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Session 1: Word List

frequent

adj. happening constantly

synonym : periodic, recurring, routine

(1) **frequent** absence, (2) **frequent** use

His heartaches are less **frequent** now.

communicate

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

synonym : convey, share, transmit

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

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

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

regulation

n. an official rule made and maintained by a government or some other authority; the act of controlling or directing something according to a rule

synonym : constraint, restriction, rule

(1) a company **regulation**, (2) **regulation** by the government

The **regulation** approved by Congress was perfunctorily implemented.

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.

ancient

adj. relating to the long ago, particularly the historical period preceding the fall of the Western Roman Empire; very old

synonym : archaic, age-old, obsolete

(1) pre-Christian **ancient**, (2) **ancient** stories

They have been living near water since **ancient** times.

warn

v. to make someone aware of potential danger or difficulty, particularly one that may occur in the future

synonym : alert, caution, admonish

(1) **warn** a reckless driver, (2) **warned** me of the plan

I attempted to **warn** him, but he ignored me.

hesitation

n. the act of pausing or being slow before saying or doing something, especially because you feel uncertain or nervous

synonym : unwillingness, indecision, uncertainty

(1) perform without **hesitation**, (2) after some **hesitation**

There was a **hesitation** in her speech.

modern

adj. of or belonging to the present time or recent times

synonym : contemporary, stylish, current

(1) **modern** poetry, (2) pre- **modern** agricultural society

Their headquarters are in a **modern** skyscraper.

ban

v. to officially or legally forbid or refuse to allow something

synonym : forbid, prohibit, restrict

(1) **ban** gender-related job discrimination, (2) **ban** any type of cloning

We should **ban** mildly violent video games from a child's

development perspective.

offend

v. to cause someone to feel upset, angry, or annoyed

synonym : insult, hurt, anger

(1) **offend** his sensibilities, (2) **offend** a customer

His rude comments **offended** many people at the party.

renowned

adj. famous and respected for great achievements, qualities, etc.

synonym : noted, prominent, acclaimed

(1) a **renowned** artist, (2) **renowned** as a novelist

This area is **renowned** for its hot springs.

linguist

n. a person who speaks several foreign languages; a person who studies or teaches languages or linguistics

synonym : grammarist, philologue, polyglot

(1) foreign **linguist**, (2) cognitive **linguist**

Though I love literature, I'm a bad **linguist**.

dismiss

v. to regard something or someone as not important and not worth considering; to terminate someone's employment

synonym : decline, disband, dissolve

(1) **dismiss** a person from the office, (2) **dismiss** a matter with a laugh

The committee has decided to **dismiss** the president from the post.

irrelevant

adj. not connected with or related to something and therefore not important

synonym : unrelated, immaterial, extrinsic

(1) an **irrelevant** thought, (2) do something **irrelevant**

They removed **irrelevant** content from the slides.

historic

adj. famous or significant in history, or potentially so

synonym : memorable, momentous, historical

(1) **historic** accomplishment, (2) achieve the **historic** feat
The Chinese people have accomplished several **historic** feats.

component

n. one of several parts that combines with others to form something bigger

synonym: element, part, factor

(1) key **component**, (2) spare **components** for cars

The researchers try to discover a common **component** in all types of successful organizations.

lump

n. a small, irregularly shaped mass or piece, typically of a soft substance such as coal, flour, or dough

synonym: mass, clump, ball

(1) **lump** in the throat, (2) single **lump** sum

There is a small **lump** on my neck, and I'm concerned about it.

broad

adj. very wide; general

synonym: wide, expansive, comprehensive

(1) attract **broad** attention, (2) a **broad** mind

He accumulated wealth across a **broad** spectrum of assets.

bucket

n. an open container with a handle made of metal or plastic, often used for carrying liquids

synonym: pail, tub, can

(1) **bucket** list, (2) **bucket** of golf balls

She filled a **bucket** with water and carried it back to the house.

disfluency

n. a breakdown in the natural flow or rhythm of speech, often caused by hesitations, repetitions, or other interruptions in the speaker's thought process; a speech disorder characterized by frequent and noticeable disfluencies

synonym: stutter, hesitation, speech impediment

(1) neurogenic **disfluency**, (2) experience **disfluency**

People who stutter often struggle with **disfluency** in their speech.

linguistic

adj. relating to language or the study of language

synonym: lingual, verbal, lexical

(1) her major is **linguistics**, (2) **linguistic** analysis

Our naive experience undoubtedly contains a **linguistic** aspect.

distract

v. to draw someone's attention away from what they are trying to do

synonym: divert, preoccupy, confuse

(1) **distract** attention from the real issue, (2) **distract** public opinion

Please don't **distract** me while I'm studying.

controversy

n. a lot of discussion and argument about something, often involving strong feelings of anger or disapproval

synonym: disagreement, dispute, argument

(1) **controversy** among researchers, (2) arouse **controversy**

They entered into **controversy** with the member of the ruling party.

roughly

adv. approximately but not precisely; with a violent manner

synonym: approximately, more or less, around

(1) **roughly** explain my idea, (2) **roughly** speaking

Five miles is **roughly** similar to eight kilometers.

definition

n. a concise explanation of the meaning of a word, phrase, or symbol

synonym: description, connotation, meaning

(1) a precise **definition**, (2) the **definition** of a word

Parallel lines are, by **definition**, lines on the same plane that never cross.

