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Session 1: Word List

medical

adj. relating to the treatment of illness or injuries; relating to the practice of medicine

synonym: health, disease, treatment

(1) a **medical** opinion, (2) temporary **medical** treatment

The **medical** team worked quickly to save the patient's life.

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.

ray

n. a narrow line of light, heat, or another form of energy

synonym: beam, light, glimmer

(1) opaque to X- **rays**, (2) effect of cosmic **rays**

Gamma **rays** penetrate body tissues and cause cell damage.

cornea

n. the transparent layer at the front of the eye that covers the iris and pupil and helps to focus light onto the retina

synonym: eye membrane, eye lens

(1) **cornea** transplant, (2) **cornea** damage

A scratched **cornea** can be very painful and may cause blurry vision.

retina

n. the innermost light-sensitive membrane covering the back wall of the eyeball

(1) **retinal** cells, (2) **retina** scanner

Damage to the **retina** may play a role in the development of glaucoma.

convert

v. to have a talk with someone; (adjective) reversed in order, relation, or action

synonym: alter, remake, transform

(1) **convert** fat into energy, (2) **convert** base 10 to base 16
I want to **convert** my sadness into strength.

electrical

adj. relating to electricity

(1) an **electrical** storm, (2) degree in **electrical** engineering

Actuators convert **electrical** pulses into motion.

impulse

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

synonym: stimulation, provocation, urge

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

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

brain

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

synonym: intellect, mind, encephalon

(1) basic **brain** function, (2) permanent **brain** damage

X-rays revealed a small tumor in his **brain**.

interpret

v. to explain or assign the meaning of information, actions, etc.

synonym: decode, decipher, analyze

(1) **interpret** a graph, (2) **interpret** the question
Different people might **interpret** this news differently.

gear

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

synonym: equipment, tools, apparatus

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

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

trace

v. to find or discover someone or something that was lost

synonym: seek, follow, depict

(1) **trace** a telephone call, (2) **trace** back to medieval times

Let's **trace** the origins of some familiar foreign words.

cult

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

synonym: sect, faith, religion

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

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

adapt

v. to make fit for or change to suit a new purpose or environment

synonym: adjust, acclimate, accustom

(1) **adapt** fully to the environment, (2) **adapt** as needed

I advised him to **adapt** to his new surroundings.

climate

n. the weather in a particular location averaged over some long period

synonym: atmosphere, weather, environment

(1) a cold **climate**, (2) effects of **climate** change

Climate and weather have an impact on every part of our lifestyles.

snowy

adj. characterized by or covered in snow; consisting of or producing snow; often used to describe wintry landscapes or weather conditions

synonym : wintry, frosty, icy

(1) **snowy** mountain, (2) **snowy** landscape

Children love to play outside in the **snowy** weather.

shield

n. a protective covering or structure, especially in the past, that soldiers held in front of their bodies to protect themselves

synonym : guard, protection, safeguard

(1) a heat **shield**, (2) a **shield** for protecting against a bullet

Lead is an effective **shield** against X-rays, gamma rays, and other harmful radiation.

slit

n. a narrow cut or opening, often made by a sharp instrument or tool; (verb) to cut or make a long, narrow opening or incision in something, typically with a sharp instrument such as a knife or scissors

synonym : slash, incision, cut

(1) **slit** pocket, (2) **slit** the fabric

He made a small **slit** in the paper to fit it in the envelope.

lens

n. a transparent optical device with curved sides, used in an optical instrument that makes objects seem larger, smaller, clearer, etc.; (metaphor) the basic thoughts or mindsets through which someone sees or understands the environment or situation

synonym : glass

(1) a convex **lens**, (2) a **lens** with a wide angle

The photographer took this photo using a telephoto **lens**.

vision

n. the ability to think about or see the future with imagination and intelligence; the faculty of being able to see

synonym : sight, image, concept

(1) a prodigious **vision**, (2) telescopic **vision**

Driving is difficult for me because of my poor **vision**.

aid

n. things sent to help countries in need, notably food or money; support

synonym: helper, resource, assistance

(1) financial **aid**, (2) country-by-country **aid** programs

Pakistan's **aid** budget was still being reviewed.

