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Session 1: Word List

historic

adj. famous or significant in history, or potentially so

synonym: memorable, momentous, historical

(1) **historic** accomplishment, (2) achieve the **historic** feat

The Chinese people have accomplished several **historic** feats.

mystery

n. something difficult to understand or explain; a secret or enigmatic quality that adds to the fascination or interest of something; a genre of fiction that involves the solution of a crime or a puzzle

synonym: enigma, puzzle, secret

(1) **mystery** novel, (2) unsolved **mystery**

The **mystery** surrounding the disappearance of the traveler has yet to be solved by authorities.

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.

commit

v. to do something illegal or wrong

synonym : engage, carry out, execute

(1) **commit** suicide, (2) **commit** mistakes

The military has **committed** an abuse of human rights.

violent

adj. involving or caused by physical force or aggression against someone or something

synonym : aggressive, intense, turbulent

(1) victim of a **violent** crime, (2) **violent** incident

The protesters became **violent** when the police tried to disperse them.

checkpoint

n. a designated location or point along a route or journey where travelers are required to stop and undergo a security or documentation check

(1) **checkpoint** security, (2) military **checkpoint**

The airport security **checkpoint** was crowded with passengers waiting to board their flights.

bomb

n. a weapon that explodes and is used to kill or injure people or to cause damage to something

synonym : missile, explosive, ammunition

(1) atomic **bombs**, (2) disarm the **bomb**

The use of cluster **bombs** is strictly prohibited by international law.

aggression

n. the act of attacking or assaulting; hostile or violent behavior

synonym : hostility, assertiveness, antagonism

(1) **aggression** by a hostile country, (2) naked **aggression**

The dog's **aggression** made it difficult for its owners to take it for a walk.

moral

adj. concerned with the principles of what is right and wrong, fairness, honesty, etc.

synonym : honest, ethical, conscientious

(1) **moral** hazard, (2) **moral** burden

Ethics deals with **moral** conduct.

cognition

n. the psychological process of perception and learning and reasoning; the mental action or process by which knowledge and understanding are developed in the mind

synonym : awareness, understanding, comprehension

(1) social **cognition**, (2) **cognition** disorder

The professor focused on the research of infant **cognition**.

decision-maker

n. a person who makes important decisions, especially at a high level in an organization

(1) policy **decision-maker**, (2) act as a **decision-maker**

A wealth of information does not always have a positive impact on **decision-makers**.

movement

n. a group of people working together to achieve a shared goal, especially a political, social, or artistic one; the process of moving or being moved, physically or figuratively

synonym : motion, progression, action

(1) a circular **movement**, (2) **movement** of troops

The **movement** of the dancers on stage was graceful and elegant.

translate

v. to convert or change words into another language

synonym : convert, transcribe, render

(1) **translate** a document into English, (2) **translate** the emotion to a movement

Translate the text from Italian into English.

individual

n. a single person or thing, as distinct from a group

synonym : person, being, self

(1) a private **individual**, (2) **individual** freedom

As an **individual**, he had the right to make his own decisions and live his life as he saw fit.

trigger

v. to make something happen suddenly; to cause something such as a device, machine, etc. to function

synonym : activate, spark, drive

(1) **trigger** a biochemical response, (2) **trigger** inflation

The incident **triggered** a political controversy.

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.

topic

n. a subject that is being discussed or written about

synonym : subject, theme, issue

(1) a serious **topic**, (2) the **topic** of the book

The **topic** of the discussion was the current state of the economy.

scholarly

adj. relating to or characteristic of academic study

synonym : academic, learned, erudite

(1) **scholarly** article, (2) **scholarly** attainment

The **scholarly** journal published articles on various academic subjects.

county

n. an administrative division of a country or state, typically one of several comprising a larger division

synonym : district, region, territory

(1) **county** seat, (2) throughout the **county**

The **county's** population has been increasing rapidly in recent years.

horseback

n. the back of a horse; the act of riding on a horse

synonym : equestrian, horse riding, mounted

(1) **horseback** trek, (2) **horseback** adventure

We went on a scenic trail ride on **horseback** through the mountains.

unfortunately

adv. by bad luck; unluckily

synonym: regrettably, unluckily, alas

(1) **unfortunately** caught in a shower, (2) even more **unfortunately**

The treatments were done but, **unfortunately**, were unsuccessful.

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.

Nazi

n. a member or supporter of the National Socialist German Workers' Party, which controlled Germany from 1933 to 1945 and carried out a genocidal campaign against Jews and other marginalized groups; someone who subscribes to similar racist or authoritarian beliefs

synonym: fascist, authoritarian, dictator

(1) **Nazi** regime, (2) neo- **Nazi** movement

The **Nazi** party was responsible for atrocities committed during World War II.

compound

n. an item composed of two or more distinct elements combined; a chemical formed by the combination of two or more elements

synonym: combination, mixture, blend

(1) aquatic **compound**, (2) harmful **compound**

Common salt is a sodium and chlorine **compound**.

march

v. to walk militarily with stiff, regular steps

synonym: parade

(1) **march** against the war, (2) **march** east
The troops **marched** shoulder-to-shoulder.

protest

n. a strong expression of disagreement, disapproval, or opposition

synonym : objection, disapproval, challenge

(1) hold a **protest**, (2) a silent **protest**

He left the party in **protest** at its radical political stance.

graduated

adj. having received a degree from a school, college, or university; marked with or divided into levels or degrees

synonym : completed, finished, earned

(1) **graduated** taxation, (2) **graduated** flask

She was a **graduated** student of a prestigious university.

twin

n. either of two children born at the same time from the same mother

(1) a **twin-lens** camera, (2) a **twin** room

Its **twin** brothers are difficult to tell apart except for their parents.

shock

n. a strong feeling or physical reaction to a sudden and unexpected event or experience, especially something unpleasant

synonym : amazement, surprise, stunner

(1) death from **shock**, (2) **shock-resistant**

He got an electric **shock** at work.

incredibly

adv. in a way that is very difficult to believe; exceedingly or extremely

synonym : enormously, exceptionally, extraordinarily

(1) **incredibly** cheerful character, (2) get **incredibly** insecure

Several cities are experiencing **incredibly** high unemployment rates.

unexpected

adj. not anticipated or regarded as likely to happen

synonym : surprising, unanticipated, incredible

(1) an **unexpected** visitor, (2) some **unexpected** events

The **unexpected** rainstorm caused the collapse of the corral.

scholarship

n. a grant or payment made to support a student's education usually awarded based on academic or other achievements

synonym : grant, award, stipend

(1) a **scholarship** association, (2) college **scholarship**

She received a full **scholarship** to study abroad.

Christ

n. the man that Christians believe is the prophet and the son of God, and whose life and sermons form the basis for Christianity

synonym : Savior, Jesus Christ, Jesus

(1) teaching of **Christ**, (2) before **Christ**

Christmas is the day to celebrate the birth of Christ.

settler

n. a person who moved with a group of others to live in a different country or area

synonym : frontiersperson, immigrant, emigrant

(1) new **settlers**, (2) **settlers** on some foreign shore

A large proportion of railway workers in **settler** colonies were white.

ecology

n. the study of the relationships between living organisms, including humans, and their physical environment

(1) science of **ecology**, (2) the **ecology** of the island

Many companies are now enthusiastically embracing the knowledge of **ecology** for sustainable development.

context

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

synonym : background, setting, environment

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

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

combat

n. a fight or battle, usually between opposing military forces; an engagement in which opposing parties attempt to defeat each other by force

synonym : battle, fight, warfare

(1) **combat** zone, (2) hand-to-hand **combat**

The veteran was honored for his service in **combat**.

balk

v. to hesitate or stop abruptly before completing an action, often due to fear, uncertainty, or opposition; to refuse to comply with or agree to something

synonym : hesitate, recoil, shy away

(1) **balk** at extra work, (2) **balk** in fear

After her first attempt to bake a cake failed, she didn't **balk** at trying again.

archives

n. a collection of historical documents or records providing information about a place, institution, or group of people

synonym : records, documents, repository

(1) historical **archives**, (2) digital **archives**

The **archives** at the library contain a wealth of information about the city's history.

