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Session 1: Word List

archaeology

n. the branch of anthropology that studies prehistoric people and their cultures

(1) the institute of **archaeology**, (2) prehistoric **archaeology**

She teaches **archaeology** at the local university.

Arthurian

adj. relating to king Arthur and the tales and legends associated with him

(1) the **Arthurian** cycle, (2) **Arthurian** romances

The **Arthurian** legends of King Arthur and the knights of the Round Table are popular literary motifs.

uncover

v. to remove the cover from something; to discover something previously unseen or hidden

synonym : disclose, reveal, unveil

(1) **uncover** a potential problem, (2) **uncover** the truth

He continued his investigation and soon **uncovered** another crime.

tablet

n. a small flat electronic device used for browsing the internet, reading, writing, or playing games; a small, solid pill of medicine

synonym : notepad, pill, medication

(1) a multivitamin **tablet**, (2) **tablet** keyboard

The new **tablet** device has a faster processor and better graphics than its predecessor.

inscribe

v. to write or carve something on a surface, especially as a formal or permanent record

synonym: engrave, carve, etch

(1) **inscribe** a message, (2) **inscribe** in her mind clearly

The artist **inscribed** a beautiful design on the surface of the vase.

symbol

n. something visible that is used to represent something else

synonym: mark, character, insignia

(1) **symbol** color, (2) **symbol** for happiness

The dragon is considered a **symbol** of bravery.

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.

elude

v. to escape or avoid capture or detection, often by being clever or cunning

synonym: evade, avoid, dodge

(1) **elude** the law, (2) **elude** responsibility for the failure

The suspect **eluded** capture for weeks before being caught by the police.

scholar

n. professor; a person who studies a topic in considerable depth, particularly in a university

synonym: professor, pupil, learner

(1) **scholar** in international politics, (2) noted **scholar**

You won't have to pay college tuition if you're a **scholar**.

discovery

n. the act or process of finding information, a place, or an object, or learning about something that was previously not known

synonym: finding, uncovering, detection

(1) a scientific **discovery**, (2) the great **discovery** of the century

Her research team made an important **discovery**.

fresco

n. a painting technique in which water and pigment are applied to wet plaster, producing a durable and luminous image

synonym: mural, painting, wall art

(1) medieval **fresco**, (2) **fresco** secco

The **fresco** paintings in the church were over 500 years old.

maze

n. a complex network of winding passages or pathways designed as a puzzle or challenge for people to navigate through

synonym: labyrinth, puzzle, network

(1) puzzle **maze**, (2) labyrinth **maze**

We got lost in the **maze** of streets while exploring the city.

hallway

n. an interior passage or corridor onto which rooms open

synonym: foyer, corridor, entrance

(1) the head of a **hallway**, (2) wax a **hallway** floor

He dashed down a **hallway** to a bathroom.

palace

n. the residence of a high-ranking official such as a king, queen, etc.

synonym: mansion, manor, castle

(1) a **palace** garden, (2) ancestral **palace**

The imperial **palace** is currently undergoing reforms.

mythical

adj. based on or related to myths, legends, or folklore; existing only in tales or in the imagination

synonym: mythological, fictitious, legendary

(1) **mythical** heroes, (2) **mythical** world

Many cultures have their **mythical** creatures and legends.

script

n. a written text of a film, play, broadcast, or speech; something written by hand

synonym: writing, penmanship, article

(1) a hand **script**, (2) the **script** of a play

The archaeologist found a hieratic Egyptian **script** on a stone monument.

dub

v. to give someone or something an unofficial name or nickname; to provide movies with a voice of a foreign language

synonym: name, designate, nickname

(1) **dub** the film in English, (2) **dub** data

We **dubbed** him Ironman because of his toughness.

linear

adj. of, relating to, or consisting of lines or length; able to be expressed as a straight line, especially on a graph

synonym: straight, direct, right

(1) **linear** trend, (2) a **linear** equation

People tend to make **linear** predictions.

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.

intensify

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

synonym: amplify, boost, strengthen

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

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

the dictatorship.

inscription

n. a message or design that is written or engraved on a surface of something, such as stone or metal

synonym: engraving, writing, script

(1) **inscription** on a plaque, (2) funerary **inscriptions**

The ancient coin had an **inscription** in Latin and a picture of the emperor on the other side.

decipher

v. to read or understand something that is written in code or in a difficult or obscure way

synonym: interpret, decode, translate

(1) **decipher** code, (2) **decipher** message

He spent hours trying to **decipher** the ancient text.

accurate

adj. correct and exact in all details

synonym: exact, precise, proper

(1) provide **accurate** information, (2) **accurate** measurements

The official transcript contains **accurate** academic records.

observation

n. the act or activity of carefully examining or monitoring something or someone

synonym: watching, notice, reflection

(1) class **observation** day, (2) **observation** instrument

In the hospital, she will remain under constant **observation**.

administer

v. to oversee and control the operation or arrangement of something

synonym: allocate, distribute, dispense

(1) **administer** justice, (2) **administer** the funds

After the accident, three governmental bodies **administer** the company.