invention

n. the creation of a new device or process resulting from study and experimentation; the act of inventing

synonym: creation, design, innovation

(1) the **invention** of new techniques, (2) common **invention**

Necessity is the mother of **invention**.

attribute

v. to say or regard that something is the result of a particular thing; (noun) a quality or feature that someone or something possesses;

synonym: ascribe, blame, (noun) feature

(1) **attribute** the change to their marriage, (2) **attribute** directly to sales

He **attributes** the disappointing results to the economic downturn.

rivet

n. a short metal pin or bolt with a flat head used for joining things together

synonym: bolt, fastener, clinch

(1) **rivet** gun, (2) button-head **rivet**

The **rivets** on the airplane's wings were inspected to ensure they were secure.

spectacle

n. something or someone seen, especially a notable or unusual sight; an optical device consisting of a frame that houses a pair of lenses for correcting defective vision

synonym: marvel, sensation, phenomenon

(1) pretty **spectacle**, (2) **spectacle** lens

She could not help watching the sad **spectacle**.

magnify

v. to make something look bigger than it really is, especially by looking at it through a lens; to make something bigger, stronger, or louder

synonym : enlarge, elaborate, intensify

(1) **magnify** the danger, (2) **magnify** the image for display
Terrorists often attempt to **magnify** the economic impact of their acts of destruction.

hinge

n. a joint that holds the edge of a door, window, lid, etc. and allows it to open or close

synonym : joint, pivot

(1) a stiff **hinge**, (2) insecure **hinge**

His involvement is the **hinge** of our plan.

temple

n. a place of worship, especially one that is associated with a particular religion or faith; the flat area on either side of the forehead

synonym : shrine, mosque, synagogue

(1) **temple** complex, (2) a tour guide at the **temple**

He visited the **temple** to pray and make offerings to the gods.

feat

n. a notable or impressive achievement, especially one that requires great skill or bravery

synonym : achievement, accomplishment, exploit

(1) intellectual **feat**, (2) **feat** accomplishment

It is an incredible **feat** to climb Mount Everest, the highest mountain in the world.

rim

n. the edge of something in the shape of a more or less circular object

synonym : boundary, lip, edge

(1) **rim** of the ear, (2) crater **rim**

The water level was even with the basin's **rim**.

slide

v. to move or cause to move smoothly along a surface without interruption

synonym : glide, drift, drop

(1) **slide** a card across the table, (2) **slide** a glance
If necessary, you can **slide** the front seats forward.

frame

n. a strong border or structure of the wood, metal, etc. that surrounds something such as a picture, door, or window
synonym : body, skeleton, scaffolding

(1) a picture **frame**, (2) the **frame** of the policy
The detective looked for fingerprints on the window **frame**.

tip

n. the top or extreme point of something slender or tapering, usually a mountain or hill; a piece of advice about something practical; a small amount of money given for services

synonym : edge, advice, gratuity

(1) the **tip** of a paintbrush, (2) give the waiter a **tip** .
I will introduce some **tips** on learning English in this class.

comfort

n. a state of physical ease and freedom from pain or constraint

synonym : ease, solace, coziness

(1) words of **comfort**, (2) **comfort** level
He found **comfort** in the warm embrace of his loved ones.

glamorous

adj. highly attractive and exciting, and different from ordinary things or people

synonym : alluring, bewitching, enchanting

(1) **glamorous** movie stars, (2) cast **glamorous** eyes
The south coast is less **glamorous** yet has many clean and appealing hotels.

actress

n. a female actor, particularly in the theater or movies

synonym : performer, player, star

(1) an **actress** of real quality, (2) a well-known **actress**
The acclaimed **actress** received an Oscar for her outstanding performance in the film.

