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Session 1: Word List

lukewarm

adj. moderately warm or tepid; lacking enthusiasm, interest, or vigor; uncertain or hesitant

synonym: tepid, unenthusiastic, half-hearted

(1) **lukewarm** reception, (2) **lukewarm** water

I received a **lukewarm** welcome from my new colleagues.

rethink

v. to consider again a plan, idea, etc., especially to change it

synonym: reexplore, review, reconsider

(1) **rethink** a marketing plan, (2) **rethink** the role of the manager

We have to **rethink** our company's product lineup for further growth.

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.

pandemic

n. an outbreak of a disease that affects many people over a very wide area

synonym : outbreak

(1) flu **pandemic**, (2) global **pandemic**

They fear a **pandemic** of a new type of virus.

peril

n. serious and great danger or risk

synonym : hazard, danger, threat

(1) the **peril** of the sea, (2) environmental **peril**

Due to hunger, the lives of the refugees were in **peril**.

squeak

v. to make a high-pitched, short, sharp noise; to speak or say something in a high-pitched, weak, or timid voice

synonym : squeal, whine, creak

(1) **squeak** out a few words, (2) mice **squeak**

The door **squeaked** when I opened it.

freeway

n. a major highway designed for high-speed traffic, with no stoplights or grade crossings and having interchanges or access roads to other highways

synonym : highway, expressway, motorway

(1) **freeway** exit, (2) expanded **freeway**

We got stuck in a traffic jam on the **freeway** for over an hour.

hurdle

n. a barrier or obstacle that must be overcome

synonym : obstacle, barrier, challenge

(1) overcome **hurdles**, (2) **hurdle** race

The company faced several **hurdles** in the development of its new product.

wardrobe

n. a collection or set of clothing, especially for a particular occasion or purpose; a piece of furniture designed for storing clothes or personal belongings

synonym : clothing, attire, closet

(1) walk-in **wardrobe**, (2) minimalist **wardrobe**

Her **wardrobe** selection included several pieces from high-end designer brands.

renovate

v. to improve or restore something to a better or more modern condition; to revamp or update something old, outdated, or in disrepair

synonym : renew, restore, revamp

(1) **renovate** a house, (2) **renovate** an office

We need to **renovate** the kitchen before moving into the new house.

excite

v. to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager

synonym : thrill, exhilarate, animate

(1) **excite** the crowd, (2) **excite** rebellion

The news of her promotion **excited** her.

volcano

n. a mountain or hill, typically conical, having a crater or vent through which lava, rock fragments, hot vapor, and gas are or have been erupted from the earth's crust.

synonym : mount, peak, crater

(1) **volcano** alert level, (2) active **volcano**

The island was formed by a **volcano** millions of years ago.

crater

n. a huge bowl-shaped cavity in the earth or an object in space, usually created by an explosion or the impact of a meteorite

synonym : cavity, hole, pit

(1) **crater** lake, (2) lunar **crater**

An enormous **crater** marks the area where the vast volcanic explosion occurred.

escalate

v. to increase in intensity, size, or severity; to make something greater, worse, or more serious

synonym : increase, intensify, expand

(1) **escalate** into a major international incident, (2) to **escalate**

The situation quickly **escalated** and turned violent.

plummet

v. to fall or drop suddenly and steeply; to decline rapidly or sharply

synonym : drop, plunge, fall

(1) **plummeting** sales, (2) **plummet** against other major currencies

The stock prices have **plummeted** in the last hour, causing concern for investors.

blockbuster

n. a movie, book, or other product that is extremely successful and popular, especially one that makes much money

synonym : hit, success, smash

(1) **blockbuster** movie, (2) international **blockbuster**

The new action movie is expected to be a **blockbuster** hit.

simmer

v. to cook food over low heat in a liquid, maintaining a temperature just below boiling point; to be filled with a low level of intense emotion; to be on the verge of expressing strong feelings

synonym : stew, boil slowly, cook gently

(1) **simmer** until water evaporates, (2) **simmer** in her mind for years

The soup must **simmer** for at least an hour for all the flavors to blend.

hustle

v. to cause someone to move quickly by pushing them in a rough, aggressive way

synonym : bustle, rush, haste

(1) **hustle** on business, (2) **hustle** up money

You must **hustle** and struggle on the court to win an acquittal.

