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Session 1: Word List

foster

v. to promote growth; to take care of another person's child, usually for a limited time, without becoming their legal parents

synonym: nurture, nourish, cultivate

(1) **foster** a better relationship, (2) **foster** two kids

The pastor contributed to **fostering** the sense of a community embracing all classes.

grade

n. a particular level of quality, size, importance, etc.

synonym: score, rate, degree

(1) boys in the twelfth **grade**, (2) students at all **grade** levels

Departments may set requirements for a higher **grade** point average.

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.

consistent

adj. always behaving or happening in the same way, or having the same thoughts, standards, etc.

synonym: coherent, constant, compatible

(1) do on a **consistent** basis, (2) get **consistent** results

You are not **consistent** in your behavior.

refer

v. to direct someone's attention, thoughts, or questions to another source or person; to mention, cite, or allude to something as evidence or support

synonym: cite, allude, mention

(1) **refer** to a book, (2) **refer** to a map

Please **refer** to the instruction manual for further assistance.

refrigerator

n. an appliance or device used for preserving and cooling food and beverages by maintaining a low temperature within a closed compartment

synonym: fridge, cooler, icebox

(1) **refrigerator** magnet, (2) empty **refrigerator**

Don't forget to put the eggs in the **refrigerator** after you've used them.

tap

v. to hit someone or something quickly, gently, and often repeatedly; to use existing resources, such as energy, knowledge, etc.

synonym: knock, exploit, use

(1) **tap** a new market, (2) **tap** keyboard with an index finger

To expand the company, we must **tap** new human resources.

abuse

n. the use of something in an incorrect or harmful manner

synonym: misuse, misconduct, vilification

(1) the problem of drug **abuse**, (2) victim of sexual **abuse**

Our company has an audit team that monitors directors for **abuse** of authority.

nonprofit

adj. not established for commercial profit

synonym: charitable

(1) a **nonprofit** organization, (2) **nonprofit** agency

Our law firm also focuses on **nonprofit** activities.

unsupported

adj. not given financial or other aid; not having any proof or evidence

synonym : baseless, unfounded, unwarranted

(1) **unsupported** rumor, (2) fight **unsupported**

Removal of the central poll left the roof **unsupported**.

negative

adj. having the quality of something bad or harmful; expressing refusal

synonym : minus, adverse, pessimistic

(1) have a **negative** effect, (2) a **negative** number

The movie has received almost universally **negative** criticism.

outcome

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

synonym : result, consequence, effect

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

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

relate

v. to establish a connection or association between two or more things; to narrate or tell about an event, experience, or relationship; to empathize or feel sympathy with someone or something

synonym : connect, link, associate

(1) **relate** a story, (2) **relate** a message

He tried to **relate** his experience to the group, but they couldn't understand.

homeless

adj. without a home, and therefore typically living on the streets

synonym : destitute, displaced, transient

(1) **homeless** shelter, (2) a **homeless** cat

He became **homeless** after losing his job.

incarceration

n. the state of being confined in prison or jail

synonym : confinement, imprisonment, detention

(1) mass **incarceration**, (2) **incarceration** rates

The judge sentenced him to five years of **incarceration** for embezzlement.

traffic

n. the movement of vehicles, people, or goods along a route or through a transport system; the amount of such movement in a particular place or at a particular time

synonym : congestion, jam, flow

(1) **traffic** jam, (2) heavy **traffic**

We decided to take a detour to avoid the construction **traffic** on the main road.

toll

n. money that you have to pay to use a particular road, bridge, etc.; (verb) to ring slowly

synonym : fee, cost, expense

(1) a **toll** road, (2) **toll** a bell at his death

There is no **toll** car park nearby.

severe

adj. extremely serious or bad in feeling, manner, or strict and harsh; extremely strong or vigorous

synonym : harsh, relentless, powerful

(1) **severe** heat, (2) a **severe** case of pneumonia

The senator received **severe** criticism from his opponent.

veteran

n. a person who has had long experience in a particular area or activity

synonym : expert, pro, vet

(1) A 20-year **veteran** in the industry, (2) **veteran** teacher

The **veteran** soldiers have the role of teaching recruits the stringencies of training.

suffer

v. to experience pain, distress, or hardship; to undergo or endure something painful or unpleasant

synonym : endure, undergo, tolerate

(1) **suffer** a setback, (2) **suffer** bad grades

The older man **suffers** from arthritis and finds it difficult to move around.

engage

v. to attract and keep someone's attention and interest; to participate in or obtain services of something

synonym: confront, employ, amuse

(1) **engage** in environmental protection activities,

(2) **engage** a new employee

Many multinational companies are **engaged** in the reconstruction of that country.

