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Session 1: Word List

scarcity

n. the state of being in short supply; a small and inadequate amount

synonym: lack, absence, dearth

(1) fuel **scarcity**, (2) **scarcity** of capital

Some research says that a relative decline in teacher salaries is causing labor **scarcity**.

blackout

n. a loss of electric power for a general region; a suspension of radio or TV broadcasting; a momentary loss of consciousness

synonym: outage, failure, knockout

(1) media **blackout**, (2) memory **blackout**

The nationwide **blackout** caused widespread power outages and disrupted daily life.

candlelight

n. light provided by a candle or candles

synonym: lamp light, oil light, firelight

(1) **candlelight** dinner, (2) **candlelight** vigil

The room was dimly lit by soft **candlelight**.

toothpaste

n. a paste or gel used for cleaning the teeth and freshening the breath

synonym: paste, gel, dentifrice

(1) **toothpaste** hygiene product, (2) **toothpaste** tube
I always use mint-flavored **toothpaste** to refresh my mouth in the morning and at night.

swell

v. to become larger or more inflated; to become more intense or important

synonym: expand, increase, inflate

(1) **swell** at room temperature, (2) **swell** a population
His arm was **swelling** from the insect bite.

capita

n. a Latin word meaning "head," used to express the amount for each person; any head or headlike expansion on a structure, as on a bone

synonym: head, headcount, person

(1) per **capita** sales, (2) the agricultural yield per **capita**
GDP per **capita** shrunk by almost 10 percent for the third consecutive year.

straddle

v. to sit or stand with one leg on either side of something or someone; to adopt a position or attitude that involves a compromise or combination of two or more opposing principles, ideas, or interests

synonym: strive, sit astride, span

(1) **straddle** a fence, (2) **straddle** a motorcycle
We had to **straddle** the fallen tree to cross the river.

misunderstand

v. to interpret or understand something in the wrong way

synonym: misinterpret, misperceive, misapprehend

(1) **misunderstand** each other, (2) **misunderstand** entirely about her

You should not **misunderstand** the meaning of freedom.

defy

v. to challenge or dare someone to do something; to resist or disobey a rule, decision, etc.

synonym: challenge, resist, disobey

(1) **defy** gravity, (2) **defy** authority

She tried to **defy** her parents by moving to the city against their wishes.

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.

smartphone

n. a mobile phone that functions as a computer and connects to the Internet

(1) **smartphone** app developer, (2) **smartphone** addict
Internet traffic volumes have increased significantly with the advent of **smartphones**.

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.

garner

v. to acquire or accumulate something through effort or attention

synonym: acquire, collect, obtain

(1) **garner** good reviews, (2) **garner** attention

He used his charm and charisma to **garner** support for his campaign.

drone

n. a low continuous humming noise; someone who takes more time than necessary; a pilot-less aerial vehicle that is operated by remote control

synonym: hum, whirr, idler

(1) **drone** flight, (2) the speaker's **drone**

He heard a **drone** of sirens roar from the neighboring town.

trove

n. a valuable collection of rare or interesting things, usually on the earth

synonym: hoard, collection, assemblage

(1) **trove** of information, (2) stumble on a **trove**

The treasure **trove** of ancient artifacts was a museum's dream come true.

industrious

adj. hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort

synonym: diligent, hardworking, assiduous

(1) **industrious** worker, (2) **industrious** student

He was known to be very **industrious** and would often work late into the night.

groundbreaking

adj. producing fresh findings; using novel techniques

synonym: innovative, revolutionary

(1) **groundbreaking** concept, (2) **groundbreaking** settlement

He has produced **groundbreaking** research on the subject.

yell

v. to shout in a sudden and loud way

synonym: shout, scream, cry

(1) **yell** for help, (2) **yell** as loud as we can

When I asked my father for more money, he became furious and **yelled** at me.

stardom

n. the status or quality of being famous, especially for being an actor, a singer, etc.

synonym: fame, acclaim, celebrity

(1) rise to **stardom**, (2) chance at **stardom**

The actress shot to **stardom** in a few years.

tally

n. a record or count of a particular thing often used to keep track of scores, votes, or numbers

synonym: count, record, score

(1) keep a **tally**, (2) **tally** sheet

Let's keep a **tally** of the votes to see who won the election.

reap

v. to harvest a grain crop from a field; to obtain something beneficial as a consequence of something that you have done

synonym: collect, harvest, derive

(1) **reap** the benefits, (2) **reap** crops

He **reaped** a significant profit from the listing of his company's stock.

nudge

v. to push someone or something gently, especially with your elbow, to attract the person's attention; (noun) a small push or prod to encourage a desired action or behavior

synonym: bump, elbow, (noun) prod

(1) **nudge** price levels up, (2) give a person a **nudge**

The teacher **nudged** the student to get his attention and asked him a question.

nuanced

adj. characterized by subtle differences in appearance, meaning, sound, etc.

synonym: fine, subtle, slight

(1) **nuanced** view, (2) the common but **nuanced** opinion

The sommelier can distinguish **nuanced** variance in the flavor of the wine.