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.

intent

n. a strong determination or attention to do or achieve something; (adjective) having a strong determination to do or achieve something

synonym : purpose, aim, goal

(1) the **intent** of a question, (2) **intent** gaze

The designer's **intent** was to create a minimalist aesthetic for the interior of the building.

context

n. the circumstances, facts, or conditions that surround a particular event, situation, or statement and that give it meaning

synonym : background, setting, environment

(1) historical **context**, (2) legal **context**

It's important to understand the **context** of a situation before making a decision.

addition

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

synonym : accumulation, expansion, addendum

(1) chemical **addition**, (2) **addition** of vectors

In **addition**, private corporations provide healthcare services.

relation

n. the way two persons or groups of people feel and act toward one another

synonym : association, linkage, connection

(1) **relation** between cause and effect, (2) **relation** of inclusion

The industrial **relations** laws were passed with little to no

alteration.

imbue

v. to inspire or permeate something or someone with a particular feeling or quality; to saturate or fill something with a specific color, taste, or smell

synonym: infuse, permeate, instill

(1) **imbue** with confidence, (2) **imbue** with meaning

He tried to **imbue** his children with a love of learning and curiosity.

vital

adj. necessary for the success or continued existence of something

synonym: critical, crucial, invigorating

(1) play a **vital** role, (2) **vital** for a healthy society

Perseverance and optimism are **vital** to success.

pause

v. to take a short break from talking or doing something before continuing

synonym: halt, break, intermit

(1) **pause** a moment, (2) **pause** for a reaction

The man **paused** before opening the door.

phenomenon

n. something that exists and can be perceptible, especially one that is not fully understood

synonym: marvel, wonder, splendor

(1) natural **phenomenon**, (2) historical **phenomenon**

A rainbow is a natural **phenomenon**.

insignificant

adj. of little importance, influence, or power

synonym: unimportant, trivial, irrelevant

(1) **insignificant** amount, (2) an **insignificant** mistake

He made me feel small and **insignificant**.

interrupt

v. to say or do something that causes someone to stop in their speech or action

synonym: disturb, hinder, break in

(1) **interrupt** a call, (2) abruptly **interrupt**

Her sleep was **interrupted** by recurring pain.

silent

adj. without any or little sound

synonym : quiet, hushed, mute

(1) **silent** reading, (2) give **silent** consent

The politician remained **silent** despite intense media scrutiny.

interpret

v. to explain or assign the meaning of information, actions, etc.

synonym : decode, decipher, analyze

(1) **interpret** a graph, (2) **interpret** the question

Different people might **interpret** this news differently.

dialogue

n. a conversation in a book, play, or film

synonym : conversation, discussion, talk

(1) Platonic **dialogues**, (2) the form of a **dialogue**

He recorded the **dialogue** at the time of the incident.

phrase

n. a group of words that mean something specific when used together

synonym : expression, idiom, term

(1) ready-made **phrases**, (2) noun **phrase**

We bought a Spanish **phrase** book.

function

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

synonym : purpose, mapping, job

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

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

discourse

n. any form of communication in speech or writing

synonym : discussion, dialogue, communication

(1) hold **discourse** with him, (2) a **discourse** about art
Sweet **discourse** makes short days and nights.

ignore

v. to intentionally not listen or pay attention to
synonym: neglect, disregard, shun

(1) **ignore** her advice, (2) **ignore** a ban

Since independence, the area has been completely **ignored**.

convey

v. to express ideas, feelings, etc. so that it is known or understood by other people; to carry something from one place to another

synonym: communicate, transfer, deliver

(1) **convey** a complex idea, (2) **convey** goods by truck

An ironic remark often **conveys** an intended meaning obliquely.

conscientious

adj. characterized by a sense of duty or responsibility; diligent, meticulous, and careful in one's work or actions

synonym: diligent, thorough, meticulous

(1) **conscientious** worker, (2) **conscientious** objection

Conscientious student always turned in their assignments on time.

indicate

v. to show, point out, or make known something, often through a sign or a symbol; to suggest or imply something without stating it directly

synonym: hint, suggest, show

(1) **indicate** a preference, (2) **indicate** an error

The data **indicates** that the company's profits have steadily increased over the past quarter.

attitude

n. the way you think and feel about someone or something

synonym: mindset, perspective, philosophy

(1) **attitude** toward mistakes, (2) **attitude** control

She had the **attitude** that work was fun.

gauge

n. an instrument for measuring and displaying the amount, level, or contents of something; (verb) to judge tentatively or form an estimate of something

synonym : measure, benchmark, judge

(1) pressure **gauge**, (2) take the **gauge** of a situation

We use various precision **gauges** in the manufacturing process of machinery.

elaborate

adj. containing a lot of carefully prepared and organized or many complicated and detailed parts

synonym : detailed, intricate, complicated

(1) an **elaborate** hat, (2) **elaborate** Ponzi scheme

He proposed an **elaborate** program of public works.