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.

consonant

n. a speech sound that is produced by completely or partially blocking the airflow through the mouth; a letter or group of letters representing a consonant sound, for example, "b," "c," "d," etc.

synonym: agreement, harmony, concord

(1) **consonant** blends, (2) a medial **consonant**

The **consonant** sounds at the beginning and end of the word made it easy to pronounce.

vowel

n. a speech sound pronounced with an open vocal tract, typically made by vibrating the vocal cords and without any constriction or obstruction of airflow in the lungs or mouth

synonym: letter, sound, syllable

(1) **vowel** chart, (2) **vowel** combination

Please pronounce your name slowly and emphasize the **vowel** sounds.

classic

adj. judged or deserving to be regarded as one of the best or most important of its kind over a period of time; of a well-known type

synonym: definitive, traditional, typical

(1) a **classic** experiment, (2) Chinese **classic** literature

He displayed the **classic** symptoms of depression.

quest

n. a long or challenging search for something

synonym: exploration, inquisition, pursuit

(1) the **quest** for truth, (2) on a **quest** for happiness

That adventurer traveled in **quest** of buried treasure.

analyze

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

synonym: explore, examine, investigate

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

motives

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

frequent

adj. happening constantly

synonym: periodic, recurring, routine

(1) **frequent** absence, (2) **frequent** use

His heartaches are less **frequent** now.

scrap

n. a small piece or amount of something, especially leftover from a larger whole

synonym: fragment, piece, remnant

(1) **scrap** metal, (2) a broken piece of **scrap**

She made a collage from **scraps** of paper and fabric from the art supply store.

cigarette

n. a small cylindrical roll of finely cut tobacco leaves wrapped in paper for smoking

synonym: smoke, cigar, tobacco

(1) a mild **cigarette**, (2) a **cigarette** case

He lit a **cigarette** and leaned against the wall.

carton

n. a lightbox or container made of cardboard, typically used for packaging or storing items

synonym: box, package, container

(1) **carton** box, (2) empty **carton**

I need a **carton** of milk from the grocery store.

scarce

adj. not abundant or plentiful, and therefore not easy to find or obtain

synonym: rare, limited, sparse

(1) **scarce** resources, (2) capital- **scarce** country

Fresh water is becoming increasingly **scarce** in many parts of the world.

frequency

n. an ordered array of colors into which a light beam can be split

synonym: recurrence, repetition, regularity

(1) **frequency** band, (2) high **frequency**

The oscillator hunts for the correct **frequency**.

rely

v. to require a specific thing or the assistance and support of someone or something to continue, run properly, or succeed.

synonym: depend, count, lean

(1) **rely** on convenience stores, (2) **rely** entirely on him

Babies heavily **rely** on others for food.

grammar

n. the set of structural constraints on speakers' or writers' composition of clauses, phrases, and words

synonym: syntax, elements

(1) **grammar** checker, (2) Latin **grammar**

Mastering **grammar** takes a lot of time for those learning a foreign language.

chart

n. a visual display of information such as a diagram, lists of figures, etc.; a map designed to assist navigation by air or sea

synonym: diagram, graph, map

(1) a weather **chart**, (2) a statistical **chart**

This pie **chart** represents our market share.

relation

n. the way two persons or groups of people feel and act toward one another

synonym: association, linkage, connection

(1) **relation** between cause and effect, (2) **relation** of inclusion

The industrial **relations** laws were passed with little to no alteration.

cancer

n. abnormal growth of cells that can invade and destroy surrounding tissues and organs; a disease characterized

by the uncontrolled growth and spread of abnormal cells
synonym : tumor, carcinoma, malignancy

(1) **cancer** diagnosis, (2) **cancer** research

Breast **cancer** is the most common type of cancer in women.

architect

n. a person whose job is to design plans to be used in making something, such as buildings

synonym : creator, designer, planner

(1) landscape **architect**, (2) **architect** of the peace accord

The building **architect** tried to build the house above the tree.

crack

v. to break or cause to break without dividing into separate parts; (noun) a line on the surface of something along which it has separated without breaking

synonym : snap, burst, break

(1) **crack** an eggshell, (2) a **crack** in a board

He that would eat the kernel must **crack** the nut.

obsess

v. to fill the mind of someone continually so that one can't think of anything else

synonym : torment, beset, engross

(1) **obsess** over her weight, (2) he is **obsessed** with the fear

He's utterly **obsessed** with his promotion.

grid

n. a pattern of regularly spaced horizontal and vertical lines; a system of high tension cables by which electrical power is distributed throughout a region

synonym : gridiron, battery grid, power system

(1) a **grid** design, (2) a wire **grid**

Grid pattern roads often appear in urban areas.

cache

n. a collection of items hidden away or stored for future use; (computer science) memory that is set aside as buffer storage that is frequently updated

synonym : hoard, stash, stockpile

(1) **cache** memory, (2) hidden **cache**

I found a **cache** of old letters in the attic.

excavate

v. to dig or remove earth, rocks, or other materials from the ground or a site, often to uncover or discover something

synonym: dig, unearth, extract

(1) **excavate** a deep hole, (2) **excavate** soil

The archaeologists **excavated** the ruins of an ancient city buried under the desert sands.

breakthrough

n. a sudden, dramatic, and important discovery or development that helps to improve a situation or provide an answer to a problem

synonym: advance, progress, innovation

(1) **breakthrough** in the negotiations, (2) **breakthrough** discovery

A technique called deep learning has led to **breakthroughs** in AI.

specific

adj. clearly defined or particular to a certain thing or situation; distinct, explicit, and precise

synonym: particular, definite, distinct

(1) **specific** instructions, (2) industry- **specific** regulations

The scientist conducted a study that provided **specific** details about the species' behavior.

locate

v. to specify or determine the exact position of someone or something

synonym: discover, find, place

(1) **locate** a missing pet, (2) **locate** a tumor

The robot can accurately **locate** construction material.

constant

adj. happening repeatedly or all the time

synonym: ceaseless, stable, unchanging

(1) a **constant** wind, (2) a **constant** temperature

Constant dropping wears away the stone.

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.

ancient

adj. relating to the long ago, particularly the historical period preceding the fall of the Western Roman Empire; very old

synonym: archaic, age-old, obsolete

(1) pre-Christian **ancient**, (2) **ancient** stories

They have been living near water since **ancient** times.

domino

n. a small, flat, rectangular block used in a game that has pairs of dots on one or both sides; a consequence of an event that sets off a chain reaction of similar events

synonym: tile, block, ivory

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

We knocked over a stack of **dominoes** and watched them fall one by one.

unravel

v. undo twisted, knitted, or woven threads by separating it

synonym: separate, unknot, ravel

(1) **unravel** a knit, (2) **unravel** a plot

Detectives are still attempting to **unravel** the mystery of his death.

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**.

rewrite

v. to write something such as a book or speech again in a different way, usually to improve it or add new information

synonym : revise, edit, rework

(1) **rewrite** a composition, (2) **rewrite** a world record

I need to **rewrite** most of the essay with feedback from my teacher.

chapter

n. a separate section of a written work usually numbered and titled

synonym : section, phase, episode

(1) an introductory **chapter**, (2) **chapter** of a political party

The final **chapter** provides a summary of the discussion.

insist

v. to say something clearly or demand something forcefully, especially when other people disagree with or oppose what you say

synonym : demand, assert, claim

(1) **insist** on a clear answer, (2) **insist** over and over

He **insisted** that she pay her debt to the last penny.

conquer

v. to bring under control by force or authority

synonym : defeat, overpower, subdue

(1) **conquer** fatal disease, (2) **conquer** the world

You must **conquer** your anxiety about driving.

opposition

n. the act of disagreeing or resisting; the state of strong disagreement

synonym : resistance, hostility, antagonism

(1) **opposition** campaign, (2) meet with **opposition**

The **opposition** party strongly disagreed with the government's proposed legislation.

invade

v. to enter aggressively into another's territory by military force for conquest and occupation

synonym : intrude, raid, overrun

(1) **invade** other tissues, (2) **invade** his privacy

I have no intention to **invade** your privacy.

adopt

v. to choose to follow something; to legally take a child from another family and care for them as if they were one's own

synonym : accept, assume, take on

(1) **adopt** a child, (2) **adopt** a bill

The national assembly has **adopted** the budget.

Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. co_____r fatal disease | v. | to bring under control by force or authority |
| 2. in_____fy a good relationship | v. | to increase or make something increase in extent or strength |
| 3. in___e his privacy | v. | to enter aggressively into another's territory by military force for conquest and occupation |
| 4. ins_____on on a plaque | n. | a message or design that is written or engraved on a surface of something, such as stone or metal |
| 5. pre-Christian an_____t | adj. | relating to the long ago, particularly the historical period preceding the fall of the Western Roman Empire; very old |
| 6. prehistoric arc_____gy | n. | the branch of anthropology that studies prehistoric people and their cultures |
| 7. the characters that re_____nt numbers | v. | to speak, act, or be present on behalf of another person or group; to form or constitute |
| 8. li___r trend | adj. | of, relating to, or consisting of lines or length; able to be expressed as a straight line, especially on a graph |
| 9. in_____fy diplomatic efforts | v. | to increase or make something increase in extent or strength |
| 10. the qu__t for truth | n. | a long or challenging search for something |
| 11. my_____al heroes | adj. | based on or related to myths, legends, or folklore; existing only in tales or in the imagination |

ANSWERS: 1. conquer, 2. intensify, 3. invade, 4. inscription, 5. ancient, 6. archaeology, 7. represent, 8. linear, 9. intensify, 10. quest, 11. mythical

12. ca___n box *n.* a lightbox or container made of cardboard, typically used for packaging or storing items
13. Latin gr____r *n.* the set of structural constraints on speakers' or writers' composition of clauses, phrases, and words
14. hidden ca___e *n.* a collection of items hidden away or stored for future use; (computer science) memory that is set aside as buffer storage that is frequently updated
15. re____e a composition *v.* to write something such as a book or speech again in a different way, usually to improve it or add new information
16. low-r_v engine *n.* a measure of the rate at which an engine or motor rotates, often expressed in revolutions per minute (RPM); (verb) to increase the number of rotations per minute
17. lo___e a missing pet *v.* to specify or determine the exact position of someone or something
18. industry-sp____ic regulations *adj.* clearly defined or particular to a certain thing or situation; distinct, explicit, and precise
19. re____nt by a diagram *v.* to speak, act, or be present on behalf of another person or group; to form or constitute
20. adm____er justice *v.* to oversee and control the operation or arrangement of something
21. do___o chain *n.* a small, flat, rectangular block used in a game that has pairs of dots on one or both sides; a consequence of an event that sets off a chain reaction of similar events

ANSWERS: 12. carton, 13. grammar, 14. cache, 15. rewrite, 16. rev, 17. locate, 18. specific, 19. represent, 20. administer, 21. domino

22. sp____ic instructions *adj.* clearly defined or particular to a certain thing or situation; distinct, explicit, and precise
23. fr____nt absence *adj.* happening constantly
24. funerary ins______ons *n.* a message or design that is written or engraved on a surface of something, such as stone or metal
25. in____e other tissues *v.* to enter aggressively into another's territory by military force for conquest and occupation
26. d_b the film in English *v.* to give someone or something an unofficial name or nickname; to provide movies with a voice of a foreign language
27. ob____s over her weight *v.* to fill the mind of someone continually so that one can't think of anything else
28. do____o effect *n.* a small, flat, rectangular block used in a game that has pairs of dots on one or both sides; a consequence of an event that sets off a chain reaction of similar events
29. a cl____c experiment *adj.* judged or deserving to be regarded as one of the best or most important of its kind over a period of time; of a well-known type
30. in____t on a clear answer *v.* to say something clearly or demand something forcefully, especially when other people disagree with or oppose what you say

ANSWERS: 22. specific, 23. frequent, 24. inscription, 25. invade, 26. dub, 27. obsess, 28. domino, 29. classic, 30. insist

31. obs_____on instrument *n.* the act or activity of carefully examining or monitoring something or someone
32. meet with opp_____on *n.* the act of disagreeing or resisting; the state of strong disagreement
33. opp_____on campaign *n.* the act of disagreeing or resisting; the state of strong disagreement
34. un_____l a plot *v.* undo twisted, knitted, or woven threads by separating it
35. an_____e your real motives *v.* to think about in-depth and evaluate to discover essential features or meaning
36. cr__k an eggshell *v.* to break or cause to break without dividing into separate parts; (noun) a line on the surface of something along which it has separated without breaking
37. wax a ha_____y floor *n.* an interior passage or corridor onto which rooms open
38. sy____l color *n.* something visible that is used to represent something else
39. fr_____cy band *n.* an ordered array of colors into which a light beam can be split
40. un_____l a knit *v.* undo twisted, knitted, or woven threads by separating it
41. the Ar_____an cycle *adj.* relating to king Arthur and the tales and legends associated with him
42. the institute of arc_____gy *n.* the branch of anthropology that studies prehistoric people and their cultures
43. class obs_____on day *n.* the act or activity of carefully examining or monitoring something or someone