insight

n. the ability to gain an accurate and deep understanding of people or situations; an accurate and deep understanding of what something is like

synonym: wisdom, discernment, understanding

(1) a profound **insight**, (2) share my **insights**

We gained various **insights** by analyzing the vast amount of data owned by the company.

redesign

v. to design something again, especially in a different or modified form; (noun) the process of designing something again

synonym: revamp, rework, remodel

(1) **redesign** project, (2) **redesign** of lifestyle

The company is planning to **redesign** its website.

sector

n. a distinct part or division of something often used to refer to a segment of an economy or industry; an area or field of work or activity

synonym: division, department, branch

(1) industrial **sector**, (2) private **sector**

The technology **sector** is constantly evolving and innovating.

implement

v. to put a decision, plan, or system into effect

synonym: execute, enforce, put through

(1) **implement** a corporate strategy, (2) **implement** security measures

The government promised to **implement** a new system to control the financial crisis.

overwhelming

adj. very great or intense; so powerful that you cannot fight or react against it

synonym : overpowering, astounding, amazing

(1) **overwhelming** majority, (2) an **overwhelming** victory

He has shown signs of uneasiness and **overwhelming** worry.

misplace

v. to put something in the wrong place or lose it temporarily

synonym : lose, mislay, misfile

(1) to **misplace** the figure, (2) **misplace** documents

I have **misplaced** my keys again and need help finding them.

nowhere

adv. not in, at, or to any place; not anywhere

(1) **nowhere** else to go, (2) come out of **nowhere**

I've been thinking all day and getting **nowhere**.

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**.

extended

adj. longer than usual or anticipated

synonym : extensive, prolonged, elongated

(1) **extended** vacation, (2) **extended** payment

The **extended** airport runways may accommodate larger jets.

traumatic

adj. relating to or caused by injury, especially emotional injury

synonym : distressing

(1) **traumatic** event, (2) **traumatic** brain injury

The experience was so **traumatic** that it left a lasting impact on the survivor's mental health.

Which **division** of the company do you work in?

investigation

n. the act or process of thoroughly examining a crime, problem, statement, etc., to uncover the truth

synonym: examination, analysis, inspection

(1) a preliminary **investigation**, (2) the scope of an **investigation**

We have never before conducted a legitimate **investigation**.

institutional

adj. of, in, or relating to a large important organization, such as a university or bank; organized as or forming part of the standard systems, practices, etc.

synonym: corporate, governmental

(1) **institutional** bank, (2) address **institutional** constraints

We have to discuss the **institutional** reforms of our country.

profit

n. money that is earned in business or by selling things after deducting the costs involved

synonym: earnings, gain, proceeds

(1) gross **profit**, (2) make a **profit**

This business yields little **profit**.

Senate

n. a legislative body, especially the upper house of a parliament

synonym: upper house, council, assembly

(1) **Senate** hearing, (2) **Senate** Finance Committee

The **Senate** majority leader announced plans to bring the bill to the floor for a vote.

amicus

n. (a Latin term meaning "friend of the court") a person or organization that is not directly involved in a case but offers expertise or support to help the court make a decision

synonym: friend, buddy, pal

(1) an **amicus** letter, (2) **amicus** curiae

The nonprofit organization filed an **amicus** brief in support of the plaintiffs.

supreme

adj. highest in rank, level, or importance

synonym: foremost, highest, greatest

(1) the **supreme** commander, (2) justice of the **supreme** court

The **supreme** pleasure of life is the conviction that we are loved.

transformation

n. a complete change in form, nature, or appearance of someone or something

synonym: change, conversion, renewal

(1) the **transformation** of a tadpole into a frog, (2) cast a **transformation** spell

Understanding unitary **transformations** of a normal matrix require considerable mathematical sophistication.

transform

v. to change in outward structure or looks;

synonym: alter, convert, change

(1) **transform** an education system, (2) **transform** heat into power

My father's death **transformed** my life completely.

kinship

n. the state or fact of being related to someone

synonym: family, relationship, connection

(1) **kinship** ties, (2) **kinship** relations

She felt a sense of **kinship** with her new colleagues.

church

n. a building or institution dedicated to religious worship or activities; a Christian religious organization or denomination

synonym: chapel, cathedral, synagogue

(1) **church** bell, (2) small **church**

The **church** on the corner is hosting a free community meal tonight.

stability

n. the quality or attribute of being firm and steadfast

synonym: resilience, solidity, steadiness

(1) **stability** pact, (2) fiscal **stability** pact

The policy should increase the country's monetary **stability**.

graduate

n. a person who has a first degree from university or college; (verb) to complete the first course of university or college and get a degree

synonym: alumna, alum, grad

(1) **graduate** degree program, (2) honor **graduate**

Many employers hire **graduate** trainees to train as managers.

partnership

n. the state of a cooperative relationship between people or groups, especially in business

synonym: alliance, participation, cooperation

(1) **partnership** across the Atlantic, (2) establish a **partnership**

The military **partnership** between the two countries created tension in the international community.

approval

n. the belief that someone or something is good or acceptable

synonym: acceptance, endorsement, permission

(1) a written **approval**, (2) express my **approval**

This project took a lot of time to get the president's **approval**.

initial

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

synonym: basic, primary, beginning

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

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

placement

n. the act or process of putting something in a particular position or location; a temporary position or job in an organization

synonym: positioning, location, arrangement

(1) **placement** test, (2) **placement** agency

The **placement** of the advertisement on the billboard was

strategic in attracting a large audience.

county

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

synonym: district, region, territory

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

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

reunion

n. a social occasion or party for a group of people who have not seen each other for a long time; the act of coming together again

synonym: social gathering, alum association

(1) a class **reunion**, (2) the annual **reunion** of the alum

I will attend my college **reunion** tomorrow.

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**.

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.

decision

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

synonym: choice, determination, judgment

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

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

approve

v. to think that someone or something is favorable, acceptable, or appropriate; to officially accept a plan, request, etc.

synonym : accept, authorize, agree

(1) **approve** a measures, (2) unanimously **approve** a resolution

My boss wouldn't **approve** of the plan.

shift

n. a slight transition in position, direction, or trend

synonym : transition, change, modification

(1) Doppler **shift**, (2) major paradigm **shift**

Could you help me **shift** some furniture?

tradition

n. a belief, custom, or way of doing something that has been passed down from generation to generation within a group or society

synonym : custom, practice, ritual

(1) a **tradition** of a culture, (2) against **tradition**

It is a **tradition** in many families to have a big Thanksgiving dinner with all their relatives.

crazy

adj. stupid or not sensible; very angry

synonym : insane, absurd, bizarre

(1) **crazy** about cars and racing, (2) a **crazy** scheme

The rain and thunder are **crazy** today.

norm

n. something that is regarded as usual, typical, or standard

synonym : criterion, mean, standard

(1) **norm** of action, (2) cultural **norm**

The systems we have developed has accepted as industry **norms**.

replace

v. to take the place of something

synonym : substitute, supersede, displace

(1) **replace** one word with another, (2) **replace** a phone

Eventually, the new design will **replace** all older models.

advocate

n. a person who supports or suggests an idea, development, or way of doing something

synonym: proponent, exponent, promoter

(1) an **advocate** of disarmament, (2) public education

advocates

Advocates of abolishing the death penalty often argue that the alternative heaviest sentence should be life in prison.

pivot

n. a change in direction or focus, especially in a business or political strategy; a fixed point that supports something that turns or balances

synonym: center point, fulcrum, heart

(1) center- **pivot** irrigation, (2) **pivot** point

The team needed to come up with a **pivot** strategy to turn things around.

achieve

v. to successfully complete a task or goal, often through hard work, perseverance, and dedication; to attain or accomplish something that one has set out to do

synonym: accomplish, attain, reach

(1) **achieve** success, (2) **achieve** milestones

I will work hard to **achieve** my goals and realize my dreams.

Session 2: Spelling

1. sta_____cs for cancer
n. the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data
2. a ho_____ss cat
adj. without a home, and therefore typically living on the streets
3. justice of the su_____e court
adj. highest in rank, level, or importance
4. ve_____n teacher
n. a person who has had long experience in a particular area or activity
5. fo____r a better relationship
v. to promote growth; to take care of another person's child, usually for a limited time, without becoming their legal parents
6. an ove_____ing victory
adj. very great or intense; so powerful that you cannot fight or react against it
7. 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
8. Doppler sh__t
n. a slight transition in position, direction, or trend
9. get con_____nt results
adj. always behaving or happening in the same way, or having the same thoughts, standards, etc.
10. op_____ne occasion
adj. suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose

ANSWERS: 1. statistics, 2. homeless, 3. supreme, 4. veteran, 5. foster, 6. overwhelming, 7. discovery, 8. shift, 9. consistent, 10. opportune