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.

loose

adj. not securely fixed or fastened in place or able to be detached or separated from something

synonym : relaxed, unconsolidated, open

(1) a **loose** tongue, (2) remove **loose** hair

The inspector discovered **loose** bolts under the fuel rods.

introduction

n. a preliminary explanation or remarks given before the start of a text, performance, or event; the act of bringing something new into existence or introducing something to a wider audience or new market

synonym : initiation, preamble, prologue

(1) **introduction** education, (2) self- **introduction**

The **introduction** to the new class was informative and engaging.

process

n. a series of actions or operations performed to achieve a particular outcome or goal; a systematic procedure or approach used to accomplish a specific task or objective; a method of treating milk to make it suitable for consumption or use in other dairy products

synonym: procedure, method, system

(1) **process** improvement, (2) decision-making **process**

The **process** for applying for a visa can be lengthy and complicated.

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.

toddler

n. a young child who has recently learned to walk

synonym: child, infant, youngster

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

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

uncommon

adj. not occurring or seen very often; rare

synonym: rare, scarce, unusual

(1) **uncommon** occurrence, (2) **uncommon** talents

It was **uncommon** for the store to have such a big sale.

refer

v. to direct someone's attention, thoughts, or questions to another source or person; to mention, cite, or allude to something as evidence or support

synonym: cite, allude, mention

(1) **refer** to a book, (2) **refer** to a map

Please **refer** to the instruction manual for further assistance.

identify

v. to recognize someone or something and say or prove who or what they are

synonym: determine, specify, recognize

(1) **identify** handwriting, (2) **identify** gene sequences

I will introduce you to how to **identify** the leading causes of the malfunction.

instruction

n. detailed direction, order, etc., on how to do or use something

synonym: education, direction, guidance

(1) individual **instruction**, (2) follow his **instructions**

They needed further **instruction** to perform their duties efficiently.

cue

n. a signal, gesture, or action that provides information or direction for someone else to act or respond; a reminder or prompt for someone to do something

synonym: signal, sign, hint

(1) **cue** card, (2) visual **cue**

The director gave the actor a **cue** to begin the scene.

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.

adolescent

n. a young person who is in the process of developing from a child into an adult

synonym: teen, preadult, youth

(1) **adolescent** girl, (2) pre- **adolescent** children

Timely education about birth control might help reduce **adolescent** pregnancies.

awkward

adj. making you feel uncomfortable or embarrassed; causing inconvenience or difficulty

synonym: embarrassing, discomfiting, clumsy

(1) an **awkward** expression, (2) an **awkward** date

The **awkward** design of the interface made the operation difficult.

confident

adj. feeling sure about your abilities or qualities or having trust in people, plans, or the future

synonym : certain, sure, convinced

(1) feel **confident**, (2) a **confident** remark

I'm not **confident** in our victory.

newfound

adj. newly discovered or acquired

synonym : afresh, new, recently discovered

(1) a **newfound** mine, (2) **newfound** freedom

With his **newfound** wealth, he could travel the world and indulge in his passions.

fluent

adj. able to communicate in a specific language smoothly or effectively, or easily

synonym : eloquent, articulate, smooth-spoken

(1) **fluent** Chinese, (2) in a **fluent** tone

She learned five languages but is only **fluent** in two of them.

appropriate

adj. suitable or proper in the circumstances; fitting

synonym : fitting, suitable, proper

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

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

contrary

n. acting in opposition to what is expected or desired

synonym : opposing, contradictory, conflicting

(1) the clear **contrary**, (2) **contrary** evidence

The two sides argued their points, but the judge ultimately sided with the **contrary** viewpoint.

mastery

n. complete control or power of something to dominate or defeat; great skill or knowledge in a particular subject or activity

synonym : proficiency, aptitude, domination

(1) **mastery** of mathematics, (2) strive for **mastery**

The country finally gained **mastery** over the whole land of its neighbors.

stigma

n. a mark of shame or disgrace associated with a particular circumstance, quality, or person

synonym: mark, blemish, disgrace

(1) social **stigma**, (2) **stigma** against obesity

The mental health **stigma** often prevents people from seeking treatment.

senseless

adj. lacking meaning, purpose, or reason; without sense or sensibility; foolish or irrational

synonym: meaningless, pointless, absurd

(1) **senseless** terror attack, (2) **senseless** slaughter

The **senseless** act of violence left the community in shock and mourning.

Session 2: Spelling

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|---------------------------------------|---|
| 1. in_____et the question | <i>v.</i> to explain or assign the meaning of information, actions, etc. |
| 2. an ins_____ant mistake | <i>adj.</i> of little importance, influence, or power |
| 3. the clear co_____ry | <i>n.</i> acting in opposition to what is expected or desired |
| 4. key co_____nt | <i>n.</i> one of several parts that combines with others to form something bigger |
| 5. experience dis_____cy | <i>n.</i> a breakdown in the natural flow or rhythm of speech, often caused by hesitations, repetitions, or other interruptions in the speaker's thought process; a speech disorder characterized by frequent and noticeable disfluencies |
| 6. a ne_____nd mine | <i>adj.</i> newly discovered or acquired |
| 7. re_____on between cause and effect | <i>n.</i> the way two persons or groups of people feel and act toward one another |
| 8. noun ph____e | <i>n.</i> a group of words that mean something specific when used together |
| 9. lin_____ic analysis | <i>adj.</i> relating to language or the study of language |
| 10. visual c_e | <i>n.</i> a signal, gesture, or action that provides information or direction for someone else to act or respond; a reminder or prompt for someone to do something |