ANSWERS: 31. observation, 32. opposition, 33. opposition, 34. unravel, 35. analyze, 36. crack, 37. hallway, 38. symbol, 39. frequency, 40. unravel, 41. Arthurian, 42. archaeology, 43. observation

44. 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
45. sy___l for happiness *n.* something visible that is used to represent something else
46. in_____be a message *v.* to write or carve something on a surface, especially as a formal or permanent record
47. on a qu__t for happiness *n.* a long or challenging search for something
48. de_____er code *v.* to read or understand something that is written in code or in a difficult or obscure way
49. 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
50. vo__l chart *n.* a speech sound pronounced with an open vocal tract, typically made by vibrating the vocal cords and without any constriction or obstruction of airflow in the lungs or mouth
51. bre_____ugh discovery *n.* a sudden, dramatic, and important discovery or development that helps to improve a situation or provide an answer to a problem
52. capital-sc___e country *adj.* not abundant or plentiful, and therefore not easy to find or obtain

ANSWERS: 44. syllable, 45. symbol, 46. inscribe, 47. quest, 48. decipher, 49. mystery, 50. vowel, 51. breakthrough, 52. scarce

53. a cr__k in a board *v.* to break or cause to break without dividing into separate parts; (noun) a line on the surface of something along which it has separated without breaking
54. lo___e a tumor *v.* to specify or determine the exact position of someone or something
55. 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
56. in___t over and over *v.* to say something clearly or demand something forcefully, especially when other people disagree with or oppose what you say
57. a statistical ch__t *n.* a visual display of information such as a diagram, lists of figures, etc.; a map designed to assist navigation by air or sea
58. re____on of inclusion *n.* the way two persons or groups of people feel and act toward one another
59. a broken piece of sc__p *n.* a small piece or amount of something, especially leftover from a larger whole
60. sc____r in international politics *n.* professor; a person who studies a topic in considerable depth, particularly in a university
61. high fr____cy *n.* an ordered array of colors into which a light beam can be split
62. a co____nt wind *adj.* happening repeatedly or all the time
63. the sc__t of a play *n.* a written text of a film, play, broadcast, or speech; something written by hand

ANSWERS: 53. crack, 54. locate, 55. syllable, 56. insist, 57. chart, 58. relation, 59. scrap, 60. scholar, 61. frequency, 62. constant, 63. script

64. re____on between cause and effect *n.* the way two persons or groups of people feel and act toward one another
65. a co____nt temperature *adj.* happening repeatedly or all the time
66. fr____o secco *n.* a painting technique in which water and pigment are applied to wet plaster, producing a durable and luminous image
67. a weather ch__t *n.* a visual display of information such as a diagram, lists of figures, etc.; a map designed to assist navigation by air or sea
68. vo__l combination *n.* a speech sound pronounced with an open vocal tract, typically made by vibrating the vocal cords and without any constriction or obstruction of airflow in the lungs or mouth
69. a pa____e garden *n.* the residence of a high-ranking official such as a king, queen, etc.
70. medieval fr____o *n.* a painting technique in which water and pigment are applied to wet plaster, producing a durable and luminous image
71. co____r the world *v.* to bring under control by force or authority
72. an introductory ch____r *n.* a separate section of a written work usually numbered and titled
73. de____e a question *v.* to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options

ANSWERS: 64. relation, 65. constant, 66. fresco, 67. chart, 68. vowel, 69. palace, 70. fresco, 71. conquer, 72. chapter, 73. decide

74. de____er message *v.* to read or understand something that is written in code or in a difficult or obscure way
75. a medial co_____nt *n.* a speech sound that is produced by completely or partially blocking the airflow through the mouth; a letter or group of letters representing a consonant sound, for example, "b," "c," "d," etc.
76. 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
77. r__y on convenience stores *v.* to require a specific thing or the assistance and support of someone or something to continue, run properly, or succeed.
78. bre_____ugh in the negotiations *n.* a sudden, dramatic, and important discovery or development that helps to improve a situation or provide an answer to a problem
79. Ar_____an romances *adj.* relating to king Arthur and the tales and legends associated with him
80. ca____r research *n.* abnormal growth of cells that can invade and destroy surrounding tissues and organs; a disease characterized by the uncontrolled growth and spread of abnormal cells
81. a g__d design *n.* a pattern of regularly spaced horizontal and vertical lines; a system of high tension cables by which electrical power is distributed throughout a region

