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### All Words

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## Session 1: Word List

### 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**.

### 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.

### comprehension

*n.* the ability to understand or grasp the meaning of something, especially through knowledge or experience

*synonym*: understanding, knowledge, insight

(1) **comprehension** level, (2) a listening **comprehension** test

Her **comprehension** of the material was impressive for someone so young.

## recognition

*n.* the action or process of recognizing or being recognized, especially by remembering; an agreement that something is true or legal

*synonym* : acknowledgement, identification, credit

(1) **recognition** award, (2) joint **recognition**

He was given **recognition** for his outstanding work in the field of medicine.

## parallel

*adj.* being everywhere equidistant and not intersecting; of or relating to the simultaneous performance of multiple operations

*synonym* : aligned, side-by-side, similar

(1) a **parallel** case, (2) **parallel** processing

He walked a road **parallel** to the railroad.

## process

*n.* a series of actions or operations performed to achieve a particular outcome or goal; a systematic procedure or approach used to accomplish a specific task or objective; a method of treating milk to make it suitable for consumption or use in other dairy products

*synonym* : procedure, method, system

(1) **process** improvement, (2) decision-making **process**

The **process** for applying for a visa can be lengthy and complicated.

## 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.

## 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.

## separate

*v.* to force, take, or pull apart; mark as different  
*synonym*: disunite, isolate, ramify

(1) **separate** video into chapter, (2) **separate** cream from milk

We need to **separate** the aspect of his personality from the part of his competence when making an investment decision.

## likelihood

*n.* the probability or chance that something will happen or be the case

*synonym*: probability, chance, possibility

(1) **likelihood** of the success, (2) improve the **likelihood** of a cure

The **likelihood** of the project being completed on time is uncertain.

## 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.

## neuron

*n.* a cell that is specialized to carry information within the brain and between the brain and other parts of the body

*synonym*: nerve cell

(1) excite the **neurons**, (2) **neuron** cell body

Our body transfers information along each **neuron** using an electrical impulse.

## cortex

*n.* the outermost layer of an organ, especially the brain  
(1) **cortex** cells, (2) visual **cortex** neuron  
The cerebral **cortex** consists of six layers.

## registration

*n.* the process of recording or enrolling for a particular course or event; the action or process of officially recording or enrolling something, such as a name or trademark

*synonym*: enrollment, registry, record-keeping

(1) **registration** agency, (2) **registration** for a course  
The online **registration** process was quick and easy to complete.

## vital

*adj.* necessary for the success or continued existence of something

*synonym*: critical, crucial, invigorating

(1) play a **vital** role, (2) **vital** for a healthy society  
Perseverance and optimism are **vital** to success.

## corresponding

*adj.* similar to, connected with, or accompanying something, especially in position or purpose

*synonym*: matching, equivalent, analogous

(1) find a **corresponding** lack, (2) the **corresponding** word in Spanish

The **corresponding** number on the dial was 3.

## hone

*v.* to sharpen or perfect something; to improve a skill or ability through practice

*synonym*: sharpen, refine, perfect

(1) **hone** abilities, (2) **hone** intuition

The athlete worked with a coach to **hone** her techniques and improve her performance.

## suppress

*v.* to bring something under control by force or authority; to put an end by force

*synonym*: subdue, bury, stifle

(1) **suppress** a yawn, (2) **suppress** a revolt

The doctor prescribed medication to **suppress** the patient's appetite.

## comprehend

*v.* to understand the nature or meaning of something fully  
*synonym*: understand, grasp, apprehend

(1) **comprehend** English, (2) **comprehend** instructions  
She struggled to **comprehend** complex math problems.

## syllable

*n.* a single unit of spoken language more significant than a phoneme containing a vowel sound and usually one or more consonants

(1) **syllable** structure, (2) single **syllable**  
Emphasize the second **syllable** when pronouncing it.

## recognize

*v.* to acknowledge or realize something or someone; to identify, remember, or become aware of something that was previously known or encountered

*synonym*: acknowledge, identify, admit

(1) **recognize** talent, (2) **recognize** achievement  
It's important to **recognize** your strengths and weaknesses.

## identify

*v.* to recognize someone or something and say or prove who or what they are

*synonym*: determine, specify, recognize

(1) **identify** handwriting, (2) **identify** gene sequences  
I will introduce you to how to **identify** the leading causes of the malfunction.

## fragment

*n.* a small piece or part broken off or detached

*synonym*: piece, shard, segment

(1) **fragment** of a text, (2) a broken **fragment**  
The archaeologist carefully pieced together the tiny **fragments** of pottery found at the dig site.

## captain

*n.* the leader of a group of people, especially who is in charge of a ship or aircraft

*synonym*: boss, director, leader

(1) the **captain** of an opposing team, (2) **captain** of industry  
The **captain** ordered the troops to fire.

## emerge

*v.* to move out of or away from something and become visible

*synonym* : arise, occur, appear

(1) **emerge** as a butterfly, (2) **emerge** from poverty  
During colonial eras, new migratory patterns **emerged**.

## explosion

*n.* a violent release induced by a chemical or nuclear reaction

*synonym* : burst, eruption, outbreak

(1) a lot of **explosions**, (2) site of the **explosion**  
A broken gas pipe triggered the **explosion**.

## settle

*v.* to reach an agreement of disagreement

*synonym* : inhabit, occupy, decide

(1) **settle** a dispute, (2) **settle** down in the town  
I don't want to **settle** for second best.

## interpretation

*n.* an explanation or opinion of something, especially that is not immediately obvious

*synonym* : rendering, explanation, understanding

(1) the **interpretation** of history, (2) open to **interpretation**  
His **interpretations** of literary works are often unique.

## random

*adj.* made, done, or happening without method, conscious decision, or any regular pattern

*synonym* : incidental, arbitrary, unanticipated

(1) a **random** choice, (2) bombs fell at **random**  
To find drunk drivers, police conduct **random** tests.

## string

*n.* long, thin material used for tying things together, composed of several twisted threads

*synonym* : line, wire, rope

(1) retie the **string** and make it strong, (2) tense piano

## strings

She wore a **string** of pearls around her neck.

## intent

*n.* a strong determination or attention to do or achieve something; (adjective) having a strong determination to do or achieve something

*synonym*: purpose, aim, goal

(1) the **intent** of a question, (2) **intent** gaze

The designer's **intent** was to create a minimalist aesthetic for the interior of the building.

## bat

*n.* a nocturnal animal with wings that flies and feeds at night, similar to a mouse; a piece of wood with a handle used for hitting the ball in sports including baseball, cricket, and table tennis

*synonym*: cane, rod, stick

(1) **bat** cave, (2) **bat** an eye

The cave was a habitat for **bats**.

## crane

*n.* a large, tall machine used for moving heavy objects by suspending them from a beam or hook

*synonym*: hoist, derrick, winch

(1) **crane** operator, (2) **crane** construction

The construction workers used a **crane** to lift the heavy beams.

## homophone

*n.* a word that is pronounced the same as another word but differs in meaning and may differ in spelling

*synonym*: homonym, same-sounding word

(1) **homophone** confusion, (2) **homophone** pair

"Knight" and "night" are **homophones**, despite having different spellings and meanings.

## multilingual

*adj.* skilled in or using multiple languages; involving or relating to multiple languages or language groups

*synonym*: polyglot

(1) **multilingual** education, (2) **multilingual** staff

My friend is **multilingual**, speaking five different languages fluently.

**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.

**eliminate** *v.* to remove or get rid of someone or something

*synonym*: wipe out, destroy, eradicate

(1) **eliminate** contestants, (2) **eliminate** sexual barriers

We can **eliminate** this possibility from those consumptions.

**fine-tune** *v.* to make tiny changes or improvements to make it work as well as possible

*synonym*: adjust, calibrate, refine

(1) **fine-tune** financial systems, (2) **fine-tune** the engine

The government should not try to **fine-tune** the economy excessively based on a short-term prediction.