ANSWERS: 1. interpret, 2. insignificant, 3. contrary, 4. component, 5. disfluency, 6. newfound, 7. relation, 8. phrase, 9. linguistic, 10. cue

11. remove lo__e hair *adj.* not securely fixed or fastened in place or able to be detached or separated from something
12. fu____on properly *n.* the purpose or use of an object, system, or process; a particular activity or operation that is designed to serve a specific purpose; a mathematical concept that describes a relationship between two sets of values, called the input and output sets; (verb) to operate or work in a specific way, or to perform a particular task or purpose
13. com_____te his anxieties to the psychiatrist *v.* to share or exchange information with others by speaking, writing, moving your body, or using other signals
14. co___y goods by truck *v.* to express ideas, feelings, etc. so that it is known or understood by other people; to carry something from one place to another
15. immune fu____on *n.* the purpose or use of an object, system, or process; a particular activity or operation that is designed to serve a specific purpose; a mathematical concept that describes a relationship between two sets of values, called the input and output sets; (verb) to operate or work in a specific way, or to perform a particular task or purpose
16. strive for ma____y *n.* complete control or power of something to dominate or defeat; great skill or knowledge in a particular subject or activity

ANSWERS: 11. loose, 12. function, 13. communicate, 14. convey, 15. function, 16. mastery

17. ro____y speaking *adv.* approximately but not precisely; with a violent manner
18. a re____ed artist *adj.* famous and respected for great achievements, qualities, etc.
19. fr____nt absence *adj.* happening constantly
20. an____t stories *adj.* relating to the long ago, particularly the historical period preceding the fall of the Western Roman Empire; very old
21. social st____a *n.* a mark of shame or disgrace associated with a particular circumstance, quality, or person
22. re____ed as a novelist *adj.* famous and respected for great achievements, qualities, etc.
23. in____pt a call *v.* to say or do something that causes someone to stop in their speech or action
24. un____on talents *adj.* not occurring or seen very often; rare
25. di____s a person from the office *v.* to regard something or someone as not important and not worth considering; to terminate someone's employment
26. neurogenic dis____cy *n.* a breakdown in the natural flow or rhythm of speech, often caused by hesitations, repetitions, or other interruptions in the speaker's thought process; a speech disorder characterized by frequent and noticeable disfluencies
27. environmental det____nt *n.* a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result

ANSWERS: 17. roughly, 18. renowned, 19. frequent, 20. ancient, 21. stigma, 22. renowned, 23. interrupt, 24. uncommon, 25. dismiss, 26. disfluency, 27. determinant

28. con_____ion in English *n.* an informal talk between two or more people to exchange their views, ideas, information, etc.
29. pr_____t the future *v.* to state beforehand that something will happen in the future, mainly based on knowledge or experience
30. re__r to a book *v.* to direct someone's attention, thoughts, or questions to another source or person; to mention, cite, or allude to something as evidence or support
31. ne_____nd freedom *adj.* newly discovered or acquired
32. chemical ad_____on *n.* the act or process of adding something to something else; the process of adding numbers
33. play a vi__l role *adj.* necessary for the success or continued existence of something
34. a precise def_____on *n.* a concise explanation of the meaning of a word, phrase, or symbol
35. un_____on occurrence *adj.* not occurring or seen very often; rare
36. an app_____te time *adj.* suitable or proper in the circumstances; fitting
37. decision-making pr_____s *n.* a series of actions or operations performed to achieve a particular outcome or goal; a systematic procedure or approach used to accomplish a specific task or objective; a method of treating milk to make it suitable for consumption or use in other dairy products

ANSWERS: 28. conversation, 29. predict, 30. refer, 31. newfound, 32. addition, 33. vital, 34. definition, 35. uncommon, 36. appropriate, 37. process

38. in_____te a preference *v.* to show, point out, or make known something, often through a sign or a symbol; to suggest or imply something without stating it directly
39. app_____te behavior *adj.* suitable or proper in the circumstances; fitting
40. pa__e for a reaction *v.* to take a short break from talking or doing something before continuing
41. the def_____on of a word *n.* a concise explanation of the meaning of a word, phrase, or symbol
42. reg_____on by the government *n.* an official rule made and maintained by a government or some other authority; the act of controlling or directing something according to a rule
43. historical co_____t *n.* the circumstances, facts, or conditions that surround a particular event, situation, or statement and that give it meaning
44. st___a against obesity *n.* a mark of shame or disgrace associated with a particular circumstance, quality, or person
45. at_____de toward mistakes *n.* the way you think and feel about someone or something
46. Platonic di_____ues *n.* a conversation in a book, play, or film
47. el_____te Ponzi scheme *adj.* containing a lot of carefully prepared and organized or many complicated and detailed parts
48. pr_____s improvement *n.* a series of actions or operations performed to achieve a particular outcome or goal; a systematic procedure or approach used to accomplish a specific task or objective; a method of treating milk to make it suitable for consumption or use in other dairy products