ANSWERS: 74. decipher, 75. consonant, 76. rev, 77. rely, 78. breakthrough, 79. Arthurian, 80. cancer, 81. grid

82. a hand sc___t *n.* a written text of a film, play, broadcast, or speech; something written by hand
83. ac___te measurements *adj.* correct and exact in all details
84. fr___nt use *adj.* happening constantly
85. ta___t keyboard *n.* a small flat electronic device used for browsing the internet, reading, writing, or playing games; a small, solid pill of medicine
86. a mild ci_____te *n.* a small cylindrical roll of finely cut tobacco leaves wrapped in paper for smoking
87. the great di_____ry of the century *n.* the act or process of finding information, a place, or an object, or learning about something that was previously not known
88. the head of a ha_____y *n.* an interior passage or corridor onto which rooms open
89. 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
90. co_____nt blends *n.* a speech sound that is produced by completely or partially blocking the airflow through the mouth; a letter or group of letters representing a consonant sound, for example, "b," "c," "d," etc.
91. he is ob___sed with the fear *v.* to fill the mind of someone continually so that one can't think of anything else

ANSWERS: 82. script, 83. accurate, 84. frequent, 85. tablet, 86. cigarette, 87. discovery, 88. hallway, 89. decide, 90. consonant, 91. obsess

92. an____t stories *adj.* relating to the long ago, particularly the historical period preceding the fall of the Western Roman Empire; very old
93. gr____r checker *n.* the set of structural constraints on speakers' or writers' composition of clauses, phrases, and words
94. in____be in her mind clearly *v.* to write or carve something on a surface, especially as a formal or permanent record
95. sc__p metal *n.* a small piece or amount of something, especially leftover from a larger whole
96. 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
97. ar____ct of the peace accord *n.* a person whose job is to design plans to be used in making something, such as buildings
98. ancestral pa____e *n.* the residence of a high-ranking official such as a king, queen, etc.
99. landscape ar____ct *n.* a person whose job is to design plans to be used in making something, such as buildings
100. r__y entirely on him *v.* to require a specific thing or the assistance and support of someone or something to continue, run properly, or succeed.

ANSWERS: 92. ancient, 93. grammar, 94. inscribe, 95. scrap, 96. mystery, 97. architect, 98. palace, 99. architect, 100. rely

110. un_____r the truth *v.* to remove the cover from something; to discover something previously unseen or hidden
111. noted sc_____r *n.* professor; a person who studies a topic in considerable depth, particularly in a university
112. a scientific di_____ry *n.* the act or process of finding information, a place, or an object, or learning about something that was previously not known
113. a ci_____te case *n.* a small cylindrical roll of finely cut tobacco leaves wrapped in paper for smoking
114. re_____e a world record *v.* to write something such as a book or speech again in a different way, usually to improve it or add new information
115. sc_____e resources *adj.* not abundant or plentiful, and therefore not easy to find or obtain
116. un_____r a potential problem *v.* to remove the cover from something; to discover something previously unseen or hidden
117. ch_____r of a political party *n.* a separate section of a written work usually numbered and titled
118. a multivitamin ta____t *n.* a small flat electronic device used for browsing the internet, reading, writing, or playing games; a small, solid pill of medicine
119. adm_____er the funds *v.* to oversee and control the operation or arrangement of something

ANSWERS: 110. uncover, 111. scholar, 112. discovery, 113. cigarette, 114. rewrite, 115. scarce, 116. uncover, 117. chapter, 118. tablet, 119. administer

120. labyrinth m__e *n.* a complex network of winding passages or pathways designed as a puzzle or challenge for people to navigate through
121. a wire g__d *n.* a pattern of regularly spaced horizontal and vertical lines; a system of high tension cables by which electrical power is distributed throughout a region
122. puzzle m__e *n.* a complex network of winding passages or pathways designed as a puzzle or challenge for people to navigate through
123. empty ca___n *n.* a lightbox or container made of cardboard, typically used for packaging or storing items
124. my_____al world *adj.* based on or related to myths, legends, or folklore; existing only in tales or in the imagination
125. d_b data *v.* to give someone or something an unofficial name or nickname; to provide movies with a voice of a foreign language
126. an_____e a chemical compound *v.* to think about in-depth and evaluate to discover essential features or meaning
127. provide ac_____te information *adj.* correct and exact in all details
128. el__e responsibility for the failure *v.* to escape or avoid capture or detection, often by being clever or cunning

ANSWERS: 120. maze, 121. grid, 122. maze, 123. carton, 124. mythical, 125. dub, 126. analyze, 127. accurate, 128. elude

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The official transcript contains _____ academic records.
adj. correct and exact in all details
2. The _____ party strongly disagreed with the government's proposed legislation.
n. the act of disagreeing or resisting; the state of strong disagreement
3. The oscillator hunts for the correct _____.
n. an ordered array of colors into which a light beam can be split
4. He dashed down a _____ to a bathroom.
n. an interior passage or corridor onto which rooms open
5. You must _____ your anxiety about driving.
v. to bring under control by force or authority
6. The suspect _____ capture for weeks before being caught by the police.
v. to escape or avoid capture or detection, often by being clever or cunning
7. The artist _____ a beautiful design on the surface of the vase.
v. to write or carve something on a surface, especially as a formal or permanent record
8. The imperial _____ is currently undergoing reforms.
n. the residence of a high-ranking official such as a king, queen, etc.
9. The robot can accurately _____ construction material.
v. to specify or determine the exact position of someone or something

ANSWERS: 1. accurate, 2. opposition, 3. frequency, 4. hallway, 5. conquer, 6. eluded, 7. inscribed, 8. palace, 9. locate

10. He that would eat the kernel must _____ the nut.
- v.* to break or cause to break without dividing into separate parts; (noun) a line on the surface of something along which it has separated without breaking
11. Her research team made an important _____.
- n.* the act or process of finding information, a place, or an object, or learning about something that was previously not known
12. _____ dropping wears away the stone.
- adj.* happening repeatedly or all the time
13. Fresh water is becoming increasingly _____ in many parts of the world.
- adj.* not abundant or plentiful, and therefore not easy to find or obtain
14. 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
15. The archaeologists _____ the ruins of an ancient city buried under the desert sands.
- v.* to dig or remove earth, rocks, or other materials from the ground or a site, often to uncover or discover something
16. _____ pattern roads often appear in urban areas.
- n.* a pattern of regularly spaced horizontal and vertical lines; a system of high tension cables by which electrical power is distributed throughout a region
17. We _____ him Ironman because of his toughness.
- v.* to give someone or something an unofficial name or nickname; to provide movies with a voice of a foreign language

ANSWERS: 10. crack, 11. discovery, 12. Constant, 13. scarce, 14. represent, 15. excavated, 16. Grid, 17. dubbed

18. Detectives are still attempting to _____ the mystery of his death.
v. undo twisted, knitted, or woven threads by separating it
19. Rebels have pledged to _____ the armed struggle against the dictatorship.
v. to increase or make something increase in extent or strength
20. You won't have to pay college tuition if you're a _____.
n. professor; a person who studies a topic in considerable depth, particularly in a university
21. The _____ legends of King Arthur and the knights of the Round Table are popular literary motifs.
adj. relating to king Arthur and the tales and legends associated with him
22. This pie _____ represents our market share.
n. a visual display of information such as a diagram, lists of figures, etc.; a map designed to assist navigation by air or sea
23. The ancient coin had an _____ in Latin and a picture of the emperor on the other side.
n. a message or design that is written or engraved on a surface of something, such as stone or metal
24. We knocked over a stack of _____ and watched them fall one by one.
n. a small, flat, rectangular block used in a game that has pairs of dots on one or both sides; a consequence of an event that sets off a chain reaction of similar events
25. Many cultures have their _____ creatures and legends.
adj. based on or related to myths, legends, or folklore; existing only in tales or in the imagination

ANSWERS: 18. unravel, 19. intensify, 20. scholar, 21. Arthurian, 22. chart, 23. inscription, 24. dominoes, 25. mythical

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. She made a collage from _____ of paper and fabric from the art supply store.
- n.* a small piece or amount of something, especially leftover from a larger whole
28. I need a _____ of milk from the grocery store.
- n.* a lightbox or container made of cardboard, typically used for packaging or storing items
29. In the hospital, she will remain under constant _____.
- n.* the act or activity of carefully examining or monitoring something or someone
30. That adventurer traveled in _____ of buried treasure.
- n.* a long or challenging search for something
31. Breast _____ is the most common type of cancer in women.
- n.* abnormal growth of cells that can invade and destroy surrounding tissues and organs; a disease characterized by the uncontrolled growth and spread of abnormal cells
32. We got lost in the _____ of streets while exploring the city.
- n.* a complex network of winding passages or pathways designed as a puzzle or challenge for people to navigate through
33. He's utterly _____ with his promotion.
- v.* to fill the mind of someone continually so that one can't think of anything else