**distribute** *v.* to give something to a large number of individuals, or to spread or furnish something

*synonym*: broadcast, disperse, hand out

(1) **distribute** wealth evenly, (2) **distribute** video content

His estate was **distributed** to his sons.

**overwrite** *v.* to replace or overwrite existing data or information with new data, often in the context of computer files or software

*synonym*: rewrite, correct, revise

(1) **overwrite** setting, (2) **overwrite** memory

Don't forget to back up your data before you **overwrite** any files on your computer.



## initially

*adv.* at the beginning; at first

*synonym*: originally, primarily, firstly

(1) **initially** anticipated, (2) diagnosed **initially** as a tumor  
This train departed later than **initially** scheduled.

## hippocampus

*n.* a major component of the brain of humans and other vertebrates that is part of the limbic system and is vital for memory

(1) involvement of the **hippocampus**, (2) neurons in the **hippocampus**

The **hippocampus** is crucial for learning and memory storage.

## gradual

*adj.* happening slowly over a long period of time or distance; not steep or abrupt

*synonym*: incremental, gradational, piecemeal

(1) a **gradual** process, (2) a **gradual** change

The country experienced a **gradual** increase in population.

## transfer

*v.* to move, pass, or change from one person, place, or situation to another

*synonym*: move, relocate, shift

(1) **transfer** a file, (2) **transfer** power

She **transferred** the money from her savings account to her checking account.

## interweave

*v.* to combine or blend substantive parts or elements; to interlace; to mix or intermingle

*synonym*: intertwine, intertwist, interlace

(1) **interweave** threads, (2) **interweave** ideas

The author expertly tried to **interweave** the story's plot and characters.

## acquisition

*n.* the act of getting something, usually through purchase, negotiation, or effort

*synonym*: purchase, possession, obtaining

(1) merger and **acquisition**, (2) **acquisition** process

The company's latest **acquisition** of a rival firm has dramatically expanded its market share.

## disrupt

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

*synonym*: interrupt, disturb, break into

(1) **disrupt** a well-ordered condition, (2) **disrupt** sleep  
I'm so sorry to **disrupt** you when you're pretty busy.

## unconscious

adj. in the state of lacking awareness and the capacity for sensory perception, especially as the result of a head injury or illness

*synonym*: comatose, paralyzed, senseless

(1) **unconscious** bias, (2) a person who is **unconscious**  
I know his **unconscious** habit that he touches his face when he lies.

## integrate

v. to combine one thing with another so that they form a whole or work together; to accept equal participation for members of all races and ethnic groups

*synonym*: mix, merge, combine

(1) **integrate** into the existing system, (2) **integrate** both businesses

He found that it is difficult to **integrate** socially.

## Session 2: Spelling

1. di\_\_\_\_t sleep  
*v.* to prevent or stop something, especially an event, activity, or process, from continuing in the usual way by causing a problem or disturbance
2. b\_t an eye  
*n.* a nocturnal animal with wings that flies and feeds at night, similar to a mouse; a piece of wood with a handle used for hitting the ball in sports including baseball, cricket, and table tennis
3. ov\_\_\_\_\_te setting  
*v.* to replace or overwrite existing data or information with new data, often in the context of computer files or software
4. a person who is unc\_\_\_\_\_us  
*adj.* in the state of lacking awareness and the capacity for sensory perception, especially as the result of a head injury or illness
5. a gr\_\_\_\_\_l process  
*adj.* happening slowly over a long period of time or distance; not steep or abrupt
6. merger and acq\_\_\_\_\_on  
*n.* the act of getting something, usually through purchase, negotiation, or effort
7. tense piano st\_\_\_\_gs  
*n.* long, thin material used for tying things together, composed of several twisted threads
8. int\_\_\_\_\_ve ideas  
*v.* to combine or blend substantive parts or elements; to interlace; to mix or intermingle
9. su\_\_\_\_\_ss a revolt  
*v.* to bring something under control by force or authority; to put an end by force

