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Session 1: Word List

silicon

n. a chemical element with the symbol Si that is a hard, brittle crystalline solid with a blue-grey metallic luster and used for the transistors and integrated circuit chips in computers

(1) **silicon** wafer, (2) crystalline **silicon**

Silicon is the second most abundant element on earth after oxygen.

valley

n. a long depression on the surface of the land, which typically contains a river

synonym: canyon, gorge, dale

(1) **valley** bottom, (2) basin-shaped **valley**

The **valley** had received a mild snowfall the previous week.

superpower

n. a country or nation that has significant global influence or formidable military, economic, or technological strength; a supernatural ability or force capable of extraordinary feats or feats beyond normal human capabilities

synonym: great power, empire, hegemony

(1) **superpower** country, (2) **superpower** leader

The ability to fly like a bird is often considered a **superpower** in comic books and movies.

- suit** *n.* a set of clothes that are made from the same material; a claim or complaint that a person or organization can file in court against another party; (verb) to be fit or acceptable for
synonym : clothes, lawsuit, (verb) fit
(1) **suit** and tie restaurant, (2) **suit** at law
Six **suits** are awaiting trial or verdict.
- bullet** *n.* a metal projectile that is shot from a gun
synonym : projectile, slug, shot
(1) **bullet** wound, (2) **bullet** train
The stray **bullet** went through the window and hit the wall.
- giant** *adj.* enormous; much bigger or more important than similar items usually are
synonym : big, gigantic, huge
(1) **giant** trees, (2) **giant** tech company
The **giant** jets gradually dominate the world's airlines.
- rot** *v.* to decay, or cause something to decay, naturally and gradually
synonym : perish, decay, corrode
(1) begin to **rot**, (2) **rot** with age
Please refrigerate the meat, or it will **rot**.
- collide** *v.* to hit something violently when moving
synonym : clash, slam, contradict
(1) **collide** head-on, (2) **collide** in midair
The interests of the two countries **collide**.
- 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.
- specifically** *adv.* only associated with or meant for one thing
synonym : especially, particularly, notably

(1) designed **specifically** for men, (2) for **specifically** American customers

This ad campaign is aimed **specifically** at young women.

holy

adj. of or related to a god, divine power, or a particular religion

synonym: sacred, religious, divine

(1) a **holy** man, (2) a **holy** shrine

They gathered to hear the **holy** teachings of the guru.

gadget

n. a small tool or device that is useful for a particular job

synonym: appliance, gimmick, device

(1) a handy **gadget**, (2) time-saving **gadget**

I found the kitchen **gadget** that will serve as a bottle opener in the store.

magical

adj. produced by or containing supernatural powers

synonym: enchanting, occult, supernatural

(1) **magical** place, (2) **magical** powers

When I was a child, my mother often cast **magical** spells to ease my pain whenever I was injured.

lifelike

adj. resembling or appearing similar to something alive or real, often realistically or vividly; convincing or authentic in appearance or behavior

synonym: realistic, naturalistic, vivid

(1) **lifelike** painting, (2) **lifelike** animation

The artist created a **lifelike** sculpture of a famous politician for the town square.

mannequin

n. a life-sized model of the human body used for displaying clothes, especially in a store window

synonym: dummy, model, figure

(1) **mannequin** display, (2) pose **mannequin**

The store's window display featured a series of **mannequins** dressed in the latest fashion.

deter

v. to discourage or prevent someone from doing something
synonym : prevent, discourage, forestall

(1) **deter** aggression, (2) **deter** crime

The high fence was meant to **deter** intruders from entering the property.

masculine

adj. having characteristics or an appearance that are usually regarded as typical or appropriate for men

synonym : male, mannish, manly

(1) wear **masculine** attire, (2) **masculine** beauty

Her allure lies in her **masculine** rather than feminine beauty.

convinced

adj. completely certain about something; having a strong belief or conviction in a particular religion

synonym : confident, positive, indoctrinated

(1) **convinced** of the idea, (2) **convinced** criminal

The public is **convinced** that the prime minister has committed fraud.

rundown

n. a brief or summary account of something, usually presented in a list or sequence; a state of disrepair or neglect; (adjective) of or relating to a physical object, typically a building or area, which has not been well-maintained and is in a state of disrepair or decay

synonym : summation, summary, synopsis

(1) a **rundown** of local events, (2) **rundown** building

The boss gave us a quick **rundown** of the new project during the meeting.

statistics

n. the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data

(1) **statistics** for cancer, (2) official **statistics**

The **statistics** demonstrate that poverty and unemployment are genuine problems.

settle

v. to reach an agreement of disagreement

synonym : inhabit, occupy, decide

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

alto *n.* the second-highest vocal range in choral music, typically sung by the second-highest singers in a choir; a type of saxophone

synonym: contralto, countertenor, soprano

(1) **alto** saxophone, (2) an **alto** solo
The **alto** singer had a unique and powerful voice.

chef *n.* a cook, especially the chief cook in a restaurant or hotel
synonym: cook, culinary artist, gastronomer

(1) **chef** knife, (2) master **chef**
The **chef** at the restaurant was known for his creative and delicious dishes.

hub *n.* the central or main part of a particular place, activity, network, etc.; the central part of a car wheel, fan, propeller, etc., through which the shaft or axle passes
synonym: center, junction, focal point

(1) a **hub** of commerce, (2) education **hub**
This airport has taken the first step to become an international **hub** airport.

celebrate *v.* to acknowledge a memorable or good day or event with a social gathering or enjoyable activity

synonym: praise, glorify, honor

(1) **celebrate** his election, (2) **celebrate** Christmas
He **celebrated** the 10th anniversary of his tenure.

anniversary *n.* the annual recurrence of a date marking a notable event; a date on which an event occurred in a previous year

synonym: commemoration, celebration, observance

(1) **anniversary** celebration, (2) a bicentennial **anniversary**
They celebrated their 10th **anniversary** with a romantic

dinner.

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**.

accomplish

v. to finish or achieve something successfully

synonym: achieve, complete, execute

(1) **accomplish** a goal, (2) **accomplish** military operations

Humankind took centuries to **accomplish** true democracy.

apparently

adv. based on what you have heard or read

synonym: evidently, obviously, supposedly

(1) **apparently** simple, (2) **apparently** unrelated

The police **apparently** believed this explanation was plausible.

etiquette

n. a set of rules and norms governing polite and proper behavior in social situations or professional contexts

synonym: protocol, manners, decorum

(1) email **etiquette**, (2) breach of **etiquette**

It's important to follow proper **etiquette** when attending a formal dinner.

ballroom

n. a large room for dancing

synonym: dance hall, assembly hall

(1) **ballroom** dance, (2) **ballroom** floor

The grand **ballroom** was filled with twirling couples and the sound of music.

dental

adj. of or relating to teeth

synonym: oral, tooth, mouth

(1) **dental** hygiene, (2) **dental** care

I have a **dental** appointment at 2 pm to get my teeth cleaned.

fake

adj. not genuine; fraudulent or counterfeit

synonym : affected, bogus, counterfeit

(1) **fake** police officer, (2) spread of **fake** news

The prime minister was not well prepared for the debate and **faked** it

vacation

n. a period in which someone does not have to attend work or school and is free to do whatever they choose, such as travel or leisure

synonym : leave, recess, break

(1) a short **vacation**, (2) summer **vacation**

Do you have a plan for a long **vacation**?

wrangle

n. a noisy or contentious dispute or argument, particularly one involving multiple parties; a physical altercation or brawl; (verb) to have a dispute or argument, often over a trivial matter

synonym : argument, dispute, quarrel

(1) **wrangle** over money, (2) political **wrangle**

The two politicians had a heated **wrangle** over the proposed tax reform.

tangle

n. a confused mass of something twisted together

synonym : knot, snarl, entanglement

(1) in a **tangle**, (2) **tangle** wires

The cords behind my computer were a **tangled** mess.

pound

n. the standard unit of money in the UK; the standard unit of weight equal to 16 ounces

(1) three-fourths of a **pound**, (2) thousands of **pounds**

The car's front bumper cost fifteen hundred **pounds**.

breath

n. the air that is taken into and expelled from your lungs; the process of taking into and expelling air from your lungs

synonym : air, puff, whiff

(1) hold your **breath**, (2) **breath** of wind

He bated his **breath** when talking about this affair.

extraordinary

adj. exceptional, unexpected, very unusual; surpassing the ordinary or usual

synonym : exceptional, noteworthy, astonishing

(1) **extraordinary** ability, (2) **extraordinary** weather

He narrated the **extraordinary** story of his adventure.

amazing

adj. extremely surprising, especially in a way that you like or admire

synonym : exceptional, extraordinary, wonderful

(1) **amazing** advances, (2) the most **amazing** feeling

The golfer recorded an **amazing** distance.

edit

v. to prepare written material for publication by correcting, condensing, or otherwise modifying it

synonym : revise, modify, adjust

(1) **edit** a history book, (2) **edit** a video

I need to **edit** this document before submitting it to my boss.

