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Session 1: Word List

chase

- v. to pursue something or someone to catch or capture them; to go after something vigorously or with determination; (noun) a pursuit or a hunt; a narrow groove or channel cut into a surface, often used for decorative purposes

synonym: pursue, hunt, track

- (1) **chase** a dream, (2) wild goose **chase**

The police officer **chased** the suspect through the crowded streets until they finally caught him.

decision

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

synonym: choice, determination, judgment

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

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

struggle

- v. to make a great effort to do something when it is difficult, or there are a lot of problems; to use force or violence to break away from restraint or constriction

synonym: toil, strive, compete

- (1) **struggle** against discrimination, (2) **struggle** to get the

job

He could not **struggle** against temptation.

ongoing

adj. continuing to exist or develop, or currently happening

synonym: continuous, current, proceeding

(1) still **ongoing**, (2) **ongoing** support

The new prime minister has vowed to take measures against the **ongoing** economic crisis.

frequent

adj. happening constantly

synonym: periodic, recurring, routine

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

His heartaches are less **frequent** now.

delivery

n. the act of taking or sending something to a destination;
the bringing of a baby during childbirth

synonym: sending, transporting, bringing

(1) an easy **delivery**, (2) special **delivery**

The **delivery** truck arrived with the packages.

tackle

v. to try to deal with a complex problem or situation

synonym: deal with, dive into, work on

(1) **tackle** the issue, (2) help **tackle** climate change

The government is determined to **tackle** sharp inflation.

individually

adv. separately or apart from others

synonym: separately, one by one, independently

(1) answer questions **individually**, (2) **individually**
designed product

Each department has done its product costing **individually**.

colleague

n. one of a group of a coworker, especially in a profession
or a business

synonym: coworker, associate, fellow

(1) collaborate with **colleagues**, (2) former **colleague**

I decided to seek counseling on the advice of my **colleague**.

regret

- v. to feel sad, repentant, or disappointed over something you have done or something you have not been able to do

synonym: apologize, deplore, lament

(1) **regret** a decision, (2) **regret** being so careless

I **regret** to say that you did not gain admission to the university.

expense

- n. the money, time, or effort incurred or required for something

synonym: cost, expenditure, outlay

(1) enormous **expenses**, (2) **expense** account

For this project to be successful, we must control **expenses** strictly.

satisfy

- v. to make somebody pleased by giving them what they want or need

synonym: please, amuse, meet

(1) **satisfy** a desire, (2) **satisfy** a user's needs

Did this response **satisfy** your request?

fee

- n. a sum of money charged for a particular service

synonym: charge, cost, expense

(1) **fee** calculation, (2) service **fee**

The lawyer's **fee** for the case was \$10,000.

frequency

- n. an ordered array of colors into which a light beam can be split

synonym: recurrence, repetition, regularity

(1) **frequency** band, (2) high **frequency**

The oscillator hunts for the correct **frequency**.

craving

- n. a strong desire of wanting something

synonym: desire, appetite, longing

(1) **craving** for revenge, (2) curb our **cravings**

I have a **craving** for nicotine.

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.

picnic

- n.* an outdoor meal or social gathering where food is served and eaten in nature, typically in a park, forest, or other outdoor settings

synonym: outing, barbecue, walkover

(1) **picnic** basket, (2) **picnic** table

The family enjoyed a lovely **picnic** in the park on a sunny day.

workout

- n.* a session of physical exercise or training

synonym: exercise, training, physical activity

(1) **workout** at the health club, (2) boxing **workout**

He does a different **workout** every day to keep things interesting.

investigation

- n.* the act or process of thoroughly examining a crime, problem, statement, etc., to uncover the truth

synonym: examination, analysis, inspection

(1) a preliminary **investigation**, (2) the scope of an **investigation**

We have never before conducted a legitimate **investigation**.

