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Session 1: Word List

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.

circulate

v. to move continuously or freely around a place or closed system

synonym : flow, disperse, rotate

(1) **circulate** a rumor, (2) **circulate** an agenda before the meeting

The fan **circulates** the air in the room quickly.

symbolize

v. to represent or stand for something else, particularly an abstract concept or idea; to be an emblem or sign of something

synonym : represent, signify, emblemize

(1) **symbolize** hope, (2) **symbolize** freedom

In many cultures, the color white **symbolizes** purity and innocence.

rot

v. to decay, or cause something to decay, naturally and gradually

synonym : perish, decay, corrode

(1) begin to **rot**, (2) **rot** with age

Please refrigerate the meat, or it will **rot**.

cafeteria

n. a restaurant where customers serve themselves from a counter and pay for what they have taken, often found in factories, colleges, hospitals, etc.

synonym : canteen, mess hall, restaurant

(1) **cafeteria** lunch, (2) office **cafeteria**

The university's **cafeteria** was busy with students and staff grabbing a quick lunch.

prosperous

adj. successful financially or materially; bringing success or good fortune

synonym : successful, thriving, affluent

(1) **prosperous** weather, (2) **prosperous** nation

The company decided to invest in a **prosperous** industry.

tweet

n. a short, high sound made by a small bird; a message sent using Twitter, the social media application

synonym : peep, chirp, post (on Twitter)

(1) a chick's **tweet**, (2) his latest **tweets**

We could hear the **tweet** of baby birds.

chuck

v. to throw something carelessly or casually; to get rid of something or someone

synonym : toss, throw, discard

(1) **chuck** the ball across the yard, (2) **chuck** my job

I will **chuck** these old shoes in the trash and buy a new pair.

shortfall

n. the amount by which something falls short of its target or goal; a deficit or shortage in quantity, quality, or standards

synonym : deficit, shortage, insufficiency

(1) energy **shortfall**, (2) production **shortfall**

The company experienced a significant financial **shortfall** last quarter.

coronavirus

- n.* a large family of viruses that can cause illness in humans and animals, which name comes from the crown-like spikes on the surface of the virus, which can be seen under a microscope, and COVID-19 is caused by a specific type of coronavirus known as SARS-CoV-2

synonym : covid

- (1) **coronavirus** antibody test kit, (2) **coronavirus** bankruptcy

Considering the situation of **coronavirus**, organized stopped this year's beer festival.

paralyze

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

synonym : immobilize, disable, numb

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

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

disrupt

- v.* to prevent or stop something, especially an event, activity, or process, from continuing in the usual way by causing a problem or disturbance

synonym : interrupt, disturb, break into

- (1) **disrupt** a well-ordered condition, (2) **disrupt** sleep

I'm so sorry to **disrupt** you when you're pretty busy.

avocado

- n.* a pear-shaped fruit with a hard skin and buttery flesh, commonly eaten raw in salads, sandwiches, or as guacamole

synonym : alligator pear, butter pear, midshipman's butter

- (1) **avocado** toast, (2) **avocado** smoothie

I love adding **avocado** to my salads for that extra creaminess.

almond

- n.* a type of nut that comes from the almond tree widely cultivated for its edible seeds, which is enclosed in a hard, ridged outer casing called a shell, that can be eaten raw or roasted and is often used in baking and as an ingredient in various dishes

synonym : nut, kernel, seed

(1) **almond** milk, (2) **almond** butter

I love snacking on **almonds** for a healthy and delicious snack.

citrus

n. a group of fruits that belong to the citrus family, including oranges, lemons, limes, and grapefruits; the trees that bear these fruits

synonym : orange, lemon, lime

(1) **citrus** trees, (2) **citrus** scent

Citrus fruits like oranges and lemons are high in vitamin C.

strawberry

n. a sweet, juicy fruit with a reddish color, a seeded surface, and a green, leafy top

(1) the **strawberry** pie, (2) **strawberry** greenhouse

He had a **strawberry** smoothie for breakfast.

superstorm

n. an extremely large and powerful storm, typically characterized by high winds, heavy rain or snow, or destructive storm surges

synonym : hurricane, cyclone, typhoon

(1) **superstorm** damage, (2) **superstorm** preparation

The coastal town's residents were urged to evacuate ahead of the **superstorm**.

blight

v. to have a detrimental effect on something, typically causing it to deteriorate or fail; (noun) any plant disease resulting in withering without rotting

synonym : devastate, ruin, decimate

(1) **blight** his life, (2) **blight** a crop

The abandoned factory was **blighted** by vandalism and graffiti.

upshot

n. the outcome or consequence of something, especially a complex or lengthy process or event; the result or conclusion that is reached

synonym : result, consequence, outcome

(1) in the **upshot**, (2) the **upshot** of the research

The **upshot** of the meeting was that the project would be delayed by a few months.

antiquated

adj. outdated or old-fashioned

synonym : old-fashioned, outdated, obsolete

(1) **antiquated** system, (2) have an **antiquated** custom

The factory was forced to shut down due to its **antiquated** equipment.

preempt

v. to act in advance to prevent something or to replace it with something else

synonym : forestall, head off, anticipate

(1) **preempt** a financial crisis, (2) **preempt** trouble

The government **preempted** the release of sensitive information.