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**.

belong

v. to be the property of someone or something; to be a member or part of a group; to be in the proper or appropriate place

synonym : fit, be appropriate, be suitable

(1) **belong** to different species, (2) **belong** to a group

All the books in this section **belong** to the library's rare collection and must be handled carefully.

worship

v. to have or show a strong feeling of profound respect and admiration for a religious entity such as God or a god

synonym : adore, idolize

(1) **worship** god, (2) absolutely **worship**

They traditionally **worship** their guru.

brag

v. to say something in a boastful manner, to impress others, or make oneself feel superior

synonym : boast, swagger, vaunt

(1) **brag** to each other, (2) **brag** about my knowledge

Despite his impressive achievements, he refrained from **bragging** about his success.

hardware

n. durable tools, machinery, and other equipment; the physical and electronic parts of a computer or other electronic systems

synonym : gear, apparatus, gadget

(1) the **hardware** department, (2) a vast inventory of **hardware**

The mouse and keyboard are essential **hardware** for operating a PC.

software

n. a set of computer programs and associated documentation and data for doing particular computational jobs

synonym : program, system, operating system

(1) **software** architect, (2) copyrighted **software**

The company specializes in both hardware and **software**.

engineer

n. a person whose job is designing, building, or maintaining something such as machines, structures, or software

synonym : architect, creator, builder

(1) a civil **engineer**, (2) **engineer** shortage

The **engineer** will repair my telephone tomorrow morning.

digital

adj. processing or storing information as a succession of 1 and 0 to show that a signal is present or missing;

relating to the use of computer technology, especially the internet

synonym : numerical, computerized, cyber

(1) a **digital** watch, (2) **digital** electronic signature

Sensors convert physical phenomena into **digital** signals.

bet

v. to risk money on the result of an event or a competition, such as a race or game, to get more money; to have faith or confidence in something

synonym : stake, wager, gamble

(1) **bet** on a race, (2) **bet** my future

I **bet** that you know it.

adobe

n. a type of sun-dried brick made from clay and straw, commonly used in the Southwestern United States and other arid regions

synonym : brick, clay, mud

(1) **adobe** hut, (2) **adobe** walls

The **adobe** house in New Mexico has stood for over 100 years.

random

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

synonym : incidental, arbitrary, unanticipated

(1) a **random** choice, (2) bombs fell at **random**

To find drunk drivers, police conduct **random** tests.

heritage

n. the culture and traditions that are passed down from previous generations

synonym : legacy, tradition, inheritance

(1) **heritage** site, (2) historical **heritage**

The **heritage** of the city is reflected in its architecture.

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.

ethnicity

n. the cultural characteristics of a particular group, such as language, religion, and traditions, that distinguish them from other groups

synonym: race, culture, heritage

(1) with respect to **ethnicity**, (2) based on their **ethnicity**
The company has a diverse workforce representing different **ethnicity** and backgrounds.

ignore

v. to intentionally not listen or pay attention to

synonym: neglect, disregard, shun

(1) **ignore** her advice, (2) **ignore** a ban

Since independence, the area has been completely **ignored**.

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**.

creative

adj. relating to or involving the use of skill and original and unusual ideas to create something

synonym: imaginative, innovative, inventive

(1) **creative** writing, (2) barren of **creative** spirit

All the supervisor has to do is assign tasks that make his subordinates more **creative**.

engine

n. a machine that converts thermal energy to mechanical work; something that has an important role used to achieve a purpose

synonym: motor, locomotive, driver

(1) a steam **engine**, (2) an air-cooled **engine**

The policies he announces can be the **engine** of economic growth in the country.

yang

n. in Chinese philosophy, the masculine or active principle characterized as light and the sun and associated with hardness, dryness, and heat

synonym : masculine, positive, active

(1) the **yang** principle, (2) embody **yang** energy

He saw the balance between the yin and **yang** as crucial for a harmonious life.

frustration

n. the feeling of being upset or annoyed as a result of being unable to change or achieve something

synonym : disappointment, discouragement, dissatisfaction

(1) **frustration** level, (2) express **frustration**

He felt a deep **frustration** as he realized the project would not be completed on time.

representation

n. the act of speaking, acting, or being present on behalf of someone officially; a statement of facts and reasons made in appealing or protesting

synonym : delegacy, manifestation, expression

(1) sales **representation**, (2) binary **representation**

A person who has been declared incompetent should have legal **representation**.

registration

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

synonym : enrollment, registry, record-keeping

(1) **registration** agency, (2) **registration** for a course

The online **registration** process was quick and easy to complete.

collar

n. a band of material worn around the neck, typically forming part of a shirt or jacket

synonym : band, neckband

(1) **collar** of a shirt, (2) **collar** of a dog

He put on his **collar** and tie before leaving for work.

sleeplessness

n. the condition of being unable to sleep or having difficulty sleeping

synonym : insomnia, wakefulness, restlessness

(1) **sleeplessness** disorder, (2) beat **sleeplessness**

He tried various treatments for his **sleeplessness**, but nothing seemed to work.

scare

v. to frighten a person or animal, or to become frightened

synonym : frighten, spook, intimidate

(1) **scare** off her attacker by screaming, (2) **scare** the birds away

We hit the ground to **scare** out the rabbits.

novel

n. an extended fictional work in prose; usually in the form of a story; (adjective) original and of a kind not seen before

synonym : fiction, story, (adjective) innovative

(1) historical **novel**, (2) **novel** effect

The **novel** has largely gotten positive feedback.

cast

v. to cause light or shadow to appear on a surface; to assign or choose someone such as an actor or representative, especially by selection process

synonym : throw, project, select

(1) **cast** a ballot, (2) **cast** a charming eye

This accident **cast** a dark shadow over their lives.

contemporary

adj. belonging to the same or present time

synonym : modern, stylish, coetaneous

(1) field of **contemporary** art, (2) **contemporary** leaders

Contemporary music has gained different followers from existing music.

guarantee

v. to promise something will happen formally, especially that certain conditions about a product, service, or transaction would be met

synonym : assure, promise, warrant

(1) **guarantee** a high quality, (2) **guarantee** women equality

We cannot **guarantee** enough raw material sources.

comp

v. short for "compensate," meaning to give goods or services to someone without asking for payment

synonym : waive, cover, provide

(1) **comp** their meal, (2) **comp** the employees with a bonus

The casino **comped** her room and meals for being a high-rolling gambler.

survey

n. an investigation of the opinions, behavior, etc. of a particular group of people, made by asking people questions

synonym : study, examination, poll

(1) a comprehensive **survey**, (2) recent **survey**

That **survey** shows that people are accepting the tax increase to some extent.

ratio

n. the relative size or amount of one thing to another, typically expressed in the form of a fraction or decimal

synonym : proportion, rate, quota

(1) debt-to-income **ratio**, (2) **ratio** of boys to girls

The **ratio** of water to sugar in the recipe is 1:2.

offensive

adj. rude in a way that causes someone to feel anger, annoyance, or resentment; for the purpose of attack rather than defense

synonym : disrespectful, abusive, attacking

(1) assume the **offensive**, (2) an **offensive** smell

His **offensive** philosophy in business led to many hostile takeovers.

screw

v. to turn something, such as a bolt, with a driver or wrench to tighten or loosen it; (noun) a cylindrical rod with a helical ridge used to fasten things together

synonym : tighten, fix, secure

(1) **screw** the cap, (2) a female **screw**

He had to **screw** the loose knob back onto the cabinet door.

warn

v. to make someone aware of potential danger or difficulty, particularly one that may occur in the future

synonym : alert, caution, admonish

(1) **warn** a reckless driver, (2) **warned** me of the plan

I attempted to **warn** him, but he ignored me.

broth

n. a liquid in which meat, fish, or vegetables have been cooked, used as a base for soups and stews

synonym : bouillon, consomme, soup

(1) chicken **broth**, (2) remains of **broth**

I always add a bit of **broth** to my soup to give it more flavor.

strike

v. to wallop somebody or something with the hand, fist, or weapon; to have an emotional or cognitive impact upon

synonym : hit, impact, influence

(1) **strike** up a conversation, (2) **strike** a blow

We **strike** to achieve more wages and safer working conditions.

unbeknownst

adv. without the knowledge or awareness of someone; without someone's knowledge or participation

synonym : secretly, covertly

(1) **unbeknownst** to me, (2) **unbeknownst** to any of us

Unbeknownst to the family, the treasure had been hidden in the attic for years.

technological

adj. based on scientific and industrial progress

synonym : specialized, technical

(1) **technological** advancement, (2) **technological** policy

Technological advances have disrupted many industries.