- Don** *n.* a Spanish gentleman; a university lecturer, especially a senior member of a college at Oxford or Cambridge
(1) the **don** of the university, (2) **Don** Giovanni
He could never go against what **Don** Carlos said.
- trait** *n.* a particular feature of your nature
synonym: attribute, feature, quality
(1) chemical **trait**, (2) personality **traits**
Multiple genes may influence behavioral **traits** concurrently.
- aviator** *n.* a pilot or person who is licensed to fly an aircraft
synonym: pilot, flyer, airman
(1) **aviator** goggles, (2) experienced **aviator**
The **aviator's** daring flight across the Atlantic was a historic achievement.
- adventurous** *adj.* willing to take risks and try new or difficult things
synonym: daring, risk-taking, bold
(1) lead an **adventurous** life, (2) **adventurous** pioneers
He has an **adventurous** spirit and is unafraid of risks.
- intelligence** *n.* the ability to learn, comprehend, or make judgments or conclusions based on reasons
synonym: brains, brightness, cleverness
(1) an **intelligence** test, (2) field of artificial **intelligence**
In terms of **intelligence**, he was head and shoulders above his classmates.
- nerd** *n.* a person who is very interested in and knowledgeable about a particular subject such as computers, mathematics, chess, etc.
synonym: geek, techie, wonk
(1) a computer **nerd**, (2) **nerd** neck
He was, by nature, a cyber **nerd**.

punk

n. a type of a loud, fast-moving, and aggressive form of rock music originating in the 1970s; an aggressive and violent young man or boy

synonym : hoodlum, bully, thug

(1) **punk** rock, (2) clothes of the **punk** style

We are never intimidated when dealing with young **punks**.

outlaw

v. to make something illegal; (noun) a person who has committed a crime or has been legally convicted of a crime

synonym : ban, prohibit, (noun) bandit

(1) **outlaw** racial discrimination, (2) **outlaw** cloning of human cells

Some communities began to **outlaw** alcohol consumption.

misfit

n. a person who does not fit in with others or with society, especially because their behavior is strange or unusual

synonym : outcast, nonconformist, oddball

(1) social **misfit**, (2) corporate **misfit**

He felt like a **misfit** in his new school.

fashion

n. a style that is popular at a particular time or place; the state of being popular

synonym : style, manner, fad

(1) go out of **fashion**, (2) new **fashion** trends

That style is no longer in **fashion**.

prescription

n. a written or spoken instruction that directs a medical practitioner to prescribe a specific treatment or medication for a patient

synonym : directive, instruction, order

(1) **prescription** drugs, (2) fill the **prescription**

I need to refill my **prescription** for allergy medication at the pharmacy.

portray

v. to depict or describe someone or something in a painting, film, book, or other artistic work

synonym : depict, describe, illustrate

(1) **portray** feelings in words, (2) accurately **portray** the condition

We often **portray** political problems as religious issues.

lifeline

n. a line, rope, or cable used to support or rescue a person in danger or distress; vital or necessary support, connection, or source of help

synonym : savior, support, safety net

(1) **lifeline** support, (2) emotional **lifeline**

My best friend has been my **lifeline** throughout all of my hardships.

rely

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

synonym : depend, count, lean

(1) **rely** on convenience stores, (2) **rely** entirely on him
Babies heavily **rely** on others for food.

maintain

v. to continue to uphold or sustain; to keep in a particular state or condition; to assert or declare something to be true

synonym : preserve, uphold, sustain

(1) **maintain** order, (2) **maintain** good health

I need to **maintain** my car regularly to prevent any major mechanical issues.

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.

obstacle

n. a thing that blocks one's way or prevents or hinders progress

synonym: hindrance, barrier, block

(1) an **obstacle** to progress, (2) **obstacle** avoidance

The **obstacle** course was challenging but fun.

catapult

n. a device used to hurl an object a long distance

synonym: launcher, trebuchet, slingshot

(1) powerful **catapult**, (2) **catapult** mechanism

The army used a **catapult** to launch large rocks over the castle walls.

elevate

v. to raise something from a lower to a higher position; to give a promotion to or assign to a higher position

synonym: lift, heighten, promote

(1) **elevate** educational standards, (2) **elevate** a close relationship

Eating food in a hurry **elevates** blood glucose levels.

upbeat

adj. positive, optimistic, or enthusiastic in attitude or outlook; having a lively or energetic rhythm or tempo, especially in music

synonym: optimistic, positive, hopeful

(1) **upbeat** attitude, (2) remain **upbeat** about the future

The **upbeat** music helped to lift her spirits and put her in a good mood.

Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. degree in ele_____al engineering | <i>adj.</i> relating to electricity |
| 2. lead an adv_____us life | <i>adj.</i> willing to take risks and try new or difficult things |
| 3. ou___w racial discrimination | <i>v.</i> to make something illegal; (noun) a person who has committed a crime or has been legally convicted of a crime |
| 4. li_____ne support | <i>n.</i> a line, rope, or cable used to support or rescue a person in danger or distress; vital or necessary support, connection, or source of help |
| 5. ov_____me all difficulties | <i>v.</i> to succeed in controlling or dealing with something, such as a problem or difficulty; to defeat or overwhelm someone |
| 6. the t_p of a paintbrush | <i>n.</i> the top or extreme point of something slender or tapering, usually a mountain or hill; a piece of advice about something practical; a small amount of money given for services |
| 7. ou___w cloning of human cells | <i>v.</i> to make something illegal; (noun) a person who has committed a crime or has been legally convicted of a crime |
| 8. re___a scanner | <i>n.</i> the innermost light-sensitive membrane covering the back wall of the eyeball |
| 9. field of artificial int_____nce | <i>n.</i> the ability to learn, comprehend, or make judgments or conclusions based on reasons |

ANSWERS: 1. electrical, 2. adventurous, 3. outlaw, 4. lifeline, 5. overcome, 6. tip, 7. outlaw, 8. retina, 9. intelligence

10. adv_____us pioneers *adj.* willing to take risks and try new or difficult things
11. ma_____y the danger *v.* to make something look bigger than it really is, especially by looking at it through a lens; to make something bigger, stronger, or louder
12. opaque to X-r_ys *n.* a narrow line of light, heat, or another form of energy
13. co_____t level *n.* a state of physical ease and freedom from pain or constraint
14. a convex l__s *n.* a transparent optical device with curved sides, used in an optical instrument that makes objects seem larger, smaller, clearer, etc.; (metaphor) the basic thoughts or mindsets through which someone sees or understands the environment or situation
15. permanent br__n damage *n.* the organ inside the head that is responsible for one's movement, thought, memory, and feeling
16. country-by-country a_d programs *n.* things sent to help countries in need, notably food or money; support
17. sn__y landscape *adj.* characterized by or covered in snow; consisting of or producing snow; often used to describe wintry landscapes or weather conditions
18. a stiff hi__e *n.* a joint that holds the edge of a door, window, lid, etc. and allows it to open or close

ANSWERS: 10. adventurous, 11. magnify, 12. ray, 13. comfort, 14. lens, 15. brain, 16. aid, 17. snowy, 18. hinge

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| 19. intellectual f__t | <i>n.</i> | a notable or impressive achievement, especially one that requires great skill or bravery |
| 20. the in_____on of new techniques | <i>n.</i> | the creation of a new device or process resulting from study and experimentation; the act of inventing |
| 21. tr__e back to medieval times | <i>v.</i> | to find or discover someone or something that was lost |
| 22. co_____t fat into energy | <i>v.</i> | to have a talk with someone; (adjective) reversed in order, relation, or action |
| 23. tracking de___e | <i>n.</i> | a piece of equipment, tool, or technology that serves a particular purpose or function, often mechanical or electronic |
| 24. p__k rock | <i>n.</i> | a type of a loud, fast-moving, and aggressive form of rock music originating in the 1970s; an aggressive and violent young man or boy |
| 25. a sh___d for protecting against a bullet | <i>n.</i> | a protective covering or structure, especially in the past, that soldiers held in front of their bodies to protect themselves |
| 26. D_n Giovanni | <i>n.</i> | a Spanish gentleman; a university lecturer, especially a senior member of a college at Oxford or Cambridge |
| 27. experienced av_____r | <i>n.</i> | a pilot or person who is licensed to fly an aircraft |
| 28. pre_____ion drugs | <i>n.</i> | a written or spoken instruction that directs a medical practitioner to prescribe a specific treatment or medication for a patient |