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.

intensify

v. to increase or make something increase in extent or strength

synonym : amplify, boost, strengthen

(1) **intensify** diplomatic efforts, (2) **intensify** a good relationship

Rebels have pledged to **intensify** the armed struggle against the dictatorship.

orchard

n. a piece of land that is planted with fruit trees, such as apples, pears, or cherries

synonym : grove, plantation, fruit garden

(1) local apple **orchard**, (2) **orchard** tree

The farmer owns an **orchard** where he grows apples, pears, and plums.

foodscape

n. the physical, cultural, and socio-economic landscape of food and food production, including the cultivation, processing, distribution, consumption, and disposal of food

(1) **foodscape** design, (2) urban **foodscape**

Agricultural policies affect the **foodscape** of a country by influencing what crops are grown and, thus, consumed.

edible

adj. fit or safe to be eaten; able to be consumed as food
synonym: esculent, comestible, digestible

(1) non- **edible** ingredients, (2) **edible** vegetables

I made sure to pick only **edible** mushrooms for our dinner.

permaculture

n. a system of agricultural and ecological design that aims to create sustainable, self-sufficient ecosystems by working with natural processes and relying on renewable resources

synonym: sustainable agriculture, natural farming

(1) **permaculture** principles, (2) **permaculture** garden

The **permaculture** community emphasizes the importance of working with, not against, nature.

reinvent

v. to change something so drastically that it looks to be completely new

synonym: recreate, remake, revive

(1) **reinvent** local dishes, (2) **reinvent** our life

They have tried to **reinvent** their grocery stores.

proclaim

v. to announce or state something publicly and forcefully
synonym: announce, declare, trumpet

(1) **proclaim** victory, (2) **proclaim** law

The leader **proclaimed** a state of emergency in the country.

bristle

n. a stiff, short hair on a mammal's skin or a natural or artificial brush; a stiff, sharp point on a plant such as a thorn or a prickle; (verb) to react defensively to something; to stand up stiffly and be rigid

synonym : spike, prickle, hair

(1) **bristle** brush, (2) **bristle** with anger

The dog's **bristle** on its back stood up as it growled at the mailman.

skeptic

n. a person who doubts or questions the truth of specific claims, beliefs, or doctrines, especially those in religion or the supernatural

synonym : doubter, disbeliever, questioner

(1) an ingrained **skeptic**, (2) climate **skeptic**

He was a **skeptic** who doubted the existence of supernatural phenomena.

rift

n. a break or fissure in a relationship, organization, or physical structure; a large crack in the ground, rock, or other surfaces

synonym : split, break, gap

(1) **rift** between friends, (2) geological **rift**

Their disagreement caused a **rift** in their friendship.

covet

v. to strongly desire or crave something, particularly something that belongs to someone else; to have an excessive or envious desire for

synonym : desire, yearn, crave

(1) **covet** wealth, (2) **covet** fame

She couldn't help but **covet** her friend's designer handbag.

degrade

v. to make something worse, especially in quality; to show or treat someone in a way that makes them seem no value and do not have the respect or reasonable opinion of others

synonym : demean, disgrace, impair

(1) **degrade** his public image, (2) **degrade** environmental

quality

You should not **degrade** yourself by allowing them to use you.

vegan

n. a person who does not eat or use any animal products, typically for ethical or environmental reasons

(1) raw food **vegan**, (2) **vegan** lifestyle

The **vegan** diet is based on plant-based foods.

lapse

n. a temporary or brief failure in judgment, action, or behavior; a gradual or slow decline, often referring to a loss of performance, quality, or attention; a period of time that has passed; (verb) to fall or slip into a particular state, often one that is undesirable or unintended

synonym: break, failure, blunder

(1) **lapse** back into recession, (2) **lapse** in payment

I missed the deadline due to a **lapse** in my memory.

resilient

adj. able to withstand or recover quickly from difficult conditions

synonym: robust, sturdy, tough

(1) a hard and **resilient** steel, (2) **resilient** population

She is a **resilient** person and has always bounced back from setbacks.

robotic

adj. of or relating to mechanical robots; (robotics) the interdisciplinary branch of computer science and engineering with the practical use of robots

synonym: automated, mechanical, laborsaving

(1) **robotic** arm, (2) **robotic** guide operation

The surgeon removed the tumor using **robotic** video assistance.

battalion

n. a large, organized military unit composed of several companies, typically commanded by a lieutenant colonel or a major

synonym : unit, regiment, squad

(1) infantry **battalion**, (2) armored **battalion**

The enemy forces were no match for the well-trained **battalion**.

pincers

n. a tool or instrument with two limbs or jaws that are jointed together and used for gripping and holding objects; the claws or appendages of certain creatures that are used for grasping, gripping, or crushing

synonym : pliers, tweezers, forceps

(1) scorpion **pincers**, (2) grip with **pincers**

The handyman used his trusty **pincers** to remove the rusty nails from the old boards.

pluck

v. to pull or draw something, especially with sudden force or effort; to strip of feathers

synonym : grab, pull out, pick

(1) **pluck** a gray hair, (2) **pluck** out weeds

She **plucked** the flowers off the bush.

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.

snipe

v. to make a sly or spiteful remark, often in a concealed or indirect way; to target someone with an unfair or unwarranted attack or criticism

synonym : criticize, disparage, sharpshoot

(1) **snipe** at the suspect, (2) **snipe** at each other

The politician **sniped** at his opponent during the debate.

herbicide

n. a substance used to kill or control the growth of unwanted plants

synonym : weedkiller, pesticide, chemical

(1) banned **herbicide**, (2) **herbicide** resistance
The farmer sprayed **herbicide** on his crops to kill weeds.

incinerate

v. to burn something, especially waste material completely
synonym: burn

(1) **incinerate** waste, (2) the power to **incinerate** nations
For safety reasons, we must completely **incinerate** contaminated protective clothing.

fungicide

n. a substance or chemical used to kill or inhibit the growth of fungi, typically used in agriculture, horticulture, or the treatment of fungal infections in humans or animals
synonym: antifungal, fungistat

(1) apply **fungicide**, (2) agricultural **fungicide**
The plant nursery sprayed **fungicide** on their seedlings to prevent damping-off disease.