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.

galvanize

- v.* to stimulate or shock someone into taking action; to cover metal containing zinc to protect it from rust

synonym: energize, invigorate, motivate

- (1) **galvanize** steel, (2) **galvanize** the country

The motivational speech **galvanized** the team and gave them the drive to succeed.

almighty

- adj.* having supreme or ultimate power or authority; complete and total; omnipotent

synonym: omnipotent, all-powerful, supreme

- (1) **almighty** power, (2) **almighty** dollar

The **almighty** ruler of the kingdom held ultimate power over his subjects.

verge

- n.* the point at which something is about to happen or where something begins; the edge or margin of something, particularly a physical boundary or border

synonym: brink, edge, margin

- (1) **verge** of bankruptcy, (2) on the **verge** of tears

He stood on the **verge** of a major discovery.

headquarter

- n.* the central office or location from which a business or organization is managed

synonym: base, center, command

- (1) administrative **headquarter**, (2) an emergency

headquarter

The company decided to move its **headquarters** to New York City.

inject

- v.* to put a liquid such as a drug or other substance into a person's or an animal's body using a needle and syringe (= small tube)

synonym: shoot, infiltrate, insinuate

- (1) **inject** under the skin, (2) **inject** a personal opinion into a debate

Let's try to **inject** a bit of enthusiasm into your performance.

vie

- v.* to compete or contend for something, usually a prize, position, or advantage; to strive for superiority or mastery in one's field or area of expertise

synonym: compete, contend, strive

(1) **vie** for a trophy, (2) **vie** for attention

They both **vied** for the top spot in the company.

ruthless

- adj.* lacking in pity or compassion; willing to do whatever it takes to achieve their goals, regardless of the consequences for others

synonym: heartless, pitiless, merciless

(1) show **ruthless** behavior, (2) **ruthless** brutality

The dictator was known for his **ruthless** tactics and had no qualms about using violence to maintain power.

cactus

- n.* a plant that typically grows in dry regions and has spiny leaves, stems, and often vibrant flowers

synonym: desert plant, succulent, thornbush

(1) small **cactus**, (2) potted **cactus**

The hiker got pricked by a **cactus** needle while walking.

rename

- v.* to give a new name to something; to change the name of something

synonym: rebrand, rechristen, re-label

(1) **rename** the street, (2) **rename** in plain English

The new owners **renamed** the restaurant to give it a fresh start.

intrepid

- adj.* courageous and not afraid of danger or difficulties

synonym: unfearing, courageous, dauntless

(1) **intrepid** personality, (2) **intrepid** travelers

There were still **intrepid** pioneers who planned to start their businesses

ilk

- n.* a type or kind of person or thing; a sort; a class or category of people or things with particular shared characteristics or qualities

synonym: type, kind, sort

(1) people of his **ilk**, (2) the same **ilk**

The company hired consultants of the same **ilk** to provide advice.

lure

v. to tempt or persuade someone to do something

synonym: tempt, entice, attract

(1) **lure** prey, (2) **lure** foreign investment

The salesperson used a special offer to **lure** customers into buying the product.

flourish

v. to grow or develop vigorously or successfully

synonym: boom, advance, succeed

(1) **flourish** economically, (2) **flourish** worldwide

The Ottoman Empire **flourished** for over five centuries.

agglomeration

n. a mass or cluster of things or people densely packed together; the act or process of collecting or clustering into a mass or group

synonym: cluster, accumulation, mass

(1) **agglomeration** of data, (2) urban **agglomeration**

The **agglomeration** of buildings in the downtown area makes it difficult to navigate on foot.

urbanize

v. to make an area more urban in character or nature, often through the development and expansion of cities or towns

synonym: develop, modernize, city-build

(1) **urbanize** a region, (2) **urbanize** transportation systems

The government plans to **urbanize** the rural area by building more housing units and improving transportation infrastructure.

inefficient

adj. lacking the ability or skill and not making the best use of time, money, energy, etc.