ANSWERS: 38. indicate, 39. appropriate, 40. pause, 41. definition, 42. regulation, 43.

context, 44. stigma, 45. attitude, 46. dialogue, 47. elaborate, 48. process

49. re__r to a map *v.* to direct someone's attention, thoughts, or questions to another source or person; to mention, cite, or allude to something as evidence or support
50. ins_____ant amount *adj.* of little importance, influence, or power
51. an active to____r *n.* a young child who has recently learned to walk
52. ma_____y of mathematics *n.* complete control or power of something to dominate or defeat; great skill or knowledge in a particular subject or activity
53. take the ga__e of a situation *n.* an instrument for measuring and displaying the amount, level, or contents of something; (verb) to judge tentatively or form an estimate of something
54. fr_____nt use *adj.* happening constantly
55. l__p in the throat *n.* a small, irregularly shaped mass or piece, typically of a soft substance such as coal, flour, or dough
56. in____t gaze *n.* a strong determination or attention to do or achieve something; (adjective) having a strong determination to do or achieve something
57. ig____e her advice *v.* to intentionally not listen or pay attention to
58. si____t reading *adj.* without any or little sound
59. an aw_____d expression *adj.* making you feel uncomfortable or embarrassed; causing inconvenience or difficulty

ANSWERS: 49. refer, 50. insignificant, 51. toddler, 52. mastery, 53. gauge, 54. frequent, 55. lump, 56. intent, 57. ignore, 58. silent, 59. awkward

60. con_____ous objection *adj.* characterized by a sense of duty or responsibility; diligent, meticulous, and careful in one's work or actions
61. di_____s a matter with a laugh *v.* to regard something or someone as not important and not worth considering; to terminate someone's employment
62. a company reg_____on *n.* an official rule made and maintained by a government or some other authority; the act of controlling or directing something according to a rule
63. con_____sy among researchers *n.* a lot of discussion and argument about something, often involving strong feelings of anger or disapproval
64. 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
65. abruptly in_____pt *v.* to say or do something that causes someone to stop in their speech or action
66. historical phe_____on *n.* something that exists and can be perceptible, especially one that is not fully understood
67. com_____te well with my advisor *v.* to share or exchange information with others by speaking, writing, moving your body, or using other signals
68. her major is lin_____ics *adj.* relating to language or the study of language
69. dr__d getting old *v.* to be very afraid of or worried about something that is going to happen or that might happen

ANSWERS: 60. conscientious, 61. dismiss, 62. regulation, 63. controversy, 64. novel, 65. interrupt, 66. phenomenon, 67. communicate, 68. linguistic, 69. dread

70. di_____ct public opinion *v.* to draw someone's attention away from what they are trying to do
71. se_____ss terror attack *adj.* lacking meaning, purpose, or reason; without sense or sensibility; foolish or irrational
72. id_____fy gene sequences *v.* to recognize someone or something and say or prove who or what they are
73. ado_____nt girl *n.* a young person who is in the process of developing from a child into an adult
74. pre-ado_____nt children *n.* a young person who is in the process of developing from a child into an adult
75. single l__p sum *n.* a small, irregularly shaped mass or piece, typically of a soft substance such as coal, flour, or dough
76. fl____t Chinese *adj.* able to communicate in a specific language smoothly or effectively, or easily
77. of____d his sensibilities *v.* to cause someone to feel upset, angry, or annoyed
78. in_____te an error *v.* to show, point out, or make known something, often through a sign or a symbol; to suggest or imply something without stating it directly
79. pre-Christian an_____t *adj.* relating to the long ago, particularly the historical period preceding the fall of the Western Roman Empire; very old
80. a di_____se about art *n.* any form of communication in speech or writing
81. pre-mo____n agricultural society *adj.* of or belonging to the present time or recent times

ANSWERS: 70. distract, 71. senseless, 72. identify, 73. adolescent, 74. adolescent, 75. lump, 76. fluent, 77. offend, 78. indicate, 79. ancient, 80. discourse, 81. modern

82. id____fy handwriting *v.* to recognize someone or something and say or prove who or what they are
83. natural phe_____on *n.* something that exists and can be perceptible, especially one that is not fully understood
84. con_____ous worker *adj.* characterized by a sense of duty or responsibility; diligent, meticulous, and careful in one's work or actions
85. co___y a complex idea *v.* to express ideas, feelings, etc. so that it is known or understood by other people; to carry something from one place to another
86. b_n gender-related job discrimination *v.* to officially or legally forbid or refuse to allow something
87. foreign li____st *n.* a person who speaks several foreign languages; a person who studies or teaches languages or linguistics
88. give si___t consent *adj.* without any or little sound
89. do something irr_____nt *adj.* not connected with or related to something and therefore not important
90. an el_____te hat *adj.* containing a lot of carefully prepared and organized or many complicated and detailed parts
91. in_____et a graph *v.* to explain or assign the meaning of information, actions, etc.
92. arouse con_____sy *n.* a lot of discussion and argument about something, often involving strong feelings of anger or disapproval