ANSWERS: 1. disrupt, 2. bat, 3. overwrite, 4. unconscious, 5. gradual, 6. acquisition, 7. string, 8. interweave, 9. suppress

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| 10. the characters that re_____nt numbers | <i>v.</i> to speak, act, or be present on behalf of another person or group; to form or constitute  |
| 11. a gr_____l change                     | <i>adj.</i> happening slowly over a long period of time or distance; not steep or abrupt  |
| 12. diagnosed in_____ly as a tumor        | <i>adv.</i> at the beginning; at first  |
| 13. visual co___x neuron                  | <i>n.</i> the outermost layer of an organ, especially the brain   |
| 14. decision-making pr_____s              | <i>n.</i> a series of actions or operations performed to achieve a particular outcome or goal; a systematic procedure or approach used to accomplish a specific task or objective; a method of treating milk to make it suitable for consumption or use in other dairy products |
| 15. di_____t a well-ordered condition     | <i>v.</i> to prevent or stop something, especially an event, activity, or process, from continuing in the usual way by causing a problem or disturbance   |
| 16. acq_____on process                    | <i>n.</i> the act of getting something, usually through purchase, negotiation, or effort  |
| 17. site of the ex_____on                 | <i>n.</i> a violent release induced by a chemical or nuclear reaction   |
| 18. com_____nd instructions               | <i>v.</i> to understand the nature or meaning of something fully  |
| 19. id_____fy handwriting                 | <i>v.</i> to recognize someone or something and say or prove who or what they are   |
| 20. retie the st___g and make it strong   | <i>n.</i> long, thin material used for tying things together, composed of several twisted threads   |

ANSWERS: 10. represent, 11. gradual, 12. initially, 13. cortex, 14. process, 15. disrupt, 16. acquisition, 17. explosion, 18. comprehend, 19. identify, 20. string

21. 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
22. joint rec\_\_\_\_\_on *n.* the action or process of recognizing or being recognized, especially by remembering; an agreement that something is true or legal
23. mul\_\_\_\_\_ual staff *adj.* skilled in or using multiple languages; involving or relating to multiple languages or language groups
24. re\_\_\_\_\_ze achievement *v.* to acknowledge or realize something or someone; to identify, remember, or become aware of something that was previously known or encountered
25. h\_\_e abilities *v.* to sharpen or perfect something; to improve a skill or ability through practice
26. a pa\_\_\_\_\_el case *adj.* being everywhere equidistant and not intersecting; of or relating to the simultaneous performance of multiple operations
27. the in\_\_\_t of a question *n.* a strong determination or attention to do or achieve something; (adjective) having a strong determination to do or achieve something
28. com\_\_\_\_\_nd English *v.* to understand the nature or meaning of something fully
29. reg\_\_\_\_\_ion for a course *n.* the process of recording or enrolling for a particular course or event; the action or process of officially recording or enrolling something, such as a name or trademark

ANSWERS: 21. decision, 22. recognition, 23. multilingual, 24. recognize, 25. hone, 26. parallel, 27. intent, 28. comprehend, 29. registration

30. find a cor\_\_\_\_\_ing lack *adj.* similar to, connected with, or accompanying something, especially in position or purpose
31. in\_\_\_\_\_te into the existing system *v.* to combine one thing with another so that they form a whole or work together; to accept equal participation for members of all races and ethnic groups
32. the int\_\_\_\_\_ion of history *n.* an explanation or opinion of something, especially that is not immediately obvious
33. in\_\_\_\_\_te both businesses *v.* to combine one thing with another so that they form a whole or work together; to accept equal participation for members of all races and ethnic groups
34. tr\_\_\_\_\_er power *v.* to move, pass, or change from one person, place, or situation to another
35. se\_\_\_\_\_e down in the town *v.* to reach an agreement of disagreement
36. se\_\_\_\_\_te cream from milk *v.* to force, take, or pull apart; mark as different
37. dis\_\_\_\_\_te video content *v.* to give something to a large number of individuals, or to spread or furnish something
38. em\_\_\_\_\_e as a butterfly *v.* to move out of or away from something and become visible
39. id\_\_\_\_\_fy gene sequences *v.* to recognize someone or something and say or prove who or what they are
40. de\_\_\_\_\_on authority *n.* the act or process of making up someone's mind about something; a choice or judgment reached after considering options

