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Session 1: Word List

gingerbread

n. a type of cake or cookie that is made with ginger, molasses, and other spices and is often decorated with icing or candy; architectural details or moldings that are reminiscent of gingerbread decorations

synonym : cookie, cake, pastry

(1) **gingerbread** house, (2) **gingerbread** latte

The children had fun making **gingerbread** cookies for the holidays.

crisp

adj. hard, dry, and brittle enough to break easily; cool, fresh, and invigorating

synonym : breakable, brittle, flaky

(1) the **crisp** air of winter, (2) **crisp** manner

Every day he wears a **crisp** white shirt to the office.

chew

v. to crush or grind something, especially food, with the teeth and then swallow it

synonym : masticate, crush, grind

(1) **chew** each word, (2) **chew** a stick of gum

My dog loves to **chew** on bones.

stroll

v. to walk somewhere in a slow, relaxed way and with no apparent aim

synonym : amble, roam, mope

(1) **stroll** across a street, (2) **stroll** through the countryside
We could **stroll** into town if you like.

decide

v. to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options

synonym : choose, determine, settle

(1) **decide** a question, (2) **decide** on a course of action
She couldn't **decide** whether to order the pizza or the pasta for dinner.

cruel

adj. feeling or showing pleasure in causing pain or suffering to others

synonym : heartless, sadistic, vicious

(1) a **cruel** and unusual punishment, (2) **cruel** joke
The dictator was known for his **cruel** and oppressive regime.

dilemma

n. a situation in which a difficult choice has to be made between two or more options, especially that are equally unfavorable ones

synonym : difficulty, plight, predicament

(1) chicken-and-egg **dilemma**, (2) be in a **dilemma**
The choice between bureaucracy and adhococracy represents a common **dilemma**.

opt

v. to make a choice from a range of possibilities

synonym : choose, select, pick

(1) **opt** out of society, (2) **opt** for a traditional wedding
I decided to **opt** for premature retirement.

spare

adj. additional to what is necessary for ordinary use; (verb) to give time, money, space, etc. to someone

synonym : extra, excess, (verb) afford

(1) **spare** parts, (2) **spare** cost
I made plans to spend my **spare** time beneficially.

sacrifice

n. the act of killing an animal or person or surrendering a possession as an offering to a deity; (verb) to give up something important or valuable to help another person or get or do something that seems more important

synonym: forfeit, immolation, gift

(1) small **sacrifice** for a great cause, (2) **sacrifice** anything to get ahead

You cannot accomplish great things without a **sacrifice** of your time or money.

discuss

v. to talk about or examine in detail through conversation or debate; to exchange ideas, opinions, or information on a particular topic

synonym: talk about, converse, debate

(1) **discuss** options, (2) **discuss** solutions

We need to **discuss** the next steps for the project during our meeting tomorrow.

decision

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

synonym: choice, determination, judgment

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

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

limb

n. an arm and leg of a person or animal

synonym: arm, appendage, branch

(1) a prosthetic **limb**, (2) **limb** amputation

You should wrap the bandage carefully and firmly around the injured **limb**.

traitor

n. a person who betrays someone or something, such as a friend, cause, or principle, to which they had previously been loyal; a person who commits treason against their country or sovereign

synonym: betrayal, turncoat, renegade

(1) political **traitor**, (2) notorious **traitor**

The government branded him a **traitor** after he leaked classified information to the press.

intact

adj. undamaged and complete

synonym: flawless, unchanged, entire

(1) **intact** brain, (2) **intact** forestland

Despite the scandals, his reputation remained **intact**.

fin

n. a thin flat part on the body of a fish or other aquatic animal used for propulsion or balance

synonym: flipper, appendage, stabilizer

(1) back **fin**, (2) a **fin** of a plane

The shark's powerful **fins** allowed it to swim at high speeds.

scenario

n. a description of possible actions or events in the future; a written outline of a play, film, or literary work

synonym: plan, scheme, procedure

(1) the worst case **scenario**, (2) number of different **scenarios**

The president prepared several possible **scenarios** for an enemy attack.

outcome

n. the result or effect of an action, event, etc.

synonym: result, consequence, effect

(1) improved student **outcomes**, (2) a desirable **outcome**

They awaited news of the **outcome** of the election.

row

n. an arrangement of objects or people side by side in a line

synonym: line, sequence, layer

(1) criminal on death **row**, (2) a **row** of cherry trees

He was the leader of the demonstrators and spoke out against the war in the front **row**.

represent

v. to speak, act, or be present on behalf of another person or group; to form or constitute

synonym: depict, express, describe

(1) **represent** by a diagram, (2) the characters that **represent** numbers

We elected him to **represent** us at the international conference.

column

n. one of the vertical blocks that split content on a page or screen from top to bottom; an upright pillar that often supports an arch, entablature, or other structure or stands alone as a monument

synonym: line, pillar, cue

(1) the spinal **column**, (2) a **column** of water

The newspaper devoted several **columns** to the affair.

scot

n. a tax or payment, particularly a share or portion of something; a person from Scotland or a Scottish immigrant

synonym: tax, charge, toll

(1) pay annual **scot**, (2) traditional **Scot** attire

The **scot-free** suspect was later apprehended for a different crime.

companion

n. a person or an animal with whom you spend a lot of time, or you travel

synonym: affiliate, fellow, mate

(1) a working **companion**, (2) drinking **companions**

Her dog is her excellent **companion**.