insecticide

n. a substance used to kill insects
synonym: pesticide, bug-killer, rodenticide

(1) **insecticide** spray, (2) **insecticide** residue
The farmer sprayed the crop with **insecticide** to protect it from pests.

intercrop

v. to grow or cultivate two or more crops simultaneously on the same land, often to increase yield or improve soil quality
synonym: interplant

(1) **intercrop** tomatoes with basil, (2) **intercrop** lettuce and radishes
Farmers often **intercrop** their fields with complementary crops to improve soil health and yield.

mimic

v. to imitate someone's speech, movement, or behavior, especially to make others laugh
synonym: mirror, imitate, ape

(1) **mimic** a human voice, (2) **mimic** numerous instruments

He is very popular at school because he can **mimic** all the teachers' accents.

decentralize

v. to move the power, control, or authority of an organization, government, or system from a single place to several smaller ones

synonym: deconcentrate, disperse, distribute

(1) **decentralize** authority, (2) **decentralize** organizational structure

We need to **decentralize** our data to recover quickly from a disaster.

aeroponic

adj. relating to a technique of growing plants without soil by suspending the roots in a mist or aerosol of nutrients

synonym: aerospace, hydroponic, mist

(1) **aeroponic** vegetable, (2) **aeroponic** garden

An **aeroponic** system uses mist to grow plants.

creepy

adj. causing an uneasy feeling of fear or unease

synonym: eerie, unsettling, spooky

(1) feel **creepy**, (2) **creepy** atmosphere

The old, abandoned house was **creepy** and gave me the chills.

innovate

v. to introduce new methods, ideas, or products

synonym: bring in, introduce, found

(1) **innovate** a new method, (2) **innovate** the quality of his life

Companies developing self-driving cars consistently **innovate** the emerging technologies.

elevate

v. to raise something from a lower to a higher position; to give a promotion to or assign to a higher position

synonym: lift, heighten, promote

(1) **elevate** educational standards, (2) **elevate** a close relationship

Eating food in a hurry **elevates** blood glucose levels.

profoundly

adv. to a great or complete degree; deeply

synonym : deeply, greatly, completely

(1) **profoundly** insightful, (2) sleep **profoundly**

The novel affected her **profoundly**, causing her to question her beliefs and values.

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.

astound

v. to surprise or shock someone with wonder very much

synonym : amaze, astonish, surprise

(1) **astound** everyone, (2) **astound** the viewer

The final result was nothing short of **astounding**.

bioreactor

n. a device or system used to cultivate living cells, tissues, or organisms for industrial or research purposes

synonym : fermenter

(1) **bioreactor** engineering, (2) anaerobic **bioreactor**

The scientists optimized the conditions in the **bioreactor** to increase the yield of the desired product.

supple

adj. flexible and easy to bend or move; gracefully agile; adaptable or responsive to change or new ideas

synonym : flexible, pliable, bendable

(1) **supple** muscles, (2) **supple** leather

The ballerina's **supple** movements left the audience mesmerized.

cardiologist

n. a medical doctor who specializes in the study and treatment of the heart and the circulatory system

synonym : heart doctor, heart specialist, cardiac specialist

(1) **cardiologist** appointment, (2) skilled **cardiologist**

My grandfather is seeing a **cardiologist** to monitor his heart condition.

quintessence

n. the perfect example of a quality or class

synonym: essence, core, heart

(1) the **quintessence** of virtue, (2) **quintessence** of life

The **quintessence** of the author's writing is the depth of emotion conveyed.

reimagine

v. to imagine or conceive of something in a new or different way

synonym: re-conceptualize, re-envision, re-create

(1) **reimagine** the future, (2) **reimagine** the possibilities

The company is trying to **reimagine** its business model to stay competitive.

emulate

v. to imitate someone else's achievements to try to do something as well as somebody else

synonym: impersonate, mimic, imitate

(1) **emulate** a successful business model, (2) **emulate** his watercolors

They intend to **emulate** the footsteps of successful software companies.

heirloom

n. a valuable object, typically a piece of jewelry, artwork, or household item, that is passed down from generation to generation as a family heirloom; something that has special sentimental or historical value

synonym: heritage, inheritance, legacy

(1) **heirloom** jewelry, (2) family **heirloom**

The family recipe for apple pie has become an **heirloom** tradition.

aquaculture

n. the cultivation of aquatic organisms such as fish, seaweed, and shellfish for human consumption, as well as for environmental conservation and research purposes

synonym : fish farming, mariculture, hydroponics

(1) **aquaculture** industry, (2) sustainable **aquaculture**

Fish farming is a form of **aquaculture** that has recently gained popularity.

graze

v. to feed on grass or other vegetation, especially by nibbling at it repeatedly; to break the skin of a body part by scraping

synonym : nibble, feed, scrape

(1) turn cattle out to **graze**, (2) **graze** the left shoulder

The sheep **graze** on the green grass in the meadow.

rev

n. a measure of the rate at which an engine or motor rotates, often expressed in revolutions per minute (RPM); (verb) to increase the number of rotations per minute

synonym : revolution, RPM, speed

(1) low- **rev** engine, (2) **rev** up the crowd

He stepped on the gas pedal, and the engine released a loud **rev**.

recycle

v. to sort and collect things to process them and produce valuable materials that can be used again

synonym : reclaim, reuse, reprocess

(1) **recycle** the cardboard boxes, (2) **recycle** milk packaging into new paper

We largely **recycle** the circuit board of cell phones because they contain a lot of valuable metals.

sew

v. to join, fasten, or repair two pieces of something by putting the thread through them with a needle

synonym : stitch, darn, tailor

(1) **sew** with thread, (2) **sew** a button

My mother taught me how to **sew**.