app

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

synonym: application, software

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

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

din *n.* a loud, confused noise; a loud, persistent racket
synonym: noise, racket, clamor

(1) **din** of traffic, (2) mighty **din**

The **din** of the city was overwhelming.

pile *n.* a collection of objects positioned one on top of another;
a large sum of something, such as money
synonym: accumulation, heap, stack

(1) a sand **pile**, (2) the height of a **pile**

After the party, they had to clean up **piles** of dirty dishes.

miscellaneous *adj.* consisting of various types or elements that are not
easily categorized or organized; having no specific
purpose or theme
synonym: assorted, varied, diverse

(1) **miscellaneous** tasks, (2) **miscellaneous** expenses

The **miscellaneous** items in the box included some old toys,
a few books, and some decorative items.

analyze *v.* to think about in-depth and evaluate to discover
essential features or meaning
synonym: explore, examine, investigate

(1) **analyze** a chemical compound, (2) **analyze** your real
motives

The teacher attempted to **analyze** the root cause of our
mistake.

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.

associate *v.* to mentally connect someone or something with
someone or something else
synonym: tie in, link, consociate

(1) **associate** alcohol with gambling, (2) **associate** with

people widely

The majority of consumers **associate** this brand with quality.

delete

v. to remove something, especially that has been written;
to wipe out digitally or magnetically recorded information

synonym: erase, wipe out, remove

(1) **delete** a file, (2) **delete** this modification

Highlight the sentences that you want to **delete**.

permanent

adj. lasting for a long time without essential change

synonym: lasting, ceaseless, endless

(1) literature of **permanent** value, (2) **permanent** life insurance

She is searching for a **permanent** residence.

extreme

adj. very great in amount or degree

synonym: farthestmost, outermost, fierce

(1) **extreme** sports, (2) **extreme** weather events

Solar gravity creates **extreme** pressures and temperatures.

environment

n. the natural world such as air, water, and land in which humans, animals, and plants live

synonym: atmosphere, surroundings, climate

(1) **environment** affairs, (2) chaotic **environment**

Every human is responsible for taking care of the Earth's **environment**.

bump

v. to hit or knock against something hard, often with a dull sound; to meet with by accident

synonym: collide, hit, jolt

(1) **bump** against a wall, (2) **bump** up prices

She accidentally **bumped** into him in the crowded room.

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**.

debit

n. an entry in a financial account that represents money owed or transferred out of the account; a payment card or other means of withdrawing funds from a bank account

synonym: charge, withdrawal, deduction

(1) **debit** card, (2) **debit** balance

I checked my bank statement and noticed an unexpected **debit** from an unknown source.

preset

v. to set or adjust something beforehand, often about electronic or technological devices or systems; (noun) a preconfigured setting or adjustment that is programmed into a device, system, or software

synonym: preconfigure, program, prearrange

(1) **preset** not to make a connection, (2) **preset** settings

I always **preset** my coffee maker the night before to have a fresh cup when I wake up.

entice

v. to attract or lure someone with something desirable or tempting

synonym: lure, tempt, attract

(1) **entice** foreign investment, (2) **entice** shoppers

The salesperson tried to **entice** the customer into buying a new car.

encourage

v. to give someone support, confidence, or hope; to persuade someone to do or continue to do something by making it easier for them and making them believe it is a good thing to do

synonym: facilitate, persuade, stimulate

(1) **encourage** a sense of affinity, (2) **encourage** antisocial behavior

They **encouraged** customers with a premium for loyal patronage.

retail

- n.* the sale of goods or services to consumers, especially in small quantities, either directly to the end customer or through retail outlets

synonym: sales, trade, commerce

- (1) **retail** store, (2) a **retail** dealer

The **retail** industry has been affected by the rise of online shopping.

therapy

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

synonym: antidote, medicine, treatment

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

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

donation

- n.* a voluntary gift of money, service, or ideas that are given to a person or an organization, or the act of giving them

synonym: contribution, gift, subsidy

- (1) make a **donation**, (2) political **donation**

He made a generous **donation** to the charity.