entertainment

n. public shows, films, television, or other performances or activities of enjoying people

synonym: amusement, recreation, enjoyment

(1) an elegant **entertainment**, (2) hour of **entertainment**

The hotel is famous for its **entertainment**, including the casino.

grassroots

adj. of or relating to the ordinary people in a society or an organization as constituting a fundamental political and economic group

synonym: fundamental, major, elemental

(1) a **grassroots** movement for nuclear disarmament,

(2) the **grassroots** factor in making the decision

The feeling among the company's **grassroots** is that the CEO is not radical enough.

uprising

n. a public rebellion, especially against an established government or authority

synonym: revolt, rebellion, insurgency

(1) stage an **uprising**, (2) violent **uprising**

The anti-government **uprising** was successful in overthrowing the regime.

witness

n. a person who sees something happen, especially a crime or an accident

synonym: onlooker, attestant, bystander

(1) **witness** of the car accident, (2) a material **witness**

The manufacturing industry is **witnessing** fierce competition.

swell

v. to become larger or more inflated; to become more intense or important

synonym: expand, increase, inflate

(1) **swell** at room temperature, (2) **swell** a population

His arm was **swelling** from the insect bite.

conversation

n. an informal talk between two or more people to exchange their views, ideas, information, etc.

synonym: chat, discussion, dialogue

(1) **conversation** in English, (2) a friendly **conversation**

Your **conversation** reflects your thoughts.

debate

n. a formal discussion or argument of opposing viewpoints, often to persuade others to adopt a specific position; a public discussion, often on an issue of current interest, in which participants offer opinions and differing perspectives

synonym: argument, discussion, dispute

(1) **debate** topic, (2) **debate** competition

The **debate** over climate change continues to be a hot topic in politics.

discuss

v. to talk about or examine in detail through conversation or debate; to exchange ideas, opinions, or information on a particular topic

synonym: talk about, converse, debate

(1) **discuss** options, (2) **discuss** solutions

We need to **discuss** the next steps for the project during our meeting tomorrow.

stream

n. a small, narrow river; a continuous flow of something, such as liquid, gas, people, vehicles, etc.

synonym: flow, current, brook

(1) the **stream** of time, (2) an endless **stream** of cars

Jet **streams** are the common name for air currents that form high in the atmosphere.

infrastructure

n. the basic systems, services, or features that are necessary for an organization or country, such as transport and power supplies

synonym: foundation, framework

(1) IT **infrastructure**, (2) **infrastructure** cost

Aging societies tend to require huge costs for **infrastructure**

maintenance.

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.

tissue

n. an ensemble of similar cells of the animal or plant that together carry out a specific function

synonym: structure, texture, anatomy

(1) a facial **tissue**, (2) loss of muscle **tissue**

The researcher separated the nervous **tissue** for microscopic examinations.

determinant

n. a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result

synonym: cause, factor, element

(1) environmental **determinant**, (2) a **determinant** of crop yields

One **determinant** of success is having a positive attitude and a strong work ethic.

lobby

n. a large area inside the entrance of a public building where people can meet and wait; a group of people who try to persuade a politician, the government, or an official group to influence legislation

synonym: entrance, hall, anteroom

(1) **lobby** for legislation, (2) a hotel **lobby**

That **lobby** group actively advocated environmental protection to the government.

selfie

n. a photograph that one has taken of oneself, typically one taken with a smartphone or webcam to share on social media

synonym : self-portrait, self-photo, self-snap

(1) **selfie** stick, (2) pose for a **selfie**

She took a **selfie** in front of the famous tower and shared it on the app.

intimate

adj. having a very close friendship, personal

synonym : close, tight, friendly

(1) my **intimate** affairs, (2) **intimate** relationship

He has an **intimate** knowledge of American history.

relation

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

synonym : association, linkage, connection

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

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

pride

n. a feeling of deep pleasure or satisfaction derived from one's achievements

synonym : vanity, conceit, egotism

(1) **pride** of a company, (2) hide his **pride**

She took great **pride** in her work, always striving for perfection.

intellect

n. the ability to think logically and comprehend information, especially at an advanced level

synonym : mind, brightness, cleverness

(1) enrich my **intellect**, (2) human **intellect**

Your **intellect** is capable of distinguishing among similar objects.

grab

v. to take hold of something or someone suddenly with a hand, especially in a violent way

synonym : clutch, snatch, grasp

(1) **grab** an audience, (2) **grab** an opportunity

Shall we **grab** a bite to eat?

script

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

synonym: writing, penmanship, article

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

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

exciting

adj. causing a lot of interest or excitement

synonym: exhilarating, stimulating, thrilling

(1) **exciting** football player, (2) **exciting** news

The findings of the experiment were both **exciting** and unexpected.

crumb

n. a small particle or fragment of food or other substance, often one that has broken off from a larger piece; a very small amount or portion of something

synonym: fragment, particle, bit

(1) **crumb** of information, (2) bread **crumb**

My dog found a **crumb** on the floor and quickly ate it.

circumstance

n. the specific conditions or events that surround a particular situation or occurrence

synonym: condition, context, environment

(1) **circumstance** of birth, (2) **circumstance** of injury

She explained the **circumstances** surrounding the accident.

silent

adj. without any or little sound

synonym: quiet, hushed, mute

(1) **silent** reading, (2) give **silent** consent

The politician remained **silent** despite intense media scrutiny.

messy

adj. disorganized and untidy

synonym: cluttered, disorganized, untidy

(1) **messy** data, (2) **messy** handling

His **messy** bedroom is always a source of frustration for his mother.

symphony

n. a long musical composition in Western classical music for orchestra, usually with three or four main parts called movements

synonym: orchestra, harmony, concert

(1) a **symphony** orchestra, (2) a beautiful **symphony**

The frequent performances of the **symphony** prove its popularity.

destiny

n. the events that will inevitably happen to a particular person or thing in the future

synonym: fate, future, outcome

(1) foreordained **destiny**, (2) **destiny** of the individual

It is said that our **destiny** is written in the stars.

spur

n. a thing that encourages someone to do something; any sharply pointed projection; (verb) to incite or stimulate someone or something

synonym: encouragement, motivation, stimulus

(1) **spur** of the moment, (2) **spur** a momentum of economic growth

The threat of losing his job was the **spur** he needed to work harder.

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.

meme

n. a cultural idea, value, or pattern of behavior that is passed from one generation to another by imitation rather than genetic means; (as an Internet meme) an

image, a video, a piece of text, etc. that is remixed, copied, and circulated in a shared cultural experience online

synonym: buzzword, trend

(1) pronounce **meme**, (2) religious **meme**

This cute dog's photo spread around the world as an Internet **meme**.

underestimate

v. to think or suppose that a quantity, price, or size is smaller than it is

synonym: underrate, misjudge, miscalculate

(1) **underestimate** an enemy, (2) **underestimate** the probability

They frequently **underestimated** their abilities and felt inferior.

generosity

n. the fact or quality of being willing to do kind things or give somebody money, gifts, or time freely

synonym: goodness, hospitality, unselfishness

(1) act of **generosity**, (2) boundless **generosity**

He is remembered for his **generosity** and civilization.

refuse

v. to show that one is not willing to do or accept something

synonym: turn down, deny, decline

(1) **refuse** a request, (2) **refuse** the company

My initial reaction was to **refuse**.

chamber

n. a large room used for a formal, public, or particular purpose; one of the parts of a parliament

synonym: association, cabin, legislature

(1) a gas **chamber**, (2) the lower **chamber**

The surgeon made an incision in the **chambers** of the patient's heart.

leap

v. to jump or spring into the air, often with the feet leaving the ground or a surface below; to move quickly or

suddenly, often forward or upward

synonym : jump, bound, hop

(1) **leap** to a conclusion, (2) **leap** of faith

The athlete was able to **leap** over the hurdle with ease.

courage

n. the ability to face danger, difficulty, uncertainty, or pain without being overcome by fear or despair; the quality of being brave or courageous

synonym : bravery, valor, fearlessness

(1) mental **courage**, (2) inspire **courage**

It takes a lot of **courage** to stand up for what you believe is right.

forge

v. to fashion or shape metal by heating it and hammering it into shape; to create or develop something new or original; to form strong bonds or relationships with others

synonym : create, build, establish

(1) **forge** an alliance, (2) **forge** iron

She had to **forge** her father's signature on the permission slip because he was out of town.

planet

n. any of the nine large celestial bodies that circle in the solar system; any celestial body that revolves around a star

synonym : earth, world, globe

(1) **planet** like the Earth, (2) save the **planet**

Mercury is the closest **planet** to the sun.

Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. a handy ga___t | <i>n.</i> a small tool or device that is useful for a particular job |
| 2. boundless gen_____ty | <i>n.</i> the fact or quality of being willing to do kind things or give somebody money, gifts, or time freely |
| 3. a gra_____ts movement for nuclear disarmament | <i>adj.</i> of or relating to the ordinary people in a society or an organization as constituting a fundamental political and economic group |
| 4. wear ma_____ne attire | <i>adj.</i> having characteristics or an appearance that are usually regarded as typical or appropriate for men |
| 5. tec_____cal policy | <i>adj.</i> based on scientific and industrial progress |
| 6. c__f knife | <i>n.</i> a cook, especially the chief cook in a restaurant or hotel |
| 7. re___e the company | <i>v.</i> to show that one is not willing to do or accept something |
| 8. mental co_____e | <i>n.</i> the ability to face danger, difficulty, uncertainty, or pain without being overcome by fear or despair; the quality of being brave or courageous |
| 9. de__r aggression | <i>v.</i> to discourage or prevent someone from doing something |
| 10. ex_____ng football player | <i>adj.</i> causing a lot of interest or excitement |
| 11. an air-cooled en___e | <i>n.</i> a machine that converts thermal energy to mechanical work; something that has an important role used to achieve a purpose |

ANSWERS: 1. gadget, 2. generosity, 3. grassroots, 4. masculine, 5. technological, 6. chef, 7. refuse, 8. courage, 9. deter, 10. exciting, 11. engine

12. sc__e off her attacker by screaming *v.* to frighten a person or animal, or to become frightened
13. und_____ate the probability *v.* to think or suppose that a quantity, price, or size is smaller than it is
14. a h__y man *adj.* of or related to a god, divine power, or a particular religion
15. a gas ch____r *n.* a large room used for a formal, public, or particular purpose; one of the parts of a parliament
16. ma_____ne beauty *adj.* having characteristics or an appearance that are usually regarded as typical or appropriate for men
17. ig___e a ban *v.* to intentionally not listen or pay attention to
18. wi_____s of the car accident *n.* a person who sees something happen, especially a crime or an accident
19. co_____e head-on *v.* to hit something violently when moving
20. ba_____om dance *n.* a large room for dancing
21. fo__e an alliance *v.* to fashion or shape metal by heating it and hammering it into shape; to create or develop something new or original; to form strong bonds or relationships with others
22. co_____ed of the idea *adj.* completely certain about something; having a strong belief or conviction in a particular religion
23. ma_____l powers *adj.* produced by or containing supernatural powers

ANSWERS: 12. scare, 13. underestimate, 14. holy, 15. chamber, 16. masculine, 17. ignore, 18. witness, 19. collide, 20. ballroom, 21. forge, 22. convinced, 23. magical

24. three-fourths of a po__d *n.* the standard unit of money in the UK; the standard unit of weight equal to 16 ounces
25. cir_____nce of birth *n.* the specific conditions or events that surround a particular situation or occurrence
26. ra__o of boys to girls *n.* the relative size or amount of one thing to another, typically expressed in the form of a fraction or decimal
27. l__p to a conclusion *v.* to jump or spring into the air, often with the feet leaving the ground or a surface below; to move quickly or suddenly, often forward or upward
28. unb_____st to any of us *adv.* without the knowledge or awareness of someone; without someone's knowledge or participation
29. pronounce m__e *n.* a cultural idea, value, or pattern of behavior that is passed from one generation to another by imitation rather than genetic means; (as an Internet meme) an image, a video, a piece of text, etc. that is remixed, copied, and circulated in a shared cultural experience online
30. di_____l electronic signature *adj.* processing or storing information as a succession of 1 and 0 to show that a signal is present or missing; relating to the use of computer technology, especially the internet
31. pl___t like the Earth *n.* any of the nine large celestial bodies that circle in the solar system; any celestial body that revolves around a star

ANSWERS: 24. pound, 25. circumstance, 26. ratio, 27. leap, 28. unbeknownst, 29. meme, 30. digital, 31. planet

32. c__p the employees with a bonus *v.* short for "compensate," meaning to give goods or services to someone without asking for payment
33. c__t a charming eye *v.* to cause light or shadow to appear on a surface; to assign or choose someone such as an actor or representative, especially by selection process
34. fru_____on level *n.* the feeling of being upset or annoyed as a result of being unable to change or achieve something
35. violent up_____ng *n.* a public rebellion, especially against an established government or authority
36. the y__g principle *n.* in Chinese philosophy, the masculine or active principle characterized as light and the sun and associated with hardness, dryness, and heat
37. summer va_____on *n.* a period in which someone does not have to attend work or school and is free to do whatever they choose, such as travel or leisure
38. g__b an audience *v.* to take hold of something or someone suddenly with a hand, especially in a violent way
39. ex_____ng news *adj.* causing a lot of interest or excitement
40. sup_____er country *n.* a country or nation that has significant global influence or formidable military, economic, or technological strength; a supernatural ability or force capable of extraordinary feats or feats beyond normal human capabilities

ANSWERS: 32. comp, 33. cast, 34. frustration, 35. uprising, 36. yang, 37. vacation, 38. grab, 39. exciting, 40. superpower

41. be___g to a group *v.* to be the property of someone or something; to be a member or part of a group; to be in the proper or appropriate place
42. gu_____ee women equality *v.* to promise something will happen formally, especially that certain conditions about a product, service, or transaction would be met
43. acc_____sh a goal *v.* to finish or achieve something successfully
44. pr__e of a company *n.* a feeling of deep pleasure or satisfaction derived from one's achievements
45. human in_____ct *n.* the ability to think logically and comprehend information, especially at an advanced level
46. gu_____ee a high quality *v.* to promise something will happen formally, especially that certain conditions about a product, service, or transaction would be met
47. save the pl___t *n.* any of the nine large celestial bodies that circle in the solar system; any celestial body that revolves around a star
48. sales rep_____ion *n.* the act of speaking, acting, or being present on behalf of someone officially; a statement of facts and reasons made in appealing or protesting
49. a hotel lo__y *n.* a large area inside the entrance of a public building where people can meet and wait; a group of people who try to persuade a politician, the government, or an official group to influence legislation

ANSWERS: 41. belong, 42. guarantee, 43. accomplish, 44. pride, 45. intellect, 46. guarantee, 47. planet, 48. representation, 49. lobby

50. an endless st___m of cars *n.* a small, narrow river; a continuous flow of something, such as liquid, gas, people, vehicles, etc.
51. ce_____te his election *v.* to acknowledge a memorable or good day or event with a social gathering or enjoyable activity
52. si___t reading *adj.* without any or little sound
53. wo_____p god *v.* to have or show a strong feeling of profound respect and admiration for a religious entity such as God or a god
54. 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
55. a hand sc___t *n.* a written text of a film, play, broadcast, or speech; something written by hand
56. a material wi_____s *n.* a person who sees something happen, especially a crime or an accident
57. 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
58. und_____ate an enemy *v.* to think or suppose that a quantity, price, or size is smaller than it is
59. reg_____ion agency *n.* the process of recording or enrolling for a particular course or event; the action or process of officially recording or enrolling something, such as a name or trademark

ANSWERS: 50. stream, 51. celebrate, 52. silent, 53. worship, 54. achieve, 55. script, 56. witness, 57. discovery, 58. underestimate, 59. registration

60. the lower ch____r
n. a large room used for a formal, public, or particular purpose; one of the parts of a parliament
61. a di____l watch
adj. processing or storing information as a succession of 1 and 0 to show that a signal is present or missing; relating to the use of computer technology, especially the internet
62. li____ke painting
adj. resembling or appearing similar to something alive or real, often realistically or vividly; convincing or authentic in appearance or behavior
63. historical no__l
n. an extended fictional work in prose; usually in the form of a story; (adjective) original and of a kind not seen before
64. with respect to et____ty
n. the cultural characteristics of a particular group, such as language, religion, and traditions, that distinguish them from other groups
65. in____te relationship
adj. having a very close friendship, personal
66. a bicentennial ann____ry
n. the annual recurrence of a date marking a notable event; a date on which an event occurred in a previous year
67. embody y__g energy
n. in Chinese philosophy, the masculine or active principle characterized as light and the sun and associated with hardness, dryness, and heat
68. se____e stick
n. a photograph that one has taken of oneself, typically one taken with a smartphone or webcam to share on social media

ANSWERS: 60. chamber, 61. digital, 62. lifelike, 63. novel, 64. ethnicity, 65. intimate, 66. anniversary, 67. yang, 68. selfie