grit

n. very small pieces of stone or sand; mental toughness and determination or perseverance in the face of challenges or obstacles

synonym : determination, fortitude, courage

(1) **grit** determination, (2) **grit** washer

She has a lot of **grit** and determination to succeed.

determinant

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

synonym : cause, factor, element

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

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

rookie

n. a newcomer or beginner, specifically in a particular profession, sport, or activity; an inexperienced or naive person

synonym : beginner, novice, greenhorn

(1) **rookie** mistake, (2) **rookie** teacher

The **rookie** player showed promise in the preseason games.

heroic

adj. courageous and daring; having or displaying qualities appropriate for legendary figures that is courage and daring

synonym : brave, courageous, daring

(1) a **heroic** poem, (2) **heroic** explorers

The **heroic** actions of individuals are now easily spread worldwide by SNS.

stubborn

adj. refusing to change one's mind or behavior despite persuasion or evidence to the contrary; unyielding; difficult to move or change

synonym : persistent, obstinate, determined

(1) **stubborn** attitude, (2) **stubborn** stains

He was so **stubborn** about his beliefs that he refused to listen to any other points of view.

broaden

v. to make or become wider or more extensive; to make or become more tolerant or liberal.

synonym : expand, widen, enlarge

(1) **broaden** students' knowledge, (2) **broaden** their horizon

The company **broadened** its product line to include more

customer options.

hoop

n. a circular band or ring, often made of metal or wood, used as a toy, a part of the equipment, or a decoration

synonym: ring, circle, band

(1) **hoop** earring, (2) basketball **hoop**

The circus clown jumped through a fiery **hoop** as the audience gasped in amazement.

grind

v. to reduce something to small particles or powder by crushing or rubbing it; to work hard over a long period of time

synonym: mill, crush, grate

(1) **grind** away at my work, (2) **grind** your teeth

She had to **grind** the coffee beans before making a fresh cup.

obsess

v. to fill the mind of someone continually so that one can't think of anything else

synonym: torment, beset, engross

(1) **obsess** over her weight, (2) he is **obsessed** with the fear

He's utterly **obsessed** with his promotion.

diverge

v. to move or extend in different directions from a common point; to branch off or deviate from a path or course

synonym: separate, split, part

(1) **diverge** from tradition, (2) **diverge** from the main topic

As tectonic plates **diverge**, new oceanic crust is formed along mid-ocean ridges.

dread

v. to be very afraid of or worried about something that is going to happen or that might happen

synonym: fear, cringe, apprehend

(1) **dread** failure, (2) **dread** getting old

We all **dread** to think about what will happen if the company

goes bankrupt.

diver

n. a person who dives, especially one who does so professionally or as a sport; a bird that dives into the water to catch fish or other prey

synonym : plunger, frogman, loon

(1) professional **diver**, (2) deep-sea **diver**

The search and rescue team sent a team of **divers** to search for the missing plane wreckage.

outwork

v. to work harder or more diligently than someone else; to defeat or outmaneuver someone through superior effort or strategy; (noun) work that is done away from a central workplace or office, typically by employees who work from home

synonym : outperform, outdo, outsmart

(1) **outwork** my limits, (2) **outwork** the competition

The new employee was eager to **outwork** his colleagues and impress his boss.

smack

v. to hit something or someone with force, often making a loud noise; to deliver a sharp criticism or rebuke

synonym : hit, slap, strike

(1) **smack** on the lips, (2) **smack** his knee

The baseball player **smacked** the ball out of the park, securing a home run.

foreclose

v. to take legal action to repossess or seize property, particularly a mortgaged property, due to non-payment of debts or obligations

synonym : preclude, seize, repossess

(1) **foreclose** a property, (2) **foreclose** the possibility

The bank will **foreclose** on the house if the mortgage payments are not made on time.

retiring

adj. withdrawing from a position or activity, or becoming more secluded or reserved

synonym : shy, leaving, quitting

(1) near **retiring** age, (2) a **retiring** pension

The **retiring** CEO passed on the reins to his successor.

magician

n. a person who performs magic tricks or illusions to entertain an audience; typically involves sleight of hand or deception to create seemingly impossible or supernatural effects

synonym : illusionist, conjurer, wizard

(1) **magician's** hat, (2) street **magician**

The children were delighted with the **magician's** clever tricks.