ANSWERS: 82. identify, 83. phenomenon, 84. conscientious, 85. convey, 86. ban, 87. linguist, 88. silent, 89. irrelevant, 90. elaborate, 91. interpret, 92. controversy

93. pr____t when she will arrive *v.* to state beforehand that something will happen in the future, mainly based on knowledge or experience
94. self-int_____ion *n.* a preliminary explanation or remarks given before the start of a text, performance, or event; the act of bringing something new into existence or introducing something to a wider audience or new market
95. im__e with meaning *v.* to inspire or permeate something or someone with a particular feeling or quality; to saturate or fill something with a specific color, taste, or smell
96. c_e card *n.* a signal, gesture, or action that provides information or direction for someone else to act or respond; a reminder or prompt for someone to do something
97. bu____t list *n.* an open container with a handle made of metal or plastic, often used for carrying liquids
98. attract br__d attention *adj.* very wide; general
99. in a fl____t tone *adj.* able to communicate in a specific language smoothly or effectively, or easily
100. int_____ion education *n.* a preliminary explanation or remarks given before the start of a text, performance, or event; the act of bringing something new into existence or introducing something to a wider audience or new market

ANSWERS: 93. predict, 94. introduction, 95. imbue, 96. cue, 97. bucket, 98. broad, 99. fluent, 100. introduction

101. pa__e a moment *v.* to take a short break from talking or doing something before continuing
102. ro____y explain my idea *adv.* approximately but not precisely; with a violent manner
103. w__ned me of the plan *v.* to make someone aware of potential danger or difficulty, particularly one that may occur in the future
104. im__e with confidence *v.* to inspire or permeate something or someone with a particular feeling or quality; to saturate or fill something with a specific color, taste, or smell
105. ig____e a ban *v.* to intentionally not listen or pay attention to
106. a br__d mind *adj.* very wide; general
107. ad____on of vectors *n.* the act or process of adding something to something else; the process of adding numbers
108. an aw____d date *adj.* making you feel uncomfortable or embarrassed; causing inconvenience or difficulty
109. spare co____nts for cars *n.* one of several parts that combines with others to form something bigger
110. mo____n poetry *adj.* of or belonging to the present time or recent times
111. hi____ic accomplishment *adj.* famous or significant in history, or potentially so
112. to____r in nappy *n.* a young child who has recently learned to walk

ANSWERS: 101. pause, 102. roughly, 103. warn, 104. imbue, 105. ignore, 106. broad, 107. addition, 108. awkward, 109. component, 110. modern, 111. historic, 112. toddler

113. pressure ga__e *n.* an instrument for measuring and displaying the amount, level, or contents of something; (verb) to judge tentatively or form an estimate of something
114. at____de control *n.* the way you think and feel about someone or something
115. follow his ins____ons *n.* detailed direction, order, etc., on how to do or use something
116. cognitive li____st *n.* a person who speaks several foreign languages; a person who studies or teaches languages or linguistics
117. se____ss slaughter *adj.* lacking meaning, purpose, or reason; without sense or sensibility; foolish or irrational
118. the in__t of a question *n.* a strong determination or attention to do or achieve something; (adjective) having a strong determination to do or achieve something
119. of__d a customer *v.* to cause someone to feel upset, angry, or annoyed
120. di____ct attention from the real issue *v.* to draw someone's attention away from what they are trying to do
121. a co____nt remark *adj.* feeling sure about your abilities or qualities or having trust in people, plans, or the future
122. legal co____t *n.* the circumstances, facts, or conditions that surround a particular event, situation, or statement and that give it meaning

ANSWERS: 113. gauge, 114. attitude, 115. instruction, 116. linguist, 117. senseless, 118. intent, 119. offend, 120. distract, 121. confident, 122. context

123. ready-made ph___es *n.* a group of words that mean something specific when used together
124. dr__d failure *v.* to be very afraid of or worried about something that is going to happen or that might happen
125. individual ins_____on *n.* detailed direction, order, etc., on how to do or use something
126. a friendly con_____ion *n.* an informal talk between two or more people to exchange their views, ideas, information, etc.
127. achieve the hi_____ic feat *adj.* famous or significant in history, or potentially so
128. 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
129. perform without hes_____on *n.* the act of pausing or being slow before saying or doing something, especially because you feel uncertain or nervous
130. a det_____nt of crop yields *n.* a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result
131. the form of a di_____ue *n.* a conversation in a book, play, or film
132. a lo__e tongue *adj.* not securely fixed or fastened in place or able to be detached or separated from something
133. bu___t of golf balls *n.* an open container with a handle made of metal or plastic, often used for carrying liquids

ANSWERS: 123. phrase, 124. dread, 125. instruction, 126. conversation, 127. historic, 128. novel, 129. hesitation, 130. determinant, 131. dialogue, 132. loose, 133. bucket

134. w__n a reckless driver *v.* to make someone aware of potential danger or difficulty, particularly one that may occur in the future
135. vi__l for a healthy society *adj.* necessary for the success or continued existence of something
136. feel co_____nt *adj.* feeling sure about your abilities or qualities or having trust in people, plans, or the future
137. re_____on of inclusion *n.* the way two persons or groups of people feel and act toward one another
138. an irr_____nt thought *adj.* not connected with or related to something and therefore not important
139. after some hes_____on *n.* the act of pausing or being slow before saying or doing something, especially because you feel uncertain or nervous
140. hold di_____se with him *n.* any form of communication in speech or writing
141. b_n any type of cloning *v.* to officially or legally forbid or refuse to allow something
142. co_____ry evidence *n.* acting in opposition to what is expected or desired

ANSWERS: 134. warn, 135. vital, 136. confident, 137. relation, 138. irrelevant, 139. hesitation, 140. discourse, 141. ban, 142. contrary

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. We use various precision _____ in the manufacturing process of machinery.
n. an instrument for measuring and displaying the amount, level, or contents of something; (verb) to judge tentatively or form an estimate of something

2. Your _____ reflects your thoughts.
n. an informal talk between two or more people to exchange their views, ideas, information, etc.

3. Sweet _____ makes short days and nights.
n. any form of communication in speech or writing

4. The country finally gained _____ over the whole land of its neighbors.
n. complete control or power of something to dominate or defeat; great skill or knowledge in a particular subject or activity

5. The committee has decided to _____ the president from the post.
v. to regard something or someone as not important and not worth considering; to terminate someone's employment

6. Our naive experience undoubtedly contains a _____ aspect.
adj. relating to language or the study of language

7. 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

8. His heartaches are less _____ now.
adj. happening constantly

ANSWERS: 1. gauges, 2. conversation, 3. discourse, 4. mastery, 5. dismiss, 6. linguistic, 7. dread, 8. frequent

9. We bought a Spanish _____ book.

n. a group of words that mean something specific when used together

10. He accumulated wealth across a _____ spectrum of assets.

adj. very wide; general

11. This area is _____ for its hot springs.

adj. famous and respected for great achievements, qualities, etc.

12. They needed further _____ to perform their duties efficiently.

n. detailed direction, order, etc., on how to do or use something

13. The _____ for applying for a visa can be lengthy and complicated.

n. a series of actions or operations performed to achieve a particular outcome or goal; a systematic procedure or approach used to accomplish a specific task or objective; a method of treating milk to make it suitable for consumption or use in other dairy products

14. The politician remained _____ despite intense media scrutiny.

adj. without any or little sound

15. The _____ design of the interface made the operation difficult.

adj. making you feel uncomfortable or embarrassed; causing inconvenience or difficulty

16. In _____ private corporations provide healthcare services.

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

ANSWERS: 9. phrase, 10. broad, 11. renowned, 12. instruction, 13. process, 14. silent, 15. awkward, 16. addition,

17. A rainbow is a natural _____.

n. something that exists and can be perceptible, especially one that is not fully understood

18. The industrial _____ laws were passed with little to no alteration.

n. the way two persons or groups of people feel and act toward one another

19. Timely education about birth control might help reduce _____ pregnancies.

n. a young person who is in the process of developing from a child into an adult

20. There is a small _____ on my neck, and I'm concerned about it.

n. a small, irregularly shaped mass or piece, typically of a soft substance such as coal, flour, or dough

21. With his _____ wealth, he could travel the world and indulge in his passions.

adj. newly discovered or acquired

22. The man _____ before opening the door.

v. to take a short break from talking or doing something before continuing

23. The mental health _____ often prevents people from seeking treatment.

n. a mark of shame or disgrace associated with a particular circumstance, quality, or person

24. He tried to _____ his children with a love of learning and curiosity.

v. to inspire or permeate something or someone with a particular feeling or quality; to saturate or fill something with a specific color, taste, or smell

ANSWERS: 17. phenomenon, 18. relations, 19. adolescent, 20. lump, 21. newfound, 22. paused, 23. stigma, 24. imbue

25. She filled a _____ with water and carried it back to the house.
- n.* an open container with a handle made of metal or plastic, often used for carrying liquids
26. The _____ to the new class was informative and engaging.
- n.* a preliminary explanation or remarks given before the start of a text, performance, or event; the act of bringing something new into existence or introducing something to a wider audience or new market
27. Dolphins use sound to _____ with each other.
- v.* to share or exchange information with others by speaking, writing, moving your body, or using other signals
28. We should ___ mildly violent video games from a child's development perspective.
- v.* to officially or legally forbid or refuse to allow something
29. Different people might _____ this news differently.
- v.* to explain or assign the meaning of information, actions, etc.
30. Her sleep was _____ by recurring pain.
- v.* to say or do something that causes someone to stop in their speech or action
31. The designer's _____ was to create a minimalist aesthetic for the interior of the building.
- n.* a strong determination or attention to do or achieve something; (adjective) having a strong determination to do or achieve something
32. The _____ approved by Congress was perfunctorily implemented.
- n.* an official rule made and maintained by a government or some other authority; the act of controlling or directing something according to a rule

ANSWERS: 25. bucket, 26. introduction, 27. communicate, 28. ban, 29. interpret, 30. interrupted, 31. intent, 32. regulation