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.

redefine

v. to change the meaning or interpretation of something; to make people think about something in a new or different way

synonym : reconsider, reformulate, alter

(1) **redefine** customer experience, (2) **redefine** our role

The video telephony application has **redefined** the way we work.

Session 2: Spelling

1. de_____e his public image
v. to make something worse, especially in quality; to show or treat someone in a way that makes them seem no value and do not have the respect or reasonable opinion of others
2. armored ba_____on
n. a large, organized military unit composed of several companies, typically commanded by a lieutenant colonel or a major
3. scorpion pi_____s
n. a tool or instrument with two limbs or jaws that are jointed together and used for gripping and holding objects; the claws or appendages of certain creatures that are used for grasping, gripping, or crushing
4. in_____op lettuce and radishes
v. to grow or cultivate two or more crops simultaneously on the same land, often to increase yield or improve soil quality
5. dec_____ize organizational structure
v. to move the power, control, or authority of an organization, government, or system from a single place to several smaller ones
6. pr_____t a financial crisis
v. to act in advance to prevent something or to replace it with something else
7. in_____fy diplomatic efforts
v. to increase or make something increase in extent or strength
8. in the up____t
n. the outcome or consequence of something, especially a complex or lengthy process or event; the result or conclusion that is reached

ANSWERS: 1. degrade, 2. battalion, 3. pincers, 4. intercrop, 5. decentralize, 6. preempt, 7. intensify, 8. upshot

9. al___d butter *n.* a type of nut that comes from the almond tree widely cultivated for its edible seeds, which is enclosed in a hard, ridged outer casing called a shell, that can be eaten raw or roasted and is often used in baking and as an ingredient in various dishes
10. pr____t trouble *v.* to act in advance to prevent something or to replace it with something else
11. a hard and re_____nt steel *adj.* able to withstand or recover quickly from difficult conditions
12. global pa_____ic *n.* an outbreak of a disease that affects many people over a very wide area
13. pa_____ze a person *v.* to cause a person or part of the body to become unable to move or feel
14. in_____te a new method *v.* to introduce new methods, ideas, or products
15. as_____d everyone *v.* to surprise or shock someone with wonder very much
16. the power to inc_____te nations *v.* to burn something, especially waste material completely
17. sn__e at each other *v.* to make a sly or spiteful remark, often in a concealed or indirect way; to target someone with an unfair or unwarranted attack or criticism
18. ro_____c guide operation *adj.* of or relating to mechanical robots; (robotics) the interdisciplinary branch of computer science and engineering with the practical use of robots

ANSWERS: 9. almond, 10. preempt, 11. resilient, 12. pandemic, 13. paralyze, 14. innovate, 15. astound, 16. incinerate, 17. snipe, 18. robotic

19. sn__e at the suspect *v.* to make a sly or spiteful remark, often in a concealed or indirect way; to target someone with an unfair or unwarranted attack or criticism
20. ro____c arm *adj.* of or relating to mechanical robots; (robotics) the interdisciplinary branch of computer science and engineering with the practical use of robots
21. sup_____rm damage *n.* an extremely large and powerful storm, typically characterized by high winds, heavy rain or snow, or destructive storm surges
22. mi__c a human voice *v.* to imitate someone's speech, movement, or behavior, especially to make others laugh
23. de_____e environmental quality *v.* to make something worse, especially in quality; to show or treat someone in a way that makes them seem no value and do not have the respect or reasonable opinion of others
24. sleep pro_____ly *adv.* to a great or complete degree; deeply
25. ci_____te a rumor *v.* to move continuously or freely around a place or closed system
26. re_____ne our role *v.* to change the meaning or interpretation of something; to make people think about something in a new or different way
27. cor_____us antibody test kit *n.* a large family of viruses that can cause illness in humans and animals, which name comes from the crown-like spikes on the surface of the virus, which can be seen under a microscope, and COVID-19 is caused by a specific type of coronavirus known as SARS-CoV-2

ANSWERS: 19. snipe, 20. robotic, 21. superstorm, 22. mimic, 23. degrade, 24. profoundly, 25. circulate, 26. redefine, 27. coronavirus

28. re____e milk packaging into new paper
29. di____t sleep
30. pl__k out weeds
31. ci_____te an agenda before the meeting
32. ex___e rebellion
33. gr__e the left shoulder
34. ve__n lifestyle
35. agricultural fu_____de
36. a chick's tw__t
- v. to sort and collect things to process them and produce valuable materials that can be used again
- v. to prevent or stop something, especially an event, activity, or process, from continuing in the usual way by causing a problem or disturbance
- v. to pull or draw something, especially with sudden force or effort; to strip of feathers
- v. to move continuously or freely around a place or closed system
- v. to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager
- v. to feed on grass or other vegetation, especially by nibbling at it repeatedly; to break the skin of a body part by scraping
- n. a person who does not eat or use any animal products, typically for ethical or environmental reasons
- n. a substance or chemical used to kill or inhibit the growth of fungi, typically used in agriculture, horticulture, or the treatment of fungal infections in humans or animals
- n. a short, high sound made by a small bird; a message sent using Twitter, the social media application

ANSWERS: 28. recycle, 29. disrupt, 30. pluck, 31. circulate, 32. excite, 33. graze, 34. vegan, 35. fungicide, 36. tweet

37. anaerobic bio_____or *n.* a device or system used to cultivate living cells, tissues, or organisms for industrial or research purposes
38. br_____e brush *n.* a stiff, short hair on a mammal's skin or a natural or artificial brush; a stiff, sharp point on a plant such as a thorn or a prickle; (verb) to react defensively to something; to stand up stiffly and be rigid
39. the qui_____nce of virtue *n.* the perfect example of a quality or class
40. em_____e his watercolors *v.* to imitate someone else's achievements to try to do something as well as somebody else
41. the up____t of the research *n.* the outcome or consequence of something, especially a complex or lengthy process or event; the result or conclusion that is reached
42. 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
43. skilled car_____ist *n.* a medical doctor who specializes in the study and treatment of the heart and the circulatory system
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45. al____d milk *n.* a type of nut that comes from the almond tree widely cultivated for its edible seeds, which is enclosed in a hard, ridged outer casing called a shell, that can be eaten raw or roasted and is often used in baking and as an ingredient in various dishes