sleight

n. the use of dexterity or skill, particularly to deceive; a clever or cunning trick or skillful manipulation of objects

synonym : deception, trickery, skill

(1) **sleight** of tongue, (2) **sleight** of movement

The magician's **sleight** of hand trick left the audience amazed.

entertainer

n. a performer who provides amusement or enjoyment to an audience, often through acting, music, dancing, or comedy

synonym : performer, artist, showman

(1) **entertainer** of the year, (2) comedy **entertainer**

The dancer is a talented **entertainer** who captivates her audience with graceful movements.

introvert

n. a shy and reticent person

synonym : observer, loner, solitary

(1) **introvert** personality, (2) **introvert** behavior

Being an **introvert** is not a weakness, and it's just a different way of interacting with the world.

unleash

v. to suddenly release a strong force, emotion, etc. that cannot be controlled

synonym : discharge, free, release

(1) **unleash** a hound, (2) **unleash** her anger

The general was still reluctant to **unleash** his troops in pursuit of an enemy.

memorize

v. to learn something carefully so that you will remember it exactly

synonym: learn, remember, remind

(1) **memorize** musical scores, (2) try hard to **memorize** the lines

Lawyers need to **memorize** even the most minor provisions of the law.

rut

n. a long track or groove worn into the ground, typically by the repeated passage of wheels or other heavy objects; a fixed, boring or monotonous routine or course of action

synonym: groove, track, estrus

(1) falling into a **rut**, (2) boring routine **rut**

The company seems stuck in a **rut** and needs to try something new.

afterward

adv. after the time mentioned

synonym: later, thereafter, following

(1) a few years **afterward**, (2) go there **afterward**

We will explain the countermeasure concerning this problem **afterward**.

entrench

v. to establish or settle something firmly and securely, especially an idea, practice, or position; to occupy a trench or secured area

synonym: establish, fortify, secure

(1) **entrench** power, (2) **entrench** beliefs

The general tried to **entrench** his troops on the hill to avoid the attack.

intern

v. to put someone in prison, especially for political or military reasons; (noun) a student or trainee who works, sometimes for free, to get work experience or to fulfill qualification criteria

synonym : apprentice, trainee, student

(1) **intern** civilians, (2) medical **intern**

The navy **interned** ships of defeated nations.

cede

v. to give up, surrender, or transfer possession or control of something, especially territory, power, or authority

synonym : surrender, relinquish, yield

(1) **cede** power, (2) **cede** custody of the kids

The landowner agreed to **cede** part of his property to the government for the public good.

checkup

n. an examination of a person's health by a medical professional, typically including a physical examination, laboratory tests, and diagnostic imaging

synonym : examination, diagnosis, consultation

(1) regular **checkup**, (2) health **checkup**

I am going to the doctor for my annual **checkup**.

reconsider

v. to think about a decision or opinion again to

synonym : rethink, review, revisit

(1) **reconsider** the determination, (2) **reconsider** my transfer

He humbly **reconsidered** his conduct.

hallmark

n. a distinctive characteristic or attribute of a person or thing

synonym : symbol, authentication, indication

(1) the **hallmark** of a good scientist, (2) the **hallmark** of modern life

A clear and simple expression is the **hallmark** of good writing.

quitter

n. a person who gives up easily or does not have the determination to finish what they have started

synonym : coward, deserter, surrender

(1) easy **quitter**, (2) serial **quitter**

He was labeled as a **quitter** after he abandoned the project halfway.

liberate

v. to set free; to release or rescue from captivity or oppression

synonym: emancipate, release, set free

(1) **liberate** people from oppression, (2) **liberate** potential

The prisoners were **liberated** after the war ended.

accuse

v. to charge or criticize someone with a crime or wrongdoing

synonym: charge, blame, criticize

(1) **accuse** his rudeness, (2) **accuse** each other

The witness **accused** the defendant of committing the robbery.

receptive

adj. willing to listen to or accept new ideas or suggestions

synonym: open-minded, sensory, sensorial

(1) **receptive** audience, (2) **receptive** to change

The voters appeared to be **receptive** to his new ideas.