confession

n. a formal statement in which one admits that they have done something wrong or illegal

synonym : admission, avowal, acknowledgment

(1) a **confession** of guilt, (2) a **confession** of faith

The prisoner made a full **confession** and admitted to his crime.

manifesto

n. a public declaration or statement of policy and aims, usually issued by a political party or government; a written statement or proclamation of one's beliefs or intentions

synonym : declaration, proclamation, statement

(1) **manifesto** statement, (2) environmental **manifesto**
The political party issued a **manifesto** outlining its plans for the country's future.

involve

v. to include or affect someone or something as a necessary part of something else

synonym: implicate, include, engage

(1) **involve** a lot of paperwork, (2) **involve** a high degree of risk

The investigation **involves** several government agencies and is expected to take several months.

brain

n. the organ inside the head that is responsible for one's movement, thought, memory, and feeling

synonym: intellect, mind, encephalon

(1) basic **brain** function, (2) permanent **brain** damage
X-rays revealed a small tumor in his **brain**.

causal

adj. relating to or indicating a cause or the relationship between causes and effects; resulting from a cause

synonym: causative, contributory, connected

(1) **causal** chain, (2) **causal** effect

The study aimed to establish a **causal** relationship between smoking and lung cancer.

imitate

v. to copy the speech, behavior, appearance, etc. of someone or something

synonym: mimic, emulate, replicate

(1) **imitate** painting styles, (2) **imitate** animal sounds

He **imitated** the modus operandi of the famous phantom thief.

contribute

v. to give something, especially money or goods, to provide or achieve something together with other people

synonym: donate, devote, commit

(1) **contribute** a large sum of money to the fund,

(2) **contribute** to society

Government workers cannot **contribute** to political campaigns.

cult

n. a small religious group, especially one that is not part of a larger religion and that is regarded as outside the norm; followers of an exclusive system of beliefs and practices

synonym : sect, faith, religion

(1) **cult** members, (2) **cult's** practices

The **cult** leader promised his followers that they would achieve enlightenment if they followed his teachings.

endemic

adj. (of a disease or other problem) regularly found among particular people or in a certain area

synonym : prevalent, widespread, native

(1) **endemic** disease, (2) cholera- **endemic** area

Malaria is **endemic** in many tropical countries.

environment

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

synonym : atmosphere, surroundings, climate

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

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

enclose

v. to surround, as with a fence, wall, or barrier; to put within boundaries; to include

synonym : surround, encase, contain

(1) **enclose** a check with a letter, (2) **enclose** area

The walls were **enclosed** to create a private outdoor space.

bubble

n. a thin, round, and often transparent mass of gas that is surrounded by a thin layer of liquid; a state of economic or social prosperity that is unsustainable and eventually collapses

synonym : blob, balloon, mania

(1) **bubble** in the champagne glass, (2) economic **bubble**
Many people worry that the current real estate market is a **bubble** that could burst soon.

fake

adj. not genuine; fraudulent or counterfeit

synonym : affected, bogus, counterfeit

(1) **fake** police officer, (2) spread of **fake** news

The prime minister was not well prepared for the debate and **faked** it

slogan

n. a short, catchy phrase or motto that is used by a person, organization, or company to promote a particular product, cause, or idea

synonym : catchphrase, tagline, motto

(1) catchy **slogan**, (2) advertising **slogan**

The company spent months researching and testing different brand **slogans** before finally settling on 'Just Do It' as their new tagline.

communist

adj. relating to or supporting the political ideology of communism (= a form of socialism that abolishes private ownership)

synonym : socialist, marxist, leninist

(1) **communist** party, (2) **communist** activist

During the Cold War, many countries feared the spread of **communist** ideology.

putrid

adj. decaying or rotting and emitting a foul or offensive odor; morally corrupt, foul, or depraved; repulsive or disgusting

synonym : rotten, decaying, decomposing

(1) turn **putrid**, (2) **putrid** atmosphere

I had to throw away the **putrid** food in the fridge because it had gone bad.

nationalist

adj. relating to or supporting a political ideology that emphasizes a strong sense of national identity and

devotion to one's own country

synonym : chauvinist, patriotic, jingoist

(1) **nationalist** sentiment, (2) **nationalist** revolt

The **nationalist** rally attracted thousands of supporters.

treason

n. the act of betraying one's country or government, especially by attempting to overthrow it or give aid and comfort to its enemies; a violation of allegiance or loyalty to one's country or government

synonym : betrayal, disloyalty, sedition

(1) high **treason**, (2) arrested for **treason**

The rebels were sentenced to death for committing acts of **treason** against the state.

depravity

n. moral corruption or degradation; a state of extreme wickedness or immorality; morally twisted or warped behavior

synonym : corruption, wickedness, immorality

(1) **depravity** of human nature, (2) moral **depravity**

The **depravity** of the serial killer shocked the nation.

victim

n. a person who has been harmed, injured, or otherwise negatively affected by a particular action, circumstance, or event

synonym : prey, target, sufferer

(1) **victim** support, (2) **victim** compensation

The **victim** of the crime deserves justice and support to recover from the trauma.

opposing

adj. competing, fighting, or working against each other

synonym : disagreeing, dissenting, conflicting

(1) **opposing** counsel, (2) in an **opposing** direction

We have no intention of **opposing** his idea.

weird

adj. extraordinary, unexpected, or difficult to explain

synonym : bizarre, creepy, peculiar

(1) a **weird** dress, (2) the state of being **weird**
My computer has been acting **weird** recently.

divide

v. to separate or cause to separate into parts or groups
synonym: separate, disconnect, split

(1) **divide** the cake into two pieces, (2) **divide** money equally

Can you **divide** 123321 by eleven?

compete

v. to strive to achieve more success than someone or something

synonym: contend, contest, vie

(1) **compete** against a friend, (2) **compete** fiercely

You must **compete** with others to obtain this position.

calibrate

v. to measure or adjust something, typically a machine or device, to ensure accurate functioning or to match a standard or desired level of performance

synonym: adjust, fine-tune

(1) **calibrate** machinery, (2) **calibrate** measurements

It's important to **calibrate** the equipment regularly to ensure accurate results.

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**.

concept

n. an idea or principle associated with something abstract

synonym: idea, notion, vision

(1) learn new **concepts**, (2) **concept** car

One such rapidly growing **concept** is quantum cryptography.

fascinating

adj. extremely interesting

synonym : alluring, intriguing, captivating

(1) **fascinating** story, (2) completely **fascinating** to me

The museum houses a **fascinating** collection of Celtic artifacts.

sympathetic

adj. feeling, showing, or expressing kindness or compassion to somebody who is hurt, sad, or in a problematic situation

synonym : compassionate, empathetic, understanding

(1) **sympathetic** nervous system, (2) **sympathetic** toward poor people

She is very **sympathetic** to our project.

biology

n. the scientific study of life and the natural processes of living things

(1) evolutionary **biology**, (2) cell and molecular **biology**

In junior high school, we had to dissect a frog in **biology** class.

ethnic

adj. relating or belonging to a group of people who share a cultural tradition

synonym : racial, ethnical, tribal

(1) **ethnic** minority, (2) single **ethnic** group

Each **ethnic** group has its unique rituals.

communal

adj. belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use

synonym : collaborative, combined, collective

(1) **communal** swimming pool, (2) **communal** combination of funds

Communal elections were held in several European countries.

emotional

adj. relating to people's feelings

synonym : affecting, impactful, impressive

(1) **emotional** health, (2) **emotional** distress

Human **emotional** responses vary widely depending on the society to which they belong.