conclude

v. to come to an end or close; to reach a judgment or opinion by reasoning

synonym: complete, finish, decide

(1) **conclude** a meeting, (2) **conclude** that he is healthy

We **concluded** a cease-fire.

betray

v. to reveal or deliver to an enemy by treachery or disloyalty; to reveal something unintentionally

synonym : fail, denounce, display

(1) **betray** a friend, (2) **betray** confidence

He felt **betrayed** when his best friend revealed their secret to the enemy.

strategy

n. a detailed plan of action designed to achieve a long-term or overall goal.

synonym : approach, procedure, scenario

(1) military **strategy**, (2) develop a **strategy**

Our plan includes a comprehensive marketing **strategy**.

unconditional

adj. not subject to any conditions; absolute or complete; not limited by any qualifications or restrictions

synonym : absolute, complete, unqualified

(1) **unconditional** forgiveness, (2) **unconditional** support

Her love for him was **unconditional**, despite all of his flaws.

equilibrium

n. a state in which opposing forces or influences are balanced

synonym : balance, stability, harmony

(1) **equilibrium** point, (2) political **equilibrium**

The company struggled to maintain an **equilibrium** between its profits and social responsibilities.

deviate

v. to depart from an established course or plan; to change direction or take a different route or approach

synonym : stray, diverge, veer

(1) **deviate** from the norm, (2) **deviate** from the plan

It's important not to **deviate** from the established safety procedures.

accord

n. an official agreement or treaty between two organizations, countries, etc.; (verb) allow to have

synonym : alliance, pact, agreement

(1) **accord** with public opinion, (2) binational **accord**

The organization finally signed a peace **accord**.

smug

adj. excessively pleased with oneself; self-righteously complacent

synonym: self-satisfied, complacent, self-assured

(1) in a **smug** manner, (2) **smug** attitude

She felt **smug** about her performance in the competition.

belly

n. the front part of the body below the chest, containing the stomach and bowels; the rounded or curved part of an object, such as a ship or aircraft

synonym: stomach, abdomen, gut

(1) the **belly** of the ship, (2) with an empty **belly**

She had a tattoo just above her **belly** button.

normally

adv. usually; under normal conditions

synonym: commonly, generally, naturally

(1) complete **normally**, (2) not **normally** drink much

I don't **normally** take a vacation in the middle of summer.

wizard

n. a person who is skilled in magic or a particular technical field

synonym: sorcerer, magician, alchemist

(1) a **wizard** at chess, (2) financial **wizard**

He was a **wizard** at solving complex mathematical equations.

mess

n. a state of confusion, dirtiness, or untidiness; (verb) to fail to do something or to make something dirty or untidy

synonym: disarray, confusion, predicament

(1) have a whole **mess**, (2) get into a **mess**

He made a frightful **mess** in his room.

unfold

v. to open up or spread out something that is folded or rolled up; to reveal or disclose something that was previously hidden or unknown

synonym: open, spread out, expose

(1) **unfold** the story, (2) **unfold** the stroller

The mystery **unfolded** as the detectives gathered more clues.

punishment

n. a penalty or consequence inflicted for wrongdoing or offense; a means of enforcing discipline or preventing further wrongdoing

synonym : penalty, discipline, retribution

(1) **punishment** for a crime, (2) humiliating **punishment**

The judge gave severe **punishment** to the criminal who committed the heinous crime.

doom

n. death, destruction, or some other terrible situation that cannot be avoided

synonym : judgment, destiny, fate

(1) economic **doom**, (2) prophet of **doom**

Everyone was aware of the impending **doom** but was unable to prevent it.

sunrise

n. the time in the morning when the sun first appears in the sky

synonym : daybreak, morning, dawn

(1) beautiful **sunrise**, (2) high-technology **sunrise** industries

I got up early to watch the **sunrise** at the summit.

infinite

adj. unlimited or very great; impossible to measure

synonym : boundless, countless, limitless

(1) **infinite** appetite, (2) **infinite** in supply

The battle had an **infinite** impact on the nation.

bargain

n. an agreement between two parties regarding the terms of a purchase or a transaction; a deal or a negotiation that results in a product or a service being acquired for a lower price than usual or expected

synonym : deal, agreement, pact

(1) **bargain** deal, (2) **bargain** hunting

The price for the used car was a **bargain** compared to the market value.

chip

n. a small fragment of something broken off from the whole; a long and thin piece of potato fried in oil or fat

synonym : flake, fragment, chunk

(1) a **chip** of wood, (2) I don't care a **chip**

We can use this campaign as a bargaining **chip** in the negotiations.

retaliate

v. to respond to an action or attack with a similar action, especially one that is intended to harm or punish the other person

synonym : get back, strike back, revenge

(1) **retaliate** for the blow, (2) **retaliate** in a like fashion

After the other team scored, we **retaliated** by playing even harder and scoring two quick goals.

eternal

adj. being without beginning or end; lasting forever

synonym : endless, everlasting, undying

(1) the hope of **eternal** life, (2) **eternal** quarreling

In every civilization, rulers have tried everything possible to obtain **eternal** life.

sentient

adj. having the ability to perceive or feel things, particularly through sense perception like touch or sight, especially at higher levels of intelligence and consciousness

synonym : conscious, aware, perceptive

(1) **sentient** beings, (2) **sentient** robots

Animals such as dolphins and elephants are highly **sentient** and intelligent creatures.