synonym: ineffective, counterproductive, inadequate

(1) **inefficient** use, (2) **inefficient** management

The system is still so **inefficient** that it is useless.

tarmac

n. a hard surface made of asphalt, concrete, or other materials, typically used as a runway or surface for vehicles to move on, such as a road, parking lot, or airport runway; (verb) to surface or pave a road or runway with tarmac

synonym: runway, airstrip, path

(1) **tarmac** repair, (2) **tarmac** a driveway

The plane pulled onto the **tarmac** and stopped at the gate.

takeoff

n. a departure, especially of airplanes; the initial ascent of an airplane as it becomes airborne

synonym: leaving, departure, liftoff

(1) vertical **takeoff**, (2) **takeoff** run

Our aircraft is now ready for **takeoff**.

mesmerize

v. to captivate or fascinate; to hold the complete attention of

synonym: captivate, trance, enchant

(1) **mesmerize** a subject, (2) **mesmerize** with magic

The magician's performance **mesmerized** the audience.

spur

n. a thing that encourages someone to do something; any sharply pointed projection; (verb) to incite or stimulate someone or something

synonym: encouragement, motivation, stimulus

(1) **spur** of the moment, (2) **spur** a momentum of economic growth

The threat of losing his job was the **spur** he needed to work harder.

frost

n. a thin layer of ice that forms on surfaces when the temperature falls below freezing; weather cold enough to cause freezing

synonym: freeze, ice, blight

(1) five degrees of **frost**, (2) **frost** line

The **frost** on the ground made it slippery and difficult to walk.

juggernaut

n. a large, unstoppable force or machine that crushes everything in its path; a powerful and overwhelming force or institution

synonym: powerhouse, behemoth, giant

(1) **juggernaut** growth, (2) marketing **juggernaut**

The tech giant has become a **juggernaut** in the industry with no sign of slowing down.

overhaul

n. a thorough examination, evaluation, or inspection of something, often with the intent of making necessary improvements; a major reorganization or restructuring of a system or process; (verb) to thoroughly examine, repair, and improve something to ensure that it is functioning properly and up to standard

synonym: renovation, revamp, modernization

(1) **overhaul** process, (2) vehicle **overhaul**

The mechanic suggested an **overhaul** of the engine to improve performance.

germ

n. a very tiny living that causes the disease; a piece of something such as an organism, concept, etc., capable of growing into a new one or part of one

synonym: bacterium, microbe, pathogen

(1) antibiotic-resistant **germ**, (2) a **germ-free** environment

The **germ** of his idea came from watching birds flying in flocks.

overtake

v. to catch up to and pass by someone or something that is in front of you, usually about moving vehicles; to come to a point where you become more successful, important, or influential than someone or something else

synonym: surpass, outstrip, catch up with

(1) **overtake** a rival, (2) **overtake** a milestone

The race car driver knew he had to **overtake** the other

drivers to win the race.

disengage

v. to withdraw or separate oneself from a situation or relationship

synonym: withdraw, separate, detach

(1) **disengage** the clutch, (2) **disengage** socially

He **disengaged** from the conversation and walked away.

eradicate

v. to get rid of or destroy something completely, especially something bad

synonym: destroy, eliminate, exterminate

(1) **eradicate** the deficit, (2) **eradicate** racial discrimination

We are trying to **eradicate** this disease from the world.

conserve

v. to protect something, especially the natural environment or culture, from change, damage, or destruction

synonym: preserve, save, maintain

(1) means to **conserve** energy, (2) **conserve** coal resources

Children must be taught to **conserve** our natural environment.

Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. in____te a new method | <i>v.</i> to introduce new methods, ideas, or products |
| 2. too_____te hygiene product | <i>n.</i> a paste or gel used for cleaning the teeth and freshening the breath |
| 3. marketing jug_____ut | <i>n.</i> a large, unstoppable force or machine that crushes everything in its path; a powerful and overwhelming force or institution |
| 4. sma_____ne addict | <i>n.</i> a mobile phone that functions as a computer and connects to the Internet |
| 5. sma_____ne app developer | <i>n.</i> a mobile phone that functions as a computer and connects to the Internet |
| 6. ga_____ze the country | <i>v.</i> to stimulate or shock someone into taking action; to cover metal containing zinc to protect it from rust |
| 7. potted ca____s | <i>n.</i> a plant that typically grows in dry regions and has spiny leaves, stems, and often vibrant flowers |
| 8. give a person a nu__e | <i>v.</i> to push someone or something gently, especially with your elbow, to attract the person's attention; (noun) a small push or prod to encourage a desired action or behavior |
| 9. ga____r good reviews | <i>v.</i> to acquire or accumulate something through effort or attention |
| 10. ine_____nt use | <i>adj.</i> lacking the ability or skill and not making the best use of time, money, energy, etc. |