69. co___r of a shirt *n.* a band of material worn around the neck, typically forming part of a shirt or jacket
70. spread of f__e news *adj.* not genuine; fraudulent or counterfeit
71. stage an up_____ng *n.* a public rebellion, especially against an established government or authority
72. ad__e walls *n.* a type of sun-dried brick made from clay and straw, commonly used in the Southwestern United States and other arid regions
73. hold your br___h *n.* the air that is taken into and expelled from your lungs; the process of taking into and expelling air from your lungs
74. sle_____ess disorder *n.* the condition of being unable to sleep or having difficulty sleeping
75. an elegant ent_____ent *n.* public shows, films, television, or other performances or activities of enjoying people
76. cr__y about cars and racing *adj.* stupid or not sensible; very angry
77. ma_____l place *adj.* produced by or containing supernatural powers
78. l__p of faith *v.* to jump or spring into the air, often with the feet leaving the ground or a surface below; to move quickly or suddenly, often forward or upward
79. wr_____e over money *n.* a noisy or contentious dispute or argument, particularly one involving multiple parties; a physical altercation or brawl; (verb) to have a dispute or argument, often over a trivial matter

ANSWERS: 69. collar, 70. fake, 71. uprising, 72. adobe, 73. breath, 74. sleeplessness, 75. entertainment, 76. crazy, 77. magical, 78. leap, 79. wrangle

80. bu___t wound *n.* a metal projectile that is shot from a gun
81. b_t my future *v.* to risk money on the result of an event or a competition, such as a race or game, to get more money; to have faith or confidence in something
82. f__e police officer *adj.* not genuine; fraudulent or counterfeit
83. sc__w the cap *v.* to turn something, such as a bolt, with a driver or wrench to tighten or loosen it; (noun) a cylindrical rod with a helical ridge used to fasten things together
84. IT inf_____ure *n.* the basic systems, services, or features that are necessary for an organization or country, such as transport and power supplies
85. act of gen_____ty *n.* the fact or quality of being willing to do kind things or give somebody money, gifts, or time freely
86. s__t and tie restaurant *n.* a set of clothes that are made from the same material; a claim or complaint that a person or organization can file in court against another party; (verb) to be fit or acceptable for
87. in a ta___e *n.* a confused mass of something twisted together
88. remains of br__h *n.* a liquid in which meat, fish, or vegetables have been cooked, used as a base for soups and stews
89. the ha_____re department *n.* durable tools, machinery, and other equipment; the physical and electronic parts of a computer or other electronic systems

ANSWERS: 80. bullet, 81. bet, 82. fake, 83. screw, 84. infrastructure, 85. generosity, 86. suit, 87. tangle, 88. broth, 89. hardware

101. st___e a blow *v.* to wallop somebody or something with the hand, fist, or weapon; to have an emotional or cognitive impact upon
102. he_____ge site *n.* the culture and traditions that are passed down from previous generations
103. b__g to each other *v.* to say something in a boastful manner, to impress others, or make oneself feel superior
104. gi__t tech company *adj.* enormous; much bigger or more important than similar items usually are
105. thousands of po__ds *n.* the standard unit of money in the UK; the standard unit of weight equal to 16 ounces
106. co_____ed criminal *adj.* completely certain about something; having a strong belief or conviction in a particular religion
107. con_____ary leaders *adj.* belonging to the same or present time
108. official sta_____cs *n.* the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data
109. ad__e hut *n.* a type of sun-dried brick made from clay and straw, commonly used in the Southwestern United States and other arid regions
110. hide his pr__e *n.* a feeling of deep pleasure or satisfaction derived from one's achievements
111. binary rep_____ion *n.* the act of speaking, acting, or being present on behalf of someone officially; a statement of facts and reasons made in appealing or protesting

ANSWERS: 101. strike, 102. heritage, 103. brag, 104. giant, 105. pound, 106. convinced, 107. contemporary, 108. statistics, 109. adobe, 110. pride, 111. representation

120. se___e down in the town *v.* to reach an agreement of disagreement
121. bread cr___b *n.* a small particle or fragment of food or other substance, often one that has broken off from a larger piece; a very small amount or portion of something
122. sc___e the birds away *v.* to frighten a person or animal, or to become frightened
123. ext_____ary ability *adj.* exceptional, unexpected, very unusual; surpassing the ordinary or usual
124. co_____e in midair *v.* to hit something violently when moving
125. foreordained de_____y *n.* the events that will inevitably happen to a particular person or thing in the future
126. va___y bottom *n.* a long depression on the surface of the land, which typically contains a river
127. an a___o solo *n.* the second-highest vocal range in choral music, typically sung by the second-highest singers in a choir; a type of saxophone
128. a comprehensive su___y *n.* an investigation of the opinions, behavior, etc. of a particular group of people, made by asking people questions
129. li_____ke animation *adj.* resembling or appearing similar to something alive or real, often realistically or vividly; convincing or authentic in appearance or behavior
130. fo___e iron *v.* to fashion or shape metal by heating it and hammering it into shape; to create or develop something new or original; to form strong bonds or relationships with others

ANSWERS: 120. settle, 121. crumb, 122. scare, 123. extraordinary, 124. collide, 125. destiny, 126. valley, 127. alto, 128. survey, 129. lifelike, 130. forge

131. barren of cr____ve spirit *adj.* relating to or involving the use of skill and original and unusual ideas to create something
132. hour of ent_____ent *n.* public shows, films, television, or other performances or activities of enjoying people
133. ma_____in display *n.* a life-sized model of the human body used for displaying clothes, especially in a store window
134. de___l care *adj.* of or relating to teeth
135. so_____re architect *n.* a set of computer programs and associated documentation and data for doing particular computational jobs
136. designed spe_____lly for men *adv.* only associated with or meant for one thing
137. co_____al swimming pool *adj.* belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use
138. basin-shaped va____y *n.* a long depression on the surface of the land, which typically contains a river
139. begin to r_t *v.* to decay, or cause something to decay, naturally and gradually
140. ext_____ary weather *adj.* exceptional, unexpected, very unusual; surpassing the ordinary or usual
141. de__r crime *v.* to discourage or prevent someone from doing something
142. a cr__y scheme *adj.* stupid or not sensible; very angry
143. de___l hygiene *adj.* of or relating to teeth

ANSWERS: 131. creative, 132. entertainment, 133. mannequin, 134. dental, 135. software, 136. specifically, 137. communal, 138. valley, 139. rot, 140. extraordinary, 141. deter, 142. crazy, 143. dental

144. a civil en_____er *n.* a person whose job is designing, building, or maintaining something such as machines, structures, or software
145. ann_____ry celebration *n.* the annual recurrence of a date marking a notable event; a date on which an event occurred in a previous year
146. sw__l at room temperature *v.* to become larger or more inflated; to become more intense or important
147. reg_____ion for a course *n.* the process of recording or enrolling for a particular course or event; the action or process of officially recording or enrolling something, such as a name or trademark
148. the most am_____g feeling *adj.* extremely surprising, especially in a way that you like or admire
149. am_____g advances *adj.* extremely surprising, especially in a way that you like or admire
150. ta___e wires *n.* a confused mass of something twisted together
151. unb_____st to me *adv.* without the knowledge or awareness of someone; without someone's knowledge or participation
152. assume the of_____ve *adj.* rude in a way that causes someone to feel anger, annoyance, or resentment; for the purpose of attack rather than defense
153. st___e up a conversation *v.* to wallop somebody or something with the hand, fist, or weapon; to have an emotional or cognitive impact upon

ANSWERS: 144. engineer, 145. anniversary, 146. swell, 147. registration, 148. amazing, 149. amazing, 150. tangle, 151. unbeknownst, 152. offensive, 153. strike

154. be___g to different species *v.* to be the property of someone or something; to be a member or part of a group; to be in the proper or appropriate place
155. sta_____cs for cancer *n.* the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data
156. re_____on between cause and effect *n.* the way two persons or groups of people feel and act toward one another
157. c__p their meal *v.* short for "compensate," meaning to give goods or services to someone without asking for payment
158. time-saving ga___t *n.* a small tool or device that is useful for a particular job
159. debt-to-income ra__o *n.* the relative size or amount of one thing to another, typically expressed in the form of a fraction or decimal
160. give si___t consent *adj.* without any or little sound
161. loss of muscle ti___e *n.* an ensemble of similar cells of the animal or plant that together carry out a specific function
162. email et_____te *n.* a set of rules and norms governing polite and proper behavior in social situations or professional contexts
163. tec_____cal advancement *adj.* based on scientific and industrial progress
164. b__g about my knowledge *v.* to say something in a boastful manner, to impress others, or make oneself feel superior

ANSWERS: 154. belong, 155. statistics, 156. relation, 157. comp, 158. gadget, 159. ratio, 160. silent, 161. tissue, 162. etiquette, 163. technological, 164. brag