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

synonym: signal, sign, hint

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

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

gear *n.* a toothed wheel that engages another toothed mechanism to change the speed or direction of transmitted motion; a set of tools, equipment, or other items for a particular purpose

synonym: equipment, tools, apparatus

(1) sports **gear**, (2) a **gear** change lever

She checked her **gear** before embarking on the hike.

instance *n.* a particular example or single occurrence of something
synonym: example, sample, illustration

(1) for **instance**, (2) notable **instance**

These articles cite five **instances** of climate change.

laboratory *n.* a workplace for doing scientific research or teaching science; a lab

synonym: lab, workshop, testing room

(1) **laboratory** accident, (2) anthropology **laboratory**

Animal protection groups call for an end to animal testing in a **laboratory**.

amygdala *n.* one of two parts of the almond-shaped neural structure that are linked to emotions, especially fear and pleasure, memory, and the sense of smell

(1) the decline in **amygdala** activity, (2) **amygdala** damage

The **amygdala** has been associated with memories of past emotional events.

hijack

v. to seize control of an airplane or other vehicle during an operation, especially with violence

synonym: commandeer, seize, pirate

(1) **hijack** a helicopter, (2) **hijack** a phone number

He made a desperate effort to **hijack** an airliner.

react

v. to take action in response to something

synonym: respond, reply, oppose

(1) **react** at a high temperature, (2) **react** against his way of thinking

How did he **react** to your idea?

automatic

adj. able to work or operate with little or no direct human control; independent of external control

synonym: mechanical, robotic, intuitive

(1) **automatic** operation, (2) the **automatic** shrinking of the pupils

In passenger aircraft, it is common to use an **automatic** pilot during cruising.

threat

n. a strong indication or likelihood of harm, danger, or adverse consequences; an expression of intent to inflict harm or injury on someone or something, often made as a means of coercion or intimidation

synonym: menace, danger, hazard

(1) economic **threat**, (2) environmental **threat**

The **threat** of severe weather prompted the city to issue an evacuation warning.

narrative

n. a story or a description of a series of events or process of telling a story

synonym: the tale, chronology, annals

(1) **narrative** poetry, (2) personal **narrative**

The **narrative** handles multiple plot lines and has unpredictable ends.

grab

v. to take hold of something or someone suddenly with a hand, especially in a violent way

synonym : clutch, snatch, grasp

(1) **grab** an audience, (2) **grab** an opportunity

Shall we **grab** a bite to eat?

bombard

v. to attack a place with bombs or gunshots continuously; to address with continuously or persistently, as if with a barrage

synonym : bomb, shoot, blitz

(1) **bombard** him with questions, (2) **bombard** a fort with heavy shells

Overprotective parents often **bombard** their children with messages reinforcing their lack of mastery.

filter

n. any of several types of equipment or systems used to separate particles from liquids or gases or to remove specific forms of light

synonym : strainer

(1) gas **filter**, (2) clogged **filter**

Ozone is a primary **filter** to protect Earth's surface from harmful UV rays.

ignore

v. to intentionally not listen or pay attention to

synonym : neglect, disregard, shun

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

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

suddenly

adv. quickly and unexpectedly

synonym : abruptly, unexpectedly, unawares

(1) **suddenly** attacked by an enemy, (2) die **suddenly**

Who answers **suddenly** knows little.

snap

v. to record on photographic film; to make a sudden, sharp sound; (noun) the act of catching an object with the hands

synonym : break, crack, fracture

(1) **snap** a whip, (2) **snap** judgment

She **snapped** a quick picture of the beautiful sunset before it disappeared.

politician

n. a person who is a member of a government or law-making organization, especially as an elected member of parliament, etc.

synonym: congressperson, lawmaker, legislator

(1) a **politician** in the ruling party, (2) a corrupt **politician**

The **politician** lost his position in the end due to the scandal.

flood

n. a large amount of water flowing beyond its normal limits; an overwhelming number or amount

synonym: deluge, downpour, overflow

(1) **flood** advisory, (2) a **flood** of questions

These heavy rains caused flash **floods** on several islands.

memorize

v. to learn something carefully so that you will remember it exactly

synonym: learn, remember, remind

(1) **memorize** musical scores, (2) try hard to **memorize** the lines

Lawyers need to **memorize** even the most minor provisions of the law.

experiment

n. the scientific test conducted to observe what happens and gain new knowledge

synonym: experimentation, investigation

(1) **experiment** design, (2) series of **experiments**

His **experiments** showed highly positive results.

predetermine

v. to decide or determine in advance; to establish or influence beforehand

synonym: determine in advance, predestine, decide beforehand

(1) **predetermine** effectiveness, (2) **predetermine** result

I can't **predetermine** the game's outcome, and anything can

happen.

stimulus

n. something that causes growth or arouses action
synonym : incitement, inspiration, motivation

(1) a response to a **stimulus**, (2) economic **stimulus**

This book provides children with ideas and a **stimulus** for outside recreation.

mention

v. to speak or write about something or someone briefly
synonym : reference, allude, cite

(1) **mention** name, (2) **mention** in a report

I **mentioned** to him that I had seen his sister at the grocery store earlier that day.

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.

surround

v. to be all around something or somebody
synonym : encircle, encompass, envelop

(1) **surround** a town, (2) a stone wall **surrounds** the palace

On three sides, mountains **surround** the settlement.

peer

n. a person who has the same age, status, or ability
synonym : fellow, associate, counterpart

(1) **peer** group, (2) **peer** review

Among young people, **peer** pressure can be pretty influential.

bypass

n. an alternative road, channel, pipe, or connection that allows flow while the main one is closed or obstructed;
(verb) to go past or round

(1) gastric **bypass** operation, (2) **bypass** circuit

This patient must undergo **bypass** surgery.

inhibit

v. to prevent something, such as an action, process, etc., from happening or make it less likely to happen than normal

synonym: deter, hinder, impede

(1) **inhibit** desires, (2) **inhibit** tumor growth

Excessive parental interference may **inhibit** children's eagerness to learn.

impulse

n. a sudden strong and unreflective wish or need to do something; the electrical discharge that travels along a nerve fiber

synonym: stimulation, provocation, urge

(1) a combative **impulse**, (2) profound religious **impulses**

Nerve **impulses** cross a synapse through the action of neurotransmitters.

polarization

n. the division or separation of something into two opposing or contrasting groups or factions; the condition of being polarized or having poles

synonym: polarity, division, separation

(1) **polarization** effect, (2) dielectric **polarization**

The **polarization** of political views has created a deep divide in the country.

emotion

n. a strong feeling such as love, anger, etc. deriving from one's situation, mood, or relationships with others

synonym: feeling, sentiment, passion

(1) control my **emotion**, (2) afraid to show **emotion**

Some **emotions** are common across cultures and backgrounds.

entertain

v. to keep a group of people interested or excited; to take into consideration an idea or feeling

synonym: amuse, delight, engage

(1) **entertain** a guest, (2) let me **entertain** you with music

He refused to **entertain** our proposal.

trajectory

n. the curved path followed by an object moving through space

synonym : course, curve, orbit

(1) career **trajectory**, (2) a **trajectory** missile

The company has shown an excellent growth **trajectory** over the years.

bait

n. a type of food or lure used to attract fish, animals, or people; something used to provoke or irritate someone into responding or reacting in a certain way

synonym : lure, enticement, temptation

(1) **bait** and switch, (2) fishing **bait**

The **bait** brought the fish into the trap.

Jewish

adj. of or relating to people whose traditional religion is Judaism

synonym : Judaic

(1) **Jewish** history, (2) **Jewish** culture

My friend is a **Jewish** woman who celebrates Hanukkah every year.

atheist

n. a person who denies or disbelieves the existence of a deity or deities

synonym : nonbeliever, unbeliever, secularist

(1) **atheist** community, (2) **atheist** belief

She was an **atheist** without any belief in a higher power.

democracy

n. a form of government in which the people have the authority to deliberate and decide legislation, or to choose governing officials to do so

synonym : self-government, republic, commonwealth

(1) **democracy** advocate, (2) principles of **democracy**

Democracy often entails inclusive capitalism as well.

retrain

v. to teach or learn a new or different set of skills or knowledge, usually to adapt to a new job, situation, or technology

synonym : educate, instruct

(1) **retrain** employees, (2) **retrain** skills

She plans to **retrain** in a new field after retiring from her current career.

Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. series of exp_____nts | <i>n.</i> the scientific test conducted to observe what happens and gain new knowledge |
| 2. chaotic env_____nt | <i>n.</i> the natural world such as air, water, and land in which humans, animals, and plants live |
| 3. basic br__n function | <i>n.</i> the organ inside the head that is responsible for one's movement, thought, memory, and feeling |
| 4. let me en_____in you with music | <i>v.</i> to keep a group of people interested or excited; to take into consideration an idea or feeling |
| 5. in_____e a lot of paperwork | <i>v.</i> to include or affect someone or something as a necessary part of something else |
| 6. na_____ve poetry | <i>n.</i> a story or a description of a series of events or process of telling a story |
| 7. co_____al combination of funds | <i>adj.</i> belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use |
| 8. sc_____ly attainment | <i>adj.</i> relating to or characteristic of academic study |
| 9. lab_____ry accident | <i>n.</i> a workplace for doing scientific research or teaching science; a lab |
| 10. the decline in am_____la activity | <i>n.</i> one of two parts of the almond-shaped neural structure that are linked to emotions, especially fear and pleasure, memory, and the sense of smell |

ANSWERS: 1. experiment, 2. environment, 3. brain, 4. entertain, 5. involve, 6. narrative, 7. communal, 8. scholarly, 9. laboratory, 10. amygdala

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| 11. in_____t desires | <i>v.</i> to prevent something, such as an action, process, etc., from happening or make it less likely to happen than normal |
| 12. ho_____ck adventure | <i>n.</i> the back of a horse; the act of riding on a horse |
| 13. spread of f___e news | <i>adj.</i> not genuine; fraudulent or counterfeit |
| 14. gastric by___s operation | <i>n.</i> an alternative road, channel, pipe, or connection that allows flow while the main one is closed or obstructed; (verb) to go past or round |
| 15. a t___n-lens camera | <i>n.</i> either of two children born at the same time from the same mother |
| 16. agg_____on by a hostile country | <i>n.</i> the act of attacking or assaulting; hostile or violent behavior |
| 17. cholera-en_____c area | <i>adj.</i> (of a disease or other problem) regularly found among particular people or in a certain area |
| 18. a we___d dress | <i>adj.</i> extraordinary, unexpected, or difficult to explain |
| 19. su_____ly attacked by an enemy | <i>adv.</i> quickly and unexpectedly |
| 20. economic st_____us | <i>n.</i> something that causes growth or arouses action |
| 21. high tr_____n | <i>n.</i> the act of betraying one's country or government, especially by attempting to overthrow it or give aid and comfort to its enemies; a violation of allegiance or loyalty to one's country or government |

ANSWERS: 11. inhibit, 12. horseback, 13. fake, 14. bypass, 15. twin, 16. aggression, 17. endemic, 18. weird, 19. suddenly, 20. stimulus, 21. treason

22. am____la damage *n.* one of two parts of the almond-shaped neural structure that are linked to emotions, especially fear and pleasure, memory, and the sense of smell
23. hi___k a phone number *v.* to seize control of an airplane or other vehicle during an operation, especially with violence
24. 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
25. turn pu____d *adj.* decaying or rotting and emitting a foul or offensive odor; morally corrupt, foul, or depraved; repulsive or disgusting
26. economic bu____e *n.* a thin, round, and often transparent mass of gas that is surrounded by a thin layer of liquid; a state of economic or social prosperity that is unsustainable and eventually collapses
27. p__r group *n.* a person who has the same age, status, or ability
28. pre_____ine effectiveness *v.* to decide or determine in advance; to establish or influence beforehand
29. nat_____st sentiment *adj.* relating to or supporting a political ideology that emphasizes a strong sense of national identity and devotion to one's own country
30. evolutionary bi____y *n.* the scientific study of life and the natural processes of living things

ANSWERS: 22. amygdala, 23. hijack, 24. rev, 25. putrid, 26. bubble, 27. peer, 28. predetermine, 29. nationalist, 30. biology

31. mo__l hazard *adj.* concerned with the principles of what is right and wrong, fairness, honesty, etc.
32. co___t zone *n.* a fight or battle, usually between opposing military forces; an engagement in which opposing parties attempt to defeat each other by force
33. legal co_____t *n.* the circumstances, facts, or conditions that surround a particular event, situation, or statement and that give it meaning
34. gr_____ed flask *adj.* having received a degree from a school, college, or university; marked with or divided into levels or degrees
35. vi___m support *n.* a person who has been harmed, injured, or otherwise negatively affected by a particular action, circumstance, or event
36. ma__h east *v.* to walk militarily with stiff, regular steps
37. c__t's practices *n.* a small religious group, especially one that is not part of a larger religion and that is regarded as outside the norm; followers of an exclusive system of beliefs and practices
38. clogged fi___r *n.* any of several types of equipment or systems used to separate particles from liquids or gases or to remove specific forms of light
39. pol_____ion effect *n.* the division or separation of something into two opposing or contrasting groups or factions; the condition of being polarized or having poles

ANSWERS: 31. moral, 32. combat, 33. context, 34. graduated, 35. victim, 36. march, 37. cult, 38. filter, 39. polarization

40. harmful co_____nd *n.* an item composed of two or more distinct elements combined; a chemical formed by the combination of two or more elements
41. military che_____nt *n.* a designated location or point along a route or journey where travelers are required to stop and undergo a security or documentation check
42. re__t at a high temperature *v.* to take action in response to something
43. me_____ze musical scores *v.* to learn something carefully so that you will remember it exactly
44. g__b an audience *v.* to take hold of something or someone suddenly with a hand, especially in a violent way
45. s__p a whip *v.* to record on photographic film; to make a sudden, sharp sound; (noun) the act of catching an object with the hands
46. unsolved my_____y *n.* something difficult to understand or explain; a secret or enigmatic quality that adds to the fascination or interest of something; a genre of fiction that involves the solution of a crime or a puzzle
47. completely fas_____ng to me *adj.* extremely interesting
48. co_____st activist *adj.* relating to or supporting the political ideology of communism (= a form of socialism that abolishes private ownership)
49. en_____c disease *adj.* (of a disease or other problem) regularly found among particular people or in a certain area

ANSWERS: 40. compound, 41. checkpoint, 42. react, 43. memorize, 44. grab, 45. snap, 46. mystery, 47. fascinating, 48. communist, 49. endemic

50. ind_____al freedom *n.* a single person or thing, as distinct from a group
51. dielectric pol_____ion *n.* the division or separation of something into two opposing or contrasting groups or factions; the condition of being polarized or having poles
52. en_____e a check with a letter *v.* to surround, as with a fence, wall, or barrier; to put within boundaries; to include
53. con_____te a large sum of money to the fund *v.* to give something, especially money or goods, to provide or achieve something together with other people
54. career tra_____ry *n.* the curved path followed by an object moving through space
55. env_____nt affairs *n.* the natural world such as air, water, and land in which humans, animals, and plants live
56. s__p judgment *v.* to record on photographic film; to make a sudden, sharp sound; (noun) the act of catching an object with the hands
57. fl__d advisory *n.* a large amount of water flowing beyond its normal limits; an overwhelming number or amount
58. Je___h culture *adj.* of or relating to people whose traditional religion is Judaism
59. control my em_____n *n.* a strong feeling such as love, anger, etc. deriving from one's situation, mood, or relationships with others
60. neo-N__i movement *n.* a member or supporter of the National Socialist German Workers' Party, which controlled Germany from 1933 to 1945 and carried out a genocidal campaign against Jews and other marginalized groups; someone who subscribes to similar racist or authoritarian beliefs

ANSWERS: 50. individual, 51. polarization, 52. enclose, 53. contribute, 54. trajectory, 55. environment, 56. snap, 57. flood, 58. Jewish, 59. emotion, 60. Nazi

71. im_____e painting styles *v.* to copy the speech, behavior, appearance, etc. of someone or something
72. my_____y novel *n.* something difficult to understand or explain; a secret or enigmatic quality that adds to the fascination or interest of something; a genre of fiction that involves the solution of a crime or a puzzle
73. p__r review *n.* a person who has the same age, status, or ability
74. a response to a st_____us *n.* something that causes growth or arouses action
75. hand-to-hand co_____t *n.* a fight or battle, usually between opposing military forces; an engagement in which opposing parties attempt to defeat each other by force
76. a pol_____an in the ruling party *n.* a person who is a member of a government or law-making organization, especially as an elected member of parliament, etc.
77. some une_____ed events *adj.* not anticipated or regarded as likely to happen
78. a corrupt pol_____an *n.* a person who is a member of a government or law-making organization, especially as an elected member of parliament, etc.
79. inc_____ly cheerful character *adv.* in a way that is very difficult to believe; exceedingly or extremely