overwhelm

- v.* to defeat someone or something by using a great deal of force; to have a strong emotional effect on somebody

synonym: conquer, crush, dominate

- (1) he was **overwhelmed** with gratitude, (2) **overwhelm** opponents by numbers

Too much variety may **overwhelm** and confuse viewers.

invest

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

synonym: fund, sponsor, support

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

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

hire

- v.* to give somebody a job

synonym: employ, engage, lease

- (1) **hire** a guide, (2) **hire** a car by the hour

We should always be prepared to **hire** talented recruits.

schooler

n. a student who attends a school

synonym: student, pupil, learner

(1) a primary **schooler**, (2) **schooler** uniform

He often traveled abroad alone when he was in high **schooler**.

mow

v. to cut down and trim grass or other vegetation, usually with a machine such as a lawnmower; to cut down or harvest crops

synonym: cut, trim, clip

(1) **mow** the field, (2) **mow** a yard

My father likes to **mow** the lawn early on Saturday mornings.

lawn

n. a stretch of ground covered with grass, typically attached to a house, and often used for recreation or aesthetics

synonym: yard, grass, meadow

(1) **lawn** mower, (2) lush **lawn**

The family enjoyed a picnic on the **lawn** in the park.

pricy

adj. expensive or costly; having a high price or worth

synonym: expensive, costly, dear

(1) **pricy** hotel, (2) **pricy** gift

The restaurant had **pricy** menu items, but the food was worth it.

penny

n. a small denomination of currency or coin, typically the smallest unit of a currency system; in the US, a coin worth one cent

synonym: cent, coin, copper

(1) **penny** stock, (2) save a **penny**

I found a lucky **penny** on the ground while walking to work this morning.

discretionary

adj. subject to one's judgment or decision; available for use as needed or desired

synonym: optional, elective, voluntary

(1) **discretionary** power, (2) **discretionary** fund

The **discretionary** bonus was a nice surprise for the employees.

satisfaction

n. a pleasant feeling you have when you have fulfilled a desire, need, or expectation or have achieved something

synonym: delight, pleasure, content

(1) a sense of **satisfaction**, (2) customer **satisfaction**

The mediated settlement brought **satisfaction** to both sides.

guilty

adj. feeling responsible for or having done something wrong or criminal

synonym: culpable, blameworthy, at fault

(1) feel a bit **guilty**, (2) **guilty** verdict

After much contemplation, the suspect decided to plead **guilty** to the theft charge.

Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. he was ov_____lmed with gratitude | <i>v.</i> to defeat someone or something by using a great deal of force; to have a strong emotional effect on somebody |
| 2. make a do_____on | <i>n.</i> a voluntary gift of money, service, or ideas that are given to a person or an organization, or the act of giving them |
| 3. en_____ge a sense of affinity | <i>v.</i> to give someone support, confidence, or hope; to persuade someone to do or continue to do something by making it easier for them and making them believe it is a good thing to do |
| 4. mis_____ous expenses | <i>adj.</i> consisting of various types or elements that are not easily categorized or organized; having no specific purpose or theme |
| 5. wo_____t at the health club | <i>n.</i> a session of physical exercise or training |
| 6. sc_____er uniform | <i>n.</i> a student who attends a school |
| 7. service f_e | <i>n.</i> a sum of money charged for a particular service |
| 8. re____t a decision | <i>v.</i> to feel sad, repentant, or disappointed over something you have done or something you have not been able to do |
| 9. de____e this modification | <i>v.</i> to remove something, especially that has been written; to wipe out digitally or magnetically recorded information |

ANSWERS: 1. overwhelm, 2. donation, 3. encourage, 4. miscellaneous, 5. workout, 6. schooler, 7. fee, 8. regret, 9. delete