ANSWERS: 1. innovate, 2. toothpaste, 3. juggernaut, 4. smartphone, 5. smartphone, 6. galvanize, 7. cactus, 8. nudge, 9. garner, 10. inefficient

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| 11. 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 |
| 12. antibiotic-resistant g__m | n. | a very tiny living that causes the disease; a piece of something such as an organism, concept, etc., capable of growing into a new one or part of one |
| 13. the agricultural yield per ca___a | n. | a Latin word meaning "head," used to express the amount for each person; any head or headlike expansion on a structure, as on a bone |
| 14. me_____ze with magic | v. | to captivate or fascinate; to hold the complete attention of |
| 15. ur_____ze a region | v. | to make an area more urban in character or nature, often through the development and expansion of cities or towns |
| 16. ov_____ke a milestone | v. | to catch up to and pass by someone or something that is in front of you, usually about moving vehicles; to come to a point where you become more successful, important, or influential than someone or something else |
| 17. in___t under the skin | v. | to put a liquid such as a drug or other substance into a person's or an animal's body using a needle and syringe (= small tube) |
| 18. ur_____ze transportation systems | v. | to make an area more urban in character or nature, often through the development and expansion of cities or towns |

ANSWERS: 11. decentralize, 12. germ, 13. capita, 14. mesmerize, 15. urbanize, 16. overtake, 17. inject, 18. urbanize

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| 19. l__e foreign investment | <i>v.</i> to tempt or persuade someone to do something |
| 20. sc____ty of capital | <i>n.</i> the state of being in short supply; a small and inadequate amount |
| 21. nu__e price levels up | <i>v.</i> to push someone or something gently, especially with your elbow, to attract the person's attention; (noun) a small push or prod to encourage a desired action or behavior |
| 22. er_____te racial discrimination | <i>v.</i> to get rid of or destroy something completely, especially something bad |
| 23. er_____te the deficit | <i>v.</i> to get rid of or destroy something completely, especially something bad |
| 24. al____ty dollar | <i>adj.</i> having supreme or ultimate power or authority; complete and total; omnipotent |
| 25. al____ty power | <i>adj.</i> having supreme or ultimate power or authority; complete and total; omnipotent |
| 26. sw__l a population | <i>v.</i> to become larger or more inflated; to become more intense or important |
| 27. sw__l at room temperature | <i>v.</i> to become larger or more inflated; to become more intense or important |
| 28. di_____ge the clutch | <i>v.</i> to withdraw or separate oneself from a situation or relationship |
| 29. l__e prey | <i>v.</i> to tempt or persuade someone to do something |
| 30. mis_____and each other | <i>v.</i> to interpret or understand something in the wrong way |

ANSWERS: 19. lure, 20. scarcity, 21. nudge, 22. eradicate, 23. eradicate, 24. almighty, 25. almighty, 26. swell, 27. swell, 28. disengage, 29. lure, 30. misunderstand

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| 31. me_____ze a subject | <i>v.</i> | to captivate or fascinate; to hold the complete attention of |
| 32. ga_____ze steel | <i>v.</i> | to stimulate or shock someone into taking action; to cover metal containing zinc to protect it from rust |
| 33. s__r a momentum of economic growth | <i>n.</i> | a thing that encourages someone to do something; any sharply pointed projection; (verb) to incite or stimulate someone or something |
| 34. vertical ta_____f | <i>n.</i> | a departure, especially of airplanes; the initial ascent of an airplane as it becomes airborne |
| 35. dr__e flight | <i>n.</i> | a low continuous humming noise; someone who takes more time than necessary; a pilot-less aerial vehicle that is operated by remote control |
| 36. tr__e of information | <i>n.</i> | a valuable collection of rare or interesting things, usually on the earth |
| 37. can_____ht vigil | <i>n.</i> | light provided by a candle or candles |
| 38. fr__t line | <i>n.</i> | a thin layer of ice that forms on surfaces when the temperature falls below freezing; weather cold enough to cause freezing |
| 39. jug_____ut growth | <i>n.</i> | a large, unstoppable force or machine that crushes everything in its path; a powerful and overwhelming force or institution |
| 40. per ca___a sales | <i>n.</i> | a Latin word meaning "head," used to express the amount for each person; any head or headlike expansion on a structure, as on a bone |