ANSWERS: 71. imitate, 72. mystery, 73. peer, 74. stimulus, 75. combat, 76. politician, 77. unexpected, 78. politician, 79. incredibly

80. im____e animal sounds *v.* to copy the speech, behavior, appearance, etc. of someone or something
81. de___e a question *v.* to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options
82. re__t against his way of thinking *v.* to take action in response to something
83. a private ind_____al *n.* a single person or thing, as distinct from a group
84. gas fi___r *n.* any of several types of equipment or systems used to separate particles from liquids or gases or to remove specific forms of light
85. aquatic co_____nd *n.* an item composed of two or more distinct elements combined; a chemical formed by the combination of two or more elements
86. bu___e in the champagne glass *n.* a thin, round, and often transparent mass of gas that is surrounded by a thin layer of liquid; a state of economic or social prosperity that is unsustainable and eventually collapses
87. de___e on a course of action *v.* to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options
88. permanent br__n damage *n.* the organ inside the head that is responsible for one's movement, thought, memory, and feeling
89. ca___l chain *adj.* relating to or indicating a cause or the relationship between causes and effects; resulting from a cause

ANSWERS: 80. imitate, 81. decide, 82. react, 83. individual, 84. filter, 85. compound, 86. bubble, 87. decide, 88. brain, 89. causal

90. tr____r a biochemical response *v.* to make something happen suddenly; to cause something such as a device, machine, etc. to function
91. pre_____ine result *v.* to decide or determine in advance; to establish or influence beforehand
92. vi___m compensation *n.* a person who has been harmed, injured, or otherwise negatively affected by a particular action, circumstance, or event
93. an emergency hea_____er *n.* the central office or location from which a business or organization is managed
94. sym_____ic nervous system *adj.* feeling, showing, or expressing kindness or compassion to somebody who is hurt, sad, or in a problematic situation
95. sym_____ic toward poor people *adj.* feeling, showing, or expressing kindness or compassion to somebody who is hurt, sad, or in a problematic situation
96. policy dec_____ker *n.* a person who makes important decisions, especially at a high level in an organization
97. historical ar_____es *n.* a collection of historical documents or records providing information about a place, institution, or group of people
98. ma__h against the war *v.* to walk militarily with stiff, regular steps
99. environmental th____t *n.* a strong indication or likelihood of harm, danger, or adverse consequences; an expression of intent to inflict harm or injury on someone or something, often made as a means of coercion or intimidation

ANSWERS: 90. trigger, 91. predetermine, 92. victim, 93. headquarter, 94. sympathetic, 95. sympathetic, 96. decision-maker, 97. archives, 98. march, 99. threat

100. learn new co_____ts *n.* an idea or principle associated with something abstract
101. moral de_____ty *n.* moral corruption or degradation; a state of extreme wickedness or immorality; morally twisted or warped behavior
102. se_____rs on some foreign shore *n.* a person who moved with a group of others to live in a different country or area
103. co_____st party *adj.* relating to or supporting the political ideology of communism (= a form of socialism that abolishes private ownership)
104. ig____e her advice *v.* to intentionally not listen or pay attention to
105. che_____nt security *n.* a designated location or point along a route or journey where travelers are required to stop and undergo a security or documentation check
106. throughout the co____y *n.* an administrative division of a country or state, typically one of several comprising a larger division
107. a stone wall su_____nds the palace *v.* to be all around something or somebody
108. a t__n room *n.* either of two children born at the same time from the same mother
109. em_____al distress *adj.* relating to people's feelings
110. su_____nd a town *v.* to be all around something or somebody

ANSWERS: 100. concept, 101. depravity, 102. settler, 103. communist, 104. ignore, 105. checkpoint, 106. county, 107. surround, 108. twin, 109. emotional, 110. surround

111. atomic b__bs *n.* a weapon that explodes and is used to kill or injure people or to cause damage to something
112. tr____r inflation *v.* to make something happen suddenly; to cause something such as a device, machine, etc. to function
113. a serious to__c *n.* a subject that is being discussed or written about
114. ca_____te machinery *v.* to measure or adjust something, typically a machine or device, to ensure accurate functioning or to match a standard or desired level of performance
115. disarm the b__b *n.* a weapon that explodes and is used to kill or injure people or to cause damage to something
116. vi____t incident *adj.* involving or caused by physical force or aggression against someone or something
117. nat_____st revolt *adj.* relating to or supporting a political ideology that emphasizes a strong sense of national identity and devotion to one's own country
118. b__k in fear *v.* to hesitate or stop abruptly before completing an action, often due to fear, uncertainty, or opposition; to refuse to comply with or agree to something
119. new se____rs *n.* a person who moved with a group of others to live in a different country or area

ANSWERS: 111. bomb, 112. trigger, 113. topic, 114. calibrate, 115. bomb, 116. violent, 117. nationalist, 118. balk, 119. settler

120. social co_____on
n. the psychological process of perception and learning and reasoning; the mental action or process by which knowledge and understanding are developed in the mind
121. me_____n in a report
v. to speak or write about something or someone briefly
122. ca___l effect
adj. relating to or indicating a cause or the relationship between causes and effects; resulting from a cause
123. au_____ic operation
adj. able to work or operate with little or no direct human control; independent of external control
124. co_____al swimming pool
adj. belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use
125. a silent pr_____t
n. a strong expression of disagreement, disapproval, or opposition
126. con_____te to society
v. to give something, especially money or goods, to provide or achieve something together with other people
127. the ec_____y of the island
n. the study of the relationships between living organisms, including humans, and their physical environment
128. get inc_____ly insecure
adv. in a way that is very difficult to believe; exceedingly or extremely
129. gr_____ed taxation
adj. having received a degree from a school, college, or university; marked with or divided into levels or degrees
130. co_____t car
n. an idea or principle associated with something abstract

ANSWERS: 120. cognition, 121. mention, 122. causal, 123. automatic, 124. communal, 125. protest, 126. contribute, 127. ecology, 128. incredibly, 129. graduated, 130. concept

131. exp_____nt design *n.* the scientific test conducted to observe what happens and gain new knowledge
132. di___e the cake into two pieces *v.* to separate or cause to separate into parts or groups
133. principles of de_____cy *n.* a form of government in which the people have the authority to deliberate and decide legislation, or to choose governing officials to do so
134. a circular mo_____nt *n.* a group of people working together to achieve a shared goal, especially a political, social, or artistic one; the process of moving or being moved, physically or figuratively
135. fas_____ng story *adj.* extremely interesting
136. victim of a vi_____t crime *adj.* involving or caused by physical force or aggression against someone or something
137. mo_____nt of troops *n.* a group of people working together to achieve a shared goal, especially a political, social, or artistic one; the process of moving or being moved, physically or figuratively
138. by___s circuit *n.* an alternative road, channel, pipe, or connection that allows flow while the main one is closed or obstructed; (verb) to go past or round
139. a combative im_____e *n.* a sudden strong and unreflective wish or need to do something; the electrical discharge that travels along a nerve fiber

ANSWERS: 131. experiment, 132. divide, 133. democracy, 134. movement, 135. fascinating, 136. violent, 137. movement, 138. bypass, 139. impulse

140. digital ar_____es *n.* a collection of historical documents or records providing information about a place, institution, or group of people
141. hi___k a helicopter *v.* to seize control of an airplane or other vehicle during an operation, especially with violence
142. before Ch___t *n.* the man that Christians believe is the prophet and the son of God, and whose life and sermons form the basis for Christianity
143. historical co_____t *n.* the circumstances, facts, or conditions that surround a particular event, situation, or statement and that give it meaning
144. de_____on authority *n.* the act or process of making up someone's mind about something; a choice or judgment reached after considering options
145. en_____in a guest *v.* to keep a group of people interested or excited; to take into consideration an idea or feeling
146. ho_____ck trek *n.* the back of a horse; the act of riding on a horse
147. in an op_____ng direction *adj.* competing, fighting, or working against each other
148. anthropology lab_____ry *n.* a workplace for doing scientific research or teaching science; a lab
149. a desirable ou_____e *n.* the result or effect of an action, event, etc.