cooperate

v. to work together with one or more people or organizations to achieve a goal

synonym : collaborate, team up, work together

(1) **cooperate** with one another, (2) **cooperate** closely in various ways

The team had to **cooperate** to complete the project on time.

discount

n. a reduction in the original price of an item, product, or service; a deduction from the usual cost or value of something; (verb) to disregard or minimize the importance of something; to offer a lower price for a product or service than its original price

synonym: sale, reduction, (verb) lower

(1) **discount** a draft, (2) **discount** store

I got a massive **discount** on my new laptop during the Black Friday sale.

delta

n. a triangular area of low and flat land that is formed when a river flows into a larger body of water and deposits sediment; an object shaped like an equilateral triangle

synonym: floodplain, estuary

(1) river **deltas**, (2) **delta** cone

The Nile **Delta** is a rich and fertile region that has supported agriculture for thousands of years.

inflation

n. a general and progressive increase in prices; (cosmology) a theory of the exponential expansion of space in the early universe; the act of filling something with air

synonym: increase, swelling, boom

(1) **inflation** control, (2) global **inflation**

Investment in index funds can often be a hedge against **inflation**.

erode

v. to gradually wear away or break down (rock, soil, or other material) through the action of wind, water, or other natural agents; to gradually weaken or undermine (something) over time

synonym: wear away, deteriorate, corrode

(1) **erode** coast, (2) **erode** trust

The ongoing budget cuts have **eroded** the quality of education in many schools.

quarter

n. one of four equal parts; a fourth part or portion
synonym: fourth, one-fourth

(1) a **quarter** mile, (2) end of the first **quarter**

The unemployment rate in the first **quarter** was 2.3 percentage points higher than in the previous.

initial

adj. of or happening at the beginning; (noun) the first letter of a word, especially a person's name

synonym: basic, primary, beginning

(1) **initial** velocity, (2) an **initial** letter

They took the **initial** step toward reconciliation.

mutual

adj. common to or shared by two or more parties

synonym: shared, common, joint

(1) share of a **mutual** fund, (2) **mutual** efforts

They cooperated for their **mutual** benefit.

endlessly

adv. in a way that continues for a long time or seems to have no end or limit

synonym: ceaselessly, interminably, unceasingly

(1) repeat **endlessly**, (2) worry **endlessly** about our future

The procession of demonstrators was **endlessly** continuing.

triple

adj. consisting of three items or people; three times as great or many

synonym: threefold

(1) a **triple** mirror, (2) **triple** digits

His coach is a **triple** Olympic champion.

consumption

n. the amount used or eaten; the act of using up a resource such as energy, food, or materials

synonym: usage, uptake, utilization

(1) average fuel **consumption**, (2) the **consumption** of food

In our country, water **consumption** usually decreases during the winter.

yield

n. the total output of crops, profits, etc. that are produced;
(verb) to produce or supply helpful something, such as a profit, an amount of food, or information

synonym : proceeds, harvest, output

(1) corn **yield**, (2) the **yield** on the bond

The company's stock gives a high **yield**.

optimal

adj. the best; most likely to be successful or advantageous

synonym : optimum, desirable, favorable

(1) achieve **optimal** health, (2) **optimal** for intellectual growth

Wild animals need to go forward with the **optimal** action to survive.

analyze

v. to think about in-depth and evaluate to discover essential features or meaning

synonym : explore, examine, investigate

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

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

negotiation

n. the process of discussing and reaching an agreement with others

synonym : bargaining, dialogue, haggling

(1) **negotiation** process, (2) **negotiation** skills

The **negotiation** between the two countries was a delicate and complex process.

rational

adj. based on reason or logic; using good judgment and sound thinking

synonym : logical, reasonable, sensible

(1) **rational** decision, (2) the **rational** faculty

The **rational** approach to problem-solving involves weighing all options.

assume

v. to think or accept something to be true without having proof of it; to take or begin to have power; to begin to exhibit a specific quality or appearance

synonym : guess, presume, suppose

(1) **assume** a lousy attitude to his boss, (2) **assume** an important role

The following example **assumes** that the capacity of each battery is the same.

adversary

n. a person, group, or force that opposes or fights against another; an enemy or opponent

synonym : opponent, enemy, foe

(1) **adversary** team, (2) political **adversary**

The boxer's toughest **adversary** was his fear of losing.

selfish

adj. concerned primarily with one's profit or pleasure without regard for others; forming or arising from a person's self or interest

synonym : egocentric, self-centered, narcissistic

(1) **selfish** motive, (2) **selfish** desire

His **selfish** ambition caused him to step on others to climb the corporate ladder.

incentive

n. something, such as a punishment, reward, etc., that encourages a person to do something

synonym : encouragement, inducement, enticement

(1) financial **incentives**, (2) an **incentive** to work hard

They have no **incentive** to win the game.

peaceful

adj. not involving violence, conflict, or war

synonym : friendly, pacific, amicable

(1) **peaceful** country, (2) **peaceful** coexistence

Plutonium has limited **peaceful** applications.

cooperation

n. the act or situation of working together with someone towards a shared purpose, benefit, etc.

synonym : collaboration, affiliation, alliance

(1) **cooperation** with strategic partners, (2) thoroughgoing **cooperation**

The **cooperation** between businesses and universities created this groundbreaking product.

demonstrable

adj. capable of being demonstrated, proven, or shown; able to be observed or verified

synonym : evident, provable, observable

(1) **demonstrable** evidence, (2) **demonstrable** skills

The company's **demonstrable** success has attracted many potential investors.

mathematics

n. the science dealing with the logic of quantities, shapes, spaces, and arrangement

synonym : arithmetic, calculation, calculus

(1) a good grounding in **mathematics**, (2) **mathematics** competition

He has a flair for **mathematics**.

crumb

n. a small particle or fragment of food or other substance, often one that has broken off from a larger piece; a very small amount or portion of something

synonym : fragment, particle, bit

(1) **crumb** of information, (2) bread **crumb**

My dog found a **crumb** on the floor and quickly ate it.