33. The brain is an incredibly complex organ that controls the body's _____.
- n.* the purpose or use of an object, system, or process; a particular activity or operation that is designed to serve a specific purpose; a mathematical concept that describes a relationship between two sets of values, called the input and output sets; (verb) to operate or work in a specific way, or to perform a particular task or purpose
34. Though I love literature, I'm a bad _____.
- n.* a person who speaks several foreign languages; a person who studies or teaches languages or linguistics
35. An ironic remark often _____ an intended meaning obliquely.
- v.* to express ideas, feelings, etc. so that it is known or understood by other people; to carry something from one place to another
36. The director gave the actor a ____ to begin the scene.
- n.* a signal, gesture, or action that provides information or direction for someone else to act or respond; a reminder or prompt for someone to do something
37. Since independence, the area has been completely _____.
- v.* to intentionally not listen or pay attention to
38. I'm not _____ in our victory.
- adj.* feeling sure about your abilities or qualities or having trust in people, plans, or the future
39. He proposed an _____ program of public works.
- adj.* containing a lot of carefully prepared and organized or many complicated and detailed parts

ANSWERS: 33. function, 34. linguist, 35. conveys, 36. cue, 37. ignored, 38. confident, 39. elaborate

40. It's important to understand the _____ of a situation before making a decision.
- n.* the circumstances, facts, or conditions that surround a particular event, situation, or statement and that give it meaning
41. People who stutter often struggle with _____ in their speech.
- n.* a breakdown in the natural flow or rhythm of speech, often caused by hesitations, repetitions, or other interruptions in the speaker's thought process; a speech disorder characterized by frequent and noticeable disfluencies
42. The data _____ that the company's profits have steadily increased over the past quarter.
- v.* to show, point out, or make known something, often through a sign or a symbol; to suggest or imply something without stating it directly
43. It's notoriously challenging to _____ birth rates.
- v.* to state beforehand that something will happen in the future, mainly based on knowledge or experience
44. The inspector discovered _____ bolts under the fuel rods.
- adj.* not securely fixed or fastened in place or able to be detached or separated from something
45. Please don't _____ me while I'm studying.
- v.* to draw someone's attention away from what they are trying to do
46. He made me feel small and _____.
- adj.* of little importance, influence, or power
47. A _____ needs constant supervision and firm control.
- n.* a young child who has recently learned to walk

ANSWERS: 40. context, 41. disfluency, 42. indicates, 43. predict, 44. loose, 45. distract, 46. insignificant, 47. toddler

48. Parallel lines are, by _____ lines on the same plane that never cross.
n. a concise explanation of the meaning of a word, phrase, or symbol
49. Please _____ to the instruction manual for further assistance.
v. to direct someone's attention, thoughts, or questions to another source or person; to mention, cite, or allude to something as evidence or support
50. She had the _____ that work was fun.
n. the way you think and feel about someone or something
51. 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
52. They entered into _____ with the member of the ruling party.
n. a lot of discussion and argument about something, often involving strong feelings of anger or disapproval
53. He recorded the _____ at the time of the incident.
n. a conversation in a book, play, or film
54. They removed _____ content from the slides.
adj. not connected with or related to something and therefore not important
55. It was _____ for the store to have such a big sale.
adj. not occurring or seen very often; rare
56. The Chinese people have accomplished several _____ feats.
adj. famous or significant in history, or potentially so

ANSWERS: 48. definition, 49. refer, 50. attitude, 51. novel, 52. controversy, 53. dialogue, 54. irrelevant, 55. uncommon, 56. historic

57. 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
58. The _____ act of violence left the community in shock and mourning.
- adj.* lacking meaning, purpose, or reason; without sense or sensibility; foolish or irrational
59. The researchers try to discover a common _____ in all types of successful organizations.
- n.* one of several parts that combines with others to form something bigger
60. Their headquarters are in a _____ skyscraper.
- adj.* of or belonging to the present time or recent times
61. I attempted to _____ him, but he ignored me.
- v.* to make someone aware of potential danger or difficulty, particularly one that may occur in the future
62. They have been living near water since _____ times.
- adj.* relating to the long ago, particularly the historical period preceding the fall of the Western Roman Empire; very old
63. _____ student always turned in their assignments on time.
- adj.* characterized by a sense of duty or responsibility; diligent, meticulous, and careful in one's work or actions
64. I will introduce you to how to _____ the leading causes of the malfunction.
- v.* to recognize someone or something and say or prove who or what they are

ANSWERS: 57. determinant, 58. senseless, 59. component, 60. modern, 61. warn, 62. ancient, 63. Conscientious, 64. identify

65. Perseverance and optimism are _____ to success.

adj. necessary for the success or continued existence of something

66. There was a _____ in her speech.

n. the act of pausing or being slow before saying or doing something, especially because you feel uncertain or nervous

67. The two sides argued their points, but the judge ultimately sided with the _____ viewpoint.

n. acting in opposition to what is expected or desired

68. Five miles is _____ similar to eight kilometers.

adv. approximately but not precisely; with a violent manner

69. His rude comments _____ many people at the party.

v. to cause someone to feel upset, angry, or annoyed

70. It would be _____ to dress nicely for the wedding.

adj. suitable or proper in the circumstances; fitting

71. She learned five languages but is only _____ in two of them.

adj. able to communicate in a specific language smoothly or effectively, or easily

ANSWERS: 65. vital, 66. hesitation, 67. contrary, 68. roughly, 69. offended, 70. appropriate, 71. fluent