ANSWERS: 31. mesmerize, 32. galvanize, 33. spur, 34. takeoff, 35. drone, 36. trove, 37. candlelight, 38. frost, 39. juggernaut, 40. capita

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| 41. show ru____ss behavior | <i>adj.</i> lacking in pity or compassion; willing to do whatever it takes to achieve their goals, regardless of the consequences for others |
| 42. nu____d view | <i>adj.</i> characterized by subtle differences in appearance, meaning, sound, etc. |
| 43. v_e for attention | <i>v.</i> to compete or contend for something, usually a prize, position, or advantage; to strive for superiority or mastery in one's field or area of expertise |
| 44. memory bl____ut | <i>n.</i> a loss of electric power for a general region; a suspension of radio or TV broadcasting; a momentary loss of consciousness |
| 45. ga____r attention | <i>v.</i> to acquire or accumulate something through effort or attention |
| 46. v_e for a trophy | <i>v.</i> to compete or contend for something, usually a prize, position, or advantage; to strive for superiority or mastery in one's field or area of expertise |
| 47. ind____us student | <i>adj.</i> hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort |
| 48. fuel sc____ty | <i>n.</i> the state of being in short supply; a small and inadequate amount |
| 49. s__r of the moment | <i>n.</i> a thing that encourages someone to do something; any sharply pointed projection; (verb) to incite or stimulate someone or something |
| 50. y__l as loud as we can | <i>v.</i> to shout in a sudden and loud way |

ANSWERS: 41. ruthless, 42. nuanced, 43. vie, 44. blackout, 45. garner, 46. vie, 47. industrious, 48. scarcity, 49. spur, 50. yell

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| 51. media bl____ut | <i>n.</i> a loss of electric power for a general region; a suspension of radio or TV broadcasting; a momentary loss of consciousness |
| 52. ov____ke a rival | <i>v.</i> to catch up to and pass by someone or something that is in front of you, usually about moving vehicles; to come to a point where you become more successful, important, or influential than someone or something else |
| 53. in____id travelers | <i>adj.</i> courageous and not afraid of danger or difficulties |
| 54. the same i_k | <i>n.</i> a type or kind of person or thing; a sort; a class or category of people or things with particular shared characteristics or qualities |
| 55. gro_____ing concept | <i>adj.</i> producing fresh findings; using novel techniques |
| 56. ta____c repair | <i>n.</i> a hard surface made of asphalt, concrete, or other materials, typically used as a runway or surface for vehicles to move on, such as a road, parking lot, or airport runway; (verb) to surface or pave a road or runway with tarmac |
| 57. 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 |
| 58. agg_____ion of data | <i>n.</i> a mass or cluster of things or people densely packed together; the act or process of collecting or clustering into a mass or group |

ANSWERS: 51. blackout, 52. overtake, 53. intrepid, 54. ilk, 55. groundbreaking, 56. tarmac, 57. app, 58. agglomeration

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| 59. r__p the benefits | <i>v.</i> to harvest a grain crop from a field; to obtain something beneficial as a consequence of something that you have done |
| 60. vehicle ov____ul | <i>n.</i> a thorough examination, evaluation, or inspection of something, often with the intent of making necessary improvements; a major reorganization or restructuring of a system or process; (verb) to thoroughly examine, repair, and improve something to ensure that it is functioning properly and up to standard |
| 61. in___t a personal opinion into a debate | <i>v.</i> to put a liquid such as a drug or other substance into a person's or an animal's body using a needle and syringe (= small tube) |
| 62. dec_____ize authority | <i>v.</i> to move the power, control, or authority of an organization, government, or system from a single place to several smaller ones |
| 63. the speaker's dr__e | <i>n.</i> a low continuous humming noise; someone who takes more time than necessary; a pilot-less aerial vehicle that is operated by remote control |
| 64. gro_____ing settlement | <i>adj.</i> producing fresh findings; using novel techniques |
| 65. on the ve__e of tears | <i>n.</i> the point at which something is about to happen or where something begins; the edge or margin of something, particularly a physical boundary or border |

ANSWERS: 59. reap, 60. overhaul, 61. inject, 62. decentralize, 63. drone, 64. groundbreaking, 65. verge