ANSWERS: 37. bioreactor, 38. bristle, 39. quintessence, 40. emulate, 41. upshot, 42. hoop, 43. cardiologist, 44. bioreactor, 45. almond

56. su___e leather *adj.* flexible and easy to bend or move; gracefully agile; adaptable or responsive to change or new ideas
57. grip with pi____s *n.* a tool or instrument with two limbs or jaws that are jointed together and used for gripping and holding objects; the claws or appendages of certain creatures that are used for grasping, gripping, or crushing
58. energy sh_____ll *n.* the amount by which something falls short of its target or goal; a deficit or shortage in quantity, quality, or standards
59. ae_____ic vegetable *adj.* relating to a technique of growing plants without soil by suspending the roots in a mist or aerosol of nutrients
60. in_____fy a good relationship *v.* to increase or make something increase in extent or strength
61. inc_____te waste *v.* to burn something, especially waste material completely
62. ca_____ia lunch *n.* a restaurant where customers serve themselves from a counter and pay for what they have taken, often found in factories, colleges, hospitals, etc.
63. in_____op tomatoes with basil *v.* to grow or cultivate two or more crops simultaneously on the same land, often to increase yield or improve soil quality
64. sy_____ze freedom *v.* to represent or stand for something else, particularly an abstract concept or idea; to be an emblem or sign of something

ANSWERS: 56. supple, 57. pincers, 58. shortfall, 59. aeroponic, 60. intensify, 61. incinerate, 62. cafeteria, 63. intercrop, 64. symbolize

65. re_____ne the possibilities *v.* to imagine or conceive of something in a new or different way
66. the str_____ry pie *n.* a sweet, juicy fruit with a reddish color, a seeded surface, and a green, leafy top
67. su___e muscles *adj.* flexible and easy to bend or move; gracefully agile; adaptable or responsive to change or new ideas
68. low-r_v engine *n.* a measure of the rate at which an engine or motor rotates, often expressed in revolutions per minute (RPM); (verb) to increase the number of rotations per minute
69. sustainable aqu_____re *n.* the cultivation of aquatic organisms such as fish, seaweed, and shellfish for human consumption, as well as for environmental conservation and research purposes
70. sy_____ze hope *v.* to represent or stand for something else, particularly an abstract concept or idea; to be an emblem or sign of something
71. aqu_____re industry *n.* the cultivation of aquatic organisms such as fish, seaweed, and shellfish for human consumption, as well as for environmental conservation and research purposes
72. ant_____ed system *adj.* outdated or old-fashioned
73. qui_____nce of life *n.* the perfect example of a quality or class

ANSWERS: 65. reimagine, 66. strawberry, 67. supple, 68. rev, 69. aquaculture, 70. symbolize, 71. aquaculture, 72. antiquated, 73. quintessence

74. as____d the viewer *v.* to surprise or shock someone with wonder very much
75. infantry ba_____on *n.* a large, organized military unit composed of several companies, typically commanded by a lieutenant colonel or a major
76. br_____e with anger *n.* a stiff, short hair on a mammal's skin or a natural or artificial brush; a stiff, sharp point on a plant such as a thorn or a prickle; (verb) to react defensively to something; to stand up stiffly and be rigid
77. dec_____ize authority *v.* to move the power, control, or authority of an organization, government, or system from a single place to several smaller ones
78. an ingrained sk_____c *n.* a person who doubts or questions the truth of specific claims, beliefs, or doctrines, especially those in religion or the supernatural
79. hu_____g bird *adj.* producing a continuous, low, vibrating sound like that of the bee
80. ch__k the ball across the yard *v.* to throw something carelessly or casually; to get rid of something or someone
81. hu_____g sound *adj.* producing a continuous, low, vibrating sound like that of the bee
82. office ca_____ia *n.* a restaurant where customers serve themselves from a counter and pay for what they have taken, often found in factories, colleges, hospitals, etc.

ANSWERS: 74. astound, 75. battalion, 76. bristle, 77. decentralize, 78. skeptic, 79. humming, 80. chuck, 81. humming, 82. cafeteria

93. pa____ze a city *v.* to cause a person or part of the body to become unable to move or feel
94. apply fu_____de *n.* a substance or chemical used to kill or inhibit the growth of fungi, typically used in agriculture, horticulture, or the treatment of fungal infections in humans or animals
95. la__e in payment *n.* a temporary or brief failure in judgment, action, or behavior; a gradual or slow decline, often referring to a loss of performance, quality, or attention; a period of time that has passed; (verb) to fall or slip into a particular state, often one that is undesirable or unintended
96. 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
97. ins_____de spray *n.* a substance used to kill insects
98. he_____om jewelry *n.* a valuable object, typically a piece of jewelry, artwork, or household item, that is passed down from generation to generation as a family heirloom; something that has special sentimental or historical value
99. av_____o toast *n.* a pear-shaped fruit with a hard skin and buttery flesh, commonly eaten raw in salads, sandwiches, or as guacamole
100. re_____k a marketing plan *v.* to consider again a plan, idea, etc., especially to change it

ANSWERS: 93. paralyze, 94. fungicide, 95. lapse, 96. hoop, 97. insecticide, 98. heirloom, 99. avocado, 100. rethink