ANSWERS: 30. corresponding, 31. integrate, 32. interpretation, 33. integrate, 34. transfer, 35. settle, 36. separate, 37. distribute, 38. emerge, 39. identify, 40. decision

41. pa\_\_\_\_\_el processing *adj.* being everywhere equidistant and not intersecting; of or relating to the simultaneous performance of multiple operations
42. ho\_\_\_\_\_ne pair *n.* a word that is pronounced the same as another word but differs in meaning and may differ in spelling
43. lik\_\_\_\_\_od of the success *n.* the probability or chance that something will happen or be the case
44. in\_\_\_\_\_ly anticipated *adv.* at the beginning; at first
45. improve the lik\_\_\_\_\_od of a cure *n.* the probability or chance that something will happen or be the case
46. a ra\_\_\_m choice *adj.* made, done, or happening without method, conscious decision, or any regular pattern
47. bombs fell at ra\_\_\_m *adj.* made, done, or happening without method, conscious decision, or any regular pattern
48. in\_\_\_t gaze *n.* a strong determination or attention to do or achieve something; (adjective) having a strong determination to do or achieve something
49. legal co\_\_\_\_\_t *n.* the circumstances, facts, or conditions that surround a particular event, situation, or statement and that give it meaning
50. pr\_\_\_\_\_s improvement *n.* a series of actions or operations performed to achieve a particular outcome or goal; a systematic procedure or approach used to accomplish a specific task or objective; a method of treating milk to make it suitable for consumption or use in other dairy products

ANSWERS: 41. parallel, 42. homophone, 43. likelihood, 44. initially, 45. likelihood, 46. random, 47. random, 48. intent, 49. context, 50. process

51. a broken fr\_\_\_\_nt *n.* a small piece or part broken off or detached
52. rec\_\_\_\_\_on award *n.* the action or process of recognizing or being recognized, especially by remembering; an agreement that something is true or legal
53. fi\_\_\_\_\_ne financial systems *v.* to make tiny changes or improvements to make it work as well as possible
54. 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
55. the ca\_\_\_\_\_n of an opposing team *n.* the leader of a group of people, especially who is in charge of a ship or aircraft
56. basic br\_\_n function *n.* the organ inside the head that is responsible for one's movement, thought, memory, and feeling
57. b\_t cave *n.* a nocturnal animal with wings that flies and feeds at night, similar to a mouse; a piece of wood with a handle used for hitting the ball in sports including baseball, cricket, and table tennis
58. ca\_\_\_\_\_n of industry *n.* the leader of a group of people, especially who is in charge of a ship or aircraft
59. el\_\_\_\_\_te sexual barriers *v.* to remove or get rid of someone or something
60. as\_\_\_e a lousy attitude to his boss *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

ANSWERS: 51. fragment, 52. recognition, 53. fine-tune, 54. assume, 55. captain, 56. brain, 57. bat, 58. captain, 59. eliminate, 60. assume



61. ov\_\_\_\_\_te memory      *v.* to replace or overwrite existing data or information with new data, often in the context of computer files or software
62. excite the ne\_\_\_\_ns      *n.* a cell that is specialized to carry information within the brain and between the brain and other parts of the body
63. h\_\_e intuition      *v.* to sharpen or perfect something; to improve a skill or ability through practice
64. the cor\_\_\_\_\_ing word in Spanish      *adj.* similar to, connected with, or accompanying something, especially in position or purpose
65. em\_\_\_\_e from poverty      *v.* to move out of or away from something and become visible
66. ho\_\_\_\_\_ne confusion      *n.* a word that is pronounced the same as another word but differs in meaning and may differ in spelling
67. el\_\_\_\_\_te contestants      *v.* to remove or get rid of someone or something
68. co\_\_\_\_x cells      *n.* the outermost layer of an organ, especially the brain
69. involvement of the hip\_\_\_\_\_us      *n.* a major component of the brain of humans and other vertebrates that is part of the limbic system and is vital for memory
70. fr\_\_\_\_\_nt of a text      *n.* a small piece or part broken off or detached
71. mul\_\_\_\_\_ual education      *adj.* skilled in or using multiple languages; involving or relating to multiple languages or language groups

