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Session 1: Word List

humankind

n. the whole of the living human inhabitants of the earth
synonym: humanity, human race, society

(1) **humankind** as a species, (2) history of **humankind**

On the geological time scale, **humankind** has existed for a brief moment.

shelter

n. a structure built to protect from poor weather, danger, or attack:

synonym: refuge, hideout, lair

(1) rainproof **shelter**, (2) anti-air raid **shelter**

They need food and **shelter**.

privacy

n. someone's right to keep their personal matters and relationships not watched or interrupted by other people

synonym: seclusion, aloneness, solitariness

(1) **privacy** abuse, (2) trespass on a person's **privacy**

This conduct would be an invasion of **privacy**.

barrier

n. a fence or other obstruction that makes it hard to move or get in; any condition that makes it difficult to make progress or to achieve an objective

synonym: border, barricade, fence

(1) cost **barrier**, (2) information **barrier**

The police placed a **barrier** across the street to halt traffic.

introduction

n. a preliminary explanation or remarks given before the start of a text, performance, or event; the act of bringing something new into existence or introducing something to a wider audience or new market

synonym: initiation, preamble, prologue

(1) **introduction** education, (2) self- **introduction**

The **introduction** to the new class was informative and engaging.

construct

v. to build or create something; to assemble or combine different parts to form something whole

synonym: build, assemble, create

(1) **construct** a 3D image, (2) **construct** a dam

He **constructs** hypotheses that no mathematician has ever imagined before.

extreme

adj. very great in amount or degree

synonym: farthestmost, outermost, fierce

(1) **extreme** sports, (2) **extreme** weather events

Solar gravity creates **extreme** pressures and temperatures.

structure

n. the way of construction of something and the arrangement of its parts, or a complex thing constructed of many parts

synonym: construction, architecture, establishment

(1) the **structure** of a machine, (2) **structure** and function of the brain

The organizational **structure** of start-ups is often flat and straightforward.

fence

n. a structure, usually made of wood or metal, that encloses an area, typically for protection or to keep animals or people in or out; a dealer in stolen property

synonym: barrier, wall, hedge

(1) **fence** post, (2) a brushwood **fence**

She planted a hedge to serve as a natural **fence** around her garden.

intention

n. something you want to do and are going to do

synonym: purpose, connotation, will

(1) **intention** behind his decision, (2) clear **intention**

Our CEO's **intentions** are always transparent and straightforward.

illegal

adj. not allowed by law

synonym: banned, prohibited, illicit

(1) **illegal** drugs, (2) child of **illegal** immigrants

The customs agents seized the **illegal** shipment.

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.

sight

n. the ability to see; anything that is seen

synonym: vision, spectacle, view

(1) an unexpected **sight**, (2) dull **sight**

Many famous **sights** are within walking distance.

encourage

v. to give someone support, confidence, or hope; to persuade someone to do or continue to do something by making it easier for them and making them believe it is a good thing to do

synonym: facilitate, persuade, stimulate

(1) **encourage** a sense of affinity, (2) **encourage** antisocial behavior

They **encouraged** customers with a premium for loyal patronage.

strengthen

v. to become stronger or more effective; to make someone or something stronger or more effective

synonym: reinforce, harden, boost

(1) **strengthen** the immune system, (2) **strengthen** a border patrol

Difficulties **strengthen** the mind, as labor does the body.

interlink

v. to connect or link together; to cause to join or connect

synonym: connect, link, interconnect

(1) **interlink** two molecules, (2) **interlink** the power source

The different departments are **interlinked** and work together as a team.

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.

cycle

n. an interval during which a recurring sequence of events occurs; a bicycle or motorcycle

synonym: revolution, rotation, bike

(1) the **cycle** of the seasons, (2) go to the workplace by **cycle**

The food chain causes a material **cycle**.

empower

v. to give someone the power or authority to do something

synonym: authorize, endow, entitle

(1) **empower** my life, (2) **empower** the secretary to do the same

The company **empowered** employees to buy low-price items without approval to achieve efficient purchasing.

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.

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.

develop

v. to grow or expand; to improve or refine through a process of progress and refinement, often to achieve greater sophistication or complexity; to elaborate or add detail to something that is in the process of being created

synonym: evolve, progress, advance

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

We must **develop** a new system to streamline our workflow and increase efficiency.

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.

identity

n. the fact of being who or what somebody or something is; the features, emotions, or ideas that distinguish persons from one another

synonym: character, personality, individuality

(1) mistaken **identity**, (2) **identity** as an individual

The terrorist's **identity** remains unknown.

germ

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

synonym: bacterium, microbe, pathogen

(1) antibiotic-resistant **germ**, (2) a **germ-free** environment
The **germ** of his idea came from watching birds flying in flocks.