165. app_____ly simple *adv.* based on what you have heard or read
166. con_____ion in English *n.* an informal talk between two or more people to exchange their views, ideas, information, etc.
167. 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
168. ce_____te Christmas *v.* to acknowledge a memorable or good day or event with a social gathering or enjoyable activity
169. copyrighted so_____re *n.* a set of computer programs and associated documentation and data for doing particular computational jobs
170. the sc____t of a play *n.* a written text of a film, play, broadcast, or speech; something written by hand
171. ba_____om floor *n.* a large room for dancing
172. environmental det_____nt *n.* a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result
173. pose for a se____e *n.* a photograph that one has taken of oneself, typically one taken with a smartphone or webcam to share on social media
174. co____r of a dog *n.* a band of material worn around the neck, typically forming part of a shirt or jacket

ANSWERS: 165. apparently, 166. conversation, 167. achieve, 168. celebrate, 169. software, 170. script, 171. ballroom, 172. determinant, 173. selfie, 174. collar

175. no__l effect *n.* an extended fictional work in prose; usually in the form of a story; (adjective) original and of a kind not seen before
176. se___e a dispute *v.* to reach an agreement of disagreement
177. chicken br__h *n.* a liquid in which meat, fish, or vegetables have been cooked, used as a base for soups and stews
178. master c__f *n.* a cook, especially the chief cook in a restaurant or hotel
179. me__y data *adj.* disorganized and untidy
180. cultural n__m *n.* something that is regarded as usual, typical, or standard
181. s__r a momentum of economic growth *n.* a thing that encourages someone to do something; any sharply pointed projection; (verb) to incite or stimulate someone or something
182. inf_____ure cost *n.* the basic systems, services, or features that are necessary for an organization or country, such as transport and power supplies
183. w__ned me of the plan *v.* to make someone aware of potential danger or difficulty, particularly one that may occur in the future
184. a beautiful sy____ny *n.* a long musical composition in Western classical music for orchestra, usually with three or four main parts called movements
185. express fru_____on *n.* the feeling of being upset or annoyed as a result of being unable to change or achieve something

ANSWERS: 175. novel, 176. settle, 177. broth, 178. chef, 179. messy, 180. norm, 181. spur, 182. infrastructure, 183. warn, 184. symphony, 185. frustration

186. de____y of the individual *n.* the events that will inevitably happen to a particular person or thing in the future
187. bu____t train *n.* a metal projectile that is shot from a gun
188. religious m____e *n.* a cultural idea, value, or pattern of behavior that is passed from one generation to another by imitation rather than genetic means; (as an Internet meme) an image, a video, a piece of text, etc. that is remixed, copied, and circulated in a shared cultural experience online
189. si____n wafer *n.* a chemical element with the symbol Si that is a hard, brittle crystalline solid with a blue-grey metallic luster and used for the transistors and integrated circuit chips in computers
190. n____m of action *n.* something that is regarded as usual, typical, or standard
191. crystalline si____n *n.* a chemical element with the symbol Si that is a hard, brittle crystalline solid with a blue-grey metallic luster and used for the transistors and integrated circuit chips in computers
192. a h_b of commerce *n.* the central or main part of a particular place, activity, network, etc.; the central part of a car wheel, fan, propeller, etc., through which the shaft or axle passes
193. 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

ANSWERS: 186. destiny, 187. bullet, 188. meme, 189. silicon, 190. norm, 191. silicon, 192. hub, 193. identity

194. cr__b of information *n.* a small particle or fragment of food or other substance, often one that has broken off from a larger piece; a very small amount or portion of something
195. ru_____n building *n.* a brief or summary account of something, usually presented in a list or sequence; a state of disrepair or neglect; (adjective) of or relating to a physical object, typically a building or area, which has not been well-maintained and is in a state of disrepair or decay
196. app_____ly unrelated *adv.* based on what you have heard or read
197. breach of et_____te *n.* a set of rules and norms governing polite and proper behavior in social situations or professional contexts
198. de___e competition *n.* a formal discussion or argument of opposing viewpoints, often to persuade others to adopt a specific position; a public discussion, often on an issue of current interest, in which participants offer opinions and differing perspectives
199. b_t on a race *v.* to risk money on the result of an event or a competition, such as a race or game, to get more money; to have faith or confidence in something
200. the gra_____ts factor in making the decision *adj.* of or relating to the ordinary people in a society or an organization as constituting a fundamental political and economic group

ANSWERS: 194. crumb, 195. rundown, 196. apparently, 197. etiquette, 198. debate, 199. bet, 200. grassroots

201. di_____s options *v.* to talk about or examine in detail through conversation or debate; to exchange ideas, opinions, or information on a particular topic
202. 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
203. field of con_____ary art *adj.* belonging to the same or present time
204. a steam en_____e *n.* a machine that converts thermal energy to mechanical work; something that has an important role used to achieve a purpose
205. an of _____ve smell *adj.* rude in a way that causes someone to feel anger, annoyance, or resentment; for the purpose of attack rather than defense
206. enrich my in_____ct *n.* the ability to think logically and comprehend information, especially at an advanced level
207. chaotic env_____nt *n.* the natural world such as air, water, and land in which humans, animals, and plants live
208. a ra_____m choice *adj.* made, done, or happening without method, conscious decision, or any regular pattern
209. 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

ANSWERS: 201. discuss, 202. identity, 203. contemporary, 204. engine, 205. offensive, 206. intellect, 207. environment, 208. random, 209. discovery

210. a friendly con_____ion *n.* an informal talk between two or more people to exchange their views, ideas, information, etc.
211. a vast inventory of ha_____re *n.* durable tools, machinery, and other equipment; the physical and electronic parts of a computer or other electronic systems
212. e__t a video *v.* to prepare written material for publication by correcting, condensing, or otherwise modifying it
213. recent su____y *n.* an investigation of the opinions, behavior, etc. of a particular group of people, made by asking people questions
214. a sy_____ny orchestra *n.* a long musical composition in Western classical music for orchestra, usually with three or four main parts called movements
215. pose ma_____in *n.* a life-sized model of the human body used for displaying clothes, especially in a store window
216. gi__t trees *adj.* enormous; much bigger or more important than similar items usually are
217. r_t with age *v.* to decay, or cause something to decay, naturally and gradually
218. bombs fell at ra____m *adj.* made, done, or happening without method, conscious decision, or any regular pattern
219. co_____al combination of funds *adj.* belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use

ANSWERS: 210. conversation, 211. hardware, 212. edit, 213. survey, 214. symphony, 215. mannequin, 216. giant, 217. rot, 218. random, 219. communal

220. sup_____er leader *n.* a country or nation that has significant global influence or formidable military, economic, or technological strength; a supernatural ability or force capable of extraordinary feats or feats beyond normal human capabilities
221. s__t at law *n.* a set of clothes that are made from the same material; a claim or complaint that a person or organization can file in court against another party; (verb) to be fit or acceptable for
222. acc_____sh military operations *v.* to finish or achieve something successfully
223. sw__l a population *v.* to become larger or more inflated; to become more intense or important
224. a det_____nt of crop yields *n.* a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result
225. a facial ti___e *n.* an ensemble of similar cells of the animal or plant that together carry out a specific function
226. me__y handling *adj.* disorganized and untidy
227. e__t a history book *v.* to prepare written material for publication by correcting, condensing, or otherwise modifying it
228. a ru_____n of local events *n.* a brief or summary account of something, usually presented in a list or sequence; a state of disrepair or neglect; (adjective) of or relating to a physical object, typically a building or area, which has not been well-maintained and is in a state of disrepair or decay

ANSWERS: 220. superpower, 221. suit, 222. accomplish, 223. swell, 224. determinant, 225. tissue, 226. messy, 227. edit, 228. rundown

229. br___h of wind *n.* the air that is taken into and expelled from your lungs; the process of taking into and expelling air from your lungs
230. di____s solutions *v.* to talk about or examine in detail through conversation or debate; to exchange ideas, opinions, or information on a particular topic
231. a h__y shrine *adj.* of or related to a god, divine power, or a particular religion
232. a short va_____on *n.* a period in which someone does not have to attend work or school and is free to do whatever they choose, such as travel or leisure
233. the st___m of time *n.* a small, narrow river; a continuous flow of something, such as liquid, gas, people, vehicles, etc.
234. de___e topic *n.* a formal discussion or argument of opposing viewpoints, often to persuade others to adopt a specific position; a public discussion, often on an issue of current interest, in which participants offer opinions and differing perspectives
235. re_____on of inclusion *n.* the way two persons or groups of people feel and act toward one another
236. for spe_____lly American customers *adv.* only associated with or meant for one thing
237. s__r of the moment *n.* a thing that encourages someone to do something; any sharply pointed projection; (verb) to incite or stimulate someone or something

ANSWERS: 229. breath, 230. discuss, 231. holy, 232. vacation, 233. stream, 234. debate, 235. relation, 236. specifically, 237. spur

238. my in____te affairs

adj. having a very close friendship, personal

ANSWERS: 238. intimate

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The _____ demonstrate that poverty and unemployment are genuine problems.
 - n.* the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data