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| 66. di_____ge socially | <i>v.</i> to withdraw or separate oneself from a situation or relationship |
| 67. ta_____f run | <i>n.</i> a departure, especially of airplanes; the initial ascent of an airplane as it becomes airborne |
| 68. in_____te the quality of his life | <i>v.</i> to introduce new methods, ideas, or products |
| 69. ru_____ss brutality | <i>adj.</i> lacking in pity or compassion; willing to do whatever it takes to achieve their goals, regardless of the consequences for others |
| 70. ov_____ul process | <i>n.</i> a thorough examination, evaluation, or inspection of something, often with the intent of making necessary improvements; a major reorganization or restructuring of a system or process; (verb) to thoroughly examine, repair, and improve something to ensure that it is functioning properly and up to standard |
| 71. can_____ht dinner | <i>n.</i> light provided by a candle or candles |
| 72. five degrees of fr__t | <i>n.</i> a thin layer of ice that forms on surfaces when the temperature falls below freezing; weather cold enough to cause freezing |
| 73. ta__y sheet | <i>n.</i> a record or count of a particular thing often used to keep track of scores, votes, or numbers |
| 74. in_____id personality | <i>adj.</i> courageous and not afraid of danger or difficulties |

ANSWERS: 66. disengage, 67. takeoff, 68. innovate, 69. ruthless, 70. overhaul, 71. candlelight, 72. frost, 73. tally, 74. intrepid

75. stumble on a tr__e	<i>n.</i> a valuable collection of rare or interesting things, usually on the earth
76. mis_____and entirely about her	<i>v.</i> to interpret or understand something in the wrong way
77. re___e in plain English	<i>v.</i> to give a new name to something; to change the name of something
78. rise to st____m	<i>n.</i> the status or quality of being famous, especially for being an actor, a singer, etc.
79. r__p crops	<i>v.</i> to harvest a grain crop from a field; to obtain something beneficial as a consequence of something that you have done
80. d__y gravity	<i>v.</i> to challenge or dare someone to do something; to resist or disobey a rule, decision, etc.
81. administrative hea____er	<i>n.</i> the central office or location from which a business or organization is managed
82. people of his i_k	<i>n.</i> a type or kind of person or thing; a sort; a class or category of people or things with particular shared characteristics or qualities
83. d__y authority	<i>v.</i> to challenge or dare someone to do something; to resist or disobey a rule, decision, etc.
84. re___e the street	<i>v.</i> to give a new name to something; to change the name of something
85. a g__m-free environment	<i>n.</i> a very tiny living that causes the disease; a piece of something such as an organism, concept, etc., capable of growing into a new one or part of one

ANSWERS: 75. trove, 76. misunderstand, 77. rename, 78. stardom, 79. reap, 80. defy, 81. headquarter, 82. ilk, 83. defy, 84. rename, 85. germ

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| 86. fl____sh economically | <i>v.</i> to grow or develop vigorously or successfully |
| 87. ve__e of bankruptcy | <i>n.</i> the point at which something is about to happen or where something begins; the edge or margin of something, particularly a physical boundary or border |
| 88. small ca____s | <i>n.</i> a plant that typically grows in dry regions and has spiny leaves, stems, and often vibrant flowers |
| 89. urban agg_____ion | <i>n.</i> a mass or cluster of things or people densely packed together; the act or process of collecting or clustering into a mass or group |
| 90. co____ve coal resources | <i>v.</i> to protect something, especially the natural environment or culture, from change, damage, or destruction |
| 91. y__l for help | <i>v.</i> to shout in a sudden and loud way |
| 92. ta____c a driveway | <i>n.</i> a hard surface made of asphalt, concrete, or other materials, typically used as a runway or surface for vehicles to move on, such as a road, parking lot, or airport runway; (verb) to surface or pave a road or runway with tarmac |
| 93. 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 |

ANSWERS: 86. flourish, 87. verge, 88. cactus, 89. agglomeration, 90. conserve, 91. yell, 92. tarmac, 93. app

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| 94. too_____te tube | <i>n.</i> a paste or gel used for cleaning the teeth and freshening the breath |
| 95. fl_____sh worldwide | <i>v.</i> to grow or develop vigorously or successfully |
| 96. keep a ta__y | <i>n.</i> a record or count of a particular thing often used to keep track of scores, votes, or numbers |
| 97. st_____le a motorcycle | <i>v.</i> to sit or stand with one leg on either side of something or someone; to adopt a position or attitude that involves a compromise or combination of two or more opposing principles, ideas, or interests |
| 98. the common but nu_____d opinion | <i>adj.</i> characterized by subtle differences in appearance, meaning, sound, etc. |
| 99. an emergency hea_____er | <i>n.</i> the central office or location from which a business or organization is managed |
| 100. ine_____nt management | <i>adj.</i> lacking the ability or skill and not making the best use of time, money, energy, etc. |
| 101. ind_____us worker | <i>adj.</i> hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort |
| 102. means to co_____ve energy | <i>v.</i> to protect something, especially the natural environment or culture, from change, damage, or destruction |
| 103. chance at st_____m | <i>n.</i> the status or quality of being famous, especially for being an actor, a singer, etc. |
| 104. st_____le a fence | <i>v.</i> to sit or stand with one leg on either side of something or someone; to adopt a position or attitude that involves a compromise or combination of two or more opposing principles, ideas, or interests |

ANSWERS: 94. toothpaste, 95. flourish, 96. tally, 97. straddle, 98. nuanced, 99. headquarter, 100. inefficient, 101. industrious, 102. conserve, 103. stardom, 104. straddle

ANSWERS:

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. 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
2. The Ottoman Empire _____ for over five centuries.
 - v. to grow or develop vigorously or successfully
3. Children must be taught to _____ our natural environment.
 - v. to protect something, especially the natural environment or culture, from change, damage, or destruction
4. He stood on the _____ of a major discovery.
 - n. the point at which something is about to happen or where something begins; the edge or margin of something, particularly a physical boundary or border
5. Internet traffic volumes have increased significantly with the advent of _____.
 - n. a mobile phone that functions as a computer and connects to the Internet
6. The _____ of buildings in the downtown area makes it difficult to navigate on foot.
 - n. a mass or cluster of things or people densely packed together; the act or process of collecting or clustering into a mass or group
7. Companies developing self-driving cars consistently _____ the emerging technologies.
 - v. to introduce new methods, ideas, or products

ANSWERS: 1. decentralize, 2. flourished, 3. conserve, 4. verge, 5. smartphones, 6. agglomeration, 7. innovate

8. There were still _____ pioneers who planned to start their businesses
adj. courageous and not afraid of danger or difficulties
9. The treasure _____ of ancient artifacts was a museum's dream come true.
n. a valuable collection of rare or interesting things, usually on the earth
10. The nationwide _____ caused widespread power outages and disrupted daily life.
n. a loss of electric power for a general region; a suspension of radio or TV broadcasting; a momentary loss of consciousness
11. She tried to _____ her parents by moving to the city against their wishes.
v. to challenge or dare someone to do something; to resist or disobey a rule, decision, etc.
12. The dictator was known for his _____ tactics and had no qualms about using violence to maintain power.
adj. lacking in pity or compassion; willing to do whatever it takes to achieve their goals, regardless of the consequences for others
13. The _____ ruler of the kingdom held ultimate power over his subjects.
adj. having supreme or ultimate power or authority; complete and total; omnipotent
14. His arm was _____ from the insect bite.
v. to become larger or more inflated; to become more intense or important
15. The plane pulled onto the _____ and stopped at the gate.
n. a hard surface made of asphalt, concrete, or other materials, typically used as a runway or surface for vehicles to move on, such as a road, parking lot, or airport runway; (verb) to surface or pave a road or runway with tarmac

ANSWERS: 8. intrepid, 9. trove, 10. blackout, 11. defy, 12. ruthless, 13. almighty, 14. swelling, 15. tarmac

16. He _____ from the conversation and walked away.
v. to withdraw or separate oneself from a situation or relationship
17. I always use mint-flavored _____ to refresh my mouth in the morning and at night.
n. a paste or gel used for cleaning the teeth and freshening the breath
18. Let's keep a _____ of the votes to see who won the election.
n. a record or count of a particular thing often used to keep track of scores, votes, or numbers
19. The company hired consultants of the same ____ to provide advice.
n. a type or kind of person or thing; a sort; a class or category of people or things with particular shared characteristics or qualities
20. He has produced _____ research on the subject.
adj. producing fresh findings; using novel techniques
21. The salesperson used a special offer to _____ customers into buying the product.
v. to tempt or persuade someone to do something
22. The tech giant has become a _____ in the industry with no sign of slowing down.
n. a large, unstoppable force or machine that crushes everything in its path; a powerful and overwhelming force or institution
23. The system is still so _____ that it is useless.
adj. lacking the ability or skill and not making the best use of time, money, energy, etc.

ANSWERS: 16. disengaged, 17. toothpaste, 18. tally, 19. ilk, 20. groundbreaking, 21. lure, 22. juggernaut, 23. inefficient

24. The motivational speech _____ the team and gave them the drive to succeed.
- v.* to stimulate or shock someone into taking action; to cover metal containing zinc to protect it from rust
25. The _____ of his idea came from watching birds flying in flocks.
- n.* a very tiny living that causes the disease; a piece of something such as an organism, concept, etc., capable of growing into a new one or part of one
26. The sommelier can distinguish _____ variance in the flavor of the wine.
- adj.* characterized by subtle differences in appearance, meaning, sound, etc.
27. When I asked my father for more money, he became furious and _____ at me.
- v.* to shout in a sudden and loud way
28. Some research says that a relative decline in teacher salaries is causing labor _____.
- n.* the state of being in short supply; a small and inadequate amount
29. Our aircraft is now ready for _____.
- n.* a departure, especially of airplanes; the initial ascent of an airplane as it becomes airborne
30. He heard a _____ of sirens roar from the neighboring town.
- n.* a low continuous humming noise; someone who takes more time than necessary; a pilot-less aerial vehicle that is operated by remote control
31. 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

ANSWERS: 24. galvanized, 25. germ, 26. nuanced, 27. yelled, 28. scarcity, 29. takeoff, 30. drone, 31. app's

32. They both _____ for the top spot in the company.
- v.* to compete or contend for something, usually a prize, position, or advantage; to strive for superiority or mastery in one's field or area of expertise
33. The threat of losing his job was the _____ he needed to work harder.
- n.* a thing that encourages someone to do something; any sharply pointed projection; (verb) to incite or stimulate someone or something
34. GDP per _____ shrunk by almost 10 percent for the third consecutive year.
- n.* a Latin word meaning "head," used to express the amount for each person; any head or headlike expansion on a structure, as on a bone
35. The government plans to _____ the rural area by building more housing units and improving transportation infrastructure.
- v.* to make an area more urban in character or nature, often through the development and expansion of cities or towns
36. Let's try to _____ a bit of enthusiasm into your performance.
- v.* to put a liquid such as a drug or other substance into a person's or an animal's body using a needle and syringe (= small tube)
37. He was known to be very _____ and would often work late into the night.
- adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
38. The magician's performance _____ the audience.
- v.* to captivate or fascinate; to hold the complete attention of
39. We had to _____ the fallen tree to cross the river.
- v.* to sit or stand with one leg on either side of something or someone; to adopt a position or attitude that involves a compromise or combination of two or more opposing principles, ideas, or interests

ANSWERS: 32. vied, 33. spur, 34. capita, 35. urbanize, 36. inject, 37. industrious, 38. mesmerized, 39. straddle

40. The _____ on the ground made it slippery and difficult to walk.
n. a thin layer of ice that forms on surfaces when the temperature falls below freezing; weather cold enough to cause freezing
41. He used his charm and charisma to _____ support for his campaign.
v. to acquire or accumulate something through effort or attention
42. The race car driver knew he had to _____ the other drivers to win the race.
v. to catch up to and pass by someone or something that is in front of you, usually about moving vehicles; to come to a point where you become more successful, important, or influential than someone or something else
43. The company decided to move its _____ to New York City.
n. the central office or location from which a business or organization is managed
44. The new owners _____ the restaurant to give it a fresh start.
v. to give a new name to something; to change the name of something
45. The mechanic suggested an _____ of the engine to improve performance.
n. a thorough examination, evaluation, or inspection of something, often with the intent of making necessary improvements; a major reorganization or restructuring of a system or process; (verb) to thoroughly examine, repair, and improve something to ensure that it is functioning properly and up to standard
46. The room was dimly lit by soft _____.
n. light provided by a candle or candles
47. We are trying to _____ this disease from the world.
v. to get rid of or destroy something completely, especially something bad

ANSWERS: 40. frost, 41. garner, 42. overtake, 43. headquarters, 44. renamed, 45. overhaul, 46. candlelight, 47. eradicate

48. You should not _____ the meaning of freedom.

- v.* to interpret or understand something in the wrong way

49. The hiker got pricked by a _____ needle while walking.

- n.* a plant that typically grows in dry regions and has spiny leaves, stems, and often vibrant flowers

50. The teacher _____ the student to get his attention and asked him a question.

- v.* to push someone or something gently, especially with your elbow, to attract the person's attention; (noun) a small push or prod to encourage a desired action or behavior

51. He _____ a significant profit from the listing of his company's stock.

- v.* to harvest a grain crop from a field; to obtain something beneficial as a consequence of something that you have done

52. The actress shot to _____ in a few years.

- n.* the status or quality of being famous, especially for being an actor, a singer, etc.

ANSWERS: 48. misunderstand, 49. cactus, 50. nudged, 51. reaped, 52. stardom