ANSWERS: 140. archives, 141. hijack, 142. Christ, 143. context, 144. decision, 145. entertain, 146. horseback, 147. opposing, 148. laboratory, 149. outcome

150. co___y seat *n.* an administrative division of a country or state, typically one of several comprising a larger division
151. bo_____d a fort with heavy shells *v.* to attack a place with bombs or gunshots continuously; to address with continuously or persistently, as if with a barrage
152. pu___d atmosphere *adj.* decaying or rotting and emitting a foul or offensive odor; morally corrupt, foul, or depraved; repulsive or disgusting
153. a con_____on of faith *n.* a formal statement in which one admits that they have done something wrong or illegal
154. tr_____te a document into English *v.* to convert or change words into another language
155. advertising sl___n *n.* a short, catchy phrase or motto that is used by a person, organization, or company to promote a particular product, cause, or idea
156. in_____e a high degree of risk *v.* to include or affect someone or something as a necessary part of something else
157. N__i regime *n.* a member or supporter of the National Socialist German Workers' Party, which controlled Germany from 1933 to 1945 and carried out a genocidal campaign against Jews and other marginalized groups; someone who subscribes to similar racist or authoritarian beliefs
158. unf_____ely caught in a shower *adv.* by bad luck; unluckily

ANSWERS: 150. county, 151. bombard, 152. putrid, 153. confession, 154. translate, 155. slogan, 156. involve, 157. Nazi, 158. unfortunately

159. cell and molecular bi_____y *n.* the scientific study of life and the natural processes of living things
160. c_e card *n.* a signal, gesture, or action that provides information or direction for someone else to act or respond; a reminder or prompt for someone to do something
161. the to__c of the book *n.* a subject that is being discussed or written about
162. de_____cy advocate *n.* a form of government in which the people have the authority to deliberate and decide legislation, or to choose governing officials to do so
163. improved student ou_____es *n.* the result or effect of an action, event, etc.
164. an une_____ed visitor *adj.* not anticipated or regarded as likely to happen
165. et___c minority *adj.* relating or belonging to a group of people who share a cultural tradition
166. even more unf_____ely *adv.* by bad luck; unluckily
167. try hard to me_____ze the lines *v.* to learn something carefully so that you will remember it exactly
168. ig___e a ban *v.* to intentionally not listen or pay attention to
169. naked agg_____on *n.* the act of attacking or assaulting; hostile or violent behavior
170. environmental ma_____to *n.* a public declaration or statement of policy and aims, usually issued by a political party or government; a written statement or proclamation of one's beliefs or intentions

ANSWERS: 159. biology, 160. cue, 161. topic, 162. democracy, 163. outcome, 164. unexpected, 165. ethnic, 166. unfortunately, 167. memorize, 168. ignore, 169. aggression, 170. manifesto

171. re_____n employees *v.* to teach or learn a new or different set of skills or knowledge, usually to adapt to a new job, situation, or technology
172. c__t members *n.* a small religious group, especially one that is not part of a larger religion and that is regarded as outside the norm; followers of an exclusive system of beliefs and practices
173. bo_____d him with questions *v.* to attack a place with bombs or gunshots continuously; to address with continuously or persistently, as if with a barrage
174. economic th____t *n.* a strong indication or likelihood of harm, danger, or adverse consequences; an expression of intent to inflict harm or injury on someone or something, often made as a means of coercion or intimidation
175. act as a dec_____ker *n.* a person who makes important decisions, especially at a high level in an organization
176. co_____e against a friend *v.* to strive to achieve more success than someone or something
177. arrested for tr_____n *n.* the act of betraying one's country or government, especially by attempting to overthrow it or give aid and comfort to its enemies; a violation of allegiance or loyalty to one's country or government
178. f__e police officer *adj.* not genuine; fraudulent or counterfeit

ANSWERS: 171. retrain, 172. cult, 173. bombard, 174. threat, 175. decision-maker, 176. compete, 177. treason, 178. fake

179. notable in_____ce *n.* a particular example or single occurrence of something
180. in_____t tumor growth *v.* to prevent something, such as an action, process, etc., from happening or make it less likely to happen than normal
181. mo__l burden *adj.* concerned with the principles of what is right and wrong, fairness, honesty, etc.
182. b__t and switch *n.* a type of food or lure used to attract fish, animals, or people; something used to provoke or irritate someone into responding or reacting in a certain way
183. op_____ng counsel *adj.* competing, fighting, or working against each other
184. g__b an opportunity *v.* to take hold of something or someone suddenly with a hand, especially in a violent way
185. me_____n name *v.* to speak or write about something or someone briefly
186. teaching of Ch____t *n.* the man that Christians believe is the prophet and the son of God, and whose life and sermons form the basis for Christianity
187. hold a pr_____t *n.* a strong expression of disagreement, disapproval, or opposition
188. sh__k-resistant *n.* a strong feeling or physical reaction to a sudden and unexpected event or experience, especially something unpleasant

ANSWERS: 179. instance, 180. inhibit, 181. moral, 182. bait, 183. opposing, 184. grab, 185. mention, 186. Christ, 187. protest, 188. shock

189. de_____ty of human nature *n.* moral corruption or degradation; a state of extreme wickedness or immorality; morally twisted or warped behavior
190. tr_____te the emotion to a movement *v.* to convert or change words into another language
191. die su_____ly *adv.* quickly and unexpectedly
192. co____t suicide *v.* to do something illegal or wrong
193. ca_____te measurements *v.* to measure or adjust something, typically a machine or device, to ensure accurate functioning or to match a standard or desired level of performance
194. a tra_____ry missile *n.* the curved path followed by an object moving through space
195. profound religious im_____es *n.* a sudden strong and unreflective wish or need to do something; the electrical discharge that travels along a nerve fiber
196. di____e money equally *v.* to separate or cause to separate into parts or groups
197. a con_____on of guilt *n.* a formal statement in which one admits that they have done something wrong or illegal
198. a g__r change lever *n.* a toothed wheel that engages another toothed mechanism to change the speed or direction of transmitted motion; a set of tools, equipment, or other items for a particular purpose

ANSWERS: 189. depravity, 190. translate, 191. suddenly, 192. commit, 193. calibrate, 194. trajectory, 195. impulse, 196. divide, 197. confession, 198. gear

208. a sch_____ip association	<i>n.</i> a grant or payment made to support a student's education usually awarded based on academic or other achievements
209. at_____t community	<i>n.</i> a person who denies or disbelieves the existence of a deity or deities
210. Je____h history	<i>adj.</i> of or relating to people whose traditional religion is Judaism
211. afraid to show em_____n	<i>n.</i> a strong feeling such as love, anger, etc. deriving from one's situation, mood, or relationships with others
212. personal na_____ve	<i>n.</i> a story or a description of a series of events or process of telling a story
213. co____t mistakes	<i>v.</i> to do something illegal or wrong
214. en_____e area	<i>v.</i> to surround, as with a fence, wall, or barrier; to put within boundaries; to include
215. death from sh__k	<i>n.</i> a strong feeling or physical reaction to a sudden and unexpected event or experience, especially something unpleasant
216. at_____t belief	<i>n.</i> a person who denies or disbelieves the existence of a deity or deities
217. the state of being we__d	<i>adj.</i> extraordinary, unexpected, or difficult to explain
218. administrative hea_____er	<i>n.</i> the central office or location from which a business or organization is managed
219. hi_____ic accomplishment	<i>adj.</i> famous or significant in history, or potentially so

ANSWERS: 208. scholarship, 209. atheist, 210. Jewish, 211. emotion, 212. narrative, 213. commit, 214. enclose, 215. shock, 216. atheist, 217. weird, 218. headquarter, 219. historic

220. co_____on disorder

n. the psychological process of perception and learning and reasoning; the mental action or process by which knowledge and understanding are developed in the mind