Session 2: Spelling

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| 2. s__g attitude | adj. | excessively pleased with oneself; self-righteously complacent |
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| 4. a cr__l and unusual punishment | adj. | feeling or showing pleasure in causing pain or suffering to others |
| 5. de_____on authority | n. | the act or process of making up someone's mind about something; a choice or judgment reached after considering options |
| 6. unc_____nal forgiveness | adj. | not subject to any conditions; absolute or complete; not limited by any qualifications or restrictions |
| 7. a tr___e mirror | adj. | consisting of three items or people; three times as great or many |
| 8. military st_____gy | n. | a detailed plan of action designed to achieve a long-term or overall goal. |
| 9. di_____s solutions | v. | to talk about or examine in detail through conversation or debate; to exchange ideas, opinions, or information on a particular topic |
| 10. gin_____ad latte | n. | a type of cake or cookie that is made with ginger, molasses, and other spices and is often decorated with icing or candy; architectural details or moldings that are reminiscent of gingerbread decorations |

ANSWERS: 1. decide, 2. smug, 3. spare, 4. cruel, 5. decision, 6. unconditional, 7. triple, 8. strategy, 9. discuss, 10. gingerbread

11. economic d__m *n.* death, destruction, or some other terrible situation that cannot be avoided
12. global in_____on *n.* a general and progressive increase in prices; (cosmology) a theory of the exponential expansion of space in the early universe; the act of filling something with air
13. improved student ou_____es *n.* the result or effect of an action, event, etc.
14. a working co_____on *n.* a person or an animal with whom you spend a lot of time, or you travel
15. ba_____n deal *n.* an agreement between two parties regarding the terms of a purchase or a transaction; a deal or a negotiation that results in a product or a service being acquired for a lower price than usual or expected
16. as___e an important role *v.* to think or accept something to be true without having proof of it; to take or begin to have power; to begin to exhibit a specific quality or appearance
17. bread cr__b *n.* a small particle or fragment of food or other substance, often one that has broken off from a larger piece; a very small amount or portion of something
18. political ad_____ry *n.* a person, group, or force that opposes or fights against another; an enemy or opponent
19. a selfish de_____on *n.* the act or process of making up someone's mind about something; a choice or judgment reached after considering options

ANSWERS: 11. doom, 12. inflation, 13. outcome, 14. companion, 15. bargain, 16. assume, 17. crumb, 18. adversary, 19. decision

20. tr___e digits *adj.* consisting of three items or people; three times as great or many
21. an_____e a chemical compound *v.* to think about in-depth and evaluate to discover essential features or meaning
22. dem_____ble skills *adj.* capable of being demonstrated, proven, or shown; able to be observed or verified
23. sp__e cost *adj.* additional to what is necessary for ordinary use; (verb) to give time, money, space, etc. to someone
24. un___d the stroller *v.* to open up or spread out something that is folded or rolled up; to reveal or disclose something that was previously hidden or unknown
25. pun_____nt for a crime *n.* a penalty or consequence inflicted for wrongdoing or offense; a means of enforcing discipline or preventing further wrongdoing
26. thoroughgoing coo_____on *n.* the act or situation of working together with someone towards a shared purpose, benefit, etc.
27. a co___n of water *n.* one of the vertical blocks that split content on a page or screen from top to bottom; an upright pillar that often supports an arch, entablature, or other structure or stands alone as a monument
28. cr__p manner *adj.* hard, dry, and brittle enough to break easily; cool, fresh, and invigorating

ANSWERS: 20. triple, 21. analyze, 22. demonstrable, 23. spare, 24. unfold, 25. punishment, 26. cooperation, 27. column, 28. crisp

29. st___l across a street *v.* to walk somewhere in a slow, relaxed way and with no apparent aim
30. prophet of d__m *n.* death, destruction, or some other terrible situation that cannot be avoided
31. an____e your real motives *v.* to think about in-depth and evaluate to discover essential features or meaning
32. ba____n hunting *n.* an agreement between two parties regarding the terms of a purchase or a transaction; a deal or a negotiation that results in a product or a service being acquired for a lower price than usual or expected
33. have a whole m__s *n.* a state of confusion, dirtiness, or untidiness; (verb) to fail to do something or to make something dirty or untidy
34. the con_____on of food *n.* the amount used or eaten; the act of using up a resource such as energy, food, or materials
35. corn yi__d *n.* the total output of crops, profits, etc. that are produced; (verb) to produce or supply helpful something, such as a profit, an amount of food, or information
36. co____de a meeting *v.* to come to an end or close; to reach a judgment or opinion by reasoning
37. c__w a stick of gum *v.* to crush or grind something, especially food, with the teeth and then swallow it
38. di_____nt store *n.* a reduction in the original price of an item, product, or service; a deduction from the usual cost or value of something; (verb) to disregard or minimize the importance of something; to offer a lower price for a product or service than its original price

