffer badly from the effect of a disease or injury
61. This remote _____ is rarely visited.
- n.* a particular location or place; a small round or roundish area, differing in color or feels from the surface around it
62. She works at a recording _____ in Los Angeles.
- n.* a room or building where creative or artistic work is produced; a television or radio production company
63. This company has invested heavily in Internet _____.
- n.* the activity of buying and selling things, especially on a large scale
64. There are numerous _____ about food and health.
- n.* a belief or an idea that is wrong because it has been based on faulty thinking, understanding, or hypothesis

ANSWERS: 56. leap, 57. folk, 58. infant, 59. therapy, 60. succumbed, 61. spot, 62. studio, 63. commerce, 64. misconceptions

65. The robot can accurately _____ construction material.

v. to specify or determine the exact position of someone or something

66. He spent only a _____ of his earnings.

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

67. I need to buy a pack of _____ for my baby before we run out.

n. a soft, absorbent piece of material worn by babies and young children around their waist and between their legs to catch urine and feces

68. Several cities are experiencing _____ high unemployment rates.

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

69. She mixed flour, yeast, sugar, and water to make _____ for the bread.

n. a mixture of flour, liquid, and other ingredients, typically used to make bread, pastry, or pasta

70. I didn't mean to _____ such a large debt on my credit card.

v. to suffer from something, usually something negative, such as a loss, cost, or financial burden; to become subject to something as a result of one's actions or conduct

71. 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

72. My son will start attending _____ next year.

n. (an abbreviation for "pre-kindergarten") a program that provides structured educational activities and socialization opportunities for young children before they start formal kindergarten

ANSWERS: 65. locate, 66. fraction, 67. diapers, 68. incredibly, 69. dough, 70. incur, 71. movement, 72. pre-K

ANSWERS: