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Session 1: Word List

carpenter

n. a woodworker whose job is to make or repair wooden objects

synonym: woodworker, artisan

(1) a short **carpenter** nail, (2) an apprentice **carpenter**

Carpenter bees are boring holes into the wall.

toolbox

n. a container or storage unit for tools, typically characterized by a handle and one or more compartments for organizing and storing various tools and equipment

synonym: tool chest, tool kit, tool bag

(1) design **toolbox**, (2) **toolbox** storage

You should always keep a basic **toolbox** in your car in case of an emergency.

dentist

n. a person who is qualified and licensed to treat people's teeth

synonym: oral surgeon, orthodontist, periodontist

(1) a **dentist's** office, (2) consult a **dentist**

I am going to the family **dentist** to get my teeth cleaned.

drill

n. a tool or machine used for making round holes or driving fasteners; a training or practice

synonym : exercise, routine, training

(1) the **drill** hit the well, (2) fire **drill**

Several military **drill** programs have become popular methods of exercise.

humming

adj. producing a continuous, low, vibrating sound like that of the bee

synonym : buzzing, droning, vibrating

(1) **humming** sound, (2) **humming** bird

The **humming** of the bees filled the air as she walked through the garden.

Confucian

adj. relating to the teachings and beliefs of the Chinese philosopher Confucius and his followers

synonym : Confucianist, Confucianism

(1) **Confucian** rites, (2) **Confucian** ethics

Confucian values such as filial piety and respect for elders still strongly influence many Asian cultures.

survey

n. an investigation of the opinions, behavior, etc. of a particular group of people, made by asking people questions

synonym : study, examination, poll

(1) a comprehensive **survey**, (2) recent **survey**

That **survey** shows that people are accepting the tax increase to some extent.

employee

n. a person who is hired to work for a business or organization in exchange for wages or salary; a worker

synonym : worker, staff, personnel

(1) **employee** benefits, (2) **employee** evaluation

The **employee** handbook outlines the rules and regulations that all employees must follow.

improvisation

n. the act of making something up on the spot or creating or performing something without preparation

synonym : spontaneity, ad-lib, extemporization

(1) **improvisation** on stage, (2) jazz **improvisation**
He created a beautiful piece of music using only **improvisation**.

dismal

adj. depressing or dreary; causing or showing unhappiness or despair

synonym: gloomy, depressing, dreary

(1) **dismal** failure, (2) **dismal** performance

The weather was so **dismal** that we decided to stay indoors all day.

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**.

indirect

adj. happening in addition to the main or intended aim, cause or result, often in a way that is not obvious; not following the shortest or straight way

synonym: unintended, ambiguous, ancillary

(1) **indirect** taxation, (2) **indirect** lighting

He expressed his dissatisfaction in an **indirect** way.

recognize

v. to acknowledge or realize something or someone; to identify, remember, or become aware of something that was previously known or encountered

synonym: acknowledge, identify, admit

(1) **recognize** talent, (2) **recognize** achievement

It's important to **recognize** your strengths and weaknesses.

confuse

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

synonym: confound, obscure, disorient

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

Her remarks **confused** the debate.

tip

n. the top or extreme point of something slender or tapering, usually a mountain or hill; a piece of advice about something practical; a small amount of money given for services

synonym : edge, advice, gratuity

(1) the **tip** of a paintbrush, (2) give the waiter a **tip** .

I will introduce some **tips** on learning English in this class.

defensive

adj. used or intended to protect someone or something against attack or aggression

synonym : protective, watchful, opposing

(1) assume the **defensive**, (2) **defensive** weapons

Boxing fans often criticize his **defensive** stance.

amygdala

n. one of two parts of the almond-shaped neural structure that are linked to emotions, especially fear and pleasure, memory, and the sense of smell

(1) the decline in **amygdala** activity, (2) **amygdala** damage

The **amygdala** has been associated with memories of past emotional events.

scan

v. to examine something hastily, with the eyes or with a machine, to get information

synonym : look over, scrutinize, browse

(1) **scan** the face of the man, (2) **scan** a document into PDF

She stood on the podium and **scanned** an audience.

threat

n. a strong indication or likelihood of harm, danger, or adverse consequences; an expression of intent to inflict harm or injury on someone or something, often made as a means of coercion or intimidation

synonym : menace, danger, hazard

(1) economic **threat**, (2) environmental **threat**

The **threat** of severe weather prompted the city to issue an evacuation warning.

attach

v. to fasten, join, or connect one thing to another
synonym: fix, fasten, bind

(1) **attach** firmly, (2) **attach** a file to an e-mail

He does not **attach** importance to these rumors.

defend

v. to protect someone or something from attack, criticism, danger, etc.

synonym: protect, guard, support

(1) **defend** my country, (2) **defend** against a threat

International law allows each nation to **defend** itself when its rights and interests are illegally violated.

backward

adv. at, to, or toward the direction or place that is behind or rear

synonym: back, rearward, in reverse

(1) walk **backward**, (2) **backward** angle

She falls over **backward** when she sees her mother-in-law.

retreat

n. the act of moving back or withdrawing from a position or situation; a period of rest or relaxation away from work or everyday life

synonym: escape, withdrawal, vacation

(1) **retreat** deeper into their territory, (2) **retreat** in a mountain region

Many people go on a **retreat** to recharge and reconnect with themselves.

giver

n. a person who gives or donates something, particularly money, time, or resources, to others; a philanthropist or benefactor

synonym: donor, contributor, benefactor

(1) charitable **giver**, (2) generous **giver**

My friend is a natural **giver**, always putting others before herself.

regulate

v. to control something, especially by means of rules or laws

synonym : control, restrain, handle

(1) **regulate** blood sugar levels, (2) **regulate** our conduct
We must manage to **regulate** our expenditure.

wonk

n. a person who is very interested in or knowledgeable about a particular subject, especially one regarded as dry or nerdy

synonym : nerd, geek, enthusiast

(1) book **wonk**, (2) tech **wonk**

The political **wonk** analyzed every detail of the debate.

lab

n. a workplace for the conduct of scientific research; a laboratory

synonym : workshop, laboratory, research chamber

(1) **lab** instrument, (2) medical **lab**

The Prime Minister will pay a courtesy visit to the Nobel laureate's **lab**.

formula

n. a group of symbols, letters, or numbers that represent a rule, law, or mathematical statement

synonym : expression, recipe, procedure

(1) structural **formula**, (2) a binomial **formula**

The teacher told the students to memorize the math **formula**.

micro

n. extremely small in scale or scope; one millionth

(1) **micro** bubble, (2) **micro** force sensor

This approach employs both **micro** and macro analysis methods.

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.

improve

v. to make or become better

synonym :

enhance, ameliorate, enrich

(1) **improve** a process, (2) **improve** the test score

We want to **improve** ties between our two countries.

pace

n. the speed at which someone or something moves, or the rate at which something happens or changes

synonym: gait, rate, speed

(1) at your own **pace**, (2) the runner's **pace**

The economy is growing at a supercharged **pace**.

buy-in

v. to buy something in large quantities for future use; to accept or adopt something

synonym: invest, buy, prepare

(1) **buy-in** bulk, (2) **buy-in** the idea

The shareholders were reluctant to **buy-in** the new project, but the presentation convinced them otherwise.

autonomy

n. the right of an organization, country, or region to govern itself independently

synonym: independence, sovereignty, self-sufficiency

(1) regional **autonomy**, (2) establish **autonomy**

Demonstrators strongly demanded immediate **autonomy** for their country.

specifically

adv. only associated with or meant for one thing

synonym: especially, particularly, notably

(1) designed **specifically** for men, (2) for **specifically** American customers

This ad campaign is aimed **specifically** at young women.

concept

n. an idea or principle associated with something abstract

synonym: idea, notion, vision

(1) learn new **concepts**, (2) **concept** car

One such rapidly growing **concept** is quantum cryptography.

blur *n.* a faint or indistinct image or sound; something that is not clear or distinct; (verb) to become unclear; to lose clear vision
synonym : smudge, smear, fuzz
(1) **blur** image, (2) motion **blur**
The camera's focus was off, and the image was a **blur** of colors and shapes.

specific *adj.* clearly defined or particular to a certain thing or situation; distinct, explicit, and precise
synonym : particular, definite, distinct
(1) **specific** instructions, (2) industry- **specific** regulations
The scientist conducted a study that provided **specific** details about the species' behavior.

proactive *adj.* acting in advance to deal with an expected difficulty or to take advantage of an opportunity.
synonym : gung-ho, anticipatory, forward-thinking
(1) **proactive** approach, (2) **proactive** about doing the task
The company implemented **proactive** measures to prevent future issues.

convert *v.* to have a talk with someone; (adjective) reversed in order, relation, or action
synonym : alter, remake, transform
(1) **convert** fat into energy, (2) **convert** base 10 to base 16
I want to **convert** my sadness into strength.

reliable *adj.* worthy of being relied on; trustworthy
synonym : dependable, trustworthy, dedicated
(1) **reliable** access, (2) guarantee **reliable** delivery
Trains are **reliable**, inexpensive, and ideal for long-distance travel.

specify *v.* to explain or state something clearly and exactly
synonym : establish, pinpoint, identify

(1) **specify** a cause, (2) **specify** an option

You can **specify** the font color by clicking the Color tab.

diminish

v. to reduce or be reduced in size, extent, or importance; to make something smaller, weaker, etc.

synonym: decline, dwindle, lessen

(1) **diminish** a reputation, (2) **diminish** swelling

As people get old, their energies may **diminish**.

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.

clue

n. an object, a piece of evidence, or some information that helps someone to find the answer to a problem, question, or mystery

synonym: hint, indication, inkling

(1) a **clue** about the crime, (2) a **clue** to the diagnosis

The police couldn't find a **clue** to her whereabouts.

grasp

v. to take hold of something or someone quickly and firmly

synonym: grab, clasp, grip

(1) **grasp** his hand, (2) **grasp** a chance

They spent a lot of time trying to **grasp** the current situation.

logic

n. a way of thinking or reasoning conducted or evaluated by strict validity principles; the study of correct reasoning or good arguments

synonym: reasoning, reason, ratiocination

(1) an indisputable **logic**, (2) a demonstration in **logic**

There's no **logic** in his description.

crave

v. to have a strong desire for something; to long for or want intensely

synonym: desire, yearn, long for

(1) **crave** chocolate, (2) **crave** advice from others

She **craves** success and is always pushing herself to do better.

wrap

v. to cover or enclose something entirely with paper, cloth, or other material

synonym: surround, cover, bandage

(1) **wrap** a fish in foil, (2) **wrap** up a meeting

Wrap the bandage tightly around the injured arm.

commitment

n. a promise or firm decision to do something or to behave in a certain way

synonym: burden, obligation, promise

(1) a **commitment** to an alliance, (2) meet his

commitments

His business **commitments** took him to the United States.

compliance

n. the act of following rules or regulations, often willingly or voluntarily; the act of conforming to a set of standards or guidelines

synonym: obedience, submission, conformity

(1) **compliance** audit, (2) regulatory **compliance**

Conservation groups praised the company's **compliance** with environmental regulations.

monologue

n. a solo speech or performance given by one person, typically in a theatrical or storytelling context, and often used to reveal aspects of the speaker's thoughts, feelings, or backstory

synonym: soliloquy, speech, address

(1) inner **monologue**, (2) deliver a **monologue**

The actor's **monologue** was so powerful that the audience was moved to tears.

joint

adj. shared, held, or made between two or more people;
(noun) the point of connection between two bones or elements of a skeleton

synonym : collaborative, cooperative, combined

(1) a **joint** venture, (2) the bone of a **joint**

After the summit meeting, the prime ministers issued a **joint** statement.

regularly

adv. at regular intervals or times

synonym : repeatedly, routinely, usually

(1) **regularly** arranged, (2) post **regularly** to a blog

This site **regularly** shares high-quality academic materials.

perceive

v. to become aware or conscious of something through the senses

synonym : sense, discern, feel

(1) **perceive** a threat, (2) **perceive** light

Australia is widely **perceived** as having low levels of corruption.

continually

adv. in a way that happens without interruption or repeatedly

synonym : repeatedly, frequently, constantly

(1) **continually** access information, (2) **continually** changing world

Her tongue runs on **continually**.

Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. establish au____my | <i>n.</i> the right of an organization, country, or region to govern itself independently |
| 2. di____sh a reputation | <i>v.</i> to reduce or be reduced in size, extent, or importance; to make something smaller, weaker, etc. |
| 3. consult a de____t | <i>n.</i> a person who is qualified and licensed to treat people's teeth |
| 4. the bone of a jo__t | <i>adj.</i> shared, held, or made between two or more people; (noun) the point of connection between two bones or elements of a skeleton |
| 5. re____t deeper into their territory | <i>n.</i> the act of moving back or withdrawing from a position or situation; a period of rest or relaxation away from work or everyday life |
| 6. im____e the test score | <i>v.</i> to make or become better |
| 7. tech w__k | <i>n.</i> a person who is very interested in or knowledgeable about a particular subject, especially one regarded as dry or nerdy |
| 8. co____t base 10 to base 16 | <i>v.</i> to have a talk with someone; (adjective) reversed in order, relation, or action |
| 9. motion b__r | <i>n.</i> a faint or indistinct image or sound; something that is not clear or distinct; (verb) to become unclear; to lose clear vision |

ANSWERS: 1. autonomy, 2. diminish, 3. dentist, 4. joint, 5. retreat, 6. improve, 7. wonk, 8. convert, 9. blur

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| 10. hu____g sound | <i>adj.</i> producing a continuous, low, vibrating sound like that of the bee |
| 11. industry-sp____ic regulations | <i>adj.</i> clearly defined or particular to a certain thing or situation; distinct, explicit, and precise |
| 12. bu____n the idea | <i>v.</i> to buy something in large quantities for future use; to accept or adopt something |
| 13. a friendly con_____ion | <i>n.</i> an informal talk between two or more people to exchange their views, ideas, information, etc. |
| 14. con_____ly changing world | <i>adv.</i> in a way that happens without interruption or repeatedly |
| 15. in____ct taxation | <i>adj.</i> happening in addition to the main or intended aim, cause or result, often in a way that is not obvious; not following the shortest or straight way |
| 16. sp____ic instructions | <i>adj.</i> clearly defined or particular to a certain thing or situation; distinct, explicit, and precise |
| 17. cr__e advice from others | <i>v.</i> to have a strong desire for something; to long for or want intensely |
| 18. medical l_b | <i>n.</i> a workplace for the conduct of scientific research; a laboratory |
| 19. at___h firmly | <i>v.</i> to fasten, join, or connect one thing to another |
| 20. the runner's p__e | <i>n.</i> the speed at which someone or something moves, or the rate at which something happens or changes |

ANSWERS: 10. humming, 11. specific, 12. buy-in, 13. conversation, 14. continually, 15. indirect, 16. specific, 17. crave, 18. lab, 19. attach, 20. pace

21. con_____ly access information *adv.* in a way that happens without interruption or repeatedly
22. a jo__t venture *adj.* shared, held, or made between two or more people; (noun) the point of connection between two bones or elements of a skeleton
23. de___d against a threat *v.* to protect someone or something from attack, criticism, danger, etc.
24. co_____e fantasy with reality *v.* to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand
25. mi__o force sensor *n.* extremely small in scale or scope; one millionth
26. a demonstration in lo__c *n.* a way of thinking or reasoning conducted or evaluated by strict validity principles; the study of correct reasoning or good arguments
27. environmental th____t *n.* a strong indication or likelihood of harm, danger, or adverse consequences; an expression of intent to inflict harm or injury on someone or something, often made as a means of coercion or intimidation
28. con_____ion in English *n.* an informal talk between two or more people to exchange their views, ideas, information, etc.
29. a c__e to the diagnosis *n.* an object, a piece of evidence, or some information that helps someone to find the answer to a problem, question, or mystery

ANSWERS: 21. continually, 22. joint, 23. defend, 24. confuse, 25. micro, 26. logic, 27. threat, 28. conversation, 29. clue

30. a com_____nt to an alliance *n.* a promise or firm decision to do something or to behave in a certain way
31. de_____ve weapons *adj.* used or intended to protect someone or something against attack or aggression
32. sp_____y a cause *v.* to explain or state something clearly and exactly
33. economic th____t *n.* a strong indication or likelihood of harm, danger, or adverse consequences; an expression of intent to inflict harm or injury on someone or something, often made as a means of coercion or intimidation
34. re_____t in a mountain region *n.* the act of moving back or withdrawing from a position or situation; a period of rest or relaxation away from work or everyday life
35. em_____ee evaluation *n.* a person who is hired to work for a business or organization in exchange for wages or salary; a worker
36. Co_____an ethics *adj.* relating to the teachings and beliefs of the Chinese philosopher Confucius and his followers
37. pr_____ve approach *adj.* acting in advance to deal with an expected difficulty or to take advantage of an opportunity.
38. regional au_____my *n.* the right of an organization, country, or region to govern itself independently
39. meet his com_____nts *n.* a promise or firm decision to do something or to behave in a certain way

ANSWERS: 30. commitment, 31. defensive, 32. specify, 33. threat, 34. retreat, 35. employee, 36. Confucian, 37. proactive, 38. autonomy, 39. commitment

40. re_____ze achievement *v.* to acknowledge or realize something or someone; to identify, remember, or become aware of something that was previously known or encountered
41. di___l performance *adj.* depressing or dreary; causing or showing unhappiness or despair
42. for spe_____lly American customers *adv.* only associated with or meant for one thing
43. a c__e about the crime *n.* an object, a piece of evidence, or some information that helps someone to find the answer to a problem, question, or mystery
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48. the decline in am_____la activity *n.* one of two parts of the almond-shaped neural structure that are linked to emotions, especially fear and pleasure, memory, and the sense of smell
49. a comprehensive su___y *n.* an investigation of the opinions, behavior, etc. of a particular group of people, made by asking people questions

ANSWERS: 40. recognize, 41. dismal, 42. specifically, 43. clue, 44. Confucian, 45. crave, 46. backward, 47. logic, 48. amygdala, 49. survey

50. em____ee benefits *n.* a person who is hired to work for a business or organization in exchange for wages or salary; a worker
51. the dr__l hit the well *n.* a tool or machine used for making round holes or driving fasteners; a training or practice
52. pr_____ve about doing the task *adj.* acting in advance to deal with an expected difficulty or to take advantage of an opportunity.
53. 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
54. design to____x *n.* a container or storage unit for tools, typically characterized by a handle and one or more compartments for organizing and storing various tools and equipment
55. book w__k *n.* a person who is very interested in or knowledgeable about a particular subject, especially one regarded as dry or nerdy
56. pe____ve a threat *v.* to become aware or conscious of something through the senses
57. regulatory com_____ce *n.* the act of following rules or regulations, often willingly or voluntarily; the act of conforming to a set of standards or guidelines
58. com_____ce audit *n.* the act of following rules or regulations, often willingly or voluntarily; the act of conforming to a set of standards or guidelines

ANSWERS: 50. employee, 51. drill, 52. proactive, 53. stick, 54. toolbox, 55. wonk, 56. perceive, 57. compliance, 58. compliance

59. co____t fat into energy *v.* to have a talk with someone; (adjective) reversed in order, relation, or action
60. hu____g bird *adj.* producing a continuous, low, vibrating sound like that of the bee
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62. the t_p of a paintbrush *n.* the top or extreme point of something slender or tapering, usually a mountain or hill; a piece of advice about something practical; a small amount of money given for services
63. a short ca_____er nail *n.* a woodworker whose job is to make or repair wooden objects
64. di___l failure *adj.* depressing or dreary; causing or showing unhappiness or despair
65. an apprentice ca_____er *n.* a woodworker whose job is to make or repair wooden objects
66. at___h a file to an e-mail *v.* to fasten, join, or connect one thing to another
67. guarantee re_____le delivery *adj.* worthy of being relied on; trustworthy
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69. charitable gi__r *n.* a person who gives or donates something, particularly money, time, or resources, to others; a philanthropist or benefactor

ANSWERS: 59. convert, 60. humming, 61. blur, 62. tip, 63. carpenter, 64. dismal, 65. carpenter, 66. attach, 67. reliable, 68. indirect, 69. giver

70. 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
71. assume the de____ve *adj.* used or intended to protect someone or something against attack or aggression
72. de___d my country *v.* to protect someone or something from attack, criticism, danger, etc.
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81. designed spe_____lly for men *adv.* only associated with or meant for one thing

ANSWERS: 70. stick, 71. defensive, 72. defend, 73. micro, 74. wrap, 75. formula, 76. concept, 77. specify, 78. dentist, 79. improvisation, 80. scan, 81. specifically

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83. bu___n bulk *v.* to buy something in large quantities for future use; to accept or adopt something
84. learn new co____ts *n.* an idea or principle associated with something abstract
85. imp_____ion on stage *n.* the act of making something up on the spot or creating or performing something without preparation
86. at your own p__e *n.* the speed at which someone or something moves, or the rate at which something happens or changes
87. to____x storage *n.* a container or storage unit for tools, typically characterized by a handle and one or more compartments for organizing and storing various tools and equipment
88. di____sh swelling *v.* to reduce or be reduced in size, extent, or importance; to make something smaller, weaker, etc.
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90. recent su___y *n.* an investigation of the opinions, behavior, etc. of a particular group of people, made by asking people questions
91. walk ba____rd *adv.* at, to, or toward the direction or place that is behind or rear

ANSWERS: 82. drill, 83. buy-in, 84. concept, 85. improvisation, 86. pace, 87. toolbox, 88. diminish, 89. regularly, 90. survey, 91. backward

92. gr__p a chance *v.* to take hold of something or someone quickly and firmly
93. give the waiter a t_p. *n.* the top or extreme point of something slender or tapering, usually a mountain or hill; a piece of advice about something practical; a small amount of money given for services
94. gr__p his hand *v.* to take hold of something or someone quickly and firmly
95. post re_____ly to a blog *adv.* at regular intervals or times
96. inner mo_____ue *n.* a solo speech or performance given by one person, typically in a theatrical or storytelling context, and often used to reveal aspects of the speaker's thoughts, feelings, or backstory
97. pe_____ve light *v.* to become aware or conscious of something through the senses
98. re_____te our conduct *v.* to control something, especially by means of rules or laws
99. co_____e the listener *v.* to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand
100. im_____e a process *v.* to make or become better
101. l_b instrument *n.* a workplace for the conduct of scientific research; a laboratory
102. permanent br__n damage *n.* the organ inside the head that is responsible for one's movement, thought, memory, and feeling
103. re_____te blood sugar levels *v.* to control something, especially by means of rules or laws

ANSWERS: 92. grasp, 93. tip, 94. grasp, 95. regularly, 96. monologue, 97. perceive, 98. regulate, 99. confuse, 100. improve, 101. lab, 102. brain, 103. regulate

104. a binomial fo____a *n.* a group of symbols, letters, or numbers that represent a rule, law, or mathematical statement
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106. basic br__n function *n.* the organ inside the head that is responsible for one's movement, thought, memory, and feeling
107. am_____la damage *n.* one of two parts of the almond-shaped neural structure that are linked to emotions, especially fear and pleasure, memory, and the sense of smell
108. generous gi__r *n.* a person who gives or donates something, particularly money, time, or resources, to others; a philanthropist or benefactor
109. s__n the face of the man *v.* to examine something hastily, with the eyes or with a machine, to get information
110. re_____le access *adj.* worthy of being relied on; trustworthy
111. deliver a mo_____ue *n.* a solo speech or performance given by one person, typically in a theatrical or storytelling context, and often used to reveal aspects of the speaker's thoughts, feelings, or backstory
112. w__p a fish in foil *v.* to cover or enclose something entirely with paper, cloth, or other material

ANSWERS: 104. formula, 105. recognize, 106. brain, 107. amygdala, 108. giver, 109. scan, 110. reliable, 111. monologue, 112. wrap

ANSWERS:

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. I am going to the family _____ to get my teeth cleaned.
n. a person who is qualified and licensed to treat people's teeth
2. Demonstrators strongly demanded immediate _____ for their country.
n. the right of an organization, country, or region to govern itself independently
3. The scientist conducted a study that provided _____ details about the species' behavior.
adj. clearly defined or particular to a certain thing or situation; distinct, explicit, and precise
4. Conservation groups praised the company's _____ with environmental regulations.
n. the act of following rules or regulations, often willingly or voluntarily; the act of conforming to a set of standards or guidelines
5. Australia is widely _____ as having low levels of corruption.
v. to become aware or conscious of something through the senses
6. I want to _____ my sadness into strength.
v. to have a talk with someone; (adjective) reversed in order, relation, or action
7. She stood on the podium and _____ an audience.
v. to examine something hastily, with the eyes or with a machine, to get information
8. The economy is growing at a supercharged _____.
n. the speed at which someone or something moves, or the rate at which something happens or changes

ANSWERS: 1. dentist, 2. autonomy, 3. specific, 4. compliance, 5. perceived, 6. convert, 7. scanned, 8. pace

9. The police couldn't find a _____ to her whereabouts.
n. an object, a piece of evidence, or some information that helps someone to find the answer to a problem, question, or mystery
10. Her remarks _____ the debate.
v. to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand
11. Several military _____ programs have become popular methods of exercise.
n. a tool or machine used for making round holes or driving fasteners; a training or practice
12. There's no _____ in his description.
n. a way of thinking or reasoning conducted or evaluated by strict validity principles; the study of correct reasoning or good arguments
13. Many people go on a _____ to recharge and reconnect with themselves.
n. the act of moving back or withdrawing from a position or situation; a period of rest or relaxation away from work or everyday life
14. The political _____ analyzed every detail of the debate.
n. a person who is very interested in or knowledgeable about a particular subject, especially one regarded as dry or nerdy
15. International law allows each nation to _____ itself when its rights and interests are illegally violated.
v. to protect someone or something from attack, criticism, danger, etc.
16. He expressed his dissatisfaction in an _____ way.
adj. happening in addition to the main or intended aim, cause or result, often in a way that is not obvious; not following the shortest or straight way

ANSWERS: 9. clue, 10. confused, 11. drill, 12. logic, 13. retreat, 14. wonk, 15. defend, 16. indirect

17. The weather was so _____ that we decided to stay indoors all day.
adj. depressing or dreary; causing or showing unhappiness or despair
18. It's important to _____ your strengths and weaknesses.
v. to acknowledge or realize something or someone; to identify, remember, or become aware of something that was previously known or encountered
19. His business _____ took him to the United States.
n. a promise or firm decision to do something or to behave in a certain way
20. 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
21. As people get old, their energies may _____.
v. to reduce or be reduced in size, extent, or importance; to make something smaller, weaker, etc.
22. She falls over _____ when she sees her mother-in-law.
adv. at, to, or toward the direction or place that is behind or rear
23. This ad campaign is aimed _____ at young women.
adv. only associated with or meant for one thing
24. The actor's _____ was so powerful that the audience was moved to tears.
n. a solo speech or performance given by one person, typically in a theatrical or storytelling context, and often used to reveal aspects of the speaker's thoughts, feelings, or backstory

ANSWERS: 17. dismal, 18. recognize, 19. commitments, 20. brain, 21. diminish, 22. backward, 23. specifically, 24. monologue

25. He created a beautiful piece of music using only _____.
- n.* the act of making something up on the spot or creating or performing something without preparation
26. _____ values such as filial piety and respect for elders still strongly influence many Asian cultures.
- adj.* relating to the teachings and beliefs of the Chinese philosopher Confucius and his followers
27. The Prime Minister will pay a courtesy visit to the Nobel laureate's _____.
- n.* a workplace for the conduct of scientific research; a laboratory
28. You should always keep a basic _____ in your car in case of an emergency.
- n.* a container or storage unit for tools, typically characterized by a handle and one or more compartments for organizing and storing various tools and equipment
29. They spent a lot of time trying to _____ the current situation.
- v.* to take hold of something or someone quickly and firmly
30. The shareholders were reluctant to _____ the new project, but the presentation convinced them otherwise.
- v.* to buy something in large quantities for future use; to accept or adopt something
31. _____ bees are boring holes into the wall.
- n.* a woodworker whose job is to make or repair wooden objects
32. She _____ success and is always pushing herself to do better.
- v.* to have a strong desire for something; to long for or want intensely

ANSWERS: 25. improvisation, 26. Confucian, 27. lab, 28. toolbox, 29. grasp, 30. buy-in, 31. Carpenter, 32. craves

33. The _____ of the bees filled the air as she walked through the garden.
adj. producing a continuous, low, vibrating sound like that of the bee
34. We must manage to _____ our expenditure.
v. to control something, especially by means of rules or laws
35. He does not _____ importance to these rumors.
v. to fasten, join, or connect one thing to another
36. _____ the bandage tightly around the injured arm.
v. to cover or enclose something entirely with paper, cloth, or other material
37. This approach employs both _____ and macro analysis methods.
n. extremely small in scale or scope; one millionth
38. The _____ has been associated with memories of past emotional events.
n. one of two parts of the almond-shaped neural structure that are linked to emotions, especially fear and pleasure, memory, and the sense of smell
39. My friend is a natural _____ always putting others before herself.
n. a person who gives or donates something, particularly money, time, or resources, to others; a philanthropist or benefactor
40. Her tongue runs on _____.
adv. in a way that happens without interruption or repeatedly
41. The company implemented _____ measures to prevent future issues.
adj. acting in advance to deal with an expected difficulty or to take advantage of an opportunity.

ANSWERS: 33. humming, 34. regulate, 35. attach, 36. Wrap, 37. micro, 38. amygdala, 39. giver, 40. continually, 41. proactive

42. One such rapidly growing _____ is quantum cryptography.
n. an idea or principle associated with something abstract
43. I will introduce some _____ on learning English in this class.
n. the top or extreme point of something slender or tapering, usually a mountain or hill; a piece of advice about something practical; a small amount of money given for services
44. The _____ of severe weather prompted the city to issue an evacuation warning.
n. a strong indication or likelihood of harm, danger, or adverse consequences; an expression of intent to inflict harm or injury on someone or something, often made as a means of coercion or intimidation
45. This site _____ shares high-quality academic materials.
adv. at regular intervals or times
46. 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
47. Your _____ reflects your thoughts.
n. an informal talk between two or more people to exchange their views, ideas, information, etc.
48. The _____ handbook outlines the rules and regulations that all employees must follow.
n. a person who is hired to work for a business or organization in exchange for wages or salary; a worker

ANSWERS: 42. concept, 43. tips, 44. threat, 45. regularly, 46. stick, 47. conversation, 48. employee

49. Boxing fans often criticize his _____ stance.

adj. used or intended to protect someone or something against attack or aggression

50. We want to _____ ties between our two countries.

v. to make or become better

51. The teacher told the students to memorize the math _____.

n. a group of symbols, letters, or numbers that represent a rule, law, or mathematical statement

52. Trains are _____ inexpensive, and ideal for long-distance travel.

adj. worthy of being relied on; trustworthy

53. After the summit meeting, the prime ministers issued a _____ statement.

adj. shared, held, or made between two or more people; (noun) the point of connection between two bones or elements of a skeleton

54. You can _____ the font color by clicking the Color tab.

v. to explain or state something clearly and exactly

55. That _____ shows that people are accepting the tax increase to some extent.

n. an investigation of the opinions, behavior, etc. of a particular group of people, made by asking people questions

56. The camera's focus was off, and the image was a _____ of colors and shapes.

n. a faint or indistinct image or sound; something that is not clear or distinct; (verb) to become unclear; to lose clear vision

ANSWERS: 49. defensive, 50. improve, 51. formula, 52. reliable, 53. joint, 54. specify, 55. survey, 56. blur