2. The ____ singer had a unique and powerful voice.
 - n.* the second-highest vocal range in choral music, typically sung by the second-highest singers in a choir; a type of saxophone

3. The artist created a _____ sculpture of a famous politician for the town square.
 - adj.* resembling or appearing similar to something alive or real, often realistically or vividly; convincing or authentic in appearance or behavior

4. Your _____ is capable of distinguishing among similar objects.
 - n.* the ability to think logically and comprehend information, especially at an advanced level

5. He put on his _____ and tie before leaving for work.
 - n.* a band of material worn around the neck, typically forming part of a shirt or jacket

6. We _____ to achieve more wages and safer working conditions.
 - v.* to wallop somebody or something with the hand, fist, or weapon; to have an emotional or cognitive impact upon

7. This cute dog's photo spread around the world as an Internet _____.
 - n.* a cultural idea, value, or pattern of behavior that is passed from one generation to another by imitation rather than genetic means; (as an Internet meme) an image, a video, a piece of text, etc. that is remixed, copied, and circulated in a shared cultural experience online

ANSWERS: 1. statistics, 2. alto, 3. lifelike, 4. intellect, 5. collar, 6. strike, 7. meme

8. Mercury is the closest _____ to the sun.
- n.* any of the nine large celestial bodies that circle in the solar system; any celestial body that revolves around a star
9. The company specializes in both hardware and _____.
- n.* a set of computer programs and associated documentation and data for doing particular computational jobs
10. They traditionally _____ their guru.
- v.* to have or show a strong feeling of profound respect and admiration for a religious entity such as God or a god
11. The online _____ process was quick and easy to complete.
- n.* the process of recording or enrolling for a particular course or event; the action or process of officially recording or enrolling something, such as a name or trademark
12. Please refrigerate the meat, or it will ____.
- v.* to decay, or cause something to decay, naturally and gradually
13. Jet _____ are the common name for air currents that form high in the atmosphere.
- n.* a small, narrow river; a continuous flow of something, such as liquid, gas, people, vehicles, etc.
14. The hotel is famous for its _____ including the casino.
- n.* public shows, films, television, or other performances or activities of enjoying people
15. Do you have a plan for a long _____
- n.* a period in which someone does not have to attend work or school and is free to do whatever they choose, such as travel or leisure

ANSWERS: 8. planet, 9. software, 10. worship, 11. registration, 12. rot, 13. streams, 14. entertainment, 15. vacation?

16. She took great _____ in her work, always striving for perfection.
n. a feeling of deep pleasure or satisfaction derived from one's achievements
17. I found the kitchen _____ that will serve as a bottle opener in the store.
n. a small tool or device that is useful for a particular job
18. The _____ of water to sugar in the recipe is 1:2.
n. the relative size or amount of one thing to another, typically expressed in the form of a fraction or decimal
19. This ad campaign is aimed _____ at young women.
adv. only associated with or meant for one thing
20. Six _____ are awaiting trial or verdict.
n. a set of clothes that are made from the same material; a claim or complaint that a person or organization can file in court against another party; (verb) to be fit or acceptable for
21. _____ is the second most abundant element on earth after oxygen.
n. a chemical element with the symbol Si that is a hard, brittle crystalline solid with a blue-grey metallic luster and used for the transistors and integrated circuit chips in computers
22. I have a _____ appointment at 2 pm to get my teeth cleaned.
adj. of or relating to teeth
23. All the supervisor has to do is assign tasks that make his subordinates more _____.
adj. relating to or involving the use of skill and original and unusual ideas to create something

ANSWERS: 16. pride, 17. gadget, 18. ratio, 19. specifically, 20. suits, 21. Silicon, 22. dental, 23. creative

24. The researcher separated the nervous _____ for microscopic examinations.
n. an ensemble of similar cells of the animal or plant that together carry out a specific function
25. My initial reaction was to _____.
v. to show that one is not willing to do or accept something
26. The mouse and keyboard are essential _____ for operating a PC.
n. durable tools, machinery, and other equipment; the physical and electronic parts of a computer or other electronic systems
27. He narrated the _____ story of his adventure.
adj. exceptional, unexpected, very unusual; surpassing the ordinary or usual
28. The prime minister was not well prepared for the debate and _____ it
adj. not genuine; fraudulent or counterfeit
29. The systems we have developed has accepted as industry _____.
n. something that is regarded as usual, typical, or standard
30. The frequent performances of the _____ prove its popularity.
n. a long musical composition in Western classical music for orchestra, usually with three or four main parts called movements
31. Aging societies tend to require huge costs for _____ maintenance.
n. the basic systems, services, or features that are necessary for an organization or country, such as transport and power supplies
32. This airport has taken the first step to become an international ____ airport.
n. the central or main part of a particular place, activity, network, etc.; the central part of a car wheel, fan, propeller, etc., through which the shaft or axle passes

ANSWERS: 24. tissue, 25. refuse, 26. hardware, 27. extraordinary, 28. faked, 29. norms, 30. symphony, 31. infrastructure, 32. hub

33. The _____ has largely gotten positive feedback.
- n.* an extended fictional work in prose; usually in the form of a story; (adjective) original and of a kind not seen before
34. Shall we _____ a bite to eat?
- v.* to take hold of something or someone suddenly with a hand, especially in a violent way
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. That _____ group actively advocated environmental protection to the government.
- n.* a large area inside the entrance of a public building where people can meet and wait; a group of people who try to persuade a politician, the government, or an official group to influence legislation
37. The two politicians had a heated _____ over the proposed tax reform.
- n.* a noisy or contentious dispute or argument, particularly one involving multiple parties; a physical altercation or brawl; (verb) to have a dispute or argument, often over a trivial matter
38. We cannot _____ enough raw material sources.
- v.* to promise something will happen formally, especially that certain conditions about a product, service, or transaction would be met
39. He had to _____ the loose knob back onto the cabinet door.
- v.* to turn something, such as a bolt, with a driver or wrench to tighten or loosen it; (noun) a cylindrical rod with a helical ridge used to fasten things together

ANSWERS: 33. novel, 34. grab, 35. environment, 36. lobby, 37. wrangle, 38. guarantee, 39. screw

40. She explained the _____ surrounding the accident.
n. the specific conditions or events that surround a particular situation or occurrence
41. Humankind took centuries to _____ true democracy.
v. to finish or achieve something successfully
42. The casino _____ her room and meals for being a high-rolling gambler.
v. short for "compensate," meaning to give goods or services to someone without asking for payment
43. The cords behind my computer were a _____ mess.
n. a confused mass of something twisted together
44. The car's front bumper cost fifteen hundred _____.
n. the standard unit of money in the UK; the standard unit of weight equal to 16 ounces
45. They gathered to hear the _____ teachings of the guru.
adj. of or related to a god, divine power, or a particular religion
46. He is remembered for his _____ and civilization.
n. the fact or quality of being willing to do kind things or give somebody money, gifts, or time freely
47. 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

ANSWERS: 40. circumstances, 41. accomplish, 42. comped, 43. tangled, 44. pounds, 45. holy, 46. generosity, 47. discovery

48. To find drunk drivers, police conduct _____ tests.

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

49. When I was a child, my mother often cast _____ spells to ease my pain whenever I was injured.

adj. produced by or containing supernatural powers

50. The company has a diverse workforce representing different _____ and backgrounds.

n. the cultural characteristics of a particular group, such as language, religion, and traditions, that distinguish them from other groups

51. The _____ over climate change continues to be a hot topic in politics.

n. a formal discussion or argument of opposing viewpoints, often to persuade others to adopt a specific position; a public discussion, often on an issue of current interest, in which participants offer opinions and differing perspectives

52. All the books in this section _____ to the library's rare collection and must be handled carefully.

v. to be the property of someone or something; to be a member or part of a group; to be in the proper or appropriate place

53. She had to _____ her father's signature on the permission slip because he was out of town.

v. to fashion or shape metal by heating it and hammering it into shape; to create or develop something new or original; to form strong bonds or relationships with others

54. The public is _____ that the prime minister has committed fraud.

adj. completely certain about something; having a strong belief or conviction in a particular religion

ANSWERS: 48. random, 49. magical, 50. ethnicity, 51. debate, 52. belong, 53. forge, 54. convinced

55. He bated his _____ when talking about this affair.
n. the air that is taken into and expelled from your lungs; the process of taking into and expelling air from your lungs
56. The interests of the two countries _____.
v. to hit something violently when moving
57. That _____ shows that people are accepting the tax increase to some extent.
n. an investigation of the opinions, behavior, etc. of a particular group of people, made by asking people questions
58. He saw the balance between the yin and _____ as crucial for a harmonious life.
n. in Chinese philosophy, the masculine or active principle characterized as light and the sun and associated with hardness, dryness, and heat
59. The archaeologist found a hieratic Egyptian _____ on a stone monument.
n. a written text of a film, play, broadcast, or speech; something written by hand
60. His _____ philosophy in business led to many hostile takeovers.
adj. rude in a way that causes someone to feel anger, annoyance, or resentment; for the purpose of attack rather than defense
61. We need to _____ the next steps for the project during our meeting tomorrow.
v. to talk about or examine in detail through conversation or debate; to exchange ideas, opinions, or information on a particular topic
62. They frequently _____ their abilities and felt inferior.
v. to think or suppose that a quantity, price, or size is smaller than it is

ANSWERS: 55. breath, 56. collide, 57. survey, 58. yang, 59. script, 60. offensive, 61. discuss, 62. underestimated

63. The _____ will repair my telephone tomorrow morning.
- n.* a person whose job is designing, building, or maintaining something such as machines, structures, or software
64. Despite his impressive achievements, he refrained from _____ about his success.
- v.* to say something in a boastful manner, to impress others, or make oneself feel superior
65. The ability to fly like a bird is often considered a _____ in comic books and movies.
- n.* a country or nation that has significant global influence or formidable military, economic, or technological strength; a supernatural ability or force capable of extraordinary feats or feats beyond normal human capabilities
66. The _____ had received a mild snowfall the previous week.
- n.* a long depression on the surface of the land, which typically contains a river
67. The industrial _____ laws were passed with little to no alteration.
- n.* the way two persons or groups of people feel and act toward one another
68. The surgeon made an incision in the _____ of the patient's heart.
- n.* a large room used for a formal, public, or particular purpose; one of the parts of a parliament
69. His arm was _____ from the insect bite.
- v.* to become larger or more inflated; to become more intense or important
70. 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

ANSWERS: 63. engineer, 64. bragging, 65. superpower, 66. valley, 67. relations, 68. chambers, 69. swelling, 70. achieve

71. They celebrated their 10th _____ with a romantic dinner.

n. the annual recurrence of a date marking a notable event; a date on which an event occurred in a previous year

72. Her allure lies in her _____ rather than feminine beauty.

adj. having characteristics or an appearance that are usually regarded as typical or appropriate for men

73. _____ advances have disrupted many industries.

adj. based on scientific and industrial progress

74. It is said that our _____ is written in the stars.

n. the events that will inevitably happen to a particular person or thing in the future

75. We hit the ground to _____ out the rabbits.

v. to frighten a person or animal, or to become frightened

76. He has an _____ knowledge of American history.

adj. having a very close friendship, personal

77. The findings of the experiment were both _____ and unexpected.

adj. causing a lot of interest or excitement

78. The _____ at the restaurant was known for his creative and delicious dishes.

n. a cook, especially the chief cook in a restaurant or hotel

79. I always add a bit of _____ to my soup to give it more flavor.

n. a liquid in which meat, fish, or vegetables have been cooked, used as a base for soups and stews

ANSWERS: 71. anniversary, 72. masculine, 73. Technological, 74. destiny, 75. scare, 76. intimate, 77. exciting, 78. chef, 79. broth

80. Your _____ reflects your thoughts.

- n.* an informal talk between two or more people to exchange their views, ideas, information, etc.

81. The grand _____ was filled with twirling couples and the sound of music.

- n.* a large room for dancing

82. He _____ the 10th anniversary of his tenure.

- v.* to acknowledge a memorable or good day or event with a social gathering or enjoyable activity

83. I need to _____ this document before submitting it to my boss.

- v.* to prepare written material for publication by correcting, condensing, or otherwise modifying it

84. I attempted to _____ him, but he ignored me.

- v.* to make someone aware of potential danger or difficulty, particularly one that may occur in the future

85. The rain and thunder are _____ today.

- adj.* stupid or not sensible; very angry

86. I don't want to _____ for second best.

- v.* to reach an agreement of disagreement

87. This accident _____ a dark shadow over their lives.

- v.* to cause light or shadow to appear on a surface; to assign or choose someone such as an actor or representative, especially by selection process

ANSWERS: 80. conversation, 81. ballroom, 82. celebrated, 83. edit, 84. warn, 85. crazy, 86. settle, 87. cast

88. _____ elections were held in several European countries.

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

89. The _____ jets gradually dominate the world's airlines.

adj. enormous; much bigger or more important than similar items usually are

90. The _____ of the city is reflected in its architecture.

n. the culture and traditions that are passed down from previous generations

91. The anti-government _____ was successful in overthrowing the regime.

n. a public rebellion, especially against an established government or authority

92. Sensors convert physical phenomena into _____ signals.

adj. processing or storing information as a succession of 1 and 0 to show that a signal is present or missing; relating to the use of computer technology, especially the internet

93. It's important to follow proper _____ when attending a formal dinner.

n. a set of rules and norms governing polite and proper behavior in social situations or professional contexts

94. The feeling among the company's _____ is that the CEO is not radical enough.

adj. of or relating to the ordinary people in a society or an organization as constituting a fundamental political and economic group

95. He tried various treatments for his _____ but nothing seemed to work.

n. the condition of being unable to sleep or having difficulty sleeping

ANSWERS: 88. Communal, 89. giant, 90. heritage, 91. uprising, 92. digital, 93. etiquette, 94. grassroots, 95. sleeplessness,

96. I ____ that you know it.

- v.* to risk money on the result of an event or a competition, such as a race or game, to get more money; to have faith or confidence in something

97. _____ to the family, the treasure had been hidden in the attic for years.

- adv.* without the knowledge or awareness of someone; without someone's knowledge or participation

98. The stray _____ went through the window and hit the wall.

- n.* a metal projectile that is shot from a gun

99. His _____ bedroom is always a source of frustration for his mother.

- adj.* disorganized and untidy

100. _____ music has gained different followers from existing music.

- adj.* belonging to the same or present time

101. The athlete was able to ____ over the hurdle with ease.

- v.* to jump or spring into the air, often with the feet leaving the ground or a surface below; to move quickly or suddenly, often forward or upward

102. 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

103. The store's window display featured a series of _____ dressed in the latest fashion.

- n.* a life-sized model of the human body used for displaying clothes, especially in a store window

ANSWERS: 96. bet, 97. Unbeknownst, 98. bullet, 99. messy, 100. Contemporary, 101. leap, 102. identity, 103. mannequins

104. The threat of losing his job was the _____ he needed to work harder.
n. a thing that encourages someone to do something; any sharply pointed projection; (verb) to incite or stimulate someone or something
105. He felt a deep _____ as he realized the project would not be completed on time.
n. the feeling of being upset or annoyed as a result of being unable to change or achieve something
106. The boss gave us a quick _____ of the new project during the meeting.
n. a brief or summary account of something, usually presented in a list or sequence; a state of disrepair or neglect; (adjective) of or relating to a physical object, typically a building or area, which has not been well-maintained and is in a state of disrepair or decay
107. The _____ house in New Mexico has stood for over 100 years.
n. a type of sun-dried brick made from clay and straw, commonly used in the Southwestern United States and other arid regions
108. The politician remained _____ despite intense media scrutiny.
adj. without any or little sound
109. She took a _____ in front of the famous tower and shared it on the app.
n. a photograph that one has taken of oneself, typically one taken with a smartphone or webcam to share on social media
110. The policies he announces can be the _____ of economic growth in the country.
n. a machine that converts thermal energy to mechanical work; something that has an important role used to achieve a purpose

ANSWERS: 104. spur, 105. frustration, 106. rundown, 107. adobe, 108. silent, 109. selfie, 110. engine

111. The golfer recorded an _____ distance.

adj. extremely surprising, especially in a way that you like or admire

112. The police _____ believed this explanation was plausible.

adv. based on what you have heard or read

113. A person who has been declared incompetent should have legal _____.

n. the act of speaking, acting, or being present on behalf of someone officially; a statement of facts and reasons made in appealing or protesting

114. The high fence was meant to _____ intruders from entering the property.

v. to discourage or prevent someone from doing something

115. My dog found a _____ on the floor and quickly ate it.

n. a small particle or fragment of food or other substance, often one that has broken off from a larger piece; a very small amount or portion of something

116. One _____ of success is having a positive attitude and a strong work ethic.

n. a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result

117. The manufacturing industry is _____ fierce competition.

n. a person who sees something happen, especially a crime or an accident

118. Since independence, the area has been completely _____.

v. to intentionally not listen or pay attention to

ANSWERS: 111. amazing, 112. apparently, 113. representation, 114. deter, 115. crumb, 116. determinant, 117. witnessing, 118. ignored

119. It takes a lot of _____ to stand up for what you believe is right.

- n.* the ability to face danger, difficulty, uncertainty, or pain without being overcome by fear or despair; the quality of being brave or courageous

ANSWERS: 119. courage