ANSWERS: 26. syllable, 27. scraps, 28. carton, 29. observation, 30. quest, 31. cancer, 32. maze, 33. obsessed

34. 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
35. The archaeologist found a hieratic Egyptian _____ on a stone monument.
n. a written text of a film, play, broadcast, or speech; something written by hand
36. 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
37. The _____ paintings in the church were over 500 years old.
n. a painting technique in which water and pigment are applied to wet plaster, producing a durable and luminous image
38. The scientist conducted a study that provided _____ details about the species' behavior.
adj. clearly defined or particular to a certain thing or situation; distinct, explicit, and precise
39. People tend to make _____ predictions.
adj. of, relating to, or consisting of lines or length; able to be expressed as a straight line, especially on a graph
40. The new _____ device has a faster processor and better graphics than its predecessor.
n. a small flat electronic device used for browsing the internet, reading, writing, or playing games; a small, solid pill of medicine

ANSWERS: 34. decide, 35. script, 36. rev, 37. fresco, 38. specific, 39. linear, 40. tablet

41. He displayed the _____ symptoms of depression.

adj. judged or deserving to be regarded as one of the best or most important of its kind over a period of time; of a well-known type

42. I have no intention to _____ your privacy.

v. to enter aggressively into another's territory by military force for conquest and occupation

43. They have been living near water since _____ times.

adj. relating to the long ago, particularly the historical period preceding the fall of the Western Roman Empire; very old

44. The building _____ tried to build the house above the tree.

n. a person whose job is to design plans to be used in making something, such as buildings

45. He _____ that she pay her debt to the last penny.

v. to say something clearly or demand something forcefully, especially when other people disagree with or oppose what you say

46. He spent hours trying to _____ the ancient text.

v. to read or understand something that is written in code or in a difficult or obscure way

47. After the accident, three governmental bodies _____ the company.

v. to oversee and control the operation or arrangement of something

48. Babies heavily _____ on others for food.

v. to require a specific thing or the assistance and support of someone or something to continue, run properly, or succeed.

ANSWERS: 41. classic, 42. invade, 43. ancient, 44. architect, 45. insisted, 46. decipher, 47. administer, 48. rely

49. Mastering _____ takes a lot of time for those learning a foreign language.
n. the set of structural constraints on speakers' or writers' composition of clauses, phrases, and words
50. The dragon is considered a _____ of bravery.
n. something visible that is used to represent something else
51. I need to _____ most of the essay with feedback from my teacher.
v. to write something such as a book or speech again in a different way, usually to improve it or add new information
52. He continued his investigation and soon _____ another crime.
v. to remove the cover from something; to discover something previously unseen or hidden
53. A technique called deep learning has led to _____ in AI.
n. a sudden, dramatic, and important discovery or development that helps to improve a situation or provide an answer to a problem
54. I found a _____ of old letters in the attic.
n. a collection of items hidden away or stored for future use; (computer science) memory that is set aside as buffer storage that is frequently updated
55. 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
56. His heartaches are less _____ now.
adj. happening constantly

ANSWERS: 49. grammar, 50. symbol, 51. rewrite, 52. uncovered, 53. breakthroughs, 54. cache, 55. mystery, 56. frequent

57. The _____ sounds at the beginning and end of the word made it easy to pronounce.
- n.* a speech sound that is produced by completely or partially blocking the airflow through the mouth; a letter or group of letters representing a consonant sound, for example, "b," "c," "d," etc.
58. The national assembly has _____ the budget.
- v.* to choose to follow something; to legally take a child from another family and care for them as if they were one's own
59. The teacher attempted to _____ the root cause of our mistake.
- v.* to think about in-depth and evaluate to discover essential features or meaning
60. The industrial _____ laws were passed with little to no alteration.
- n.* the way two persons or groups of people feel and act toward one another
61. He lit a _____ and leaned against the wall.
- n.* a small cylindrical roll of finely cut tobacco leaves wrapped in paper for smoking
62. Please pronounce your name slowly and emphasize the _____ sounds.
- n.* a speech sound pronounced with an open vocal tract, typically made by vibrating the vocal cords and without any constriction or obstruction of airflow in the lungs or mouth
63. She teaches _____ at the local university.
- n.* the branch of anthropology that studies prehistoric people and their cultures
64. The final _____ provides a summary of the discussion.
- n.* a separate section of a written work usually numbered and titled

ANSWERS: 57. consonant, 58. adopted, 59. analyze, 60. relations, 61. cigarette, 62. vowel, 63. archaeology, 64. chapter

ANSWERS: