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Session 1: Word List

sight

n. the ability to see; anything that is seen

synonym: vision, spectacle, view

(1) an unexpected **sight**, (2) dull **sight**

Many famous **sights** are within walking distance.

grand

adj. important and large in size, scope, or extent

synonym: impressive, great, ambitious

(1) a **grand** meal, (2) **grand** bargain

This year's **grand** gathering will be held in Canada.

AI

n. (abbreviation for artificial intelligence) the theory and development of computer systems capable of doing activities that would ordinarily need human intelligence, such as object recognition, speech recognition, decision-making, and language translation

synonym: robot, machine learning, neural network

(1) **AI** expert, (2) apply **AI** technology to art

The evolution of processors has dramatically improved the performance of **AI**.

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.

superhuman

adj. possessing abilities or characteristics that exceed those of normal humans; beyond human capacity or capability

synonym: supernatural, inhuman, beyond human

(1) **superhuman** beings, (2) **superhuman** effort

The athlete's **superhuman** strength allowed him to lift twice his body weight.

breakout

n. an escape or sudden release from confinement, often used to describe a prison break or a spread of a disease

synonym: escape, eruption, jailbreak

(1) fire **breakout**, (2) stock market **breakout**

The prisoners staged a **breakout** and escaped from the prison.

glaring

adj. extremely noticeable or obvious, often in a way that is unpleasant or unpleasantly bright

synonym: blatant, flagrant, obvious

(1) **glaring** example, (2) **glaring** omission

The **glaring** sun was making it difficult to see while driving.

revenge

n. the act of inflicting punishment or harm in return for an injury or wrongdoing; retaliation, retribution

synonym: retaliation, retribution, vengeance

(1) plot **revenge**, (2) **revenge** killing

He seeks **revenge** against the person who wronged him.

vex

v. to irritate or annoy with petty frustrations; to cause distress or agitation

synonym: annoy, irritate, bother

(1) **vex** my mind, (2) **vex** me all night

The loud noise from the construction site was starting to **vex** the nearby residents.

spoil

v. to ruin the taste, appearance, or quality of something; to become or cause something to become rotten or bad

synonym: rot, decay, deteriorate

(1) **spoil** a person's sport, (2) **spoil** the surprise

If you leave the milk out of the refrigerator for too long, it will **spoil**.

alert

v. to warn or arouse to a sense of danger; (adjective) paying close attention or being in a state of readiness for action

synonym: warn, inform, (adjective) vigilant

(1) **alert** consumers to the dangers, (2) **alert** system

The company's cybersecurity team **alerted** the CEO to potential threats.

involve

v. to include or affect someone or something as a necessary part of something else

synonym: implicate, include, engage

(1) **involve** a lot of paperwork, (2) **involve** a high degree of risk

The investigation **involves** several government agencies and is expected to take several months.

reinforcement

n. the act of strengthening, supporting, or consolidating; something that serves to strengthen or support

synonym: strengthening, support, underpinning

(1) social **reinforcement**, (2) **reinforcement** of beliefs

The wall was strengthened with the **reinforcement** of heavy steel beams.

maximum

adj. the largest or greatest amount or value attainable or attained

synonym: peak, top, highest

(1) **maximum** limit, (2) the **maximum** speed
The **maximum** temperature recorded this summer was higher than average.

numerical

adj. relating to, expressed, or denoted by a number
synonym: quantitative, numeral, mathematical

(1) 3D **numerical** simulation, (2) the **numerical** keypad
The **numerical** value of Pi is approximately 3.14.

reward

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

synonym: compensation, gratuity, bonus

(1) the **reward** for good works, (2) shopping **rewards** cards
Night fishing has a lot of **rewards**.

underlying

adj. significant as a cause or basis of something but not immediately apparent or stated clearly

synonym: fundamental, latent, basic

(1) an **underlying** motive, (2) an **underlying** cause of an accident

The **underlying** principle of every business was identical.

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**.

predict

v. to state beforehand that something will happen in the future, mainly based on knowledge or experience

synonym: forecast, anticipate, foresee

(1) **predict** the future, (2) **predict** when she will arrive
It's notoriously challenging to **predict** birth rates.

explicit

adj. stated clearly and in detail, leaving no room for confusion or doubt

synonym: clear, unambiguous, unequivocal

(1) **explicit** content, (2) **explicit** instructions

The movie had an **explicit** sex scene that some viewers might find offensive.

instance

n. a particular example or single occurrence of something

synonym: example, sample, illustration

(1) for **instance**, (2) notable **instance**

These articles cite five **instances** of climate change.

mash

v. to crush or grind something into a soft, wet, pulpy mass; to talk or behave amorously, without serious intentions;
(*noun*) a mixture of crushed malt grains and hot water

synonym: crush, grind, pulverize

(1) **mash** his words, (2) potato **mash**

She **mashed** the potatoes with a fork until they were smooth and creamy.

random

adj. made, done, or happening without method, conscious decision, or any regular pattern

synonym: incidental, arbitrary, unanticipated

(1) a **random** choice, (2) bombs fell at **random**

To find drunk drivers, police conduct **random** tests.

sequence

n. a series of related events, actions, numbers, etc., which have a particular order

synonym: arrangement, succession, series

(1) the **sequence** of the seasons, (2) the DNA **sequence**

We do move forward with those tasks in **sequence** next week.

infant

n. a baby or very young child

synonym: baby, newborn, tot

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

Mozart was an **infant** prodigy.

consistent

adj. always behaving or happening in the same way, or having the same thoughts, standards, etc.

synonym: coherent, constant, compatible

(1) do on a **consistent** basis, (2) get **consistent** results
You are not **consistent** in your behavior.

intrinsically

adv. from the inherent nature or quality of something or arising from within

synonym: inherently, essentially, fundamentally

(1) **intrinsically** motivated, (2) **intrinsically** valuable
The kindness of strangers is **intrinsically** rewarding, even when no reward is expected.

novelty

n. the quality of being new, attractive, and unusual

synonym: originality, newness, wonder

(1) bit of a **novelty**, (2) the **novelty** of an invention
In Europe, this tropical fruit is still a **novelty**.

essential

adj. indispensable; fundamental

synonym: critical, crucial, basic

(1) **essential** amino acid, (2) **essential** commodities of life
Trial and error is an **essential** part of education.

ingenious

adj. showing inventiveness and ability or skill

synonym: creative, innovative, inventive

(1) **ingenious** device, (2) **ingenious** idea
I always look forward to reading his stories since they're so **ingenious**.

preference

n. a stronger liking or interest for something or someone than another thing or person

synonym: taste, choice, affection

(1) his meal **preferences**, (2) a particular **preference** for Chinese art

Her **preference** is comfortable clothing over fashionable ones.

suddenly

adv. quickly and unexpectedly

synonym : abruptly, unexpectedly, unawares

(1) **suddenly** attacked by an enemy, (2) die **suddenly**

Who answers **suddenly** knows little.

explore

v. to travel to or penetrate an area or a country to learn about it; to thoroughly examine a subject or a possibility to learn more about it

synonym : analyze, delve into, examine

(1) **explore** the world, (2) **explore** our options

The management must **explore** strategies to increase office security.

grab

v. to take hold of something or someone suddenly with a hand, especially in a violent way

synonym : clutch, snatch, grasp

(1) **grab** an audience, (2) **grab** an opportunity

Shall we **grab** a bite to eat?

temple

n. a place of worship, especially one that is associated with a particular religion or faith; the flat area on either side of the forehead

synonym : shrine, mosque, synagogue

(1) **temple** complex, (2) a tour guide at the **temple**

He visited the **temple** to pray and make offerings to the gods.

chamber

n. a large room used for a formal, public, or particular purpose; one of the parts of a parliament

synonym : association, cabin, legislature

(1) a gas **chamber**, (2) the lower **chamber**

The surgeon made an incision in the **chambers** of the patient's heart.

emphasize

v. to give or show particular importance to something
synonym: highlight, accentuate, stress

(1) **emphasize** her words, (2) **emphasize** a direct relationship

Use italics or capitals to **emphasize** a word in a piece of writing.

eventually

adv. finally, particularly after a long time or a lot of struggle, complications, and so on

synonym: finally, someday, ultimately

(1) **eventually** become obsolete, (2) **eventually** succeed

The corporation **eventually** dominated the entire tobacco business.

motivation

n. the reason or enthusiasm for acting or behaving in a particular way

synonym: inspiration, incentive, reason

(1) understand his **motivation**, (2) **motivation** for a change

A significant amount of **motivation** is required to be a teacher.

alternate

adj. occurring or existing one after the other regularly

synonym: substitute, back up, equivalent

(1) **alternate** choice, (2) every **alternate** year

The cleaning lady comes on **alternate** Wednesdays.

encounter

v. to face something, particularly something unpleasant or difficult, while attempting to do something else; to meet, especially unexpectedly

synonym: meet, run into, come across

(1) **encounter** a crisis, (2) **encounter** a storm

I'm prepared to **encounter** challenges throughout this adventure.

constant

adj. happening repeatedly or all the time

synonym: ceaseless, stable, unchanging

(1) a **constant** wind, (2) a **constant** temperature
Constant dropping wears away the stone.

novel

n. an extended fictional work in prose; usually in the form of a story; (adjective) original and of a kind not seen before

synonym: fiction, story, (adjective) innovative

(1) historical **novel**, (2) **novel** effect

The **novel** has largely gotten positive feedback.

essentially

adv. relating to the essential features or concepts of anything

synonym: fundamentally, basically, virtually

(1) **essentially** correct, (2) become **essentially** same

Essentially, a society is an organism.

paralyze

v. to cause a person or part of the body to become unable to move or feel

synonym: immobilize, disable, numb

(1) **paralyze** a city, (2) **paralyze** a person

The venom from the snake bite **paralyzed** his arm.

inspiration

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

synonym: motivation, drive, encouragement

(1) source of **inspiration**, (2) get **inspiration** from nature

He found **inspiration** in the works of his favorite authors.

stick

v. to put something, usually a sharp object, into something; to restrict yourself to doing or using one certain thing and not change; (noun) a thin piece of wood or other material

synonym: pierce, adhere, stay

(1) **stick** a key in a lock, (2) fire **stick**

You **stick** a bill in the change machine, and the coins pop out.

practical

adj. of or connected with actual use or real situation rather than with theory and ideas

synonym : applicable, functional, realistic

(1) **practical** English, (2) gain **practical** experience

Her concept is highly **practical** and helpful.

increasingly

adv. more and more

synonym : more and more, progressively

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

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

intelligence

n. the ability to learn, comprehend, or make judgments or conclusions based on reasons

synonym : brains, brightness, cleverness

(1) an **intelligence** test, (2) field of artificial **intelligence**

In terms of **intelligence**, he was head and shoulders above his classmates.

insight

n. the ability to gain an accurate and deep understanding of people or situations; an accurate and deep understanding of what something is like

synonym : wisdom, discernment, understanding

(1) a profound **insight**, (2) share my **insights**

We gained various **insights** by analyzing the vast amount of data owned by the company.

unstick

v. to free something that is stuck or adhering to something else

synonym : detach, remove, free

(1) **unstick** the door, (2) **unstick** the pages of a book

I had to use a knife to **unstick** the envelope from the table.

boredom

n. a state of weariness, restlessness, or impatience that arises from not being interested or engaged in an activity, task, or situation

synonym : ennui, tedium, monotony

(1) **boredom** relief, (2) chronic **boredom**

The long lecture on a topic I already knew left me struggling to fight off **boredom**.

depression

n. a mental condition in which a person feels very unhappy and without hope for the future; a severe recession in an economy or market

synonym : recession, slump, despair

(1) the Great **Depression**, (2) the root problem of her **depression**

Depression symptoms might include a decrease in appetite and weight loss.

addiction

n. the inability to stop using or doing something as a habit, especially something harmful

synonym : dependence

(1) alcohol **addiction**, (2) **addiction** to foreign oil

He is now fighting his **addiction** to drugs.

curiosity

n. a strong desire to know or learn about something

synonym : interest, inquisitiveness, novelty

(1) boundless **curiosity**, (2) satisfy my intellectual **curiosity**

We are motivated by **curiosity** rather than necessity.

creative

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

synonym : imaginative, innovative, inventive

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

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

Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. in___t food | <i>n.</i> a baby or very young child |
| 2. every al_____te year | <i>adj.</i> occurring or existing one after the other regularly |
| 3. em_____ze a direct relationship | <i>v.</i> to give or show particular importance to something |
| 4. plot re_____e | <i>n.</i> the act of inflicting punishment or harm in return for an injury or wrongdoing; retaliation, retribution |
| 5. ma_____m limit | <i>adj.</i> the largest or greatest amount or value attainable or attained |
| 6. in_____e a lot of paperwork | <i>v.</i> to include or affect someone or something as a necessary part of something else |
| 7. field of artificial int_____nce | <i>n.</i> the ability to learn, comprehend, or make judgments or conclusions based on reasons |
| 8. v_x me all night | <i>v.</i> to irritate or annoy with petty frustrations; to cause distress or agitation |
| 9. satisfy my intellectual cu_____ty | <i>n.</i> a strong desire to know or learn about something |
| 10. m__h his words | <i>v.</i> to crush or grind something into a soft, wet, pulpy mass; to talk or behave amorously, without serious intentions; (noun) a mixture of crushed malt grains and hot water |

ANSWERS: 1. infant, 2. alternate, 3. emphasize, 4. revenge, 5. maximum, 6. involve, 7. intelligence, 8. vex, 9. curiosity, 10. mash

11. alcohol ad_____on *n.* the inability to stop using or doing something as a habit, especially something harmful
12. g__b an opportunity *v.* to take hold of something or someone suddenly with a hand, especially in a violent way
13. chaotic env_____nt *n.* the natural world such as air, water, and land in which humans, animals, and plants live
14. do on a con_____nt basis *adj.* always behaving or happening in the same way, or having the same thoughts, standards, etc.
15. the Great Dep_____on *n.* a mental condition in which a person feels very unhappy and without hope for the future; a severe recession in an economy or market
16. g__b an audience *v.* to take hold of something or someone suddenly with a hand, especially in a violent way
17. 3D nu_____al simulation *adj.* relating to, expressed, or denoted by a number
18. an unexpected si__t *n.* the ability to see; anything that is seen
19. a gas ch_____r *n.* a large room used for a formal, public, or particular purpose; one of the parts of a parliament
20. pr_____al English *adj.* of or connected with actual use or real situation rather than with theory and ideas
21. social rei_____ent *n.* the act of strengthening, supporting, or consolidating; something that serves to strengthen or support

ANSWERS: 11. addiction, 12. grab, 13. environment, 14. consistent, 15. depression, 16. grab, 17. numerical, 18. sight, 19. chamber, 20. practical, 21. reinforcement

22. get con_____nt results *adj.* always behaving or happening in the same way, or having the same thoughts, standards, etc.
23. a tour guide at the te___e *n.* a place of worship, especially one that is associated with a particular religion or faith; the flat area on either side of the forehead
24. a gr__d meal *adj.* important and large in size, scope, or extent
25. gl_____g example *adj.* extremely noticeable or obvious, often in a way that is unpleasant or unpleasantly bright
26. es_____al amino acid *adj.* indispensable; fundamental
27. the nu_____al keypad *adj.* relating to, expressed, or denoted by a number
28. al__t consumers to the dangers *v.* to warn or arouse to a sense of danger; (adjective) paying close attention or being in a state of readiness for action
29. the lower ch_____r *n.* a large room used for a formal, public, or particular purpose; one of the parts of a parliament
30. in___t daughter *n.* a baby or very young child
31. gr__d bargain *adj.* important and large in size, scope, or extent
32. notable in_____ce *n.* a particular example or single occurrence of something
33. a ra___m choice *adj.* made, done, or happening without method, conscious decision, or any regular pattern

ANSWERS: 22. consistent, 23. temple, 24. grand, 25. glaring, 26. essential, 27. numerical, 28. alert, 29. chamber, 30. infant, 31. grand, 32. instance, 33. random

34. rei_____ent of beliefs *n.* the act of strengthening, supporting, or consolidating; something that serves to strengthen or support
35. es_____al commodities of life *adj.* indispensable; fundamental
36. fire br_____ut *n.* an escape or sudden release from confinement, often used to describe a prison break or a spread of a disease
37. get ins_____on from nature *n.* something that motivates or encourages someone to create or achieve something, or a feeling of excitement or creativity
38. sup_____an effort *adj.* possessing abilities or characteristics that exceed those of normal humans; beyond human capacity or capability
39. bo_____m relief *n.* a state of weariness, restlessness, or impatience that arises from not being interested or engaged in an activity, task, or situation
40. the ma_____m speed *adj.* the largest or greatest amount or value attainable or attained
41. an int_____nce test *n.* the ability to learn, comprehend, or make judgments or conclusions based on reasons
42. sup_____an beings *adj.* possessing abilities or characteristics that exceed those of normal humans; beyond human capacity or capability
43. gl_____g omission *adj.* extremely noticeable or obvious, often in a way that is unpleasant or unpleasantly bright

ANSWERS: 34. reinforcement, 35. essential, 36. breakout, 37. inspiration, 38. superhuman, 39. boredom, 40. maximum, 41. intelligence, 42. superhuman, 43. glaring

44. the no____y of an invention *n.* the quality of being new, attractive, and unusual
45. v_x my mind *v.* to irritate or annoy with petty frustrations; to cause distress or agitation
46. sp__l a person's sport *v.* to ruin the taste, appearance, or quality of something; to become or cause something to become rotten or bad
47. shopping re____ds cards *n.* a thing given in acknowledgment of service, hard work, achievement, etc.
48. boundless cu____ty *n.* a strong desire to know or learn about something
49. ex____it content *adj.* stated clearly and in detail, leaving no room for confusion or doubt
50. an und____ng motive *adj.* significant as a cause or basis of something but not immediately apparent or stated clearly
51. fire st__k *v.* to put something, usually a sharp object, into something; to restrict yourself to doing or using one certain thing and not change; (noun) a thin piece of wood or other material
52. ad____on to foreign oil *n.* the inability to stop using or doing something as a habit, especially something harmful
53. bombs fell at ra____m *adj.* made, done, or happening without method, conscious decision, or any regular pattern
54. en____er a crisis *v.* to face something, particularly something unpleasant or difficult, while attempting to do something else; to meet, especially unexpectedly

ANSWERS: 44. novelty, 45. vex, 46. spoil, 47. reward, 48. curiosity, 49. explicit, 50. underlying, 51. stick, 52. addiction, 53. random, 54. encounter

55. become ess_____ly same *adv.* relating to the essential features or concepts of anything
56. pr_____t when she will arrive *v.* to state beforehand that something will happen in the future, mainly based on knowledge or experience
57. gain pr_____al experience *adj.* of or connected with actual use or real situation rather than with theory and ideas
58. sp__l the surprise *v.* to ruin the taste, appearance, or quality of something; to become or cause something to become rotten or bad
59. a particular pre_____ce for Chinese art *n.* a stronger liking or interest for something or someone than another thing or person
60. a co_____nt wind *adj.* happening repeatedly or all the time
61. pa_____ze a person *v.* to cause a person or part of the body to become unable to move or feel
62. cr_____ve writing *adj.* relating to or involving the use of skill and original and unusual ideas to create something
63. mot_____on for a change *n.* the reason or enthusiasm for acting or behaving in a particular way
64. potato m__h *v.* to crush or grind something into a soft, wet, pulpy mass; to talk or behave amorously, without serious intentions; (noun) a mixture of crushed malt grains and hot water
65. int_____lly valuable *adv.* from the inherent nature or quality of something or arising from within

ANSWERS: 55. essentially, 56. predict, 57. practical, 58. spoil, 59. preference, 60. constant, 61. paralyze, 62. creative, 63. motivation, 64. mash, 65. intrinsically

66. in_____us device *adj.* showing inventiveness and ability or skill
67. a co_____nt temperature *adj.* happening repeatedly or all the time
68. apply AI technology to art *n.* (abbreviation for artificial intelligence) the theory and development of computer systems capable of doing activities that would ordinarily need human intelligence, such as object recognition, speech recognition, decision-making, and language translation
69. su_____ly attacked by an enemy *adv.* quickly and unexpectedly
70. the re____d for good works *n.* a thing given in acknowledgment of service, hard work, achievement, etc.
71. de_____p a strategy *v.* to grow or expand; to improve or refine through a process of progress and refinement, often to achieve greater sophistication or complexity; to elaborate or add detail to something that is in the process of being created
72. no__l effect *n.* an extended fictional work in prose; usually in the form of a story; (adjective) original and of a kind not seen before
73. ex_____it instructions *adj.* stated clearly and in detail, leaving no room for confusion or doubt
74. AI expert *n.* (abbreviation for artificial intelligence) the theory and development of computer systems capable of doing activities that would ordinarily need human intelligence, such as object recognition, speech recognition, decision-making, and language translation

ANSWERS: 66. ingenious, 67. constant, 68. AI, 69. suddenly, 70. reward, 71. develop, 72. novel, 73. explicit, 74. AI

75. ex_____e our options *v.* to travel to or penetrate an area or a country to learn about it; to thoroughly examine a subject or a possibility to learn more about it
76. dull si__t *n.* the ability to see; anything that is seen
77. bit of a no_____y *n.* the quality of being new, attractive, and unusual
78. his meal pre_____ces *n.* a stronger liking or interest for something or someone than another thing or person
79. re_____e killing *n.* the act of inflicting punishment or harm in return for an injury or wrongdoing; retaliation, retribution
80. al_____te choice *adj.* occurring or existing one after the other regularly
81. understand his mot_____on *n.* the reason or enthusiasm for acting or behaving in a particular way
82. de_____p a skill *v.* to grow or expand; to improve or refine through a process of progress and refinement, often to achieve greater sophistication or complexity; to elaborate or add detail to something that is in the process of being created
83. inc_____gly become common *adv.* more and more
84. em_____ze her words *v.* to give or show particular importance to something
85. in_____e a high degree of risk *v.* to include or affect someone or something as a necessary part of something else

ANSWERS: 75. explore, 76. sight, 77. novelty, 78. preference, 79. revenge, 80. alternate, 81. motivation, 82. develop, 83. increasingly, 84. emphasize, 85. involve

95. barren of cr____ve spirit *adj.* relating to or involving the use of skill and original and unusual ideas to create something
96. die su____ly *adv.* quickly and unexpectedly
97. in____us idea *adj.* showing inventiveness and ability or skill
98. historical no__l *n.* an extended fictional work in prose; usually in the form of a story; (adjective) original and of a kind not seen before
99. a profound in____t *n.* the ability to gain an accurate and deep understanding of people or situations; an accurate and deep understanding of what something is like
100. ess____ly correct *adv.* relating to the essential features or concepts of anything
101. the se____ce of the seasons *n.* a series of related events, actions, numbers, etc., which have a particular order
102. face inc____gly complicated challenges *adv.* more and more
103. for in____ce *n.* a particular example or single occurrence of something
104. chronic bo____m *n.* a state of weariness, restlessness, or impatience that arises from not being interested or engaged in an activity, task, or situation
105. share my in____ts *n.* the ability to gain an accurate and deep understanding of people or situations; an accurate and deep understanding of what something is like

ANSWERS: 95. creative, 96. suddenly, 97. ingenious, 98. novel, 99. insight, 100. essentially, 101. sequence, 102. increasingly, 103. instance, 104. boredom, 105. insight

106. pr____t the future *v.* to state beforehand that something will happen in the future, mainly based on knowledge or experience
107. un____k the door *v.* to free something that is stuck or adhering to something else
108. the DNA se____ce *n.* a series of related events, actions, numbers, etc., which have a particular order
109. stock market br____ut *n.* an escape or sudden release from confinement, often used to describe a prison break or a spread of a disease
110. pa____ze a city *v.* to cause a person or part of the body to become unable to move or feel
111. int____lly motivated *adv.* from the inherent nature or quality of something or arising from within
112. un____k the pages of a book *v.* to free something that is stuck or adhering to something else
113. eve____ly become obsolete *adv.* finally, particularly after a long time or a lot of struggle, complications, and so on
114. st__k a key in a lock *v.* to put something, usually a sharp object, into something; to restrict yourself to doing or using one certain thing and not change; (noun) a thin piece of wood or other material

ANSWERS: 106. predict, 107. unstick, 108. sequence, 109. breakout, 110. paralyze, 111. intrinsically, 112. unstick, 113. eventually, 114. stick

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The cleaning lady comes on _____ Wednesdays.

adj. occurring or existing one after the other regularly

2. _____ dropping wears away the stone.

adj. happening repeatedly or all the time

3. Night fishing has a lot of _____.

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

4. She _____ the potatoes with a fork until they were smooth and creamy.

v. to crush or grind something into a soft, wet, pulpy mass; to talk or behave amorously, without serious intentions; (noun) a mixture of crushed malt grains and hot water

5. A significant amount of _____ is required to be a teacher.

n. the reason or enthusiasm for acting or behaving in a particular way

6. You are not _____ in your behavior.

adj. always behaving or happening in the same way, or having the same thoughts, standards, etc.

7. The management must _____ strategies to increase office security.

v. to travel to or penetrate an area or a country to learn about it; to thoroughly examine a subject or a possibility to learn more about it

8. The investigation _____ several government agencies and is expected to take several months.

v. to include or affect someone or something as a necessary part of something else

ANSWERS: 1. alternate, 2. Constant, 3. rewards, 4. mashed, 5. motivation, 6. consistent, 7. explore, 8. involves

9. These articles cite five _____ of climate change.
n. a particular example or single occurrence of something
10. 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
11. Our company found it _____ difficult to keep up with the competition.
adv. more and more
12. I always look forward to reading his stories since they're so _____.
adj. showing inventiveness and ability or skill
13. Trial and error is an _____ part of education.
adj. indispensable; fundamental
14. The company's cybersecurity team _____ the CEO to potential threats.
v. to warn or arouse to a sense of danger; (adjective) paying close attention or being in a state of readiness for action
15. The _____ temperature recorded this summer was higher than average.
adj. the largest or greatest amount or value attainable or attained
16. If you leave the milk out of the refrigerator for too long, it will _____.
v. to ruin the taste, appearance, or quality of something; to become or cause something to become rotten or bad
17. Many famous _____ are within walking distance.
n. the ability to see; anything that is seen

ANSWERS: 9. instances, 10. environment, 11. increasingly, 12. ingenious, 13. essential, 14. alerted, 15. maximum, 16. spoil, 17. sights

18. He found _____ in the works of his favorite authors.

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

19. To find drunk drivers, police conduct _____ tests.

- adj.* made, done, or happening without method, conscious decision, or any regular pattern

20. I'm prepared to _____ challenges throughout this adventure.

- v.* to face something, particularly something unpleasant or difficult, while attempting to do something else; to meet, especially unexpectedly

21. You _____ a bill in the change machine, and the coins pop out.

- v.* to put something, usually a sharp object, into something; to restrict yourself to doing or using one certain thing and not change; (noun) a thin piece of wood or other material

22. The evolution of processors has dramatically improved the performance of ____.

- n.* (abbreviation for artificial intelligence) the theory and development of computer systems capable of doing activities that would ordinarily need human intelligence, such as object recognition, speech recognition, decision-making, and language translation

23. _____ symptoms might include a decrease in appetite and weight loss.

- n.* a mental condition in which a person feels very unhappy and without hope for the future; a severe recession in an economy or market

24. The prisoners staged a _____ and escaped from the prison.

- n.* an escape or sudden release from confinement, often used to describe a prison break or a spread of a disease

ANSWERS: 18. inspiration, 19. random, 20. encounter, 21. stick, 22. AI, 23. Depression, 24. breakout

25. He is now fighting his _____ to drugs.

n. the inability to stop using or doing something as a habit, especially something harmful

26. Use italics or capitals to _____ a word in a piece of writing.

v. to give or show particular importance to something

27. He visited the _____ to pray and make offerings to the gods.

n. a place of worship, especially one that is associated with a particular religion or faith; the flat area on either side of the forehead

28. This year's _____ gathering will be held in Canada.

adj. important and large in size, scope, or extent

29. Who answers _____ knows little.

adv. quickly and unexpectedly

30. He seeks _____ against the person who wronged him.

n. the act of inflicting punishment or harm in return for an injury or wrongdoing; retaliation, retribution

31. All the supervisor has to do is assign tasks that make his subordinates more _____.

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

32. The _____ sun was making it difficult to see while driving.

adj. extremely noticeable or obvious, often in a way that is unpleasant or unpleasantly bright

ANSWERS: 25. addiction, 26. emphasize, 27. temple, 28. grand, 29. suddenly, 30. revenge, 31. creative, 32. glaring

33. The _____ has largely gotten positive feedback.
- n.* an extended fictional work in prose; usually in the form of a story; (adjective) original and of a kind not seen before
34. Shall we _____ a bite to eat?
- v.* to take hold of something or someone suddenly with a hand, especially in a violent way
35. The loud noise from the construction site was starting to _____ the nearby residents.
- v.* to irritate or annoy with petty frustrations; to cause distress or agitation
36. In terms of _____ he was head and shoulders above his classmates.
- n.* the ability to learn, comprehend, or make judgments or conclusions based on reasons
37. It's notoriously challenging to _____ birth rates.
- v.* to state beforehand that something will happen in the future, mainly based on knowledge or experience
38. Mozart was an _____ prodigy.
- n.* a baby or very young child
39. The surgeon made an incision in the _____ of the patient's heart.
- n.* a large room used for a formal, public, or particular purpose; one of the parts of a parliament
40. _____ a society is an organism.
- adv.* relating to the essential features or concepts of anything

ANSWERS: 33. novel, 34. grab, 35. vex, 36. intelligence, 37. predict, 38. infant, 39. chambers, 40. Essentially,

41. The wall was strengthened with the _____ of heavy steel beams.
n. the act of strengthening, supporting, or consolidating; something that serves to strengthen or support
42. Her concept is highly _____ and helpful.
adj. of or connected with actual use or real situation rather than with theory and ideas
43. In Europe, this tropical fruit is still a _____.
n. the quality of being new, attractive, and unusual
44. The _____ principle of every business was identical.
adj. significant as a cause or basis of something but not immediately apparent or stated clearly
45. Her _____ is comfortable clothing over fashionable ones.
n. a stronger liking or interest for something or someone than another thing or person
46. The _____ value of Pi is approximately 3.14.
adj. relating to, expressed, or denoted by a number
47. The corporation _____ dominated the entire tobacco business.
adv. finally, particularly after a long time or a lot of struggle, complications, and so on
48. The movie had an _____ sex scene that some viewers might find offensive.
adj. stated clearly and in detail, leaving no room for confusion or doubt

ANSWERS: 41. reinforcement, 42. practical, 43. novelty, 44. underlying, 45. preference, 46. numerical, 47. eventually, 48. explicit

49. I had to use a knife to _____ the envelope from the table.
v. to free something that is stuck or adhering to something else
50. We are motivated by _____ rather than necessity.
n. a strong desire to know or learn about something
51. The athlete's _____ strength allowed him to lift twice his body weight.
adj. possessing abilities or characteristics that exceed those of normal humans; beyond human capacity or capability
52. The long lecture on a topic I already knew left me struggling to fight off _____.
n. a state of weariness, restlessness, or impatience that arises from not being interested or engaged in an activity, task, or situation
53. The kindness of strangers is _____ rewarding, even when no reward is expected.
adv. from the inherent nature or quality of something or arising from within
54. The venom from the snake bite _____ his arm.
v. to cause a person or part of the body to become unable to move or feel
55. 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
56. We do move forward with those tasks in _____ next week.
n. a series of related events, actions, numbers, etc., which have a particular order

ANSWERS: 49. unstick, 50. curiosity, 51. superhuman, 52. boredom, 53. intrinsically, 54. paralyzed, 55. develop, 56. sequence

57. We gained various _____ by analyzing the vast amount of data owned by the company.

- n.* the ability to gain an accurate and deep understanding of people or situations; an accurate and deep understanding of what something is like

ANSWERS: 57. insights