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| 10. sa____y a user's needs | <i>v.</i> to make somebody pleased by giving them what they want or need |
| 11. a primary sc____er | <i>n.</i> a student who attends a school |
| 12. ad____on of vectors | <i>n.</i> the act or process of adding something to something else; the process of adding numbers |
| 13. cannot log in to the a_p | <i>n.</i> (abbreviation for application) software designed to run on smartphones and other mobile devices or inside a web browser on a PC |
| 14. cr____g for revenge | <i>n.</i> a strong desire of wanting something |
| 15. ex____e account | <i>n.</i> the money, time, or effort incurred or required for something |
| 16. pr__y gift | <i>adj.</i> expensive or costly; having a high price or worth |
| 17. pe__y stock | <i>n.</i> a small denomination of currency or coin, typically the smallest unit of a currency system; in the US, a coin worth one cent |
| 18. help ta____e climate change | <i>v.</i> to try to deal with a complex problem or situation |
| 19. h__e a car by the hour | <i>v.</i> to give somebody a job |
| 20. m_w the field | <i>v.</i> to cut down and trim grass or other vegetation, usually with a machine such as a lawnmower; to cut down or harvest crops |
| 21. an____e a chemical compound | <i>v.</i> to think about in-depth and evaluate to discover essential features or meaning |

ANSWERS: 10. satisfy, 11. schooler, 12. addition, 13. app, 14. craving, 15. expense, 16. pricy, 17. penny, 18. tackle, 19. hire, 20. mow, 21. analyze

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| 22. m_w a yard | <i>v.</i> to cut down and trim grass or other vegetation, usually with a machine such as a lawnmower; to cut down or harvest crops |
| 23. the scope of an inv_____ion | <i>n.</i> the act or process of thoroughly examining a crime, problem, statement, etc., to uncover the truth |
| 24. an_____e your real motives | <i>v.</i> to think about in-depth and evaluate to discover essential features or meaning |
| 25. sa_____y a desire | <i>v.</i> to make somebody pleased by giving them what they want or need |
| 26. d_n of traffic | <i>n.</i> a loud, confused noise; a loud, persistent racket |
| 27. de_____on authority | <i>n.</i> the act or process of making up someone's mind about something; a choice or judgment reached after considering options |
| 28. pr__y hotel | <i>adj.</i> expensive or costly; having a high price or worth |
| 29. enormous ex_____es | <i>n.</i> the money, time, or effort incurred or required for something |
| 30. as_____te with people widely | <i>v.</i> to mentally connect someone or something with someone or something else |
| 31. as_____te alcohol with gambling | <i>v.</i> to mentally connect someone or something with someone or something else |
| 32. en_____ge antisocial behavior | <i>v.</i> to give someone support, confidence, or hope; to persuade someone to do or continue to do something by making it easier for them and making them believe it is a good thing to do |

ANSWERS: 22. mow, 23. investigation, 24. analyze, 25. satisfy, 26. din, 27. decision, 28. pricy, 29. expense, 30. associate, 31. associate, 32. encourage

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| 33. a selfish de_____on | <i>n.</i> the act or process of making up someone's mind about something; a choice or judgment reached after considering options |
| 34. boxing wo_____t | <i>n.</i> a session of physical exercise or training |
| 35. former co_____ue | <i>n.</i> one of a group of a coworker, especially in a profession or a business |
| 36. h__e a guide | <i>v.</i> to give somebody a job |
| 37. customer sat_____ion | <i>n.</i> a pleasant feeling you have when you have fulfilled a desire, need, or expectation or have achieved something |
| 38. f_e calculation | <i>n.</i> a sum of money charged for a particular service |
| 39. 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 |
| 40. pe_____nt life insurance | <i>adj.</i> lasting for a long time without essential change |
| 41. chemical ad_____on | <i>n.</i> the act or process of adding something to something else; the process of adding numbers |
| 42. on_____g support | <i>adj.</i> continuing to exist or develop, or currently happening |
| 43. in___t capital | <i>v.</i> to put money, effort, time, etc. into something to make a profit or achieve a result |