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| 11. mi____ce documents | v. | to put something in the wrong place or lose it temporarily |
| 12. ac____e success | v. | to successfully complete a task or goal, often through hard work, perseverance, and dedication; to attain or accomplish something that one has set out to do |
| 13. a written ap____al | n. | the belief that someone or something is good or acceptable |
| 14. establish a par____ip | n. | the state of a cooperative relationship between people or groups, especially in business |
| 15. improved student ou____es | n. | the result or effect of an action, event, etc. |
| 16. express my ap____al | n. | the belief that someone or something is good or acceptable |
| 17. re____e a message | v. | to establish a connection or association between two or more things; to narrate or tell about an event, experience, or relationship; to empathize or feel sympathy with someone or something |
| 18. Se____e hearing | n. | a legislative body, especially the upper house of a parliament |
| 19. fo____r two kids | v. | to promote growth; to take care of another person's child, usually for a limited time, without becoming their legal parents |
| 20. a desirable ou____e | n. | the result or effect of an action, event, etc. |
| 21. a t__l road | n. | money that you have to pay to use a particular road, bridge, etc.; (verb) to ring slowly |

ANSWERS: 11. misplace, 12. achieve, 13. approval, 14. partnership, 15. outcome, 16. approval, 17. relate, 18. Senate, 19. foster, 20. outcome, 21. toll

22. A 20-year ve_____n in the industry *n.* a person who has had long experience in a particular area or activity
23. im_____nt a corporate strategy *v.* to put a decision, plan, or system into effect
24. no_____it agency *adj.* not established for commercial profit
25. re___e a story *v.* to establish a connection or association between two or more things; to narrate or tell about an event, experience, or relationship; to empathize or feel sympathy with someone or something
26. re__r to a map *v.* to direct someone's attention, thoughts, or questions to another source or person; to mention, cite, or allude to something as evidence or support
27. l__t a ban on alcohol *v.* to raise something to a higher position or level; to pick up something or somebody and move them to a different position
28. re_____gn project *v.* to design something again, especially in a different or modified form; (noun) the process of designing something again
29. ove_____ing majority *adj.* very great or intense; so powerful that you cannot fight or react against it
30. n__m of action *n.* something that is regarded as usual, typical, or standard
31. su___r a setback *v.* to experience pain, distress, or hardship; to undergo or endure something painful or unpleasant
32. ins_____nal bank *adj.* of, in, or relating to a large important organization, such as a university or bank; organized as or forming part of the standard systems, practices, etc.

ANSWERS: 22. veteran, 23. implement, 24. nonprofit, 25. relate, 26. refer, 27. lift, 28. redesign, 29. overwhelming, 30. norm, 31. suffer, 32. institutional

33. pl_____nt test *n.* the act or process of putting something in a particular position or location; a temporary position or job in an organization
34. pi__t point *n.* a change in direction or focus, especially in a business or political strategy; a fixed point that supports something that turns or balances
35. an op_____ne remark *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
36. se____e heat *adj.* extremely serious or bad in feeling, manner, or strict and harsh; extremely strong or vigorous
37. gr_____te degree program *n.* a person who has a first degree from university or college; (verb) to complete the first course of university or college and get a degree
38. a profound in_____t *n.* the ability to gain an accurate and deep understanding of people or situations; an accurate and deep understanding of what something is like
39. am____s curiae *n.* (a Latin term meaning "friend of the court") a person or organization that is not directly involved in a case but offers expertise or support to help the court make a decision
40. tr_____ic brain injury *adj.* relating to or caused by injury, especially emotional injury
41. unanimously ap_____e a resolution *v.* to think that someone or something is favorable, acceptable, or appropriate; to officially accept a plan, request, etc.

ANSWERS: 33. placement, 34. pivot, 35. opportune, 36. severe, 37. graduate, 38. insight, 39. amicus, 40. traumatic, 41. approve

42. a class re____n *n.* a social occasion or party for a group of people who have not seen each other for a long time; the act of coming together again
43. ex____ed vacation *adj.* longer than usual or anticipated
44. a ne____ve number *adj.* having the quality of something bad or harmful; expressing refusal
45. a no____it organization *adj.* not established for commercial profit
46. de____on authority *n.* the act or process of making up someone's mind about something; a choice or judgment reached after considering options
47. small ch____h *n.* a building or institution dedicated to religious worship or activities; a Christian religious organization or denomination
48. di____on chief *n.* the act or outcome of splitting into separate parts; a critical organizational unit or sector
49. center-pi__t irrigation *n.* a change in direction or focus, especially in a business or political strategy; a fixed point that supports something that turns or balances
50. official sta____cs *n.* the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data
51. the tra_____ion of a tadpole into a frog *n.* a complete change in form, nature, or appearance of someone or something

ANSWERS: 42. reunion, 43. extended, 44. negative, 45. nonprofit, 46. decision, 47. church, 48. division, 49. pivot, 50. statistics, 51. transformation

52. tr_____rm heat into power *v.* to change in outward structure or looks;
53. heavy tr_____c *n.* the movement of vehicles, people, or goods along a route or through a transport system; the amount of such movement in a particular place or at a particular time
54. a preliminary inv_____ion *n.* the act or process of thoroughly examining a crime, problem, statement, etc., to uncover the truth
55. to mi_____ce the figure *v.* to put something in the wrong place or lose it temporarily
56. the scope of an inv_____ion *n.* the act or process of thoroughly examining a crime, problem, statement, etc., to uncover the truth
57. tr_____rm an education system *v.* to change in outward structure or looks;
58. ch____h bell *n.* a building or institution dedicated to religious worship or activities; a Christian religious organization or denomination
59. t_p keyboard with an index finger *v.* to hit someone or something quickly, gently, and often repeatedly; to use existing resources, such as energy, knowledge, etc.
60. en____e in environmental protection activities *v.* to attract and keep someone's attention and interest; to participate in or obtain services of something
61. re_____gn of lifestyle *v.* to design something again, especially in a different or modified form; (noun) the process of designing something again

ANSWERS: 52. transform, 53. traffic, 54. investigation, 55. misplace, 56. investigation, 57. transform, 58. church, 59. tap, 60. engage, 61. redesign

62. pl_____nt agency *n.* the act or process of putting something in a particular position or location; a temporary position or job in an organization
63. students at all gr__e levels *n.* a particular level of quality, size, importance, etc.
64. come out of no_____e *adv.* not in, at, or to any place; not anywhere
65. do on a con_____nt basis *adj.* always behaving or happening in the same way, or having the same thoughts, standards, etc.
66. ac_____e milestones *v.* to successfully complete a task or goal, often through hard work, perseverance, and dedication; to attain or accomplish something that one has set out to do
67. honor gr_____te *n.* a person who has a first degree from university or college; (verb) to complete the first course of university or college and get a degree
68. uns_____ed rumor *adj.* not given financial or other aid; not having any proof or evidence
69. in_____l velocity *adj.* of or happening at the beginning; (noun) the first letter of a word, especially a person's name
70. ex_____ed payment *adj.* longer than usual or anticipated
71. re__r to a book *v.* to direct someone's attention, thoughts, or questions to another source or person; to mention, cite, or allude to something as evidence or support

ANSWERS: 62. placement, 63. grade, 64. nowhere, 65. consistent, 66. achieve, 67. graduate, 68. unsupported, 69. initial, 70. extended, 71. refer

72. major paradigm sh__t *n.* a slight transition in position, direction, or trend
73. l__t sagging skin *v.* to raise something to a higher position or level; to pick up something or somebody and move them to a different position
74. im_____nt security measures *v.* to put a decision, plan, or system into effect
75. no_____e else to go *adv.* not in, at, or to any place; not anywhere
76. tr_____c jam *n.* the movement of vehicles, people, or goods along a route or through a transport system; the amount of such movement in a particular place or at a particular time
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78. the problem of drug ab__e *n.* the use of something in an incorrect or harmful manner
79. su____r bad grades *v.* to experience pain, distress, or hardship; to undergo or endure something painful or unpleasant
80. ki_____p relations *n.* the state or fact of being related to someone
81. address ins_____nal constraints *adj.* of, in, or relating to a large important organization, such as a university or bank; organized as or forming part of the standard systems, practices, etc.
82. re_____e a phone *v.* to take the place of something

ANSWERS: 72. shift, 73. lift, 74. implement, 75. nowhere, 76. traffic, 77. partnership, 78. abuse, 79. suffer, 80. kinship, 81. institutional, 82. replace

83. ref_____tor magnet *n.* an appliance or device used for preserving and cooling food and beverages by maintaining a low temperature within a closed compartment
84. public education ad_____tes *n.* a person who supports or suggests an idea, development, or way of doing something
85. t_p a new market *v.* to hit someone or something quickly, gently, and often repeatedly; to use existing resources, such as energy, knowledge, etc.
86. a se___e case of pneumonia *adj.* extremely serious or bad in feeling, manner, or strict and harsh; extremely strong or vigorous
87. gross pr___t *n.* money that is earned in business or by selling things after deducting the costs involved
88. 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
89. st_____ty pact *n.* the quality or attribute of being firm and steadfast
90. cultural n__m *n.* something that is regarded as usual, typical, or standard
91. civil lit_____on *n.* the process of resolving legal disputes through the court system

ANSWERS: 83. refrigerator, 84. advocate, 85. tap, 86. severe, 87. profit, 88. rev, 89. stability, 90. norm, 91. litigation

92. boys in the twelfth gr__e *n.* a particular level of quality, size, importance, etc.
93. fight uns_____ed *adj.* not given financial or other aid; not having any proof or evidence
94. a selfish de_____on *n.* the act or process of making up someone's mind about something; a choice or judgment reached after considering options
95. industrial se____r *n.* a distinct part or division of something often used to refer to a segment of an economy or industry; an area or field of work or activity
96. ki_____p ties *n.* the state or fact of being related to someone
97. lit_____on process *n.* the process of resolving legal disputes through the court system
98. private se____r *n.* a distinct part or division of something often used to refer to a segment of an economy or industry; an area or field of work or activity
99. make a pr____t *n.* money that is earned in business or by selling things after deducting the costs involved
100. a cr__y scheme *adj.* stupid or not sensible; very angry
101. have a ne_____ve effect *adj.* having the quality of something bad or harmful; expressing refusal
102. a tr_____on of a culture *n.* a belief, custom, or way of doing something that has been passed down from generation to generation within a group or society

ANSWERS: 92. grade, 93. unsupported, 94. decision, 95. sector, 96. kinship, 97. litigation, 98. sector, 99. profit, 100. crazy, 101. negative, 102. tradition

103. an in_____l letter *adj.* of or happening at the beginning; (noun) the first letter of a word, especially a person's name
104. an am____s letter *n.* (a Latin term meaning "friend of the court") a person or organization that is not directly involved in a case but offers expertise or support to help the court make a decision
105. tr_____ic event *adj.* relating to or caused by injury, especially emotional injury
106. en____e a new employee *v.* to attract and keep someone's attention and interest; to participate in or obtain services of something
107. cellular di_____on *n.* the act or outcome of splitting into separate parts; a critical organizational unit or sector
108. ad__t a bill *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
109. throughout the co____y *n.* an administrative division of a country or state, typically one of several comprising a larger division
110. fiscal st_____ty pact *n.* the quality or attribute of being firm and steadfast
111. share my in_____ts *n.* the ability to gain an accurate and deep understanding of people or situations; an accurate and deep understanding of what something is like
112. victim of sexual ab__e *n.* the use of something in an incorrect or harmful manner

ANSWERS: 103. initial, 104. amicus, 105. traumatic, 106. engage, 107. division, 108. adopt, 109. county, 110. stability, 111. insight, 112. abuse

113. empty ref_____tor *n.* an appliance or device used for preserving and cooling food and beverages by maintaining a low temperature within a closed compartment
114. ho_____ss shelter *adj.* without a home, and therefore typically living on the streets
115. inc_____ion rates *n.* the state of being confined in prison or jail
116. cast a tra_____ion spell *n.* a complete change in form, nature, or appearance of someone or something
117. co_____y seat *n.* an administrative division of a country or state, typically one of several comprising a larger division
118. the su_____e commander *adj.* highest in rank, level, or importance
119. 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
120. ad__t a child *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
121. cr__y about cars and racing *adj.* stupid or not sensible; very angry
122. re_____e one word with another *v.* to take the place of something
123. ju_____e of Heaven *n.* the quality of being fair and reasonable and treating people equally according to their due
124. sympathetic vi_____on *n.* a continuous quick and slight shaking movement

ANSWERS: 113. refrigerator, 114. homeless, 115. incarceration, 116. transformation, 117. county, 118. supreme, 119. discovery, 120. adopt, 121. crazy, 122. replace, 123. justice, 124. vibration

125. the annual re_____n of the alum *n.* a social occasion or party for a group of people who have not seen each other for a long time; the act of coming together again
126. against tr_____on *n.* a belief, custom, or way of doing something that has been passed down from generation to generation within a group or society
127. criminal ju_____e *n.* the quality of being fair and reasonable and treating people equally according to their due
128. Se____e Finance Committee *n.* a legislative body, especially the upper house of a parliament
129. an ad_____te of disarmament *n.* a person who supports or suggests an idea, development, or way of doing something
130. t__l a bell at his death *n.* money that you have to pay to use a particular road, bridge, etc.; (verb) to ring slowly
131. ap_____e a measures *v.* to think that someone or something is favorable, acceptable, or appropriate; to officially accept a plan, request, etc.
132. protection against vi_____on *n.* a continuous quick and slight shaking movement
133. 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

ANSWERS: 125. reunion, 126. tradition, 127. justice, 128. Senate, 129. advocate, 130. toll, 131. approve, 132. vibration, 133. rev

134. mass inc_____ion

n. the state of being confined in prison or jail

ANSWERS: 134. incarceration

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. Our law firm also focuses on _____ activities.
adj. not established for commercial profit

2. Which _____ of the company do you work in?
n. the act or outcome of splitting into separate parts; a critical organizational unit or sector

3. This business yields little _____.
n. money that is earned in business or by selling things after deducting the costs involved

4. To expand the company, we must ____ new human resources.
v. to hit someone or something quickly, gently, and often repeatedly; to use existing resources, such as energy, knowledge, etc.

5. The technology _____ is constantly evolving and innovating.
n. a distinct part or division of something often used to refer to a segment of an economy or industry; an area or field of work or activity

6. There is no _____ car park nearby.
n. money that you have to pay to use a particular road, bridge, etc.; (verb) to ring slowly

7. They took the _____ step toward reconciliation.
adj. of or happening at the beginning; (noun) the first letter of a word, especially a person's name

ANSWERS: 1. nonprofit, 2. division, 3. profit, 4. tap, 5. sector, 6. toll, 7. initial

8. My father's death _____ my life completely.
v. to change in outward structure or looks;
9. We have never before conducted a legitimate _____.
n. the act or process of thoroughly examining a crime, problem, statement, etc., to uncover the truth
10. This project took a lot of time to get the president's _____.
n. the belief that someone or something is good or acceptable
11. The policy should increase the country's monetary _____.
n. the quality or attribute of being firm and steadfast
12. Removal of the central poll left the roof _____.
adj. not given financial or other aid; not having any proof or evidence
13. The company is planning to _____ its website.
v. to design something again, especially in a different or modified form; (noun) the process of designing something again
14. I've been thinking all day and getting _____.
adv. not in, at, or to any place; not anywhere
15. The military _____ between the two countries created tension in the international community.
n. the state of a cooperative relationship between people or groups, especially in business
16. The _____ majority leader announced plans to bring the bill to the floor for a vote.
n. a legislative body, especially the upper house of a parliament

ANSWERS: 8. transformed, 9. investigation, 10. approval, 11. stability, 12. unsupported, 13. redesign, 14. nowhere, 15. partnership, 16. Senate

17. We gained various _____ by analyzing the vast amount of data owned by the company.
- n.* the ability to gain an accurate and deep understanding of people or situations; an accurate and deep understanding of what something is like
18. The systems we have developed has accepted as industry _____.
- n.* something that is regarded as usual, typical, or standard
19. Don't forget to put the eggs in the _____ after you've used them.
- n.* an appliance or device used for preserving and cooling food and beverages by maintaining a low temperature within a closed compartment
20. _____ of abolishing the death penalty often argue that the alternative heaviest sentence should be life in prison.
- n.* a person who supports or suggests an idea, development, or way of doing something
21. Eventually, the new design will _____ all older models.
- v.* to take the place of something
22. The _____ pleasure of life is the conviction that we are loved.
- adj.* highest in rank, level, or importance
23. He became _____ after losing his job.
- adj.* without a home, and therefore typically living on the streets
24. He has shown signs of uneasiness and _____ worry.
- adj.* very great or intense; so powerful that you cannot fight or react against it

ANSWERS: 17. insights, 18. norms, 19. refrigerator, 20. Advocates, 21. replace, 22. supreme, 23. homeless, 24. overwhelming

25. The _____ on the corner is hosting a free community meal tonight.
- n.* a building or institution dedicated to religious worship or activities; a Christian religious organization or denomination
26. Please _____ to the instruction manual for further assistance.
- v.* to direct someone's attention, thoughts, or questions to another source or person; to mention, cite, or allude to something as evidence or support
27. The pastor contributed to _____ the sense of a community embracing all classes.
- v.* to promote growth; to take care of another person's child, usually for a limited time, without becoming their legal parents
28. The nonprofit organization filed an _____ brief in support of the plaintiffs.
- n.* (a Latin term meaning "friend of the court") a person or organization that is not directly involved in a case but offers expertise or support to help the court make a decision
29. The _____ soldiers have the role of teaching recruits the stringencies of training.
- n.* a person who has had long experience in a particular area or activity
30. She felt a sense of _____ with her new colleagues.
- n.* the state or fact of being related to someone
31. The phone rang at the most _____ time.
- adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
32. The judge's ruling was based on the principles of _____ and fairness.
- n.* the quality of being fair and reasonable and treating people equally according to their due

ANSWERS: 25. church, 26. refer, 27. fostering, 28. amicus, 29. veteran, 30. kinship, 31. opportune, 32. justice

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

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

34. We have to discuss the _____ reforms of our country.

adj. of, in, or relating to a large important organization, such as a university or bank; organized as or forming part of the standard systems, practices, etc.

35. I will attend my college _____ tomorrow.

n. a social occasion or party for a group of people who have not seen each other for a long time; the act of coming together again

36. It is a _____ in many families to have a big Thanksgiving dinner with all their relatives.

n. a belief, custom, or way of doing something that has been passed down from generation to generation within a group or society

37. The movie has received almost universally _____ criticism.

adj. having the quality of something bad or harmful; expressing refusal

38. The senator received _____ criticism from his opponent.

adj. extremely serious or bad in feeling, manner, or strict and harsh; extremely strong or vigorous

39. The _____ population has been increasing rapidly in recent years.

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

40. The government promised to _____ a new system to control the financial crisis.

v. to put a decision, plan, or system into effect

ANSWERS: 33. outcome, 34. institutional, 35. reunion, 36. tradition, 37. negative, 38. severe, 39. county's, 40. implement

41. The team needed to come up with a _____ strategy to turn things around.
- n.* a change in direction or focus, especially in a business or political strategy; a fixed point that supports something that turns or balances
42. Understanding unitary _____ of a normal matrix require considerable mathematical sophistication.
- n.* a complete change in form, nature, or appearance of someone or something
43. He tried to _____ his experience to the group, but they couldn't understand.
- v.* to establish a connection or association between two or more things; to narrate or tell about an event, experience, or relationship; to empathize or feel sympathy with someone or something
44. Many employers hire _____ trainees to train as managers.
- n.* a person who has a first degree from university or college; (verb) to complete the first course of university or college and get a degree
45. The _____ demonstrate that poverty and unemployment are genuine problems.
- n.* the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data
46. 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
47. The older man _____ from arthritis and finds it difficult to move around.
- v.* to experience pain, distress, or hardship; to undergo or endure something painful or unpleasant

ANSWERS: 41. pivot, 42. transformations, 43. relate, 44. graduate, 45. statistics, 46. adopted, 47. suffers

48. Our company has an audit team that monitors directors for _____ of authority.
n. the use of something in an incorrect or harmful manner
49. 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
50. The rain and thunder are _____ today.
adj. stupid or not sensible; very angry
51. _____ displaced part of the mechanism.
n. a continuous quick and slight shaking movement
52. She was struggling to make a _____ between two job offers.
n. the act or process of making up someone's mind about something; a choice or judgment reached after considering options
53. The judge sentenced him to five years of _____ for embezzlement.
n. the state of being confined in prison or jail
54. The _____ airport runways may accommodate larger jets.
adj. longer than usual or anticipated
55. My boss wouldn't _____ of the plan.
v. to think that someone or something is favorable, acceptable, or appropriate; to officially accept a plan, request, etc.
56. The drought _____ the prices of grain globally.
v. to raise something to a higher position or level; to pick up something or somebody and move them to a different position

ANSWERS: 48. abuse, 49. rev, 50. crazy, 51. Vibration, 52. decision, 53. incarceration, 54. extended, 55. approve, 56. lifted

57. I have _____ my keys again and need help finding them.

v. to put something in the wrong place or lose it temporarily

58. Could you help me _____ some furniture?

n. a slight transition in position, direction, or trend

59. Departments may set requirements for a higher _____ point average.

n. a particular level of quality, size, importance, etc.

60. The experience was so _____ that it left a lasting impact on the survivor's mental health.

adj. relating to or caused by injury, especially emotional injury

61. I will work hard to _____ my goals and realize my dreams.

v. to successfully complete a task or goal, often through hard work, perseverance, and dedication; to attain or accomplish something that one has set out to do

62. 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

63. You are not _____ in your behavior.

adj. always behaving or happening in the same way, or having the same thoughts, standards, etc.

64. Many multinational companies are _____ in the reconstruction of that country.

v. to attract and keep someone's attention and interest; to participate in or obtain services of something

ANSWERS: 57. misplaced, 58. shift, 59. grade, 60. traumatic, 61. achieve, 62. discovery, 63. consistent, 64. engaged

65. We decided to take a detour to avoid the construction _____ on the main road.
- n.* the movement of vehicles, people, or goods along a route or through a transport system; the amount of such movement in a particular place or at a particular time
66. The _____ of the advertisement on the billboard was strategic in attracting a large audience.
- n.* the act or process of putting something in a particular position or location; a temporary position or job in an organization
67. The government is considering _____ against the company for environmental violations.
- n.* the process of resolving legal disputes through the court system

ANSWERS: 65. traffic, 66. placement, 67. litigation