ANSWERS: 61. overwrite, 62. neuron, 63. hone, 64. corresponding, 65. emerge, 66. homophone, 67. eliminate, 68. cortex, 69. hippocampus, 70. fragment, 71. multilingual

72. cr\_\_e construction *n.* a large, tall machine used for moving heavy objects by suspending them from a beam or hook
73. se\_\_\_e a dispute *v.* to reach an agreement of disagreement
74. vi\_\_l for a healthy society *adj.* necessary for the success or continued existence of something
75. neurons in the hip\_\_\_\_\_us *n.* a major component of the brain of humans and other vertebrates that is part of the limbic system and is vital for memory
76. int\_\_\_\_\_ve threads *v.* to combine or blend substantive parts or elements; to interlace; to mix or intermingle
77. visual c\_e *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
78. a listening com\_\_\_\_\_ion test *n.* the ability to understand or grasp the meaning of something, especially through knowledge or experience
79. reg\_\_\_\_\_ion agency *n.* the process of recording or enrolling for a particular course or event; the action or process of officially recording or enrolling something, such as a name or trademark
80. permanent br\_\_n damage *n.* the organ inside the head that is responsible for one's movement, thought, memory, and feeling
81. historical co\_\_\_\_\_t *n.* the circumstances, facts, or conditions that surround a particular event, situation, or statement and that give it meaning

ANSWERS: 72. crane, 73. settle, 74. vital, 75. hippocampus, 76. interweave, 77. cue, 78. comprehension, 79. registration, 80. brain, 81. context

82. cr\_\_e operator *n.* a large, tall machine used for moving heavy objects by suspending them from a beam or hook
83. ne\_\_\_n cell body *n.* a cell that is specialized to carry information within the brain and between the brain and other parts of the body
84. unc\_\_\_\_\_us bias *adj.* in the state of lacking awareness and the capacity for sensory perception, especially as the result of a head injury or illness
85. com\_\_\_\_\_ion level *n.* the ability to understand or grasp the meaning of something, especially through knowledge or experience
86. dis\_\_\_\_\_te wealth evenly *v.* to give something to a large number of individuals, or to spread or furnish something
87. se\_\_\_\_\_te video into chapter *v.* to force, take, or pull apart; mark as different
88. sy\_\_\_\_\_le structure *n.* a single unit of spoken language more significant than a phoneme containing a vowel sound and usually one or more consonants
89. fi\_\_\_\_\_ne the engine *v.* to make tiny changes or improvements to make it work as well as possible
90. 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

ANSWERS: 82. crane, 83. neuron, 84. unconscious, 85. comprehension, 86. distribute, 87. separate, 88. syllable, 89. fine-tune, 90. cue

91. a lot of ex\_\_\_\_\_ons *n.* a violent release induced by a chemical or nuclear reaction
92. single sy\_\_\_\_\_le *n.* a single unit of spoken language more significant than a phoneme containing a vowel sound and usually one or more consonants
93. play a vi\_\_l role *adj.* necessary for the success or continued existence of something
94. re\_\_\_\_\_ze talent *v.* to acknowledge or realize something or someone; to identify, remember, or become aware of something that was previously known or encountered
95. re\_\_\_\_\_nt by a diagram *v.* to speak, act, or be present on behalf of another person or group; to form or constitute
96. tr\_\_\_\_\_er a file *v.* to move, pass, or change from one person, place, or situation to another
97. open to int\_\_\_\_\_ion *n.* an explanation or opinion of something, especially that is not immediately obvious
98. su\_\_\_\_\_ss a yawn *v.* to bring something under control by force or authority; to put an end by force