imperfectly

adv. in a faulty or incomplete way

synonym: amiss, insufficiently, clumsily

(1) **imperfectly** developed, (2) **imperfectly** known disease

He created an **imperfectly** shaped torso.

humility

n. the quality or condition of being humble; a low estimate of one's self

synonym: humbleness, modesty, unpretentiousness

(1) develop an attitude of **humility**, (2) lack of **humility**

We were filled with **humility** at the sight of the Queen.

pretension

n. the act of claiming or asserting something, especially without good reason or without evidence; an unfounded or excessive claim or ambition

synonym: presumption, pretense, affectation

(1) **pretension** to authority, (2) baseless **pretension**
His **pretensions** of being a gourmet were quickly exposed
when he could not identify basic herbs and spices.

Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. rec_____er my transfer | v. | to think about a decision or opinion again to |
| 2. expanded fr_____y | n. | a major highway designed for high-speed traffic, with no stoplights or grade crossings and having interchanges or access roads to other highways |
| 3. flu pa_____ic | n. | an outbreak of a disease that affects many people over a very wide area |
| 4. ro___e teacher | n. | a newcomer or beginner, specifically in a particular profession, sport, or activity; an inexperienced or naive person |
| 5. deep-sea di__r | n. | a person who dives, especially one who does so professionally or as a sport; a bird that dives into the water to catch fish or other prey |
| 6. fr_____y exit | n. | a major highway designed for high-speed traffic, with no stoplights or grade crossings and having interchanges or access roads to other highways |
| 7. re_____k the role of the manager | v. | to consider again a plan, idea, etc., especially to change it |
| 8. vo_____o alert level | n. | a mountain or hill, typically conical, having a crater or vent through which lava, rock fragments, hot vapor, and gas are or have been erupted from the earth's crust. |

ANSWERS: 1. reconsider, 2. freeway, 3. pandemic, 4. rookie, 5. diver, 6. freeway, 7. rethink, 8. volcano

9. hu___e race *n.* a barrier or obstacle that must be overcome
10. re_____ve audience *adj.* willing to listen to or accept new ideas or suggestions
11. in___n civilians *v.* to put someone in prison, especially for political or military reasons; (noun) a student or trainee who works, sometimes for free, to get work experience or to fulfill qualification criteria
12. baseless pre_____on *n.* the act of claiming or asserting something, especially without good reason or without evidence; an unfounded or excessive claim or ambition
13. environmental pe__l *n.* serious and great danger or risk
14. blo_____er movie *n.* a movie, book, or other product that is extremely successful and popular, especially one that makes much money
15. professional di__r *n.* a person who dives, especially one who does so professionally or as a sport; a bird that dives into the water to catch fish or other prey
16. ex___e the crowd *v.* to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager
17. basketball h__p *n.* a circular band or ring, often made of metal or wood, used as a toy, a part of the equipment, or a decoration
18. try hard to me_____ze the lines *v.* to learn something carefully so that you will remember it exactly

ANSWERS: 9. hurdle, 10. receptive, 11. intern, 12. pretension, 13. peril, 14. blockbuster, 15. diver, 16. excite, 17. hoop, 18. memorize

19. li____te people from oppression *v.* to set free; to release or rescue from captivity or oppression
20. hu____e on business *v.* to cause someone to move quickly by pushing them in a rough, aggressive way
21. dr__d failure *v.* to be very afraid of or worried about something that is going to happen or that might happen
22. ma____an's hat *n.* a person who performs magic tricks or illusions to entertain an audience; typically involves sleight of hand or deception to create seemingly impossible or supernatural effects
23. cr____r lake *n.* a huge bowl-shaped cavity in the earth or an object in space, usually created by an explosion or the impact of a meteorite
24. di____e from tradition *v.* to move or extend in different directions from a common point; to branch off or deviate from a path or course
25. near re____ng age *adj.* withdrawing from a position or activity, or becoming more secluded or reserved
26. the pe__l of the sea *n.* serious and great danger or risk
27. a few years af____rd *adv.* after the time mentioned
28. to es____te *v.* to increase in intensity, size, or severity; to make something greater, worse, or more serious
29. walk-in wa____be *n.* a collection or set of clothing, especially for a particular occasion or purpose; a piece of furniture designed for storing clothes or personal belongings

ANSWERS: 19. liberate, 20. hustle, 21. dread, 22. magician, 23. crater, 24. diverge, 25. retiring, 26. peril, 27. afterward, 28. escalate, 29. wardrobe

30. me____ze musical scores *v.* to learn something carefully so that you will remember it exactly
31. en____ch power *v.* to establish or settle something firmly and securely, especially an idea, practice, or position; to occupy a trench or secured area
32. st____rn stains *adj.* refusing to change one's mind or behavior despite persuasion or evidence to the contrary; unyielding; difficult to move or change
33. es____te into a major international incident *v.* to increase in intensity, size, or severity; to make something greater, worse, or more serious
34. ac____e each other *v.* to charge or criticize someone with a crime or wrongdoing
35. un____h a hound *v.* to suddenly release a strong force, emotion, etc. that cannot be controlled
36. hu____g sound *adj.* producing a continuous, low, vibrating sound like that of the bee
37. in____rt personality *n.* a shy and reticent person
38. g__t determination *n.* very small pieces of stone or sand; mental toughness and determination or perseverance in the face of challenges or obstacles
39. ex____e rebellion *v.* to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager
40. minimalist wa____be *n.* a collection or set of clothing, especially for a particular occasion or purpose; a piece of furniture designed for storing clothes or personal belongings

ANSWERS: 30. memorize, 31. entrench, 32. stubborn, 33. escalate, 34. accuse, 35. unleash, 36. humming, 37. introvert, 38. grit, 39. excite, 40. wardrobe

41. sq___k out a few words *v.* to make a high-pitched, short, sharp noise; to speak or say something in a high-pitched, weak, or timid voice
42. easy qu____r *n.* a person who gives up easily or does not have the determination to finish what they have started
43. fo_____se the possibility *v.* to take legal action to repossess or seize property, particularly a mortgaged property, due to non-payment of debts or obligations
44. hu___e up money *v.* to cause someone to move quickly by pushing them in a rough, aggressive way
45. hu____g bird *adj.* producing a continuous, low, vibrating sound like that of the bee
46. environmental det_____nt *n.* a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result
47. sl_____t of movement *n.* the use of dexterity or skill, particularly to deceive; a clever or cunning trick or skillful manipulation of objects
48. pl_____ting sales *v.* to fall or drop suddenly and steeply; to decline rapidly or sharply
49. pl_____t against other major currencies *v.* to fall or drop suddenly and steeply; to decline rapidly or sharply
50. br_____n students' knowledge *v.* to make or become wider or more extensive; to make or become more tolerant or liberal.

ANSWERS: 41. squeak, 42. quitter, 43. foreclose, 44. hustle, 45. humming, 46. determinant, 47. sleight, 48. plummet, 49. plummet, 50. broaden

51. serial qu____r *n.* a person who gives up easily or does not have the determination to finish what they have started
52. develop an attitude of hu____ty *n.* the quality or condition of being humble; a low estimate of one's self
53. dr__d getting old *v.* to be very afraid of or worried about something that is going to happen or that might happen
54. sm__k on the lips *v.* to hit something or someone with force, often making a loud noise; to deliver a sharp criticism or rebuke
55. sl____t of tongue *n.* the use of dexterity or skill, particularly to deceive; a clever or cunning trick or skillful manipulation of objects
56. un____h her anger *v.* to suddenly release a strong force, emotion, etc. that cannot be controlled
57. rec____er the determination *v.* to think about a decision or opinion again to
58. active vo____o *n.* a mountain or hill, typically conical, having a crater or vent through which lava, rock fragments, hot vapor, and gas are or have been erupted from the earth's crust.
59. gr__d your teeth *v.* to reduce something to small particles or powder by crushing or rubbing it; to work hard over a long period of time
60. ac____e his rudeness *v.* to charge or criticize someone with a crime or wrongdoing
61. in____rt behavior *n.* a shy and reticent person

ANSWERS: 51. quitter, 52. humility, 53. dread, 54. smack, 55. sleight, 56. unleash, 57. reconsider, 58. volcano, 59. grind, 60. accuse, 61. introvert

62. lu____rm water *adj.* moderately warm or tepid; lacking enthusiasm, interest, or vigor; uncertain or hesitant
63. global pa____ic *n.* an outbreak of a disease that affects many people over a very wide area
64. health ch____p *n.* an examination of a person's health by a medical professional, typically including a physical examination, laboratory tests, and diagnostic imaging
65. re____ve to change *adj.* willing to listen to or accept new ideas or suggestions
66. si____r in her mind for years *v.* to cook food over low heat in a liquid, maintaining a temperature just below boiling point; to be filled with a low level of intense emotion; to be on the verge of expressing strong feelings
67. falling into a r_t *n.* a long track or groove worn into the ground, typically by the repeated passage of wheels or other heavy objects; a fixed, boring or monotonous routine or course of action
68. sm__k his knee *v.* to hit something or someone with force, often making a loud noise; to deliver a sharp criticism or rebuke
69. ent____er of the year *n.* a performer who provides amusement or enjoyment to an audience, often through acting, music, dancing, or comedy
70. regular ch____p *n.* an examination of a person's health by a medical professional, typically including a physical examination, laboratory tests, and diagnostic imaging

ANSWERS: 62. lukewarm, 63. pandemic, 64. checkup, 65. receptive, 66. simmer, 67. rut, 68. smack, 69. entertainer, 70. checkup

71. re____k a marketing plan
v. to consider again a plan, idea, etc., especially to change it
72. imp_____ly developed
adv. in a faulty or incomplete way
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v. to move or extend in different directions from a common point; to branch off or deviate from a path or course
74. the ha_____rk of modern life
n. a distinctive characteristic or attribute of a person or thing
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v. to work harder or more diligently than someone else; to defeat or outmaneuver someone through superior effort or strategy; (noun) work that is done away from a central workplace or office, typically by employees who work from home
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v. to put someone in prison, especially for political or military reasons; (noun) a student or trainee who works, sometimes for free, to get work experience or to fulfill qualification criteria
79. a re_____ng pension
adj. withdrawing from a position or activity, or becoming more secluded or reserved

ANSWERS: 71. rethink, 72. imperfectly, 73. diverge, 74. hallmark, 75. heroic, 76. broaden, 77. outwork, 78. intern, 79. retiring

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93. c___e custody of the kids *v.* to give up, surrender, or transfer possession or control of something, especially territory, power, or authority
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97. lunar cr___r *n.* a huge bowl-shaped cavity in the earth or an object in space, usually created by an explosion or the impact of a meteorite
98. en_____ch beliefs *v.* to establish or settle something firmly and securely, especially an idea, practice, or position; to occupy a trench or secured area

ANSWERS: 88. rookie, 89. liberate, 90. determinant, 91. hurdle, 92. obsess, 93. cede, 94. grit, 95. imperfectly, 96. lukewarm, 97. crater, 98. entrench

99. si___r until water evaporates *v.* to cook food over low heat in a liquid, maintaining a temperature just below boiling point; to be filled with a low level of intense emotion; to be on the verge of expressing strong feelings
100. boring routine r_t *n.* a long track or groove worn into the ground, typically by the repeated passage of wheels or other heavy objects; a fixed, boring or monotonous routine or course of action
101. he___c explorers *adj.* courageous and daring; having or displaying qualities appropriate for legendary figures that is courage and daring
102. lack of hu____ty *n.* the quality or condition of being humble; a low estimate of one's self
103. h__p earring *n.* a circular band or ring, often made of metal or wood, used as a toy, a part of the equipment, or a decoration
104. the ha____rk of a good scientist *n.* a distinctive characteristic or attribute of a person or thing
105. re____te a house *v.* to improve or restore something to a better or more modern condition; to revamp or update something old, outdated, or in disrepair
106. street ma____an *n.* a person who performs magic tricks or illusions to entertain an audience; typically involves sleight of hand or deception to create seemingly impossible or supernatural effects

ANSWERS: 99. simmer, 100. rut, 101. heroic, 102. humility, 103. hoop, 104. hallmark, 105. renovate, 106. magician

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The door _____ when I opened it.
 - v. to make a high-pitched, short, sharp noise; to speak or say something in a high-pitched, weak, or timid voice

2. The children were delighted with the _____ clever tricks.
 - n. a person who performs magic tricks or illusions to entertain an audience; typically involves sleight of hand or deception to create seemingly impossible or supernatural effects

3. The company _____ its product line to include more customer options.
 - v. to make or become wider or more extensive; to make or become more tolerant or liberal.