101. in____te the quality of his life *v.* to introduce new methods, ideas, or products
102. r__t between friends *n.* a break or fissure in a relationship, organization, or physical structure; a large crack in the ground, rock, or other surfaces
103. r_v up the crowd *n.* a measure of the rate at which an engine or motor rotates, often expressed in revolutions per minute (RPM); (verb) to increase the number of rotations per minute
104. pr____im law *v.* to announce or state something publicly and forcefully
105. ch__k my job *v.* to throw something carelessly or casually; to get rid of something or someone
106. el____e educational standards *v.* to raise something from a lower to a higher position; to give a promotion to or assign to a higher position
107. urban fo____pe *n.* the physical, cultural, and socio-economic landscape of food and food production, including the cultivation, processing, distribution, consumption, and disposal of food
108. flu pa____ic *n.* an outbreak of a disease that affects many people over a very wide area
109. ae____ic garden *adj.* relating to a technique of growing plants without soil by suspending the roots in a mist or aerosol of nutrients

ANSWERS: 101. innovate, 102. rift, 103. rev, 104. proclaim, 105. chuck, 106. elevate, 107. foodscape, 108. pandemic, 109. aeroponic

110. pro_____us weather *adj.* successful financially or materially; bringing success or good fortune
111. re_____e the cardboard boxes *v.* to sort and collect things to process them and produce valuable materials that can be used again
112. ex____e the crowd *v.* to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager
113. re_____ne customer experience *v.* to change the meaning or interpretation of something; to make people think about something in a new or different way
114. his latest tw__ts *n.* a short, high sound made by a small bird; a message sent using Twitter, the social media application
115. av_____o smoothie *n.* a pear-shaped fruit with a hard skin and buttery flesh, commonly eaten raw in salads, sandwiches, or as guacamole
116. s_w a button *v.* to join, fasten, or repair two pieces of something by putting the thread through them with a needle
117. per_____ure principles *n.* a system of agricultural and ecological design that aims to create sustainable, self-sufficient ecosystems by working with natural processes and relying on renewable resources
118. cr____y atmosphere *adj.* causing an uneasy feeling of fear or unease
119. pr_____im victory *v.* to announce or state something publicly and forcefully

ANSWERS: 110. prosperous, 111. recycle, 112. excite, 113. redefine, 114. tweet, 115. avocado, 116. sew, 117. permaculture, 118. creepy, 119. proclaim

120. or_____d tree *n.* a piece of land that is planted with fruit trees, such as apples, pears, or cherries
121. pro_____us nation *adj.* successful financially or materially; bringing success or good fortune
122. di_____t a well-ordered condition *v.* to prevent or stop something, especially an event, activity, or process, from continuing in the usual way by causing a problem or disturbance
123. he_____de resistance *n.* a substance used to kill or control the growth of unwanted plants
124. re_____k the role of the manager *v.* to consider again a plan, idea, etc., especially to change it
125. geological r__t *n.* a break or fissure in a relationship, organization, or physical structure; a large crack in the ground, rock, or other surfaces
126. production sh_____ll *n.* the amount by which something falls short of its target or goal; a deficit or shortage in quantity, quality, or standards
127. pro_____ly insightful *adv.* to a great or complete degree; deeply
128. banned he_____de *n.* a substance used to kill or control the growth of unwanted plants
129. re_____nt our life *v.* to change something so drastically that it looks to be completely new
130. begin to r_t *v.* to decay, or cause something to decay, naturally and gradually
131. non-ed___e ingredients *adj.* fit or safe to be eaten; able to be consumed as food

ANSWERS: 120. orchard, 121. prosperous, 122. disrupt, 123. herbicide, 124. rethink, 125. rift, 126. shortfall, 127. profoundly, 128. herbicide, 129. reinvent, 130. rot, 131. edible

132. co__t fame *v.* to strongly desire or crave something, particularly something that belongs to someone else; to have an excessive or envious desire for
133. ci___s trees *n.* a group of fruits that belong to the citrus family, including oranges, lemons, limes, and grapefruits; the trees that bear these fruits
134. ci___s scent *n.* a group of fruits that belong to the citrus family, including oranges, lemons, limes, and grapefruits; the trees that bear these fruits
135. cor_____us bankruptcy *n.* a large family of viruses that can cause illness in humans and animals, which name comes from the crown-like spikes on the surface of the virus, which can be seen under a microscope, and COVID-19 is caused by a specific type of coronavirus known as SARS-CoV-2
136. turn cattle out to gr__e *v.* to feed on grass or other vegetation, especially by nibbling at it repeatedly; to break the skin of a body part by scraping
137. em_____e a successful business model *v.* to imitate someone else's achievements to try to do something as well as somebody else
138. fo_____pe design *n.* the physical, cultural, and socio-economic landscape of food and food production, including the cultivation, processing, distribution, consumption, and disposal of food

ANSWERS: 132. covet, 133. citrus, 134. citrus, 135. coronavirus, 136. graze, 137. emulate, 138. foodscape

139. local apple or_____d *n.* a piece of land that is planted with fruit trees, such as apples, pears, or cherries
140. el_____e a close relationship *v.* to raise something from a lower to a higher position; to give a promotion to or assign to a higher position
141. climate sk_____c *n.* a person who doubts or questions the truth of specific claims, beliefs, or doctrines, especially those in religion or the supernatural
142. co__t wealth *v.* to strongly desire or crave something, particularly something that belongs to someone else; to have an excessive or envious desire for

ANSWERS: 139. orchard, 140. elevate, 141. skeptic, 142. covet

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The abandoned factory was _____ by vandalism and graffiti.
 - v. to have a detrimental effect on something, typically causing it to deteriorate or fail; (noun) any plant disease resulting in withering without rotting

2. The farmer sprayed _____ on his crops to kill weeds.
 - n. a substance used to kill or control the growth of unwanted plants

3. The fan _____ the air in the room quickly.
 - v. to move continuously or freely around a place or closed system

4. In many cultures, the color white _____ purity and innocence.
 - v. to represent or stand for something else, particularly an abstract concept or idea; to be an emblem or sign of something

5. Farmers often _____ their fields with complementary crops to improve soil health and yield.
 - v. to grow or cultivate two or more crops simultaneously on the same land, often to increase yield or improve soil quality

6. I love adding _____ to my salads for that extra creaminess.
 - n. a pear-shaped fruit with a hard skin and buttery flesh, commonly eaten raw in salads, sandwiches, or as guacamole

7. We need to _____ our data to recover quickly from a disaster.
 - v. to move the power, control, or authority of an organization, government, or system from a single place to several smaller ones

ANSWERS: 1. blighted, 2. herbicide, 3. circulates, 4. symbolizes, 5. intercrop, 6. avocado, 7. decentralize

8. They intend to _____ the footsteps of successful software companies.
v. to imitate someone else's achievements to try to do something as well as somebody else
9. My mother taught me how to _____.
v. to join, fasten, or repair two pieces of something by putting the thread through them with a needle
10. For safety reasons, we must completely _____ contaminated protective clothing.
v. to burn something, especially waste material completely
11. He stepped on the gas pedal, and the engine released a loud _____.
n. a measure of the rate at which an engine or motor rotates, often expressed in revolutions per minute (RPM); (verb) to increase the number of rotations per minute
12. The farmer sprayed the crop with _____ to protect it from pests.
n. a substance used to kill insects
13. She is a _____ person and has always bounced back from setbacks.
adj. able to withstand or recover quickly from difficult conditions
14. The company decided to invest in a _____ industry.
adj. successful financially or materially; bringing success or good fortune
15. Fish farming is a form of _____ that has recently gained popularity.
n. the cultivation of aquatic organisms such as fish, seaweed, and shellfish for human consumption, as well as for environmental conservation and research purposes

ANSWERS: 8. emulate, 9. sew, 10. incinerate, 11. rev, 12. insecticide, 13. resilient, 14. prosperous, 15. aquaculture

16. The politician _____ at his opponent during the debate.
- v.* to make a sly or spiteful remark, often in a concealed or indirect way; to target someone with an unfair or unwarranted attack or criticism
17. The family recipe for apple pie has become an _____ tradition.
- n.* a valuable object, typically a piece of jewelry, artwork, or household item, that is passed down from generation to generation as a family heirloom; something that has special sentimental or historical value
18. They fear a _____ of a new type of virus.
- n.* an outbreak of a disease that affects many people over a very wide area
19. The enemy forces were no match for the well-trained _____.
- n.* a large, organized military unit composed of several companies, typically commanded by a lieutenant colonel or a major
20. The _____ community emphasizes the importance of working with, not against, nature.
- n.* a system of agricultural and ecological design that aims to create sustainable, self-sufficient ecosystems by working with natural processes and relying on renewable resources
21. I'm so sorry to _____ you when you're pretty busy.
- v.* to prevent or stop something, especially an event, activity, or process, from continuing in the usual way by causing a problem or disturbance
22. He had a _____ smoothie for breakfast.
- n.* a sweet, juicy fruit with a reddish color, a seeded surface, and a green, leafy top

ANSWERS: 16. sniped, 17. heirloom, 18. pandemic, 19. battalion, 20. permaculture, 21. disrupt, 22. strawberry

23. The farmer owns an _____ where he grows apples, pears, and plums.
n. a piece of land that is planted with fruit trees, such as apples, pears, or cherries
24. I made sure to pick only _____ mushrooms for our dinner.
adj. fit or safe to be eaten; able to be consumed as food
25. 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
26. Please refrigerate the meat, or it will _____.
v. to decay, or cause something to decay, naturally and gradually
27. I love snacking on _____ for a healthy and delicious snack.
n. a type of nut that comes from the almond tree widely cultivated for its edible seeds, which is enclosed in a hard, ridged outer casing called a shell, that can be eaten raw or roasted and is often used in baking and as an ingredient in various dishes
28. The ballerina's _____ movements left the audience mesmerized.
adj. flexible and easy to bend or move; gracefully agile; adaptable or responsive to change or new ideas
29. We largely _____ the circuit board of cell phones because they contain a lot of valuable metals.
v. to sort and collect things to process them and produce valuable materials that can be used again
30. Rebels have pledged to _____ the armed struggle against the dictatorship.
v. to increase or make something increase in extent or strength

ANSWERS: 23. orchard, 24. edible, 25. humming, 26. rot, 27. almonds, 28. supple, 29. recycle, 30. intensify

31. The leader _____ a state of emergency in the country.
v. to announce or state something publicly and forcefully
32. Companies developing self-driving cars consistently _____ the emerging technologies.
v. to introduce new methods, ideas, or products
33. The coastal town's residents were urged to evacuate ahead of the _____.
n. an extremely large and powerful storm, typically characterized by high winds, heavy rain or snow, or destructive storm surges
34. She _____ the flowers off the bush.
v. to pull or draw something, especially with sudden force or effort; to strip of feathers
35. The factory was forced to shut down due to its _____ equipment.
adj. outdated or old-fashioned
36. The plant nursery sprayed _____ on their seedlings to prevent damping-off disease.
n. a substance or chemical used to kill or inhibit the growth of fungi, typically used in agriculture, horticulture, or the treatment of fungal infections in humans or animals
37. The scientists optimized the conditions in the _____ to increase the yield of the desired product.
n. a device or system used to cultivate living cells, tissues, or organisms for industrial or research purposes
38. The video telephony application has _____ the way we work.
v. to change the meaning or interpretation of something; to make people think about something in a new or different way

ANSWERS: 31. proclaimed, 32. innovate, 33. superstorm, 34. plucked, 35. antiquated, 36. fungicide, 37. bioreactor, 38. redefined

39. I missed the deadline due to a _____ in my memory.

- n.* a temporary or brief failure in judgment, action, or behavior; a gradual or slow decline, often referring to a loss of performance, quality, or attention; a period of time that has passed; (verb) to fall or slip into a particular state, often one that is undesirable or unintended

40. The handyman used his trusty _____ to remove the rusty nails from the old boards.

- n.* a tool or instrument with two limbs or jaws that are jointed together and used for gripping and holding objects; the claws or appendages of certain creatures that are used for grasping, gripping, or crushing

41. My grandfather is seeing a _____ to monitor his heart condition.

- n.* a medical doctor who specializes in the study and treatment of the heart and the circulatory system

42. 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

43. She couldn't help but _____ her friend's designer handbag.

- v.* to strongly desire or crave something, particularly something that belongs to someone else; to have an excessive or envious desire for

44. I will _____ these old shoes in the trash and buy a new pair.

- v.* to throw something carelessly or casually; to get rid of something or someone

45. The final result was nothing short of _____.

- v.* to surprise or shock someone with wonder very much

ANSWERS: 39. lapse, 40. pincers, 41. cardiologist, 42. hoop, 43. covet, 44. chuck, 45. astounding

46. The government _____ the release of sensitive information.
v. to act in advance to prevent something or to replace it with something else
47. _____ fruits like oranges and lemons are high in vitamin C.
n. a group of fruits that belong to the citrus family, including oranges, lemons, limes, and grapefruits; the trees that bear these fruits
48. The company is trying to _____ its business model to stay competitive.
v. to imagine or conceive of something in a new or different way
49. We could hear the _____ of baby birds.
n. a short, high sound made by a small bird; a message sent using Twitter, the social media application
50. Agricultural policies affect the _____ of a country by influencing what crops are grown and, thus, consumed.
n. the physical, cultural, and socio-economic landscape of food and food production, including the cultivation, processing, distribution, consumption, and disposal of food
51. The news of her promotion _____ her.
v. to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager
52. The _____ of the author's writing is the depth of emotion conveyed.
n. the perfect example of a quality or class
53. The surgeon removed the tumor using _____ video assistance.
adj. of or relating to mechanical robots; (robotics) the interdisciplinary branch of computer science and engineering with the practical use of robots

ANSWERS: 46. preempted, 47. Citrus, 48. reimagine, 49. tweet, 50. foodscape, 51. excited, 52. quintessence, 53. robotic

54. An _____ system uses mist to grow plants.
adj. relating to a technique of growing plants without soil by suspending the roots in a mist or aerosol of nutrients
55. Their disagreement caused a _____ in their friendship.
n. a break or fissure in a relationship, organization, or physical structure; a large crack in the ground, rock, or other surfaces
56. The _____ of the meeting was that the project would be delayed by a few months.
n. the outcome or consequence of something, especially a complex or lengthy process or event; the result or conclusion that is reached
57. The old, abandoned house was _____ and gave me the chills.
adj. causing an uneasy feeling of fear or unease
58. The novel affected her _____ causing her to question her beliefs and values.
adv. to a great or complete degree; deeply
59. You should not _____ yourself by allowing them to use you.
v. to make something worse, especially in quality; to show or treat someone in a way that makes them seem no value and do not have the respect or reasonable opinion of others
60. They have tried to _____ their grocery stores.
v. to change something so drastically that it looks to be completely new
61. The dog's _____ on its back stood up as it growled at the mailman.
n. a stiff, short hair on a mammal's skin or a natural or artificial brush; a stiff, sharp point on a plant such as a thorn or a prickle; (verb) to react defensively to something; to stand up stiffly and be rigid

ANSWERS: 54. aeroponic, 55. rift, 56. upshot, 57. creepy, 58. profoundly, 59. degrade, 60. reinvent, 61. bristle

62. We have to _____ our company's product lineup for further growth.
- v. to consider again a plan, idea, etc., especially to change it
63. The sheep _____ on the green grass in the meadow.
- v. to feed on grass or other vegetation, especially by nibbling at it repeatedly; to break the skin of a body part by scraping
64. Eating food in a hurry _____ blood glucose levels.
- v. to raise something from a lower to a higher position; to give a promotion to or assign to a higher position
65. The venom from the snake bite _____ his arm.
- v. to cause a person or part of the body to become unable to move or feel
66. The _____ diet is based on plant-based foods.
- n. a person who does not eat or use any animal products, typically for ethical or environmental reasons
67. He is very popular at school because he can _____ all the teachers' accents.
- v. to imitate someone's speech, movement, or behavior, especially to make others laugh
68. The company experienced a significant financial _____ last quarter.
- n. the amount by which something falls short of its target or goal; a deficit or shortage in quantity, quality, or standards
69. He was a _____ who doubted the existence of supernatural phenomena.
- n. a person who doubts or questions the truth of specific claims, beliefs, or doctrines, especially those in religion or the supernatural

ANSWERS: 62. rethink, 63. graze, 64. elevates, 65. paralyzed, 66. vegan, 67. mimic, 68. shortfall, 69. skeptic

70. Considering the situation of _____ organized stopped this year's beer festival.
- n.* a large family of viruses that can cause illness in humans and animals, which name comes from the crown-like spikes on the surface of the virus, which can be seen under a microscope, and COVID-19 is caused by a specific type of coronavirus known as SARS-CoV-2
71. The university's _____ was busy with students and staff grabbing a quick lunch.
- n.* a restaurant where customers serve themselves from a counter and pay for what they have taken, often found in factories, colleges, hospitals, etc.

ANSWERS: 70. coronavirus, 71. cafeteria