ANSWERS: 91. explosion, 92. syllable, 93. vital, 94. recognize, 95. represent, 96. transfer, 97. interpretation, 98. suppress

## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. 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
  
2. Perseverance and optimism are \_\_\_\_\_ to success.
  - adj. necessary for the success or continued existence of something
  
3. The doctor prescribed medication to \_\_\_\_\_ the patient's appetite.
  - v. to bring something under control by force or authority; to put an end by force
  
4. The athlete worked with a coach to \_\_\_\_\_ her techniques and improve her performance.
  - v. to sharpen or perfect something; to improve a skill or ability through practice
  
5. Don't forget to back up your data before you \_\_\_\_\_ any files on your computer.
  - v. to replace or overwrite existing data or information with new data, often in the context of computer files or software
  
6. The cerebral \_\_\_\_\_ consists of six layers.
  - n. the outermost layer of an organ, especially the brain
  
7. He walked a road \_\_\_\_\_ to the railroad.
  - adj. being everywhere equidistant and not intersecting; of or relating to the simultaneous performance of multiple operations
  
8. To find drunk drivers, police conduct \_\_\_\_\_ tests.
  - adj. made, done, or happening without method, conscious decision, or any regular pattern

ANSWERS: 1. assumes, 2. vital, 3. suppress, 4. hone, 5. overwrite, 6. cortex, 7. parallel, 8. random

9. During colonial eras, new migratory patterns \_\_\_\_\_.
- v.* to move out of or away from something and become visible
10. The online \_\_\_\_\_ process was quick and easy to complete.
- n.* the process of recording or enrolling for a particular course or event; the action or process of officially recording or enrolling something, such as a name or trademark
11. He was given \_\_\_\_\_ for his outstanding work in the field of medicine.
- n.* the action or process of recognizing or being recognized, especially by remembering; an agreement that something is true or legal
12. The \_\_\_\_\_ number on the dial was 3.
- adj.* similar to, connected with, or accompanying something, especially in position or purpose
13. His estate was \_\_\_\_\_ to his sons.
- v.* to give something to a large number of individuals, or to spread or furnish something
14. The \_\_\_\_\_ for applying for a visa can be lengthy and complicated.
- n.* a series of actions or operations performed to achieve a particular outcome or goal; a systematic procedure or approach used to accomplish a specific task or objective; a method of treating milk to make it suitable for consumption or use in other dairy products
15. We need to \_\_\_\_\_ the aspect of his personality from the part of his competence when making an investment decision.
- v.* to force, take, or pull apart; mark as different

ANSWERS: 9. emerged, 10. registration, 11. recognition, 12. corresponding, 13. distributed, 14. process, 15. separate

16. I don't want to \_\_\_\_\_ for second best.
- v. to reach an agreement of disagreement
17. He found that it is difficult to \_\_\_\_\_ socially.
- v. to combine one thing with another so that they form a whole or work together; to accept equal participation for members of all races and ethnic groups
18. 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
19. We can \_\_\_\_\_ this possibility from those consumptions.
- v. to remove or get rid of someone or something
20. His \_\_\_\_\_ of literary works are often unique.
- n. an explanation or opinion of something, especially that is not immediately obvious
21. 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
22. 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
23. I'm so sorry to \_\_\_\_\_ you when you're pretty busy.
- v. to prevent or stop something, especially an event, activity, or process, from continuing in the usual way by causing a problem or disturbance

ANSWERS: 16. settle, 17. integrate, 18. represent, 19. eliminate, 20. interpretations, 21. decision, 22. brain, 23. disrupt

24. I know his \_\_\_\_\_ habit that he touches his face when he lies.  
*adj.* in the state of lacking awareness and the capacity for sensory perception, especially as the result of a head injury or illness
25. The cave was a habitat for \_\_\_\_\_.  
*n.* a nocturnal animal with wings that flies and feeds at night, similar to a mouse; a piece of wood with a handle used for hitting the ball in sports including baseball, cricket, and table tennis
26. Emphasize the second \_\_\_\_\_ when pronouncing it.  
*n.* a single unit of spoken language more significant than a phoneme containing a vowel sound and usually one or more consonants
27. I will introduce you to how to \_\_\_\_\_ the leading causes of the malfunction.  
*v.* to recognize someone or something and say or prove who or what they are
28. Our body transfers information along each \_\_\_\_\_ using an electrical impulse.  
*n.* a cell that is specialized to carry information within the brain and between the brain and other parts of the body
29. "Knight" and "night" are \_\_\_\_\_ despite having different spellings and meanings.  
*n.* a word that is pronounced the same as another word but differs in meaning and may differ in spelling
30. The company's latest \_\_\_\_\_ of a rival firm has dramatically expanded its market share.  
*n.* the act of getting something, usually through purchase, negotiation, or effort
31. She \_\_\_\_\_ the money from her savings account to her checking account.  
*v.* to move, pass, or change from one person, place, or situation to another

ANSWERS: 24. unconscious, 25. bats, 26. syllable, 27. identify, 28. neuron, 29. homophones, 30. acquisition, 31. transferred



32. The archaeologist carefully pieced together the tiny \_\_\_\_\_ of pottery found at the dig site.  
*n.* a small piece or part broken off or detached
33. The \_\_\_\_\_ is crucial for learning and memory storage.  
*n.* a major component of the brain of humans and other vertebrates that is part of the limbic system and is vital for memory
34. The country experienced a \_\_\_\_\_ increase in population.  
*adj.* happening slowly over a long period of time or distance; not steep or abrupt
35. 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
36. My friend is \_\_\_\_\_ speaking five different languages fluently.  
*adj.* skilled in or using multiple languages; involving or relating to multiple languages or language groups
37. She struggled to \_\_\_\_\_ complex math problems.  
*v.* to understand the nature or meaning of something fully
38. The government should not try to \_\_\_\_\_ the economy excessively based on a short-term prediction.  
*v.* to make tiny changes or improvements to make it work as well as possible
39. The construction workers used a \_\_\_\_\_ to lift the heavy beams.  
*n.* a large, tall machine used for moving heavy objects by suspending them from a beam or hook

ANSWERS: 32. fragments, 33. hippocampus, 34. gradual, 35. cue, 36. multilingual, 37. comprehend, 38. fine-tune, 39. crane

40. It's important to \_\_\_\_\_ your strengths and weaknesses.  
*v.* to acknowledge or realize something or someone; to identify, remember, or become aware of something that was previously known or encountered
41. This train departed later than \_\_\_\_\_ scheduled.  
*adv.* at the beginning; at first
42. The author expertly tried to \_\_\_\_\_ the story's plot and characters.  
*v.* to combine or blend substantive parts or elements; to interlace; to mix or intermingle
43. 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
44. The designer's \_\_\_\_\_ was to create a minimalist aesthetic for the interior of the building.  
*n.* a strong determination or attention to do or achieve something; (adjective) having a strong determination to do or achieve something
45. Her \_\_\_\_\_ of the material was impressive for someone so young.  
*n.* the ability to understand or grasp the meaning of something, especially through knowledge or experience
46. The \_\_\_\_\_ ordered the troops to fire.  
*n.* the leader of a group of people, especially who is in charge of a ship or aircraft
47. A broken gas pipe triggered the \_\_\_\_\_.  
*n.* a violent release induced by a chemical or nuclear reaction

ANSWERS: 40. recognize, 41. initially, 42. interweave, 43. context, 44. intent, 45. comprehension, 46. captain, 47. explosion

48. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the project being completed on time is uncertain.

*n.* the probability or chance that something will happen or be the case

49. She wore a \_\_\_\_\_ of pearls around her neck.

*n.* long, thin material used for tying things together, composed of several twisted threads

ANSWERS: 48. likelihood, 49. string