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.

reunification

n. the act of bringing something back together; the reuniting of previously separated parts

synonym: integration, consolidation, reuniting

(1) **reunification** talks, (2) family **reunification**

The **reunification** of the two countries was celebrated with great joy.

attitude

n. the way you think and feel about someone or something

synonym: mindset, perspective, philosophy

(1) **attitude** toward mistakes, (2) **attitude** control

She had the **attitude** that work was fun.

estimate

v. to guess or calculate the cost, size, value, etc. of something

synonym: calculate, gauge, evaluate

(1) **estimate** a fair value, (2) **estimate** this chicken to weigh three pounds

We **estimated** the season's total trade deficit at \$50 billion.

distance

n. the amount of space between two points, measured in units such as miles, meters, or kilometers; the extent, scope, or range between two things, such as distance or emotional distance

synonym: space, gap, span

(1) driving **distance**, (2) social **distance**

The marathon runner covered a long **distance** in a short amount of time.

participate

v. to take part in something

synonym: take part, partake, enter

(1) **participate** fully in conversation, (2) **participate** in the program

The majority of students actively **participated** in the college's intramural sports program.

nowadays

adv. at the current time, in comparison to the past

synonym: currently, presently, today

(1) young people **nowadays**, (2) not to be seen **nowadays**

People can clone a sheep **nowadays**.

geography

n. a field of science devoted to the study of the lands, features, inhabitants, and phenomena of the Earth

synonym: landscape, terrain, topography

(1) **geography** class, (2) economic **geography**

She did well on her **geography** exam.

defend

v. to protect someone or something from attack, criticism, danger, etc.

synonym: protect, guard, support

(1) **defend** my country, (2) **defend** against a threat

International law allows each nation to **defend** itself when its rights and interests are illegally violated.

improve

v. to make or become better

synonym: enhance, ameliorate, enrich

(1) **improve** a process, (2) **improve** the test score

We want to **improve** ties between our two countries.

indication

n. a sign or remark that something exists, is real, or is likely to occur

synonym: clue, hint, inkling

(1) **indication** of inflation, (2) environmental **indication**
Faces are a good **indication** of age.

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?

disappear

v. to cease to exist or be visible

synonym: fade, evaporate, vanish

(1) **disappear** without a trace, (2) **disappear** after a week

They watched the train **disappear** into the distance.

trend

n. a general direction in which something is changing or
developing

synonym: direction, movement, tendency

(1) an international **trend**, (2) the **trend** away from television

The oil price continued their downward **trend**.

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.

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.

playground

n. an area where many people go for recreation, especially
at a school or in a park

synonym: park, garden, sandbox

(1) a well-equipped **playground**, (2) a **playground** on the roof

There is a woods with a creek near the school **playground**.

courtyard

n. an open space surrounded by buildings or walls, often in the center of a building or group of buildings

synonym: patio, garden, atrium

(1) quiet **courtyard**, (2) spacious **courtyard**

The hotel's beautiful **courtyard** was the perfect spot for a wedding reception.

immigrant

n. a person who has come to a country where they were not born to live there permanently

synonym: settler, expatriate, emigrant

(1) **immigrant** communities, (2) an **immigrant** from the country

Police received a report of illegal **immigrants** in the area.

interaction

n. the act of connecting with someone, mainly when working, playing, or spending time with them

synonym: dealings, exchange, relations

(1) the **interaction** between man and his environment,

(2) **interaction** among human beings

The **interaction** of the two groups is good for brainstorming.

opportune

adj. suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose

synonym: suitable, timely, practical

(1) **opportune** occasion, (2) an **opportune** remark

The phone rang at the most **opportune** time.

diversity

n. the quality or fact of many different types of things or people being included in something; a range of different things or people

synonym: variety, multiplicity, variousness

(1) the **diversity** policy of the university, (2) lingual **diversity**

He was impressed by the range and **diversity** of the collection.

probable

adj. likely to happen or likely to be true

synonym : likely, possible, potential

(1) **probable** outcome, (2) **probable** cause of a fire

It seems **probable** that he has forgotten our scheduled meeting.

dislike

v. to not like someone or something

synonym : disapprove, disfavor, deprecate

(1) **dislike** speaking in public, (2) **dislike** this kind of food

He seems to **dislike** all forms of exercise.

regularly

adv. at regular intervals or times

synonym : repeatedly, routinely, usually

(1) **regularly** arranged, (2) post **regularly** to a blog

This site **regularly** shares high-quality academic materials.

argument

n. a set of statements or reasons used to support or refute a proposition or theory; a verbal or physical fight or dispute

synonym : debate, discourse, discussion

(1) a blazing **argument**, (2) the **argument** against capital punishment

The **argument** between the two sides over the proposed policy was heated.

toy

n. a thing, typically a small model or replica of something that is played with, especially by children

synonym : plaything, game, trinket

(1) **toy** store, (2) **toy** box

He gave his daughter a new **toy** for her birthday.

chaos

n. a state of complete confusion or disorder, often characterized by a lack of predictability or control

synonym :

disorder, turmoil, confusion

(1) **chaos** theory, (2) midst of **chaos**

The conference room was in **chaos** as everyone tried to speak at once.

crawl

v. to move forward slowly, as people or animals with their bodies near the ground

synonym: creep, drag

(1) **crawl** across the floor, (2) **crawl** away from a car

Along the gravel roads, sizeable yellow school buses **crawl**.

beneath

adv. in or to a lower place than someone or something

synonym: down, under, low

(1) the ground **beneath** my feet, (2) **beneath** contempt

A great stretch of the lake lay **beneath** them.

reaction

n. a response that reveals a person's feelings or attitude; (in chemistry) a process in which one or more substances are changed into others

synonym: response, reply, answer

(1) chemical **reaction**, (2) trigger a **reaction**

There was a chemical **reaction** of the lime with the groundwater.

emphasize

v. to give or show particular importance to something

synonym: highlight, accentuate, stress

(1) **emphasize** her words, (2) **emphasize** a direct relationship

Use italics or capitals to **emphasize** a word in a piece of writing.