ANSWERS: 19. feat, 20. invention, 21. trace, 22. convert, 23. device, 24. punk, 25. shield, 26. Don, 27. aviator, 28. prescription

29. an ob_____le to progress *n.* a thing that blocks one's way or prevents or hinders progress
30. clothes of the p__k style *n.* a type of a loud, fast-moving, and aggressive form of rock music originating in the 1970s; an aggressive and violent young man or boy
31. sp_____le lens *n.* something or someone seen, especially a notable or unusual sight; an optical device consisting of a frame that houses a pair of lenses for correcting defective vision
32. a l__s with a wide angle *n.* a transparent optical device with curved sides, used in an optical instrument that makes objects seem larger, smaller, clearer, etc.; (metaphor) the basic thoughts or mindsets through which someone sees or understands the environment or situation
33. te___e complex *n.* a place of worship, especially one that is associated with a particular religion or faith; the flat area on either side of the forehead
34. financial a_d *n.* things sent to help countries in need, notably food or money; support
35. new fa_____n trends *n.* a style that is popular at a particular time or place; the state of being popular
36. a heat sh___d *n.* a protective covering or structure, especially in the past, that soldiers held in front of their bodies to protect themselves

ANSWERS: 29. obstacle, 30. punk, 31. spectacle, 32. lens, 33. temple, 34. aid, 35. fashion, 36. shield

37. c__t's practices *n.* a small religious group, especially one that is not part of a larger religion and that is regarded as outside the norm; followers of an exclusive system of beliefs and practices
38. words of co____t *n.* a state of physical ease and freedom from pain or constraint
39. a tour guide at the te___e *n.* a place of worship, especially one that is associated with a particular religion or faith; the flat area on either side of the forehead
40. a picture fr__e *n.* a strong border or structure of the wood, metal, etc. that surrounds something such as a picture, door, or window
41. effects of cl____e change *n.* the weather in a particular location averaged over some long period
42. chemical tr__t *n.* a particular feature of your nature
43. ad__t as needed *v.* to make fit for or change to suit a new purpose or environment
44. electronic de____e *n.* a piece of equipment, tool, or technology that serves a particular purpose or function, often mechanical or electronic
45. crater r_m *n.* the edge of something in the shape of a more or less circular object
46. personality tr__ts *n.* a particular feature of your nature
47. cast gl____us eyes *adj.* highly attractive and exciting, and different from ordinary things or people

ANSWERS: 37. cult, 38. comfort, 39. temple, 40. frame, 41. climate, 42. trait, 43. adapt, 44. device, 45. rim, 46. trait, 47. glamorous

48. fill the pre_____ion *n.* a written or spoken instruction that directs a medical practitioner to prescribe a specific treatment or medication for a patient
49. ad__t fully to the environment *v.* to make fit for or change to suit a new purpose or environment
50. ma_____in order *v.* to continue to uphold or sustain; to keep in a particular state or condition; to assert or declare something to be true
51. sl__e a card across the table *v.* to move or cause to move smoothly along a surface without interruption
52. button-head ri__t *n.* a short metal pin or bolt with a flat head used for joining things together
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ANSWERS: 48. prescription, 49. adapt, 50. maintain, 51. slide, 52. rivet, 53. intelligence, 54. ray, 55. retina, 56. overcome, 57. cult

58. a me____l opinion *adj.* relating to the treatment of illness or injuries; relating to the practice of medicine
59. common in _____on *n.* the creation of a new device or process resulting from study and experimentation; the act of inventing
60. a g__r change lever *n.* a toothed wheel that engages another toothed mechanism to change the speed or direction of transmitted motion; a set of tools, equipment, or other items for a particular purpose
61. remain up____t about the future *adj.* positive, optimistic, or enthusiastic in attitude or outlook; having a lively or energetic rhythm or tempo, especially in music
62. f__t accomplishment *n.* a notable or impressive achievement, especially one that requires great skill or bravery
63. el_____e a close relationship *v.* to raise something from a lower to a higher position; to give a promotion to or assign to a higher position
64. a combative im_____e *n.* a sudden strong and unreflective wish or need to do something; the electrical discharge that travels along a nerve fiber
65. r__y entirely on him *v.* to require a specific thing or the assistance and support of someone or something to continue, run properly, or succeed.
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ANSWERS: 58. medical, 59. invention, 60. gear, 61. upbeat, 62. feat, 63. elevate, 64. impulse, 65. rely, 66. tip