ANSWERS: 220. cognition

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. During the Cold War, many countries feared the spread of _____ ideology.
adj. relating to or supporting the political ideology of communism (= a form of socialism that abolishes private ownership)
2. The _____ handles multiple plot lines and has unpredictable ends.
n. a story or a description of a series of events or process of telling a story
3. My computer has been acting _____ recently.
adj. extraordinary, unexpected, or difficult to explain
4. The walls were _____ to create a private outdoor space.
v. to surround, as with a fence, wall, or barrier; to put within boundaries; to include
5. Some _____ are common across cultures and backgrounds.
n. a strong feeling such as love, anger, etc. deriving from one's situation, mood, or relationships with others
6. The director gave the actor a _____ to begin the scene.
n. a signal, gesture, or action that provides information or direction for someone else to act or respond; a reminder or prompt for someone to do something
7. The _____ at the library contain a wealth of information about the city's history.
n. a collection of historical documents or records providing information about a place, institution, or group of people
8. The troops _____ shoulder-to-shoulder.
v. to walk militarily with stiff, regular steps

ANSWERS: 1. communist, 2. narrative, 3. weird, 4. enclosed, 5. emotions, 6. cue, 7. archives, 8. marched

9. Common salt is a sodium and chlorine _____.
- n.* an item composed of two or more distinct elements combined; a chemical formed by the combination of two or more elements
10. Shall we _____ a bite to eat?
- v.* to take hold of something or someone suddenly with a hand, especially in a violent way
11. Every human is responsible for taking care of the Earth's _____.
- n.* the natural world such as air, water, and land in which humans, animals, and plants live
12. The _____ of severe weather prompted the city to issue an evacuation warning.
- n.* a strong indication or likelihood of harm, danger, or adverse consequences; an expression of intent to inflict harm or injury on someone or something, often made as a means of coercion or intimidation
13. The _____ surrounding the disappearance of the traveler has yet to be solved by authorities.
- n.* something difficult to understand or explain; a secret or enigmatic quality that adds to the fascination or interest of something; a genre of fiction that involves the solution of a crime or a puzzle
14. My friend is a _____ woman who celebrates Hanukkah every year.
- adj.* of or relating to people whose traditional religion is Judaism
15. We went on a scenic trail ride on _____ through the mountains.
- n.* the back of a horse; the act of riding on a horse
16. The Chinese people have accomplished several _____ feats.
- adj.* famous or significant in history, or potentially so

ANSWERS: 9. compound, 10. grab, 11. environment, 12. threat, 13. mystery, 14. Jewish, 15. horseback, 16. historic

17. The protesters became _____ when the police tried to disperse them.

adj. involving or caused by physical force or aggression against someone or something

18. X-rays revealed a small tumor in his _____.

n. the organ inside the head that is responsible for one's movement, thought, memory, and feeling

19. You must _____ with others to obtain this position.

v. to strive to achieve more success than someone or something

20. She _____ a quick picture of the beautiful sunset before it disappeared.

v. to record on photographic film; to make a sudden, sharp sound; (noun) the act of catching an object with the hands

21. In junior high school, we had to dissect a frog in _____ class.

n. the scientific study of life and the natural processes of living things

22. She checked her _____ before embarking on the hike.

n. a toothed wheel that engages another toothed mechanism to change the speed or direction of transmitted motion; a set of tools, equipment, or other items for a particular purpose

23. _____ often entails inclusive capitalism as well.

n. a form of government in which the people have the authority to deliberate and decide legislation, or to choose governing officials to do so

24. The dog's _____ made it difficult for its owners to take it for a walk.

n. the act of attacking or assaulting; hostile or violent behavior

ANSWERS: 17. violent, 18. brain, 19. compete, 20. snapped, 21. biology, 22. gear, 23. Democracy, 24. aggression

25. The political party issued a _____ outlining its plans for the country's future.
n. a public declaration or statement of policy and aims, usually issued by a political party or government; a written statement or proclamation of one's beliefs or intentions
26. It's important to understand the _____ of a situation before making a decision.
n. the circumstances, facts, or conditions that surround a particular event, situation, or statement and that give it meaning
27. The company decided to move its _____ to New York City.
n. the central office or location from which a business or organization is managed
28. Government workers cannot _____ to political campaigns.
v. to give something, especially money or goods, to provide or achieve something together with other people
29. Human _____ responses vary widely depending on the society to which they belong.
adj. relating to people's feelings
30. The veteran was honored for his service in _____.
n. a fight or battle, usually between opposing military forces; an engagement in which opposing parties attempt to defeat each other by force
31. The study aimed to establish a _____ relationship between smoking and lung cancer.
adj. relating to or indicating a cause or the relationship between causes and effects; resulting from a cause
32. She was an _____ without any belief in a higher power.
n. a person who denies or disbelieves the existence of a deity or deities

ANSWERS: 25. manifesto, 26. context, 27. headquarters, 28. contribute, 29. emotional, 30. combat, 31. causal, 32. atheist

33. The _____ of political views has created a deep divide in the country.
n. the division or separation of something into two opposing or contrasting groups or factions; the condition of being polarized or having poles
34. These articles cite five _____ of climate change.
n. a particular example or single occurrence of something
35. The _____ lost his position in the end due to the scandal.
n. a person who is a member of a government or law-making organization, especially as an elected member of parliament, etc.
36. I _____ to him that I had seen his sister at the grocery store earlier that day.
v. to speak or write about something or someone briefly
37. 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
38. The military has _____ an abuse of human rights.
v. to do something illegal or wrong
39. Who answers _____ knows little.
adv. quickly and unexpectedly
40. The company spent months researching and testing different brand _____ before finally settling on 'Just Do It' as their new tagline.
n. a short, catchy phrase or motto that is used by a person, organization, or company to promote a particular product, cause, or idea

ANSWERS: 33. polarization, 34. instances, 35. politician, 36. mentioned, 37. decision, 38. committed, 39. suddenly, 40. slogans

41. How did he _____ to your idea?

v. to take action in response to something

42. He left the party in _____ at its radical political stance.

n. a strong expression of disagreement, disapproval, or opposition

43. As an _____ he had the right to make his own decisions and live his life as he saw fit.

n. a single person or thing, as distinct from a group

44. _____ is the day to celebrate the birth of Christ.

n. the man that Christians believe is the prophet and the son of God, and whose life and sermons form the basis for Christianity

45. This book provides children with ideas and a _____ for outside recreation.

n. something that causes growth or arouses action

46. On three sides, mountains _____ the settlement.

v. to be all around something or somebody

47. I had to throw away the _____ food in the fridge because it had gone bad.

adj. decaying or rotting and emitting a foul or offensive odor; morally corrupt, foul, or depraved; repulsive or disgusting

48. I can't _____ the game's outcome, and anything can happen.

v. to decide or determine in advance; to establish or influence beforehand

49. The investigation _____ several government agencies and is expected to take several months.

v. to include or affect someone or something as a necessary part of something else

ANSWERS: 41. react, 42. protest, 43. individual, 44. Christmas, 45. stimulus, 46. surround, 47. putrid, 48. predetermine, 49. involves

50. The _____ of the discussion was the current state of the economy.

n. a subject that is being discussed or written about

51. The _____ leader promised his followers that they would achieve enlightenment if they followed his teachings.

n. a small religious group, especially one that is not part of a larger religion and that is regarded as outside the norm; followers of an exclusive system of beliefs and practices

52. The _____ rally attracted thousands of supporters.

adj. relating to or supporting a political ideology that emphasizes a strong sense of national identity and devotion to one's own country

53. Ethics deals with _____ conduct.

adj. concerned with the principles of what is right and wrong, fairness, honesty, etc.

54. Its _____ brothers are difficult to tell apart except for their parents.

n. either of two children born at the same time from the same mother

55. The _____ party was responsible for atrocities committed during World War II.

n. a member or supporter of the National Socialist German Workers' Party, which controlled Germany from 1933 to 1945 and carried out a genocidal campaign against Jews and other marginalized groups; someone who subscribes to similar racist or authoritarian beliefs

56. Many people worry that the current real estate market is a _____ that could burst soon.

n. a thin, round, and often transparent mass of gas that is surrounded by a thin layer of liquid; a state of economic or social prosperity that is unsustainable and eventually collapses

ANSWERS: 50. topic, 51. cult, 52. nationalist, 53. moral, 54. twin, 55. Nazi, 56. bubble

57. The _____ of the dancers on stage was graceful and elegant.
- n.* a group of people working together to achieve a shared goal, especially a political, social, or artistic one; the process of moving or being moved, physically or figuratively
58. Several cities are experiencing _____ high unemployment rates.
- adv.* in a way that is very difficult to believe; exceedingly or extremely
59. The prisoner made a full _____ and admitted to his crime.
- n.* a formal statement in which one admits that they have done something wrong or illegal
60. Nerve _____ cross a synapse through the action of neurotransmitters.
- n.* a sudden strong and unreflective wish or need to do something; the electrical discharge that travels along a nerve fiber
61. After her first attempt to bake a cake failed, she didn't _____ at trying again.
- v.* to hesitate or stop abruptly before completing an action, often due to fear, uncertainty, or opposition; to refuse to comply with or agree to something
62. The museum houses a _____ collection of Celtic artifacts.
- adj.* extremely interesting
63. The rebels were sentenced to death for committing acts of _____ against the state.
- n.* the act of betraying one's country or government, especially by attempting to overthrow it or give aid and comfort to its enemies; a violation of allegiance or loyalty to one's country or government
64. The _____ of the serial killer shocked the nation.
- n.* moral corruption or degradation; a state of extreme wickedness or immorality; morally twisted or warped behavior

ANSWERS: 57. movement, 58. incredibly, 59. confession, 60. impulses, 61. balk, 62. fascinating, 63. treason, 64. depravity

65. 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
66. The airport security _____ was crowded with passengers waiting to board their flights.
- n.* a designated location or point along a route or journey where travelers are required to stop and undergo a security or documentation check
67. The _____ of the crime deserves justice and support to recover from the trauma.
- n.* a person who has been harmed, injured, or otherwise negatively affected by a particular action, circumstance, or event
68. 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
69. The _____ rainstorm caused the collapse of the corral.
- adj.* not anticipated or regarded as likely to happen
70. The _____ population has been increasing rapidly in recent years.
- n.* an administrative division of a country or state, typically one of several comprising a larger division
71. Malaria is _____ in many tropical countries.
- adj.* (of a disease or other problem) regularly found among particular people or in a certain area

ANSWERS: 65. rev, 66. checkpoint, 67. victim, 68. decide, 69. unexpected, 70. county's, 71. endemic

72. The use of cluster _____ is strictly prohibited by international law.
n. a weapon that explodes and is used to kill or injure people or to cause damage to something
73. Among young people, _____ pressure can be pretty influential.
n. a person who has the same age, status, or ability
74. The treatments were done but, _____ were unsuccessful.
adv. by bad luck; unluckily
75. We have no intention of _____ his idea.
adj. competing, fighting, or working against each other
76. Can you _____ 123321 by eleven?
v. to separate or cause to separate into parts or groups
77. He _____ the modus operandi of the famous phantom thief.
v. to copy the speech, behavior, appearance, etc. of someone or something
78. In passenger aircraft, it is common to use an _____ pilot during cruising.
adj. able to work or operate with little or no direct human control; independent of external control
79. Ozone is a primary _____ to protect Earth's surface from harmful UV rays.
n. any of several types of equipment or systems used to separate particles from liquids or gases or to remove specific forms of light
80. She plans to _____ in a new field after retiring from her current career.
v. to teach or learn a new or different set of skills or knowledge, usually to adapt to a new job, situation, or technology

ANSWERS: 72. bombs, 73. peer, 74. unfortunately, 75. opposing, 76. divide, 77. imitated, 78. automatic, 79. filter, 80. retrain

81. Animal protection groups call for an end to animal testing in a _____.
- n.* a workplace for doing scientific research or teaching science; a lab
82. She was a _____ student of a prestigious university.
- adj.* having received a degree from a school, college, or university; marked with or divided into levels or degrees
83. He made a desperate effort to _____ an airliner.
- v.* to seize control of an airplane or other vehicle during an operation, especially with violence
84. Overprotective parents often _____ their children with messages reinforcing their lack of mastery.
- v.* to attack a place with bombs or gunshots continuously; to address with continuously or persistently, as if with a barrage
85. This patient must undergo _____ surgery.
- n.* an alternative road, channel, pipe, or connection that allows flow while the main one is closed or obstructed; (verb) to go past or round
86. Each _____ group has its unique rituals.
- adj.* relating or belonging to a group of people who share a cultural tradition
87. He got an electric _____ at work.
- n.* a strong feeling or physical reaction to a sudden and unexpected event or experience, especially something unpleasant
88. She received a full _____ to study abroad.
- n.* a grant or payment made to support a student's education usually awarded based on academic or other achievements

ANSWERS: 81. laboratory, 82. graduated, 83. hijack, 84. bombard, 85. bypass, 86. ethnic, 87. shock, 88. scholarship

89. He refused to _____ our proposal.

- v.* to keep a group of people interested or excited; to take into consideration an idea or feeling

90. A wealth of information does not always have a positive impact on _____.

- n.* a person who makes important decisions, especially at a high level in an organization

91. The professor focused on the research of infant _____.

- n.* the psychological process of perception and learning and reasoning; the mental action or process by which knowledge and understanding are developed in the mind

92. The _____ brought the fish into the trap.

- n.* a type of food or lure used to attract fish, animals, or people; something used to provoke or irritate someone into responding or reacting in a certain way

93. A large proportion of railway workers in _____ colonies were white.

- n.* a person who moved with a group of others to live in a different country or area

94. The prime minister was not well prepared for the debate and _____ it

- adj.* not genuine; fraudulent or counterfeit

95. The _____ journal published articles on various academic subjects.

- adj.* relating to or characteristic of academic study

96. The _____ has been associated with memories of past emotional events.

- n.* one of two parts of the almond-shaped neural structure that are linked to emotions, especially fear and pleasure, memory, and the sense of smell

ANSWERS: 89. entertain, 90. decision-makers, 91. cognition, 92. bait, 93. settler, 94. faked, 95. scholarly, 96. amygdala

97. It's important to _____ the equipment regularly to ensure accurate results.
- v.* to measure or adjust something, typically a machine or device, to ensure accurate functioning or to match a standard or desired level of performance
98. Since independence, the area has been completely _____.
- v.* to intentionally not listen or pay attention to
99. His _____ showed highly positive results.
- n.* the scientific test conducted to observe what happens and gain new knowledge
100. The incident _____ a political controversy.
- v.* to make something happen suddenly; to cause something such as a device, machine, etc. to function
101. Lawyers need to _____ even the most minor provisions of the law.
- v.* to learn something carefully so that you will remember it exactly
102. Many companies are now enthusiastically embracing the knowledge of _____ for sustainable development.
- n.* the study of the relationships between living organisms, including humans, and their physical environment
103. The company has shown an excellent growth _____ over the years.
- n.* the curved path followed by an object moving through space
104. She is very _____ to our project.
- adj.* feeling, showing, or expressing kindness or compassion to somebody who is hurt, sad, or in a problematic situation

ANSWERS: 97. calibrate, 98. ignored, 99. experiments, 100. triggered, 101. memorize, 102. ecology, 103. trajectory, 104. sympathetic

105. These heavy rains caused flash _____ on several islands.

n. a large amount of water flowing beyond its normal limits; an overwhelming number or amount

106. They awaited news of the _____ of the election.

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

107. Excessive parental interference may _____ children's eagerness to learn.

v. to prevent something, such as an action, process, etc., from happening or make it less likely to happen than normal

108. One such rapidly growing _____ is quantum cryptography.

n. an idea or principle associated with something abstract

109. _____ the text from Italian into English.

v. to convert or change words into another language

110. _____ elections were held in several European countries.

adj. belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use

ANSWERS: 105. floods, 106. outcome, 107. inhibit, 108. concept, 109. Translate, 110. Communal