ANSWERS: 33. decision, 34. workout, 35. colleague, 36. hire, 37. satisfaction, 38. fee, 39. pace, 40. permanent, 41. addition, 42. ongoing, 43. invest

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| 44. save a pe__y | <i>n.</i> a small denomination of currency or coin, typically the smallest unit of a currency system; in the US, a coin worth one cent |
| 45. l__n mower | <i>n.</i> a stretch of ground covered with grass, typically attached to a house, and often used for recreation or aesthetics |
| 46. ch__e a dream | <i>v.</i> to pursue something or someone to catch or capture them; to go after something vigorously or with determination; (noun) a pursuit or a hunt; a narrow groove or channel cut into a surface, often used for decorative purposes |
| 47. dis_____ary power | <i>adj.</i> subject to one's judgment or decision; available for use as needed or desired |
| 48. ta___e the issue | <i>v.</i> to try to deal with a complex problem or situation |
| 49. gu___y verdict | <i>adj.</i> feeling responsible for or having done something wrong or criminal |
| 50. b__p up prices | <i>v.</i> to hit or knock against something hard, often with a dull sound; to meet with by accident |
| 51. en___e shoppers | <i>v.</i> to attract or lure someone with something desirable or tempting |
| 52. give the waiter a t_p. | <i>n.</i> 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 |

ANSWERS: 44. penny, 45. lawn, 46. chase, 47. discretionary, 48. tackle, 49. guilty, 50. bump, 51. entice, 52. tip

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| 53. ex____e sports | <i>adj.</i> very great in amount or degree |
| 54. a sand p__e | <i>n.</i> a collection of objects positioned one on top of another; a large sum of something, such as money |
| 55. killer a_p | <i>n.</i> (abbreviation for application) software designed to run on smartphones and other mobile devices or inside a web browser on a PC |
| 56. literature of pe_____nt value | <i>adj.</i> lasting for a long time without essential change |
| 57. pr___t settings | <i>v.</i> to set or adjust something beforehand, often about electronic or technological devices or systems; (noun) a preconfigured setting or adjustment that is programmed into a device, system, or software |
| 58. curb our cr_____gs | <i>n.</i> a strong desire of wanting something |
| 59. pi___c basket | <i>n.</i> an outdoor meal or social gathering where food is served and eaten in nature, typically in a park, forest, or other outdoor settings |
| 60. a preliminary inv_____ion | <i>n.</i> the act or process of thoroughly examining a crime, problem, statement, etc., to uncover the truth |
| 61. answer questions ind_____lly | <i>adv.</i> separately or apart from others |
| 62. chaotic env_____nt | <i>n.</i> the natural world such as air, water, and land in which humans, animals, and plants live |

ANSWERS: 53. extreme, 54. pile, 55. app, 56. permanent, 57. preset, 58. craving, 59. picnic, 60. investigation, 61. individually, 62. environment

63. feel a bit gu___y	<i>adj.</i> feeling responsible for or having done something wrong or criminal
64. de__t balance	<i>n.</i> an entry in a financial account that represents money owed or transferred out of the account; a payment card or other means of withdrawing funds from a bank account
65. st_____le against discrimination	<i>v.</i> to make a great effort to do something when it is difficult, or there are a lot of problems; to use force or violence to break away from restraint or constriction
66. a re___l dealer	<i>n.</i> the sale of goods or services to consumers, especially in small quantities, either directly to the end customer or through retail outlets
67. special de_____ry	<i>n.</i> the act of taking or sending something to a destination; the bringing of a baby during childbirth
68. wild goose ch___e	<i>v.</i> to pursue something or someone to catch or capture them; to go after something vigorously or with determination; (noun) a pursuit or a hunt; a narrow groove or channel cut into a surface, often used for decorative purposes
69. fr_____cy band	<i>n.</i> an ordered array of colors into which a light beam can be split
70. mighty d_n	<i>n.</i> a loud, confused noise; a loud, persistent racket
71. ind_____lly designed product	<i>adv.</i> separately or apart from others