67. an ele_____al storm *adj.* relating to electricity
68. ri__t gun *n.* a short metal pin or bolt with a flat head used for joining things together
69. a prodigious vi___n *n.* the ability to think about or see the future with imagination and intelligence; the faculty of being able to see
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86. pretty sp_____le *n.* something or someone seen, especially a notable or unusual sight; an optical device consisting of a frame that houses a pair of lenses for correcting defective vision
87. s__t pocket *n.* a narrow cut or opening, often made by a sharp instrument or tool; (verb) to cut or make a long, narrow opening or incision in something, typically with a sharp instrument such as a knife or scissors

ANSWERS: 79. attribute, 80. hinge, 81. misfit, 82. lifeline, 83. obstacle, 84. upbeat, 85. frame, 86. spectacle, 87. slit

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94. powerful ca____lt *n.* a device used to hurl an object a long distance
95. the d_n of the university *n.* a Spanish gentleman; a university lecturer, especially a senior member of a college at Oxford or Cambridge
96. sn__y mountain *adj.* characterized by or covered in snow; consisting of or producing snow; often used to describe wintry landscapes or weather conditions
97. a well-known ac____s *n.* a female actor, particularly in the theater or movies

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98. basic br__n function *n.* the organ inside the head that is responsible for one's movement, thought, memory, and feeling
99. co_____t base 10 to base 16 *v.* to have a talk with someone; (adjective) reversed in order, relation, or action
100. telescopic vi____n *n.* the ability to think about or see the future with imagination and intelligence; the faculty of being able to see
101. r__y on convenience stores *v.* to require a specific thing or the assistance and support of someone or something to continue, run properly, or succeed.
102. at_____te the change to their marriage *v.* to say or regard that something is the result of a particular thing; (noun) a quality or feature that someone or something possesses;
103. accurately po_____y the condition *v.* to depict or describe someone or something in a painting, film, book, or other artistic work
104. gl_____us movie stars *adj.* highly attractive and exciting, and different from ordinary things or people
105. in_____et a graph *v.* to explain or assign the meaning of information, actions, etc.
106. s__t the fabric *n.* a narrow cut or opening, often made by a sharp instrument or tool; (verb) to cut or make a long, narrow opening or incision in something, typically with a sharp instrument such as a knife or scissors

ANSWERS: 98. brain, 99. convert, 100. vision, 101. rely, 102. attribute, 103. portray, 104. glamorous, 105. interpret, 106. slit

107. in_____et the question *v.* to explain or assign the meaning of information, actions, etc.
108. social mi____t *n.* a person who does not fit in with others or with society, especially because their behavior is strange or unusual
109. ma_____in good health *v.* to continue to uphold or sustain; to keep in a particular state or condition; to assert or declare something to be true
110. co____a transplant *n.* the transparent layer at the front of the eye that covers the iris and pupil and helps to focus light onto the retina
111. po_____y feelings in words *v.* to depict or describe someone or something in a painting, film, book, or other artistic work
112. el_____e educational standards *v.* to raise something from a lower to a higher position; to give a promotion to or assign to a higher position

ANSWERS: 107. interpret, 108. misfit, 109. maintain, 110. cornea, 111. portray, 112. elevate

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. In terms of _____ he was head and shoulders above his classmates.
n. the ability to learn, comprehend, or make judgments or conclusions based on reasons

2. _____ and weather have an impact on every part of our lifestyles.
n. the weather in a particular location averaged over some long period

3. He found _____ in the warm embrace of his loved ones.
n. a state of physical ease and freedom from pain or constraint

4. X-rays revealed a small tumor in his _____.
n. the organ inside the head that is responsible for one's movement, thought, memory, and feeling

5. I need to _____ my car regularly to prevent any major mechanical issues.
v. to continue to uphold or sustain; to keep in a particular state or condition; to assert or declare something to be true

6. His involvement is the _____ of our plan.
n. a joint that holds the edge of a door, window, lid, etc. and allows it to open or close

7. Multiple genes may influence behavioral _____ concurrently.
n. a particular feature of your nature

8. Children love to play outside in the _____ weather.
adj. characterized by or covered in snow; consisting of or producing snow; often used to describe wintry landscapes or weather conditions

ANSWERS: 1. intelligence, 2. Climate, 3. comfort, 4. brain, 5. maintain, 6. hinge, 7. traits, 8. snowy

9. Some communities began to _____ alcohol consumption.
v. to make something illegal; (noun) a person who has committed a crime or has been legally convicted of a crime
10. Let's _____ the origins of some familiar foreign words.
v. to find or discover someone or something that was lost
11. He has an _____ spirit and is unafraid of risks.
adj. willing to take risks and try new or difficult things
12. We often _____ political problems as religious issues.
v. to depict or describe someone or something in a painting, film, book, or other artistic work
13. 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
14. He made a small _____ in the paper to fit it in the envelope.
n. a narrow cut or opening, often made by a sharp instrument or tool; (verb) to cut or make a long, narrow opening or incision in something, typically with a sharp instrument such as a knife or scissors
15. My best friend has been my _____ throughout all of my hardships.
n. a line, rope, or cable used to support or rescue a person in danger or distress; vital or necessary support, connection, or source of help
16. Necessity is the mother of _____.
n. the creation of a new device or process resulting from study and experimentation; the act of inventing

ANSWERS: 9. outlaw, 10. trace, 11. adventurous, 12. portray, 13. overcome, 14. slit, 15. lifeline, 16. invention

17. Damage to the _____ may play a role in the development of glaucoma.
- n.* the innermost light-sensitive membrane covering the back wall of the eyeball
18. Eating food in a hurry _____ blood glucose levels.
- v.* to raise something from a lower to a higher position; to give a promotion to or assign to a higher position
19. I want to _____ my sadness into strength.
- v.* to have a talk with someone; (adjective) reversed in order, relation, or action
20. The detective looked for fingerprints on the window _____.
- n.* a strong border or structure of the wood, metal, etc. that surrounds something such as a picture, door, or window
21. He felt like a _____ in his new school.
- n.* a person who does not fit in with others or with society, especially because their behavior is strange or unusual
22. The _____ leader promised his followers that they would achieve enlightenment if they followed his teachings.
- n.* a small religious group, especially one that is not part of a larger religion and that is regarded as outside the norm; followers of an exclusive system of beliefs and practices
23. 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
24. Different people might _____ this news differently.
- v.* to explain or assign the meaning of information, actions, etc.

ANSWERS: 17. retina, 18. elevates, 19. convert, 20. frame, 21. misfit, 22. cult, 23. device, 24. interpret

25. It is an incredible _____ to climb Mount Everest, the highest mountain in the world.
- n.* a notable or impressive achievement, especially one that requires great skill or bravery
26. The _____ team worked quickly to save the patient's life.
- adj.* relating to the treatment of illness or injuries; relating to the practice of medicine
27. He was, by nature, a cyber _____.
- n.* a person who is very interested in and knowledgeable about a particular subject such as computers, mathematics, chess, etc.
28. The photographer took this photo using a telephoto _____.
- n.* a transparent optical device with curved sides, used in an optical instrument that makes objects seem larger, smaller, clearer, etc.; (metaphor) the basic thoughts or mindsets through which someone sees or understands the environment or situation
29. She checked her _____ before embarking on the hike.
- n.* a toothed wheel that engages another toothed mechanism to change the speed or direction of transmitted motion; a set of tools, equipment, or other items for a particular purpose
30. I advised him to _____ to his new surroundings.
- v.* to make fit for or change to suit a new purpose or environment
31. Nerve _____ cross a synapse through the action of neurotransmitters.
- n.* a sudden strong and unreflective wish or need to do something; the electrical discharge that travels along a nerve fiber

ANSWERS: 25. feat, 26. medical, 27. nerd, 28. lens, 29. gear, 30. adapt, 31. impulses

32. Lead is an effective _____ against X-rays, gamma rays, and other harmful radiation.
- n.* a protective covering or structure, especially in the past, that soldiers held in front of their bodies to protect themselves
33. The _____ music helped to lift her spirits and put her in a good mood.
- adj.* positive, optimistic, or enthusiastic in attitude or outlook; having a lively or energetic rhythm or tempo, especially in music
34. Pakistan's ____ budget was still being reviewed.
- n.* things sent to help countries in need, notably food or money; support
35. She could not help watching the sad _____.
- n.* something or someone seen, especially a notable or unusual sight; an optical device consisting of a frame that houses a pair of lenses for correcting defective vision
36. Driving is difficult for me because of my poor _____.
- n.* the ability to think about or see the future with imagination and intelligence; the faculty of being able to see
37. That style is no longer in _____.
- n.* a style that is popular at a particular time or place; the state of being popular
38. Actuators convert _____ pulses into motion.
- adj.* relating to electricity
39. I need to refill my _____ for allergy medication at the pharmacy.
- n.* a written or spoken instruction that directs a medical practitioner to prescribe a specific treatment or medication for a patient

ANSWERS: 32. shield, 33. upbeat, 34. aid, 35. spectacle, 36. vision, 37. fashion, 38. electrical, 39. prescription

40. The acclaimed _____ received an Oscar for her outstanding performance in the film.
- n.* a female actor, particularly in the theater or movies
41. Babies heavily _____ on others for food.
- v.* to require a specific thing or the assistance and support of someone or something to continue, run properly, or succeed.
42. The _____ on the airplane's wings were inspected to ensure they were secure.
- n.* a short metal pin or bolt with a flat head used for joining things together
43. He could never go against what _____ Carlos said.
- n.* a Spanish gentleman; a university lecturer, especially a senior member of a college at Oxford or Cambridge
44. Gamma _____ penetrate body tissues and cause cell damage.
- n.* a narrow line of light, heat, or another form of energy
45. The _____ course was challenging but fun.
- n.* a thing that blocks one's way or prevents or hinders progress
46. He _____ the disappointing results to the economic downturn.
- v.* to say or regard that something is the result of a particular thing; (noun) a quality or feature that someone or something possesses;
47. A scratched _____ can be very painful and may cause blurry vision.
- n.* the transparent layer at the front of the eye that covers the iris and pupil and helps to focus light onto the retina

ANSWERS: 40. actress, 41. rely, 42. rivets, 43. Don, 44. rays, 45. obstacle, 46. attributes, 47. cornea

48. Terrorists often attempt to _____ the economic impact of their acts of destruction.
- v.* to make something look bigger than it really is, especially by looking at it through a lens; to make something bigger, stronger, or louder
49. We are never intimidated when dealing with young _____.
- n.* a type of a loud, fast-moving, and aggressive form of rock music originating in the 1970s; an aggressive and violent young man or boy
50. The water level was even with the basin's _____.
- n.* the edge of something in the shape of a more or less circular object
51. The _____ daring flight across the Atlantic was a historic achievement.
- n.* a pilot or person who is licensed to fly an aircraft
52. He visited the _____ to pray and make offerings to the gods.
- n.* a place of worship, especially one that is associated with a particular religion or faith; the flat area on either side of the forehead
53. The south coast is less _____ yet has many clean and appealing hotels.
- adj.* highly attractive and exciting, and different from ordinary things or people
54. I will introduce some _____ on learning English in this class.
- n.* the top or extreme point of something slender or tapering, usually a mountain or hill; a piece of advice about something practical; a small amount of money given for services
55. If necessary, you can _____ the front seats forward.
- v.* to move or cause to move smoothly along a surface without interruption

ANSWERS: 48. magnify, 49. punks, 50. rim, 51. aviator's, 52. temple, 53. glamorous, 54. tips, 55. slide

56. The army used a _____ to launch large rocks over the castle walls.

n. a device used to hurl an object a long distance

ANSWERS: 56. catapult