4. The landowner agreed to _____ part of his property to the government for the public good.
 - v. to give up, surrender, or transfer possession or control of something, especially territory, power, or authority

5. The _____ CEO passed on the reins to his successor.
 - adj. withdrawing from a position or activity, or becoming more secluded or reserved

6. The soup must _____ for at least an hour for all the flavors to blend.
 - v. to cook food over low heat in a liquid, maintaining a temperature just below boiling point; to be filled with a low level of intense emotion; to be on the verge of expressing strong feelings

7. Being an _____ is not a weakness, and it's just a different way of interacting with the world.
 - n. a shy and reticent person

ANSWERS: 1. squeaked, 2. magician's, 3. broadened, 4. cede, 5. retiring, 6. simmer, 7. introvert

8. Lawyers need to _____ even the most minor provisions of the law.
v. to learn something carefully so that you will remember it exactly
9. One _____ of success is having a positive attitude and a strong work ethic.
n. a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result
10. His _____ of being a gourmet were quickly exposed when he could not identify basic herbs and spices.
n. the act of claiming or asserting something, especially without good reason or without evidence; an unfounded or excessive claim or ambition
11. The search and rescue team sent a team of _____ to search for the missing plane wreckage.
n. a person who dives, especially one who does so professionally or as a sport; a bird that dives into the water to catch fish or other prey
12. She has a lot of _____ and determination to succeed.
n. very small pieces of stone or sand; mental toughness and determination or perseverance in the face of challenges or obstacles
13. The general tried to _____ his troops on the hill to avoid the attack.
v. to establish or settle something firmly and securely, especially an idea, practice, or position; to occupy a trench or secured area
14. The prisoners were _____ after the war ended.
v. to set free; to release or rescue from captivity or oppression
15. She had to _____ the coffee beans before making a fresh cup.
v. to reduce something to small particles or powder by crushing or rubbing it; to work hard over a long period of time

ANSWERS: 8. memorize, 9. determinant, 10. pretensions, 11. divers, 12. grit, 13. entrench, 14. liberated, 15. grind

16. As tectonic plates _____ new oceanic crust is formed along mid-ocean ridges.
- v.* to move or extend in different directions from a common point; to branch off or deviate from a path or course
17. The magician's _____ of hand trick left the audience amazed.
- n.* the use of dexterity or skill, particularly to deceive; a clever or cunning trick or skillful manipulation of objects
18. The navy _____ ships of defeated nations.
- v.* to put someone in prison, especially for political or military reasons; (noun) a student or trainee who works, sometimes for free, to get work experience or to fulfill qualification criteria
19. The _____ actions of individuals are now easily spread worldwide by SNS.
- adj.* courageous and daring; having or displaying qualities appropriate for legendary figures that is courage and daring
20. He's utterly _____ with his promotion.
- v.* to fill the mind of someone continually so that one can't think of anything else
21. He was so _____ about his beliefs that he refused to listen to any other points of view.
- adj.* refusing to change one's mind or behavior despite persuasion or evidence to the contrary; unyielding; difficult to move or change
22. The circus clown jumped through a fiery _____ as the audience gasped in amazement.
- n.* a circular band or ring, often made of metal or wood, used as a toy, a part of the equipment, or a decoration

ANSWERS: 16. diverge, 17. sleight, 18. interned, 19. heroic, 20. obsessed, 21. stubborn, 22. hoop

23. The situation quickly _____ and turned violent.

- v.* to increase in intensity, size, or severity; to make something greater, worse, or more serious

24. The voters appeared to be _____ to his new ideas.

- adj.* willing to listen to or accept new ideas or suggestions

25. The island was formed by a _____ millions of years ago.

- n.* a mountain or hill, typically conical, having a crater or vent through which lava, rock fragments, hot vapor, and gas are or have been erupted from the earth's crust.

26. The bank will _____ on the house if the mortgage payments are not made on time.

- v.* to take legal action to repossess or seize property, particularly a mortgaged property, due to non-payment of debts or obligations

27. We all _____ to think about what will happen if the company goes bankrupt.

- v.* to be very afraid of or worried about something that is going to happen or that might happen

28. 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

29. He created an _____ shaped torso.

- adv.* in a faulty or incomplete way

30. We need to _____ the kitchen before moving into the new house.

- v.* to improve or restore something to a better or more modern condition; to revamp or update something old, outdated, or in disrepair

ANSWERS: 23. escalated, 24. receptive, 25. volcano, 26. foreclose, 27. dread, 28. humming, 29. imperfectly, 30. renovate

31. He humbly _____ his conduct.
- v. to think about a decision or opinion again to
32. I am going to the doctor for my annual _____.
- n. an examination of a person's health by a medical professional, typically including a physical examination, laboratory tests, and diagnostic imaging
33. The baseball player _____ the ball out of the park, securing a home run.
- v. to hit something or someone with force, often making a loud noise; to deliver a sharp criticism or rebuke
34. We have to _____ our company's product lineup for further growth.
- v. to consider again a plan, idea, etc., especially to change it
35. A clear and simple expression is the _____ of good writing.
- n. a distinctive characteristic or attribute of a person or thing
36. They fear a _____ of a new type of virus.
- n. an outbreak of a disease that affects many people over a very wide area
37. The news of her promotion _____ her.
- v. to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager
38. You must _____ and struggle on the court to win an acquittal.
- v. to cause someone to move quickly by pushing them in a rough, aggressive way
39. The dancer is a talented _____ who captivates her audience with graceful movements.
- n. a performer who provides amusement or enjoyment to an audience, often through acting, music, dancing, or comedy

ANSWERS: 31. reconsidered, 32. checkup, 33. smacked, 34. rethink, 35. hallmark, 36. pandemic, 37. excited, 38. hustle, 39. entertainer

40. The new action movie is expected to be a _____ hit.
n. a movie, book, or other product that is extremely successful and popular, especially one that makes much money
41. The stock prices have _____ in the last hour, causing concern for investors.
v. to fall or drop suddenly and steeply; to decline rapidly or sharply
42. I received a _____ welcome from my new colleagues.
adj. moderately warm or tepid; lacking enthusiasm, interest, or vigor; uncertain or hesitant
43. The _____ player showed promise in the preseason games.
n. a newcomer or beginner, specifically in a particular profession, sport, or activity; an inexperienced or naive person
44. The company faced several _____ in the development of its new product.
n. a barrier or obstacle that must be overcome
45. We were filled with _____ at the sight of the Queen.
n. the quality or condition of being humble; a low estimate of one's self
46. He was labeled as a _____ after he abandoned the project halfway.
n. a person who gives up easily or does not have the determination to finish what they have started
47. We will explain the countermeasure concerning this problem _____.
adv. after the time mentioned
48. The witness _____ the defendant of committing the robbery.
v. to charge or criticize someone with a crime or wrongdoing

ANSWERS: 40. blockbuster, 41. plummeted, 42. lukewarm, 43. rookie, 44. hurdles, 45. humility, 46. quitter, 47. afterward, 48. accused

49. The new employee was eager to _____ his colleagues and impress his boss.
- v.* to work harder or more diligently than someone else; to defeat or outmaneuver someone through superior effort or strategy; (noun) work that is done away from a central workplace or office, typically by employees who work from home
50. An enormous _____ marks the area where the vast volcanic explosion occurred.
- n.* a huge bowl-shaped cavity in the earth or an object in space, usually created by an explosion or the impact of a meteorite
51. We got stuck in a traffic jam on the _____ for over an hour.
- n.* a major highway designed for high-speed traffic, with no stoplights or grade crossings and having interchanges or access roads to other highways
52. Due to hunger, the lives of the refugees were in _____.
- n.* serious and great danger or risk
53. The general was still reluctant to _____ his troops in pursuit of an enemy.
- v.* to suddenly release a strong force, emotion, etc. that cannot be controlled
54. Her _____ selection included several pieces from high-end designer brands.
- n.* a collection or set of clothing, especially for a particular occasion or purpose; a piece of furniture designed for storing clothes or personal belongings
55. The company seems stuck in a ____ and needs to try something new.
- n.* a long track or groove worn into the ground, typically by the repeated passage of wheels or other heavy objects; a fixed, boring or monotonous routine or course of action

ANSWERS: 49. outwork, 50. crater, 51. freeway, 52. peril, 53. unleash, 54. wardrobe, 55. rut