ANSWERS: 63. guilty, 64. debit, 65. struggle, 66. retail, 67. delivery, 68. chase, 69. frequency, 70. din, 71. individually

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| 72. b__p against a wall | <i>v.</i> | to hit or knock against something hard, often with a dull sound; to meet with by accident |
| 73. high fr_____cy | <i>n.</i> | an ordered array of colors into which a light beam can be split |
| 74. env_____nt affairs | <i>n.</i> | the natural world such as air, water, and land in which humans, animals, and plants live |
| 75. dis_____ary fund | <i>adj.</i> | subject to one's judgment or decision; available for use as needed or desired |
| 76. at your own p__e | <i>n.</i> | the speed at which someone or something moves, or the rate at which something happens or changes |
| 77. in___t in stocks | <i>v.</i> | to put money, effort, time, etc. into something to make a profit or achieve a result |
| 78. collaborate with co_____ues | <i>n.</i> | one of a group of a coworker, especially in a profession or a business |
| 79. a sense of sat_____ion | <i>n.</i> | a pleasant feeling you have when you have fulfilled a desire, need, or expectation or have achieved something |
| 80. fr_____nt use | <i>adj.</i> | happening constantly |
| 81. de__t card | <i>n.</i> | an entry in a financial account that represents money owed or transferred out of the account; a payment card or other means of withdrawing funds from a bank account |
| 82. pi___c table | <i>n.</i> | an outdoor meal or social gathering where food is served and eaten in nature, typically in a park, forest, or other outdoor settings |

ANSWERS: 72. bump, 73. frequency, 74. environment, 75. discretionary, 76. pace, 77. invest, 78. colleague, 79. satisfaction, 80. frequent, 81. debit, 82. picnic

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| 83. en___e foreign investment | <i>v.</i> to attract or lure someone with something desirable or tempting |
| 84. mis_____ous tasks | <i>adj.</i> consisting of various types or elements that are not easily categorized or organized; having no specific purpose or theme |
| 85. field of gene th____y | <i>n.</i> the act of caring for someone through medication, remedial training, etc. |
| 86. st_____le to get the job | <i>v.</i> to make a great effort to do something when it is difficult, or there are a lot of problems; to use force or violence to break away from restraint or constriction |
| 87. ov_____lm opponents by numbers | <i>v.</i> to defeat someone or something by using a great deal of force; to have a strong emotional effect on somebody |
| 88. re___l store | <i>n.</i> the sale of goods or services to consumers, especially in small quantities, either directly to the end customer or through retail outlets |
| 89. still on_____g | <i>adj.</i> continuing to exist or develop, or currently happening |
| 90. lush l__n | <i>n.</i> a stretch of ground covered with grass, typically attached to a house, and often used for recreation or aesthetics |
| 91. the t_p of a paintbrush | <i>n.</i> 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 |

ANSWERS: 83. entice, 84. miscellaneous, 85. therapy, 86. struggle, 87. overwhelm, 88. retail, 89. ongoing, 90. lawn, 91. tip

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| 92. the height of a p__e | <i>n.</i> a collection of objects positioned one on top of another; a large sum of something, such as money |
| 93. ex_____e weather events | <i>adj.</i> very great in amount or degree |
| 94. an easy de_____ry | <i>n.</i> the act of taking or sending something to a destination; the bringing of a baby during childbirth |
| 95. re___t being so careless | <i>v.</i> to feel sad, repentant, or disappointed over something you have done or something you have not been able to do |
| 96. pr___t not to make a connection | <i>v.</i> to set or adjust something beforehand, often about electronic or technological devices or systems; (noun) a preconfigured setting or adjustment that is programmed into a device, system, or software |
| 97. fr_____nt absence | <i>adj.</i> happening constantly |
| 98. th_____y for a patient | <i>n.</i> the act of caring for someone through medication, remedial training, etc. |
| 99. de___e a file | <i>v.</i> to remove something, especially that has been written; to wipe out digitally or magnetically recorded information |
| 100. political do_____on | <i>n.</i> a voluntary gift of money, service, or ideas that are given to a person or an organization, or the act of giving them |

ANSWERS: 92. pile, 93. extreme, 94. delivery, 95. regret, 96. preset, 97. frequent, 98. therapy, 99. delete, 100. donation

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. I underwent aversion _____ for my addiction to alcohol.
n. the act of caring for someone through medication, remedial training, etc.
2. He does a different _____ every day to keep things interesting.
n. a session of physical exercise or training
3. The new prime minister has vowed to take measures against the _____ economic crisis.
adj. continuing to exist or develop, or currently happening
4. She accidentally _____ into him in the crowded room.
v. to hit or knock against something hard, often with a dull sound; to meet with by accident
5. He often traveled abroad alone when he was in high _____.
n. a student who attends a school
6. The majority of consumers _____ this brand with quality.
v. to mentally connect someone or something with someone or something else
7. The _____ items in the box included some old toys, a few books, and some decorative items.
adj. consisting of various types or elements that are not easily categorized or organized; having no specific purpose or theme
8. The government should view children as national assets and actively _____ in them.
v. to put money, effort, time, etc. into something to make a profit or achieve a result

ANSWERS: 1. therapy, 2. workout, 3. ongoing, 4. bumped, 5. schooler, 6. associate, 7. miscellaneous, 8. invest

9. She was struggling to make a _____ between two job offers.
n. the act or process of making up someone's mind about something; a choice or judgment reached after considering options
10. Did this response _____ your request?
v. to make somebody pleased by giving them what they want or need
11. The restaurant had _____ menu items, but the food was worth it.
adj. expensive or costly; having a high price or worth
12. They _____ customers with a premium for loyal patronage.
v. to give someone support, confidence, or hope; to persuade someone to do or continue to do something by making it easier for them and making them believe it is a good thing to do
13. The teacher attempted to _____ the root cause of our mistake.
v. to think about in-depth and evaluate to discover essential features or meaning
14. I have a _____ for nicotine.
n. a strong desire of wanting something
15. The lawyer's _____ for the case was \$10,000.
n. a sum of money charged for a particular service
16. We have never before conducted a legitimate _____.
n. the act or process of thoroughly examining a crime, problem, statement, etc., to uncover the truth
17. We should always be prepared to _____ talented recruits.
v. to give somebody a job

ANSWERS: 9. decision, 10. satisfy, 11. pricy, 12. encouraged, 13. analyze, 14. craving, 15. fee, 16. investigation, 17. hire

18. The police officer _____ the suspect through the crowded streets until they finally caught him.
- v.* to pursue something or someone to catch or capture them; to go after something vigorously or with determination; (noun) a pursuit or a hunt; a narrow groove or channel cut into a surface, often used for decorative purposes
19. The _____ truck arrived with the packages.
- n.* the act of taking or sending something to a destination; the bringing of a baby during childbirth
20. The _____ industry has been affected by the rise of online shopping.
- n.* the sale of goods or services to consumers, especially in small quantities, either directly to the end customer or through retail outlets
21. For this project to be successful, we must control _____ strictly.
- n.* the money, time, or effort incurred or required for something
22. The family enjoyed a picnic on the _____ in the park.
- n.* a stretch of ground covered with grass, typically attached to a house, and often used for recreation or aesthetics
23. The mediated settlement brought _____ to both sides.
- n.* a pleasant feeling you have when you have fulfilled a desire, need, or expectation or have achieved something
24. Solar gravity creates _____ pressures and temperatures.
- adj.* very great in amount or degree
25. I always _____ my coffee maker the night before to have a fresh cup when I wake up.
- v.* to set or adjust something beforehand, often about electronic or technological devices or systems; (noun) a preconfigured setting or adjustment that is programmed into a device, system, or software

ANSWERS: 18. chased, 19. delivery, 20. retail, 21. expenses, 22. lawn, 23. satisfaction, 24. extreme, 25. preset

26. I _____ to say that you did not gain admission to the university.
v. to feel sad, repentant, or disappointed over something you have done or something you have not been able to do
27. The salesperson tried to _____ the customer into buying a new car.
v. to attract or lure someone with something desirable or tempting
28. I decided to seek counseling on the advice of my _____.
n. one of a group of a coworker, especially in a profession or a business
29. My father likes to ____ the lawn early on Saturday mornings.
v. to cut down and trim grass or other vegetation, usually with a machine such as a lawnmower; to cut down or harvest crops
30. The discovery of a critical bug caused the company to delay the _____ release.
n. (abbreviation for application) software designed to run on smartphones and other mobile devices or inside a web browser on a PC
31. After the party, they had to clean up _____ of dirty dishes.
n. a collection of objects positioned one on top of another; a large sum of something, such as money
32. The ____ of the city was overwhelming.
n. a loud, confused noise; a loud, persistent racket
33. After much contemplation, the suspect decided to plead _____ to the theft charge.
adj. feeling responsible for or having done something wrong or criminal

ANSWERS: 26. regret, 27. entice, 28. colleague, 29. mow, 30. app's, 31. piles, 32. din, 33. guilty

34. The oscillator hunts for the correct _____.

- n.* an ordered array of colors into which a light beam can be split

35. In _____ private corporations provide healthcare services.

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

36. I found a lucky _____ on the ground while walking to work this morning.

- n.* a small denomination of currency or coin, typically the smallest unit of a currency system; in the US, a coin worth one cent

37. Highlight the sentences that you want to _____.

- v.* to remove something, especially that has been written; to wipe out digitally or magnetically recorded information

38. The government is determined to _____ sharp inflation.

- v.* to try to deal with a complex problem or situation

39. 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

40. Every human is responsible for taking care of the Earth's _____.

- n.* the natural world such as air, water, and land in which humans, animals, and plants live

41. His heartaches are less _____ now.

- adj.* happening constantly

ANSWERS: 34. frequency, 35. addition, 36. penny, 37. delete, 38. tackle, 39. pace, 40. environment, 41. frequent

42. I checked my bank statement and noticed an unexpected _____ from an unknown source.

- n.* an entry in a financial account that represents money owed or transferred out of the account; a payment card or other means of withdrawing funds from a bank account

43. Each department has done its product costing _____.

- adv.* separately or apart from others

44. 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

45. She is searching for a _____ residence.

- adj.* lasting for a long time without essential change

46. He could not _____ against temptation.

- v.* to make a great effort to do something when it is difficult, or there are a lot of problems; to use force or violence to break away from restraint or constriction

47. Too much variety may _____ and confuse viewers.

- v.* to defeat someone or something by using a great deal of force; to have a strong emotional effect on somebody

48. The family enjoyed a lovely _____ in the park on a sunny day.

- n.* an outdoor meal or social gathering where food is served and eaten in nature, typically in a park, forest, or other outdoor settings

49. The _____ bonus was a nice surprise for the employees.

- adj.* subject to one's judgment or decision; available for use as needed or desired

ANSWERS: 42. debit, 43. individually, 44. tips, 45. permanent, 46. struggle, 47. overwhelm, 48. picnic, 49. discretionary

50. He made a generous _____ to the charity.

- n.* a voluntary gift of money, service, or ideas that are given to a person or an organization, or the act of giving them

ANSWERS: 50. donation