Arabic

n. the Semitic language of the Arab people, widely spoken throughout the Middle East and North Africa; of or relating to Arab peoples, culture, or language

(1) **Arabic** cuisine, (2) **Arabic** language

I'm studying **Arabic** calligraphy as part of my art class.

universal

adj. existing or affecting everywhere or everyone

synonym: common, broad, worldwide

(1) **universal** life, (2) principles of **universal** design

The picture earned near- **universal** acclaim from critics.

desire

n. a strong feeling of wanting to have or do something

synonym: ambition, appetite, greed

(1) unsatisfied **desire**, (2) fleshly **desire**

Low sexual **desire** typically correlates with low testosterone levels.

suppose

v. to think that something is likely to be actual or possible

synonym: guess, assume, presume

(1) **suppose** you're right, (2) **suppose** beforehand

What do you **suppose** the culprit's motive was?

install

v. to fix furniture, a machine, or a piece of equipment into position so that it can be used; put into an office or a position

synonym: establish, inaugurate, lodge

(1) **install** a door, (2) **install** a chairperson

The new president was **installed** immediately after the national election.

interface

n. (computer science) a program that controls a display for the user and that allows the user to interact with the system; (chemistry) a surface forming a common boundary between two things

synonym: junction, surface, UI

(1) **interface** between gas and liquid, (2) the user **interface**

Detergent weakens the surface tension at the **interface** of two liquids.

exchange

v. to give something and receive something else in return, often with the implication that the items being traded are of equal or comparable value; (noun) the act of giving or taking something in return for something else; a place or

system where goods or services can be bought, sold, or traded

synonym: trade, swap, interchange

(1) **exchange** rate, (2) **exchange** a few friendly words
My sister and I frequently **exchange** books, as we love reading.

amaze

v. to fill with wonder, surprise, or admiration

synonym: astound, surprise, stagger

(1) **amaze** and entertain visitors, (2) **amaze** everyone
The magician's tricks **amazed** the audience.

device

n. a piece of equipment, tool, or technology that serves a particular purpose or function, often mechanical or electronic

synonym: gadget, instrument, tool

(1) electronic **device**, (2) tracking **device**

I always carry a backup **device** in case my phone runs out of battery.

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**.

religion

n. a deep conviction in a supernatural power that controls human destiny

synonym: faith, creed, belief

(1) **religion** sociology, (2) freedom of **religion**

Their **religion** strictly prohibits them from drinking or gambling.

aspect

n. one part or feature of a situation, problem, subject, etc.

synonym: characteristic, element, factor

(1) nontechnical **aspects** of the job, (2) **aspects** of social, political, and economic life

His professional experience includes all **aspects** of media production.

convince

v. to persuade someone or make someone believe that something is true

synonym: persuade, win over, convert

(1) **convince** her to go with us, (2) **convince** an opponent
I am considering what I should do to **convince** him.

exhibition

n. a public event or display of works of art, scientific or industrial objects, or other items of interest, usually held in a museum or art gallery

synonym: display, show, presentation

(1) a personal **exhibition**, (2) **exhibition** opening

The art museum is hosting an **exhibition** of contemporary paintings next month.

label

n. a small piece of paper, fabric, or other material attached to an object and giving information about it; (verb) to assign to a category

synonym: tag, mark, identifier

(1) a mailing **label**, (2) **label** a bag with my name

The **label** on the food package lists the ingredients and nutritional information.

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.

imply

v. to indicate the truth or existence of something without referring to it

synonym: hint, indicate, denote

(1) **imply** a strong correlation, (2) **imply** the presence of alien

The salespeople speak in technical terms to **imply** that they are more knowledgeable than the customer.

propose

v. to make a proposal, declare a plan for something
synonym: suggest, offer, recommend

(1) **propose** the amendment, (2) **propose** changes
I want to **propose** a toast in honor of our longstanding relationship.

absurd

adj. ridiculously silly, unreasonable, or illogical
synonym: ridiculous, foolish, idiotic

(1) **absurd** storyline, (2) an **absurd** amount of money
We immediately rejected his **absurd** suggestion.

unnecessary

adj. not needed or required; not essential or important
synonym: redundant, extra, superfluous

(1) **unnecessary** expense, (2) **unnecessary** hassle
The extra steps in the process were deemed **unnecessary** and removed to streamline production.

crumble

v. to break or fall apart into small pieces or fragments, especially due to age, decay, or lack of support
synonym: disintegrate, collapse, deteriorate

(1) **crumble** to dust, (2) began to **crumble** under financial pressure
The old building was starting to **crumble** due to years of neglect and lack of maintenance.

symptom

n. any sensation or change in body or mind that is experienced by a patient and is associated with a particular disease

synonym: sign, manifestation, syndrome

(1) **symptoms** of low testosterone, (2) neurotic **symptoms**
The patient displays a **symptom** of a side effect.

overcome

v. to succeed in controlling or dealing with something, such as a problem or difficulty; to defeat or overwhelm someone

synonym: beat, confound, overwhelm

(1) **overcome** opponents, (2) **overcome** all difficulties

He tried to **overcome** a bad reputation and win the election.

Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. em_____ze a direct relationship | v. | to give or show particular importance to something |
| 2. freedom of re_____on | n. | a deep conviction in a supernatural power that controls human destiny |
| 3. 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 |
| 4. cr__l away from a car | v. | to move forward slowly, as people or animals with their bodies near the ground |
| 5. co_____ce an opponent | v. | to persuade someone or make someone believe that something is true |
| 6. an international tr__d | n. | a general direction in which something is changing or developing |
| 7. a g__m-free environment | n. | a very tiny living that causes the disease; a piece of something such as an organism, concept, etc., capable of growing into a new one or part of one |
| 8. go to the workplace by cy__e | n. | an interval during which a recurring sequence of events occurs; a bicycle or motorcycle |
| 9. cost ba_____r | n. | a fence or other obstruction that makes it hard to move or get in; any condition that makes it difficult to make progress or to achieve an objective |

ANSWERS: 1. emphasize, 2. religion, 3. integrate, 4. crawl, 5. convince, 6. trend, 7. germ, 8. cycle, 9. barrier

10. principles of un_____al design *adj.* existing or affecting everywhere or everyone
11. information ba_____r *n.* a fence or other obstruction that makes it hard to move or get in; any condition that makes it difficult to make progress or to achieve an objective
12. be_____h contempt *adv.* in or to a lower place than someone or something
13. unn_____ry expense *adj.* not needed or required; not essential or important
14. am___e everyone *v.* to fill with wonder, surprise, or admiration
15. a stone wall su_____nds the palace *v.* to be all around something or somebody
16. int_____ion education *n.* a preliminary explanation or remarks given before the start of a text, performance, or event; the act of bringing something new into existence or introducing something to a wider audience or new market
17. an op_____ne remark *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
18. str_____en a border patrol *v.* to become stronger or more effective; to make someone or something stronger or more effective
19. Ar___c cuisine *n.* the Semitic language of the Arab people, widely spoken throughout the Middle East and North Africa; of or relating to Arab peoples, culture, or language

ANSWERS: 10. universal, 11. barrier, 12. beneath, 13. unnecessary, 14. amaze, 15. surround, 16. introduction, 17. opportune, 18. strengthen, 19. Arabic

20. im_____e a process *v.* to make or become better
21. a co_____nt wind *adj.* happening repeatedly or all the time
22. re_____ly arranged *adv.* at regular intervals or times
23. 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
24. the cy__e of the seasons *n.* an interval during which a recurring sequence of events occurs; a bicycle or motorcycle
25. in_____nk two molecules *v.* to connect or link together; to cause to join or connect
26. di_____ar without a trace *v.* to cease to exist or be visible
27. antibiotic-resistant g__m *n.* a very tiny living that causes the disease; a piece of something such as an organism, concept, etc., capable of growing into a new one or part of one
28. en_____ge antisocial behavior *v.* to give someone support, confidence, or hope; to persuade someone to do or continue to do something by making it easier for them and making them believe it is a good thing to do
29. post re_____ly to a blog *adv.* at regular intervals or times
30. ind_____al freedom *n.* a single person or thing, as distinct from a group
31. la__l a bag with my name *n.* a small piece of paper, fabric, or other material attached to an object and giving information about it; (verb) to assign to a category

ANSWERS: 20. improve, 21. constant, 22. regularly, 23. integrate, 24. cycle, 25. interlink, 26. disappear, 27. germ, 28. encourage, 29. regularly, 30. individual, 31. label

32. the tr__d away from television *n.* a general direction in which something is changing or developing
33. self-int_____ion *n.* a preliminary explanation or remarks given before the start of a text, performance, or event; the act of bringing something new into existence or introducing something to a wider audience or new market
34. str_____en the immune system *v.* to become stronger or more effective; to make someone or something stronger or more effective
35. chemical re_____on *n.* a response that reveals a person's feelings or attitude; (in chemistry) a process in which one or more substances are changed into others
36. a co_____nt temperature *adj.* happening repeatedly or all the time
37. neurotic sy_____ms *n.* any sensation or change in body or mind that is experienced by a patient and is associated with a particular disease
38. re_____on sociology *n.* a deep conviction in a supernatural power that controls human destiny
39. co_____al combination of funds *adj.* belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use
40. ex_____ge a few friendly words *v.* to give something and receive something else in return, often with the implication that the items being traded are of equal or comparable value; (noun) the act of giving or taking something in return for something else; a place or system where goods or services can be bought, sold, or traded

ANSWERS: 32. trend, 33. introduction, 34. strengthen, 35. reaction, 36. constant, 37. symptom, 38. religion, 39. communal, 40. exchange

41. un_____al life *adj.* existing or affecting everywhere or everyone
42. in_____l a chairperson *v.* to fix furniture, a machine, or a piece of equipment into position so that it can be used; put into an office or a position
43. su_____e beforehand *v.* to think that something is likely to be actual or possible
44. de____d my country *v.* to protect someone or something from attack, criticism, danger, etc.
45. a private ind_____al *n.* a single person or thing, as distinct from a group
46. tracking de____e *n.* a piece of equipment, tool, or technology that serves a particular purpose or function, often mechanical or electronic
47. em_____r my life *v.* to give someone the power or authority to do something
48. nontechnical as____ts of the job *n.* one part or feature of a situation, problem, subject, etc.
49. de_____p a strategy *v.* to grow or expand; to improve or refine through a process of progress and refinement, often to achieve greater sophistication or complexity; to elaborate or add detail to something that is in the process of being created
50. se_____te video into chapter *v.* to force, take, or pull apart; mark as different
51. lingual di_____ty *n.* the quality or fact of many different types of things or people being included in something; a range of different things or people

ANSWERS: 41. universal, 42. install, 43. suppose, 44. defend, 45. individual, 46. device, 47. empower, 48. aspect, 49. develop, 50. separate, 51. diversity

52. the st_____re of a machine *n.* the way of construction of something and the arrangement of its parts, or a complex thing constructed of many parts
53. de___d against a threat *v.* to protect someone or something from attack, criticism, danger, etc.
54. driving di_____ce *n.* the amount of space between two points, measured in units such as miles, meters, or kilometers; the extent, scope, or range between two things, such as distance or emotional distance
55. id_____ty as an individual *n.* the fact of being who or what somebody or something is; the features, emotions, or ideas that distinguish persons from one another
56. env_____nt affairs *n.* the natural world such as air, water, and land in which humans, animals, and plants live
57. mistaken id_____ty *n.* the fact of being who or what somebody or something is; the features, emotions, or ideas that distinguish persons from one another
58. int_____on among human beings *n.* the act of connecting with someone, mainly when working, playing, or spending time with them
59. im__y the presence of alien *v.* to indicate the truth or existence of something without referring to it
60. pr_____e the amendment *v.* to make a proposal, declare a plan for something

ANSWERS: 52. structure, 53. defend, 54. distance, 55. identity, 56. environment, 57. identity, 58. interaction, 59. imply, 60. propose

61. st_____re and function of the brain *n.* the way of construction of something and the arrangement of its parts, or a complex thing constructed of many parts
62. an unexpected si__t *n.* the ability to see; anything that is seen
63. sy_____ms of low testosterone *n.* any sensation or change in body or mind that is experienced by a patient and is associated with a particular disease
64. in_____ce between gas and liquid *n.* (computer science) a program that controls a display for the user and that allows the user to interact with the system; (chemistry) a surface forming a common boundary between two things
65. de_____p a skill *v.* to grow or expand; to improve or refine through a process of progress and refinement, often to achieve greater sophistication or complexity; to elaborate or add detail to something that is in the process of being created
66. a personal exh_____on *n.* a public event or display of works of art, scientific or industrial objects, or other items of interest, usually held in a museum or art gallery
67. im_____e the test score *v.* to make or become better
68. en_____ge a sense of affinity *v.* to give someone support, confidence, or hope; to persuade someone to do or continue to do something by making it easier for them and making them believe it is a good thing to do

ANSWERS: 61. structure, 62. sight, 63. symptom, 64. interface, 65. develop, 66. exhibition, 67. improve, 68. encourage

69. co_____ct a dam *v.* to build or create something; to assemble or combine different parts to form something whole
70. fleshly de___e *n.* a strong feeling of wanting to have or do something
71. Ar___c language *n.* the Semitic language of the Arab people, widely spoken throughout the Middle East and North Africa; of or relating to Arab peoples, culture, or language
72. midst of ch__s *n.* a state of complete confusion or disorder, often characterized by a lack of predictability or control
73. es_____te this chicken to weigh three pounds *v.* to guess or calculate the cost, size, value, etc. of something
74. dull si__t *n.* the ability to see; anything that is seen
75. im_____nt communities *n.* a person who has come to a country where they were not born to live there permanently
76. child of il_____l immigrants *adj.* not allowed by law
77. exh_____on opening *n.* a public event or display of works of art, scientific or industrial objects, or other items of interest, usually held in a museum or art gallery
78. social di_____ce *n.* the amount of space between two points, measured in units such as miles, meters, or kilometers; the extent, scope, or range between two things, such as distance or emotional distance

ANSWERS: 69. construct, 70. desire, 71. Arabic, 72. chaos, 73. estimate, 74. sight, 75. immigrant, 76. illegal, 77. exhibition, 78. distance

79. ov_____me opponents *v.* to succeed in controlling or dealing with something, such as a problem or difficulty; to defeat or overwhelm someone
80. co_____ce her to go with us *v.* to persuade someone or make someone believe that something is true
81. t_y store *n.* a thing, typically a small model or replica of something that is played with, especially by children
82. t_y box *n.* a thing, typically a small model or replica of something that is played with, especially by children
83. em_____r the secretary to do the same *v.* to give someone the power or authority to do something
84. me_____n in a report *v.* to speak or write about something or someone briefly
85. the ar_____nt against capital punishment *n.* a set of statements or reasons used to support or refute a proposition or theory; a verbal or physical fight or dispute
86. family reu_____ion *n.* the act of bringing something back together; the reuniting of previously separated parts
87. id_____fy handwriting *v.* to recognize someone or something and say or prove who or what they are
88. economic ge_____hy *n.* a field of science devoted to the study of the lands, features, inhabitants, and phenomena of the Earth
89. par_____te in the program *v.* to take part in something

ANSWERS: 79. overcome, 80. convince, 81. toy, 82. toy, 83. empower, 84. mention, 85. argument, 86. reunification, 87. identify, 88. geography, 89. participate

90. a blazing ar_____nt *n.* a set of statements or reasons used to support or refute a proposition or theory; a verbal or physical fight or dispute
91. ab____d storyline *adj.* ridiculously silly, unreasonable, or illogical
92. di_____ar after a week *v.* to cease to exist or be visible
93. ov_____me all difficulties *v.* to succeed in controlling or dealing with something, such as a problem or difficulty; to defeat or overwhelm someone
94. di____e the cake into two pieces *v.* to separate or cause to separate into parts or groups
95. pr_____e changes *v.* to make a proposal, declare a plan for something
96. rainproof sh_____r *n.* a structure built to protect from poor weather, danger, or attack:
97. an ab____d amount of money *adj.* ridiculously silly, unreasonable, or illogical
98. anti-air raid sh_____r *n.* a structure built to protect from poor weather, danger, or attack:
99. co_____al swimming pool *adj.* belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use
100. ch__s theory *n.* a state of complete confusion or disorder, often characterized by a lack of predictability or control
101. ex_____e weather events *adj.* very great in amount or degree
102. history of hu_____nd *n.* the whole of the living human inhabitants of the earth

ANSWERS: 90. argument, 91. absurd, 92. disappear, 93. overcome, 94. divide, 95. propose, 96. shelter, 97. absurd, 98. shelter, 99. communal, 100. chaos, 101. extreme, 102. humankind

103. ex____e sports *adj.* very great in amount or degree
104. trespass on a person's pr____y *n.* someone's right to keep their personal matters and relationships not watched or interrupted by other people
105. hu_____nd as a species *n.* the whole of the living human inhabitants of the earth
106. as__ts of social, political, and economic life *n.* one part or feature of a situation, problem, subject, etc.
107. the ground be____h my feet *adv.* in or to a lower place than someone or something
108. trigger a re____on *n.* a response that reveals a person's feelings or attitude; (in chemistry) a process in which one or more substances are changed into others
109. es____te a fair value *v.* to guess or calculate the cost, size, value, etc. of something
110. fe__e post *n.* a structure, usually made of wood or metal, that encloses an area, typically for protection or to keep animals or people in or out; a dealer in stolen property
111. par____te fully in conversation *v.* to take part in something
112. unsatisfied de____e *n.* a strong feeling of wanting to have or do something
113. op____ne occasion *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
114. a pla_____nd on the roof *n.* an area where many people go for recreation, especially at a school or in a park

ANSWERS: 103. extreme, 104. privacy, 105. humankind, 106. aspect, 107. beneath, 108. reaction, 109. estimate, 110. fence, 111. participate, 112. desire, 113. opportune, 114. playground

115. ind_____on of inflation *n.* a sign or remark that something exists, is real, or is likely to occur
116. not to be seen no_____ys *adv.* at the current time, in comparison to the past
117. at_____de control *n.* the way you think and feel about someone or something
118. clear in_____on *n.* something you want to do and are going to do
119. the int_____on between man and his environment *n.* the act of connecting with someone, mainly when working, playing, or spending time with them
120. di___e money equally *v.* to separate or cause to separate into parts or groups
121. quiet co_____rd *n.* an open space surrounded by buildings or walls, often in the center of a building or group of buildings
122. a brushwood fe__e *n.* a structure, usually made of wood or metal, that encloses an area, typically for protection or to keep animals or people in or out; a dealer in stolen property
123. ge_____hy class *n.* a field of science devoted to the study of the lands, features, inhabitants, and phenomena of the Earth
124. chaotic env_____nt *n.* the natural world such as air, water, and land in which humans, animals, and plants live
125. id_____fy gene sequences *v.* to recognize someone or something and say or prove who or what they are

ANSWERS: 115. indication, 116. nowadays, 117. attitude, 118. intention, 119. interaction, 120. divide, 121. courtyard, 122. fence, 123. geography, 124. environment, 125. identify

137. pr____le outcome *adj.* likely to happen or likely to be true
138. in_____on behind his decision *n.* something you want to do and are going to do
139. spacious co_____rd *n.* an open space surrounded by buildings or walls, often in the center of a building or group of buildings
140. di_____t a well-ordered condition *v.* to prevent or stop something, especially an event, activity, or process, from continuing in the usual way by causing a problem or disturbance
141. di_____e this kind of food *v.* to not like someone or something
142. me_____n name *v.* to speak or write about something or someone briefly
143. in_____nk the power source *v.* to connect or link together; to cause to join or connect
144. cr_____e to dust *v.* to break or fall apart into small pieces or fragments, especially due to age, decay, or lack of support
145. young people no_____ys *adv.* at the current time, in comparison to the past
146. am__e and entertain visitors *v.* to fill with wonder, surprise, or admiration
147. pr____le cause of a fire *adj.* likely to happen or likely to be true
148. the user in_____ce *n.* (computer science) a program that controls a display for the user and that allows the user to interact with the system; (chemistry) a surface forming a common boundary between two things

ANSWERS: 137. probable, 138. intention, 139. courtyard, 140. disrupt, 141. dislike, 142. mention, 143. interlink, 144. crumble, 145. nowadays, 146. amaze, 147. probable, 148. interface

149. an im_____nt from the country *n.* a person who has come to a country where they were not born to live there permanently
150. se_____te cream from milk *v.* to force, take, or pull apart; mark as different
151. su_____nd a town *v.* to be all around something or somebody
152. began to cr_____e under financial pressure *v.* to break or fall apart into small pieces or fragments, especially due to age, decay, or lack of support
153. a mailing la__l *n.* a small piece of paper, fabric, or other material attached to an object and giving information about it; (verb) to assign to a category
154. ex_____ge rate *v.* to give something and receive something else in return, often with the implication that the items being traded are of equal or comparable value; (noun) the act of giving or taking something in return for something else; a place or system where goods or services can be bought, sold, or traded
155. pr_____y abuse *n.* someone's right to keep their personal matters and relationships not watched or interrupted by other people
156. su_____e you're right *v.* to think that something is likely to be actual or possible
157. unn_____ry hassle *adj.* not needed or required; not essential or important

ANSWERS: 149. immigrant, 150. separate, 151. surround, 152. crumble, 153. label, 154. exchange, 155. privacy, 156. suppose, 157. unnecessary

158. cr__l across the floor *v.* to move forward slowly, as people or animals with their bodies near the ground
159. environmental ind_____on *n.* a sign or remark that something exists, is real, or is likely to occur
160. at_____de toward mistakes *n.* the way you think and feel about someone or something

ANSWERS: 158. crawl, 159. indication, 160. attitude

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. She did well on her _____ exam.
n. a field of science devoted to the study of the lands, features, inhabitants, and phenomena of the Earth

2. I want to _____ a toast in honor of our longstanding relationship.
v. to make a proposal, declare a plan for something

3. _____ dropping wears away the stone.
adj. happening repeatedly or all the time

4. The extra steps in the process were deemed _____ and removed to streamline production.
adj. not needed or required; not essential or important

5. My sister and I frequently _____ books, as we love reading.
v. to give something and receive something else in return, often with the implication that the items being traded are of equal or comparable value; (noun) the act of giving or taking something in return for something else; a place or system where goods or services can be bought, sold, or traded

6. There was a chemical _____ of the lime with the groundwater.
n. a response that reveals a person's feelings or attitude; (in chemistry) a process in which one or more substances are changed into others

7. The phone rang at the most _____ time.
adj. suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose

ANSWERS: 1. geography, 2. propose, 3. Constant, 4. unnecessary, 5. exchange, 6. reaction, 7. opportune

8. The _____ of the two countries was celebrated with great joy.
n. the act of bringing something back together; the reuniting of previously separated parts
9. 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
10. Difficulties _____ the mind, as labor does the body.
v. to become stronger or more effective; to make someone or something stronger or more effective
11. The magician's tricks _____ the audience.
v. to fill with wonder, surprise, or admiration
12. He gave his daughter a new ____ for her birthday.
n. a thing, typically a small model or replica of something that is played with, especially by children
13. International law allows each nation to _____ itself when its rights and interests are illegally violated.
v. to protect someone or something from attack, criticism, danger, etc.
14. The _____ on the food package lists the ingredients and nutritional information.
n. a small piece of paper, fabric, or other material attached to an object and giving information about it; (verb) to assign to a category
15. They need food and _____.
n. a structure built to protect from poor weather, danger, or attack:

ANSWERS: 8. reunification, 9. individual, 10. strengthen, 11. amazed, 12. toy, 13. defend, 14. label, 15. shelter

16. She had the _____ that work was fun.

n. the way you think and feel about someone or something

17. It seems _____ that he has forgotten our scheduled meeting.

adj. likely to happen or likely to be true

18. Detergent weakens the surface tension at the _____ of two liquids.

n. (computer science) a program that controls a display for the user and that allows the user to interact with the system; (chemistry) a surface forming a common boundary between two things

19. The different departments are _____ and work together as a team.

v. to connect or link together; to cause to join or connect

20. The salespeople speak in technical terms to _____ that they are more knowledgeable than the customer.

v. to indicate the truth or existence of something without referring to it

21. Faces are a good _____ of age.

n. a sign or remark that something exists, is real, or is likely to occur

22. The patient displays a _____ of a side effect.

n. any sensation or change in body or mind that is experienced by a patient and is associated with a particular disease

23. The old building was starting to _____ due to years of neglect and lack of maintenance.

v. to break or fall apart into small pieces or fragments, especially due to age, decay, or lack of support

ANSWERS: 16. attitude, 17. probable, 18. interface, 19. interlinked, 20. imply, 21. indication, 22. symptom, 23. crumble

24. _____ elections were held in several European countries.

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

25. They watched the train _____ into the distance.

v. to cease to exist or be visible

26. Solar gravity creates _____ pressures and temperatures.

adj. very great in amount or degree

27. People can clone a sheep _____.

adv. at the current time, in comparison to the past

28. The customs agents seized the _____ shipment.

adj. not allowed by law

29. The _____ to the new class was informative and engaging.

n. a preliminary explanation or remarks given before the start of a text, performance, or event; the act of bringing something new into existence or introducing something to a wider audience or new market

30. He _____ hypotheses that no mathematician has ever imagined before.

v. to build or create something; to assemble or combine different parts to form something whole

31. Our CEO's _____ are always transparent and straightforward.

n. something you want to do and are going to do

32. The police placed a _____ across the street to halt traffic.

n. a fence or other obstruction that makes it hard to move or get in; any condition that makes it difficult to make progress or to achieve an objective

ANSWERS: 24. Communal, 25. disappear, 26. extreme, 27. nowadays, 28. illegal, 29. introduction, 30. constructs, 31. intentions, 32. barrier

33. I am considering what I should do to _____ him.
v. to persuade someone or make someone believe that something is true
34. 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
35. 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
36. A great stretch of the lake lay _____ them.
adv. in or to a lower place than someone or something
37. They _____ customers with a premium for loyal patronage.
v. to give someone support, confidence, or hope; to persuade someone to do or continue to do something by making it easier for them and making them believe it is a good thing to do
38. 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
39. He seems to _____ all forms of exercise.
v. to not like someone or something
40. Many famous _____ are within walking distance.
n. the ability to see; anything that is seen
41. He tried to _____ a bad reputation and win the election.
v. to succeed in controlling or dealing with something, such as a problem or difficulty; to defeat or overwhelm someone

ANSWERS: 33. convince, 34. mentioned, 35. environment, 36. beneath, 37. encouraged, 38. identify, 39. dislike, 40. sights, 41. overcome

42. Along the gravel roads, sizeable yellow school buses _____.
- v.* to move forward slowly, as people or animals with their bodies near the ground
43. I always carry a backup _____ in case my phone runs out of battery.
- n.* a piece of equipment, tool, or technology that serves a particular purpose or function, often mechanical or electronic
44. The conference room was in _____ as everyone tried to speak at once.
- n.* a state of complete confusion or disorder, often characterized by a lack of predictability or control
45. 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
46. The art museum is hosting an _____ of contemporary paintings next month.
- n.* a public event or display of works of art, scientific or industrial objects, or other items of interest, usually held in a museum or art gallery
47. The terrorist's _____ remains unknown.
- n.* the fact of being who or what somebody or something is; the features, emotions, or ideas that distinguish persons from one another
48. The _____ between the two sides over the proposed policy was heated.
- n.* a set of statements or reasons used to support or refute a proposition or theory; a verbal or physical fight or dispute
49. The food chain causes a material _____.
- n.* an interval during which a recurring sequence of events occurs; a bicycle or motorcycle

ANSWERS: 42. crawl, 43. device, 44. chaos, 45. integrate, 46. exhibition, 47. identity, 48. argument, 49. cycle

50. The new president was _____ immediately after the national election.
- v.* to fix furniture, a machine, or a piece of equipment into position so that it can be used; put into an office or a position
51. Can you _____ 123321 by eleven?
- v.* to separate or cause to separate into parts or groups
52. The oil price continued their downward _____.
- n.* a general direction in which something is changing or developing
53. She planted a hedge to serve as a natural _____ around her garden.
- n.* a structure, usually made of wood or metal, that encloses an area, typically for protection or to keep animals or people in or out; a dealer in stolen property
54. Their _____ strictly prohibits them from drinking or gambling.
- n.* a deep conviction in a supernatural power that controls human destiny
55. This conduct would be an invasion of _____.
- n.* someone's right to keep their personal matters and relationships not watched or interrupted by other people
56. The majority of students actively _____ in the college's intramural sports program.
- v.* to take part in something
57. On three sides, mountains _____ the settlement.
- v.* to be all around something or somebody
58. Police received a report of illegal _____ in the area.
- n.* a person who has come to a country where they were not born to live there permanently

ANSWERS: 50. installed, 51. divide, 52. trend, 53. fence, 54. religion, 55. privacy, 56. participated, 57. surround, 58. immigrants

59. We want to _____ ties between our two countries.

v. to make or become better

60. The _____ of the two groups is good for brainstorming.

n. the act of connecting with someone, mainly when working, playing, or spending time with them

61. The marathon runner covered a long _____ in a short amount of time.

n. the amount of space between two points, measured in units such as miles, meters, or kilometers; the extent, scope, or range between two things, such as distance or emotional distance

62. What do you _____ the culprit's motive was?

v. to think that something is likely to be actual or possible

63. The hotel's beautiful _____ was the perfect spot for a wedding reception.

n. an open space surrounded by buildings or walls, often in the center of a building or group of buildings

64. 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

65. 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

66. Low sexual _____ typically correlates with low testosterone levels.

n. a strong feeling of wanting to have or do something

ANSWERS: 59. improve, 60. interaction, 61. distance, 62. suppose, 63. courtyard, 64. separate, 65. disrupt, 66. desire

67. The _____ of his idea came from watching birds flying in flocks.
n. a very tiny living that causes the disease; a piece of something such as an organism, concept, etc., capable of growing into a new one or part of one
68. There is a woods with a creek near the school _____.
n. an area where many people go for recreation, especially at a school or in a park
69. The company _____ employees to buy low-price items without approval to achieve efficient purchasing.
v. to give someone the power or authority to do something
70. Use italics or capitals to _____ a word in a piece of writing.
v. to give or show particular importance to something
71. He was impressed by the range and _____ of the collection.
n. the quality or fact of many different types of things or people being included in something; a range of different things or people
72. We immediately rejected his _____ suggestion.
adj. ridiculously silly, unreasonable, or illogical
73. The picture earned near-_____ acclaim from critics.
adj. existing or affecting everywhere or everyone
74. We _____ the season's total trade deficit at \$50 billion.
v. to guess or calculate the cost, size, value, etc. of something
75. I'm studying _____ calligraphy as part of my art class.
n. the Semitic language of the Arab people, widely spoken throughout the Middle East and North Africa; of or relating to Arab peoples, culture, or language

ANSWERS: 67. germ, 68. playground, 69. empowered, 70. emphasize, 71. diversity, 72. absurd, 73. universal, 74. estimated, 75. Arabic

76. This site _____ shares high-quality academic materials.

adv. at regular intervals or times

77. The organizational _____ of start-ups is often flat and straightforward.

n. the way of construction of something and the arrangement of its parts, or a complex thing constructed of many parts

78. On the geological time scale, _____ has existed for a brief moment.

n. the whole of the living human inhabitants of the earth

79. We must _____ a new system to streamline our workflow and increase efficiency.

v. to grow or expand; to improve or refine through a process of progress and refinement, often to achieve greater sophistication or complexity; to elaborate or add detail to something that is in the process of being created

80. His professional experience includes all _____ of media production.

n. one part or feature of a situation, problem, subject, etc.

ANSWERS: 76. regularly, 77. structure, 78. humankind, 79. develop, 80. aspects