ANSWERS: 29. stroll, 30. doom, 31. analyze, 32. bargain, 33. mess, 34. consumption, 35. yield, 36. conclude, 37. chew, 38. discount

39. get into a m__s *n.* a state of confusion, dirtiness, or untidiness; (verb) to fail to do something or to make something dirty or untidy
40. co_____te with one another *v.* to work together with one or more people or organizations to achieve a goal
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57. I don't care a c__p *n.* a small fragment of something broken off from the whole; a long and thin piece of potato fried in oil or fat

ANSWERS: 48. strategy, 49. erode, 50. represent, 51. deviate, 52. eternal, 53. demonstrable, 54. optimal, 55. dilemma, 56. wizard, 57. chip

58. neg_____on process *n.* the process of discussing and reaching an agreement with others
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67. a qu_____r mile *n.* one of four equal parts; a fourth part or portion
68. the spinal co____n *n.* one of the vertical blocks that split content on a page or screen from top to bottom; an upright pillar that often supports an arch, entablature, or other structure or stands alone as a monument

ANSWERS: 58. negotiation, 59. negotiation, 60. quarter, 61. adversary, 62. crumb, 63. infinite, 64. sunrise, 65. crisp, 66. traitor, 67. quarter, 68. column

69. coo_____on with strategic partners
n. the act or situation of working together with someone towards a shared purpose, benefit, etc.
70. share of a mu___l fund
adj. common to or shared by two or more parties
71. l__b amputation
n. an arm and leg of a person or animal
72. a r_w of cherry trees
n. an arrangement of objects or people side by side in a line
73. co_____de that he is healthy
v. to come to an end or close; to reach a judgment or opinion by reasoning
74. an in_____ve to work hard
n. something, such as a punishment, reward, etc., that encourages a person to do something
75. unc_____nal support
adj. not subject to any conditions; absolute or complete; not limited by any qualifications or restrictions
76. financial in_____ves
n. something, such as a punishment, reward, etc., that encourages a person to do something
77. criminal on death r_w
n. an arrangement of objects or people side by side in a line
78. pe_____ul coexistence
adj. not involving violence, conflict, or war
79. de___e a question
v. to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options
80. c__w each word
v. to crush or grind something, especially food, with the teeth and then swallow it
81. notorious tr_____r
n. a person who betrays someone or something, such as a friend, cause, or principle, to which they had previously been loyal; a person who commits treason against their country or sovereign

ANSWERS: 69. cooperation, 70. mutual, 71. limb, 72. row, 73. conclude, 74. incentive, 75. unconditional, 76. incentive, 77. row, 78. peaceful, 79. decide, 80.

chew, 81. traitor

82. gin_____ad house *n.* a type of cake or cookie that is made with ginger, molasses, and other spices and is often decorated with icing or candy; architectural details or moldings that are reminiscent of gingerbread decorations
83. se_____h desire *adj.* concerned primarily with one's profit or pleasure without regard for others; forming or arising from a person's self or interest
84. the yi__d on the bond *n.* the total output of crops, profits, etc. that are produced; (verb) to produce or supply helpful something, such as a profit, an amount of food, or information
85. a good grounding in mat_____cs *n.* the science dealing with the logic of quantities, shapes, spaces, and arrangement
86. o_t for a traditional wedding *v.* to make a choice from a range of possibilities
87. the characters that re_____nt numbers *v.* to speak, act, or be present on behalf of another person or group; to form or constitute
88. equ_____um point *n.* a state in which opposing forces or influences are balanced
89. ra_____al decision *adj.* based on reason or logic; using good judgment and sound thinking
90. small sa_____ce for a great cause *n.* the act of killing an animal or person or surrendering a possession as an offering to a deity; (verb) to give up something important or valuable to help another person or get or do something that seems more important

ANSWERS: 82. gingerbread, 83. selfish, 84. yield, 85. mathematics, 86. opt, 87. represent, 88. equilibrium, 89. rational, 90. sacrifice

91. worry en_____ly about our future *adv.* in a way that continues for a long time or seems to have no end or limit
92. re_____te for the blow *v.* to respond to an action or attack with a similar action, especially one that is intended to harm or punish the other person
93. financial wi____d *n.* a person who is skilled in magic or a particular technical field
94. in____t forestland *adj.* undamaged and complete
95. co_____te closely in various ways *v.* to work together with one or more people or organizations to achieve a goal
96. pay annual s__t *n.* a tax or payment, particularly a share or portion of something; a person from Scotland or a Scottish immigrant
97. an in_____l letter *adj.* of or happening at the beginning; (noun) the first letter of a word, especially a person's name
98. se_____nt robots *adj.* having the ability to perceive or feel things, particularly through sense perception like touch or sight, especially at higher levels of intelligence and consciousness
99. de_____e from the norm *v.* to depart from an established course or plan; to change direction or take a different route or approach
100. di_____nt a draft *n.* a reduction in the original price of an item, product, or service; a deduction from the usual cost or value of something; (verb) to disregard or minimize the importance of something; to offer a lower price for a product or service than its original price

ANSWERS: 91. endlessly, 92. retaliate, 93. wizard, 94. intact, 95. cooperate, 96. scot, 97. initial, 98. sentient, 99. deviate, 100. discount

101. number of different sc_____ios *n.* a description of possible actions or events in the future; a written outline of a play, film, or literary work
102. sa_____ce anything to get ahead *n.* the act of killing an animal or person or surrendering a possession as an offering to a deity; (verb) to give up something important or valuable to help another person or get or do something that seems more important
103. di_____s options *v.* to talk about or examine in detail through conversation or debate; to exchange ideas, opinions, or information on a particular topic
104. ac____d with public opinion *n.* an official agreement or treaty between two organizations, countries, etc.; (verb) allow to have
105. in____t brain *adj.* undamaged and complete
106. with an empty be__y *n.* the front part of the body below the chest, containing the stomach and bowels; the rounded or curved part of an object, such as a ship or aircraft
107. complete no_____ly *adv.* usually; under normal conditions
108. drinking co_____ons *n.* a person or an animal with whom you spend a lot of time, or you travel
109. a f_n of a plane *n.* a thin flat part on the body of a fish or other aquatic animal used for propulsion or balance
110. in a s__g manner *adj.* excessively pleased with oneself; self-righteously complacent

ANSWERS: 101. scenario, 102. sacrifice, 103. discuss, 104. accord, 105. intact, 106. belly, 107. normally, 108. companion, 109. fin, 110. smug

111. high-technology su_____e industries *n.* the time in the morning when the sun first appears in the sky
112. o_t out of society *v.* to make a choice from a range of possibilities
113. achieve op_____l health *adj.* the best; most likely to be successful or advantageous
114. humiliating pun_____nt *n.* a penalty or consequence inflicted for wrongdoing or offense; a means of enforcing discipline or preventing further wrongdoing
115. a c__p of wood *n.* a small fragment of something broken off from the whole; a long and thin piece of potato fried in oil or fat
116. in_____l velocity *adj.* of or happening at the beginning; (noun) the first letter of a word, especially a person's name
117. be___y confidence *v.* to reveal or deliver to an enemy by treachery or disloyalty; to reveal something unintentionally
118. the worst case sc_____io *n.* a description of possible actions or events in the future; a written outline of a play, film, or literary work
119. not no_____ly drink much *adv.* usually; under normal conditions
120. the ra_____al faculty *adj.* based on reason or logic; using good judgment and sound thinking
121. de__a cone *n.* a triangular area of low and flat land that is formed when a river flows into a larger body of water and deposits sediment; an object shaped like an equilateral triangle

ANSWERS: 111. sunrise, 112. opt, 113. optimal, 114. punishment, 115. chip, 116. initial, 117. betray, 118. scenario, 119. normally, 120. rational, 121. delta

122. et____l quarreling *adj.* being without beginning or end; lasting forever
123. re_____te in a like fashion *v.* to respond to an action or attack with a similar action, especially one that is intended to harm or punish the other person
124. repeat en_____ly *adv.* in a way that continues for a long time or seems to have no end or limit
125. pe_____ul country *adj.* not involving violence, conflict, or war
126. mat_____cs competition *n.* the science dealing with the logic of quantities, shapes, spaces, and arrangement
127. un____d the story *v.* to open up or spread out something that is folded or rolled up; to reveal or disclose something that was previously hidden or unknown
128. binational ac____d *n.* an official agreement or treaty between two organizations, countries, etc.; (verb) allow to have
129. political equ_____um *n.* a state in which opposing forces or influences are balanced
130. back f_n *n.* a thin flat part on the body of a fish or other aquatic animal used for propulsion or balance
131. cr__l joke *adj.* feeling or showing pleasure in causing pain or suffering to others
132. mu____l efforts *adj.* common to or shared by two or more parties

ANSWERS: 122. eternal, 123. retaliate, 124. endlessly, 125. peaceful, 126. mathematics, 127. unfold, 128. accord, 129. equilibrium, 130. fin, 131. cruel, 132. mutual

133. in_____on control *n.* a general and progressive increase in prices; (cosmology) a theory of the exponential expansion of space in the early universe; the act of filling something with air
134. a prosthetic l__b *n.* an arm and leg of a person or animal
135. se_____h motive *adj.* concerned primarily with one's profit or pleasure without regard for others; forming or arising from a person's self or interest
136. a desirable ou_____e *n.* the result or effect of an action, event, etc.
137. traditional S__t attire *n.* a tax or payment, particularly a share or portion of something; a person from Scotland or a Scottish immigrant
138. the be__y of the ship *n.* the front part of the body below the chest, containing the stomach and bowels; the rounded or curved part of an object, such as a ship or aircraft
139. average fuel con_____on *n.* the amount used or eaten; the act of using up a resource such as energy, food, or materials
140. er__e coast *v.* to gradually wear away or break down (rock, soil, or other material) through the action of wind, water, or other natural agents; to gradually weaken or undermine (something) over time

ANSWERS: 133. inflation, 134. limb, 135. selfish, 136. outcome, 137. scot, 138. belly, 139. consumption, 140. erode

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. Her love for him was _____ despite all of his flaws.
adj. not subject to any conditions; absolute or complete; not limited by any qualifications or restrictions
2. The price for the used car was a _____ compared to the market value.
n. an agreement between two parties regarding the terms of a purchase or a transaction; a deal or a negotiation that results in a product or a service being acquired for a lower price than usual or expected
3. Everyone was aware of the impending _____ but was unable to prevent it.
n. death, destruction, or some other terrible situation that cannot be avoided
4. She couldn't _____ whether to order the pizza or the pasta for dinner.
v. to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options
5. We can use this campaign as a bargaining _____ in the negotiations.
n. a small fragment of something broken off from the whole; a long and thin piece of potato fried in oil or fat
6. He was a _____ at solving complex mathematical equations.
n. a person who is skilled in magic or a particular technical field
7. He was the leader of the demonstrators and spoke out against the war in the front _____.
n. an arrangement of objects or people side by side in a line

ANSWERS: 1. unconditional, 2. bargain, 3. doom, 4. decide, 5. chip, 6. wizard, 7. row

8. The government branded him a _____ after he leaked classified information to the press.
- n.* a person who betrays someone or something, such as a friend, cause, or principle, to which they had previously been loyal; a person who commits treason against their country or sovereign
9. Despite the scandals, his reputation remained _____.
- adj.* undamaged and complete
10. The _____ approach to problem-solving involves weighing all options.
- adj.* based on reason or logic; using good judgment and sound thinking
11. The _____ between the two countries was a delicate and complex process.
- n.* the process of discussing and reaching an agreement with others
12. I got a massive _____ on my new laptop during the Black Friday sale.
- n.* a reduction in the original price of an item, product, or service; a deduction from the usual cost or value of something; (verb) to disregard or minimize the importance of something; to offer a lower price for a product or service than its original price
13. She had a tattoo just above her _____ button.
- n.* the front part of the body below the chest, containing the stomach and bowels; the rounded or curved part of an object, such as a ship or aircraft
14. She felt _____ about her performance in the competition.
- adj.* excessively pleased with oneself; self-righteously complacent
15. They have no _____ to win the game.
- n.* something, such as a punishment, reward, etc., that encourages a person to do something

ANSWERS: 8. traitor, 9. intact, 10. rational, 11. negotiation, 12. discount, 13. belly, 14. smug, 15. incentive

16. The children had fun making _____ cookies for the holidays.
- n.* a type of cake or cookie that is made with ginger, molasses, and other spices and is often decorated with icing or candy; architectural details or moldings that are reminiscent of gingerbread decorations
17. I got up early to watch the _____ at the summit.
- n.* the time in the morning when the sun first appears in the sky
18. The boxer's toughest _____ was his fear of losing.
- n.* a person, group, or force that opposes or fights against another; an enemy or opponent
19. Her dog is her excellent _____.
- n.* a person or an animal with whom you spend a lot of time, or you travel
20. They cooperated for their _____ benefit.
- adj.* common to or shared by two or more parties
21. We need to _____ the next steps for the project during our meeting tomorrow.
- v.* to talk about or examine in detail through conversation or debate; to exchange ideas, opinions, or information on a particular topic
22. My dog loves to _____ on bones.
- v.* to crush or grind something, especially food, with the teeth and then swallow it
23. The _____ suspect was later apprehended for a different crime.
- n.* a tax or payment, particularly a share or portion of something; a person from Scotland or a Scottish immigrant

ANSWERS: 16. gingerbread, 17. sunrise, 18. adversary, 19. companion, 20. mutual, 21. discuss, 22. chew, 23. scot-free

24. Wild animals need to go forward with the _____ action to survive.
adj. the best; most likely to be successful or advantageous
25. His _____ ambition caused him to step on others to climb the corporate ladder.
adj. concerned primarily with one's profit or pleasure without regard for others; forming or arising from a person's self or interest
26. I decided to ___ for premature retirement.
v. to make a choice from a range of possibilities
27. The following example _____ that the capacity of each battery is the same.
v. to think or accept something to be true without having proof of it; to take or begin to have power; to begin to exhibit a specific quality or appearance
28. The procession of demonstrators was _____ continuing.
adv. in a way that continues for a long time or seems to have no end or limit
29. Animals such as dolphins and elephants are highly _____ and intelligent creatures.
adj. having the ability to perceive or feel things, particularly through sense perception like touch or sight, especially at higher levels of intelligence and consciousness
30. Our plan includes a comprehensive marketing _____.
n. a detailed plan of action designed to achieve a long-term or overall goal.
31. The choice between bureaucracy and adhocracy represents a common _____.
n. a situation in which a difficult choice has to be made between two or more options, especially that are equally unfavorable ones

ANSWERS: 24. optimal, 25. selfish, 26. opt, 27. assumes, 28. endlessly, 29. sentient, 30. strategy, 31. dilemma

32. The mystery _____ as the detectives gathered more clues.
v. to open up or spread out something that is folded or rolled up; to reveal or disclose something that was previously hidden or unknown
33. My dog found a _____ on the floor and quickly ate it.
n. a small particle or fragment of food or other substance, often one that has broken off from a larger piece; a very small amount or portion of something
34. His coach is a _____ Olympic champion.
adj. consisting of three items or people; three times as great or many
35. The ongoing budget cuts have _____ the quality of education in many schools.
v. to gradually wear away or break down (rock, soil, or other material) through the action of wind, water, or other natural agents; to gradually weaken or undermine (something) over time
36. We _____ a cease-fire.
v. to come to an end or close; to reach a judgment or opinion by reasoning
37. He felt _____ when his best friend revealed their secret to the enemy.
v. to reveal or deliver to an enemy by treachery or disloyalty; to reveal something unintentionally
38. Plutonium has limited _____ applications.
adj. not involving violence, conflict, or war
39. She was struggling to make a _____ between two job offers.
n. the act or process of making up someone's mind about something; a choice or judgment reached after considering options

ANSWERS: 32. unfolded, 33. crumb, 34. triple, 35. eroded, 36. concluded, 37. betrayed, 38. peaceful, 39. decision

40. The organization finally signed a peace _____.
- n.* an official agreement or treaty between two organizations, countries, etc.;
(verb) allow to have
41. The unemployment rate in the first _____ was 2.3 percentage points higher than in the previous.
- n.* one of four equal parts; a fourth part or portion
42. You should wrap the bandage carefully and firmly around the injured _____.
- n.* an arm and leg of a person or animal
43. You cannot accomplish great things without a _____ of your time or money.
- n.* the act of killing an animal or person or surrendering a possession as an offering to a deity; (verb) to give up something important or valuable to help another person or get or do something that seems more important
44. Every day he wears a _____ white shirt to the office.
- adj.* hard, dry, and brittle enough to break easily; cool, fresh, and invigorating
45. I made plans to spend my _____ time beneficially.
- adj.* additional to what is necessary for ordinary use; (verb) to give time, money, space, etc. to someone
46. The company's stock gives a high _____.
- n.* the total output of crops, profits, etc. that are produced; (verb) to produce or supply helpful something, such as a profit, an amount of food, or information
47. The company's _____ success has attracted many potential investors.
- adj.* capable of being demonstrated, proven, or shown; able to be observed or verified

ANSWERS: 40. accord, 41. quarter, 42. limb, 43. sacrifice, 44. crisp, 45. spare, 46. yield, 47. demonstrable

48. We could _____ into town if you like.

v. to walk somewhere in a slow, relaxed way and with no apparent aim

49. They took the _____ step toward reconciliation.

adj. of or happening at the beginning; (noun) the first letter of a word, especially a person's name

50. He made a frightful _____ in his room.

n. a state of confusion, dirtiness, or untidiness; (verb) to fail to do something or to make something dirty or untidy

51. The president prepared several possible _____ for an enemy attack.

n. a description of possible actions or events in the future; a written outline of a play, film, or literary work

52. After the other team scored, we _____ by playing even harder and scoring two quick goals.

v. to respond to an action or attack with a similar action, especially one that is intended to harm or punish the other person

53. The newspaper devoted several _____ to the affair.

n. one of the vertical blocks that split content on a page or screen from top to bottom; an upright pillar that often supports an arch, entablature, or other structure or stands alone as a monument

54. Investment in index funds can often be a hedge against _____.

n. a general and progressive increase in prices; (cosmology) a theory of the exponential expansion of space in the early universe; the act of filling something with air

ANSWERS: 48. stroll, 49. initial, 50. mess, 51. scenarios, 52. retaliated, 53. columns, 54. inflation

55. The company struggled to maintain an _____ between its profits and social responsibilities.
n. a state in which opposing forces or influences are balanced
56. The team had to _____ to complete the project on time.
v. to work together with one or more people or organizations to achieve a goal
57. The battle had an _____ impact on the nation.
adj. unlimited or very great; impossible to measure
58. In every civilization, rulers have tried everything possible to obtain _____ life.
adj. being without beginning or end; lasting forever
59. It's important not to _____ from the established safety procedures.
v. to depart from an established course or plan; to change direction or take a different route or approach
60. In our country, water _____ usually decreases during the winter.
n. the amount used or eaten; the act of using up a resource such as energy, food, or materials
61. They awaited news of the _____ of the election.
n. the result or effect of an action, event, etc.
62. The teacher attempted to _____ the root cause of our mistake.
v. to think about in-depth and evaluate to discover essential features or meaning
63. I don't _____ take a vacation in the middle of summer.
adv. usually; under normal conditions

ANSWERS: 55. equilibrium, 56. cooperate, 57. infinite, 58. eternal, 59. deviate, 60. consumption, 61. outcome, 62. analyze, 63. normally

64. The _____ between businesses and universities created this groundbreaking product.
- n.* the act or situation of working together with someone towards a shared purpose, benefit, etc.
65. We elected him to _____ us at the international conference.
- v.* to speak, act, or be present on behalf of another person or group; to form or constitute
66. He has a flair for _____.
- n.* the science dealing with the logic of quantities, shapes, spaces, and arrangement
67. The shark's powerful _____ allowed it to swim at high speeds.
- n.* a thin flat part on the body of a fish or other aquatic animal used for propulsion or balance
68. The dictator was known for his _____ and oppressive regime.
- adj.* feeling or showing pleasure in causing pain or suffering to others
69. The judge gave severe _____ to the criminal who committed the heinous crime.
- n.* a penalty or consequence inflicted for wrongdoing or offense; a means of enforcing discipline or preventing further wrongdoing
70. The Nile _____ is a rich and fertile region that has supported agriculture for thousands of years.
- n.* a triangular area of low and flat land that is formed when a river flows into a larger body of water and deposits sediment; an object shaped like an equilateral triangle

ANSWERS: 64. cooperation, 65. represent, 66. mathematics, 67. fins, 68. cruel, 69. punishment, 70. Delta

ANSWERS: