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Session 1: Word List

massive

adj. enormous amount; very heavy and solid

synonym: enormous, giant, immense

(1) **massive** amounts, (2) **massive** stars

The recent economic downturn has resulted in **massive** layoffs.

assemble

v. to collect in one place as a single group

synonym: gather, congregate, collect

(1) **assemble** your colleagues, (2) **assemble** a jigsaw puzzle

The president began to **assemble** an army.

complexity

n. the state or quality of being complicated or intricate and difficult to understand

synonym: intricacy, sophistication, elaboration

(1) cognitive **complexity**, (2) **complexity** theory

The project's **complexity** made it difficult for the team to complete it on time.

illogical

adj. not making sense or not based on sound reasoning

synonym: irrational, senseless, nonsensical

(1) **illogical** argument, (2) **illogical** reasoning

His argument made no sense and was completely **illogical**.

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.

construct

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

synonym: build, assemble, create

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

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

erase

v. to remove something completely, especially by rubbing it
synonym: wipe out, delete, obliterate

(1) **erase** a memory, (2) **erased** the files

He attempted to **erase** the misspelled word.

shroud

n. a length of cloth or other material used to cover or wrap a dead body; something that conceals or obscures something else, often used metaphorically

synonym: cover, veil, cloak

(1) **shroud** of mystery, (2) **shroud** of suspicion

The protective **shroud** covered the body in the coffin at the funeral.

mystery

n. something difficult to understand or explain; a secret or enigmatic quality that adds to the fascination or interest of something; a genre of fiction that involves the solution of a crime or a puzzle

synonym: enigma, puzzle, secret

(1) **mystery** novel, (2) unsolved **mystery**

The **mystery** surrounding the disappearance of the traveler has yet to be solved by authorities.

craft

n. an activity that requires a particular skill in making things with one's hands

synonym: art, skill, workmanship

(1) **craft** arts of Japan, (2) **craft** manufacture

His hometown was where he first acquired the **craft** of wood carving.

primordial

adj. existing from the beginning of time or the start of a particular process; relating to the earliest stage of the universe

synonym: ancient, original, primary

(1) **primordial** forms of life, (2) **primordial** gas

The discovery of the **primordial** soup was a crucial step in understanding the origins of life on Earth.

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.

collaborate

v. to work with someone else to produce or achieve something

synonym: cooperate, unite, get together

(1) **collaborate** with the police, (2) **collaborate** on a press release

She agreed to **collaborate** with him in creating new artwork.

monster

n. an imaginary creature that is large and has various human and animal parts; someone or something large and powerful

synonym: giant, freak, behemoth

(1) horde of **monsters**, (2) **monster** film

This car has a **monster** engine.

wobble

v. to move or shake unsteadily from side to side or up and down

synonym : sway, rock, totter

(1) **wobble** a few steps, (2) **wobble** chair

The table **wobbled** a little when I put my drink on it.

creature

n. a living being, especially an animal

synonym : being, animal, organism

(1) **creature** of habit, (2) artificial **creature**

The deep sea **creature** was unlike anything the scientists had ever seen before.

collaboration

n. the act or situation of working together to create or produce something

synonym : affiliation, alliance, coalition

(1) **collaboration** between companies, (2) **collaboration** platform

The partnership program requires a mutual **collaboration** between both agencies.

mythical

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

synonym : mythological, fictitious, legendary

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

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

myth

n. an ancient story or set of stories accepted as history, especially explaining the worldview of a people

synonym : fable, legend, lore

(1) the **myth** of an old religion, (2) perpetuate a **myth**

With the financial bubble bursting, the **myth** of economic growth in investment banking collapsed.

surround

v. to be all around something or somebody

synonym : encircle, encompass, envelop

(1) **surround** a town, (2) a stone wall **surrounds** the palace

On three sides, mountains **surround** the settlement.

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.

mythology

n. a collection of myths (= traditional stories accepted as history) or the study of myths

synonym: folklore, legend, fable

(1) tale from **mythology**, (2) ancient **mythology**

He studies Greek and Roman **mythology**.

explorer

n. a person who travels to places where no one or few people have been before to find out what is there

synonym: adventurer, trailblazer, scout

(1) team of **explorers**, (2) a polar **explorer**

Aboriginal people killed the **explorer** who entered the sacred land for them.

encounter

v. to face something, particularly something unpleasant or difficult, while attempting to do something else; to meet, especially unexpectedly

synonym: meet, run into, come across

(1) **encounter** a crisis, (2) **encounter** a storm

I'm prepared to **encounter** challenges throughout this adventure.

ancestor

n. a person from whom one is descended; a forefather

synonym: forebear, forefather, progenitor

(1) **ancestor** language, (2) earliest human **ancestor**

My remote **ancestor** immigrated to the United States from Ireland in the 1800s.

statue

n. a sculpture of a person or animal, typically made of stone or metal, that is intended to represent the subject in a lifelike or symbolic way

synonym : sculpture, figurine, monument

(1) a beautiful **statue**, (2) the ancient Egyptian **statues**
The **statue** of the famous hero stood proudly in the town square.

dismiss

v. to regard something or someone as not important and not worth considering; to terminate someone's employment

synonym : decline, disband, dissolve

(1) **dismiss** a person from the office, (2) **dismiss** a matter with a laugh

The committee has decided to **dismiss** the president from the post.

moai

n. a large stone statue found on Easter Island, typically depicting a human figure with a large head and prominent facial features

synonym : Easter Island statue, monolithic statue

(1) monolithic **moai**, (2) **moai** culture

Tourists flock to Easter Island to see the mysterious **moai** statues.

transport

n. a system for moving people or products from one location to another using automobiles, roads, and so on

synonym : shipment, transit, conveyance

(1) **transport** facilities, (2) access to public **transport**

Enhanced rail **transportation** is crucial for our business.

pivot

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

synonym : center point, fulcrum, heart

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

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

spectacular

adj. striking or impressive to look at or in performance or achievement

synonym: breathtaking, impressive, grand

(1) **spectacular** view, (2) achieve **spectacular** growth

The **spectacular** fireworks display was the highlight of the festival.

colossal

adj. extremely large and impressive

synonym: gigantic, huge, enormous

(1) **colossal** statue, (2) a **colossal** success

The new building is truly **colossal**, towering over the surrounding buildings.

march

v. to walk militarily with stiff, regular steps

synonym: parade

(1) **march** against the war, (2) **march** east

The troops **marched** shoulder-to-shoulder.

memorial

n. a structure or monument to commemorate a person or event

synonym: monument, remembrance, tribute

(1) **memorial** address, (2) **memorial** park

The war **memorial** stands as a reminder of the sacrifices made by our ancestors.

ritual

n. any customary observance or practice; any prescribed procedure for conducting religious ceremonies

synonym: tradition, ceremony, routine

(1) a **ritual** dance, (2) morning **ritual**

The woman of the house does the holy **ritual** of lighting two candles.

architect

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

synonym: creator, designer, planner

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

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

chase

v. to pursue something or someone to catch or capture them; to go after something vigorously or with determination; (noun) a pursuit or a hunt; a narrow groove or channel cut into a surface, often used for decorative purposes

synonym : pursue, hunt, track

(1) **chase** a dream, (2) wild goose **chase**

The police officer **chased** the suspect through the crowded streets until they finally caught him.

shift

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

synonym : transition, change, modification

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

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

accommodate

v. to provide someone with a place to live or to be stored in; to make fit for or to change to suit a new purpose

synonym : house, rent, adjust

(1) **accommodate** a person with money, (2) **accommodate** these needs

This large SUV **accommodates** eight people.

ancient

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

synonym : archaic, age-old, obsolete

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

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

straightforward

adj. easy to do or understand, or simple; free from ambiguity

synonym : honest, candid, forthright

(1) **straightforward** manner, (2) make a **straightforward** dash

The defendant gave a **straightforward** and accurate description of the accident.

megalith

n. a large, prehistoric stone monument or structure, typically consisting of one or more upright stones (megaliths) and a horizontal stone (lintel) on top

synonym: monolith, standing stone, monument

(1) **megalith** monument, (2) **megalith** structure

The archaeologists spent years studying the **megaliths** at Stonehenge to understand their historical significance.

vertical

adj. upright or perpendicular to a horizontal surface or line

synonym: perpendicular, upright, plumb

(1) **vertical** takeoff, (2) **vertical** axis

The ladder leaned against the **vertical** surface of the building.

behemoth

n. something extremely large and powerful; a huge or monstrous creature, often mythical in nature

synonym: giant, monster, colossus

(1) **behemoth** company, (2) technology **behemoth**

The construction site was filled with **behemoth** machines.

onstage

adv. onto or on a stage in a theater; in front of an audience

(1) appeared **onstage**, (2) walk **onstage**

He performed his magic trick **onstage**, leaving the audience in awe.

architecture

n. the art and science of designing and constructing buildings

synonym: design, structure, layout

(1) **architecture** design, (2) classic **architecture**

The city is known for its impressive **architecture** and beautiful old buildings.

conception

n. a general idea or belief of what something or someone is like or should be; an understanding of a situation or a principle

synonym: notion, abstraction, cogitation

(1) a grand **conception**, (2) the **conception** of the good

I have no **conception** of what you intend.

completion

n. the act or process of finishing something that you are doing or making; the state of being finished

synonym: fruition, realization, accomplishment

(1) a **completion** ceremony, (2) scheduled **completion** date

The mayor announced that the renovation of the city hall is now nearing **completion**.

rediscover

v. to discover or find again something that was previously known but lost

synonym: recover, get back, revive

(1) **rediscover** a value, (2) **rediscover** an old truth

The painting was **rediscovered** in an attic and turned out to be a long-lost masterpiece.

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.

surrounding

adj. that is near or around, or closely encircling something

synonym: circumferent, encircling, neighboring

(1) **surrounding** areas, (2) a fence **surrounding** a castle

The **surrounding** mountains make the city difficult to be invaded.

efficiency

n. the state or quality of doing something well with no waste of input such as time or money

synonym: effectiveness, efficacy, productivity

(1) better fuel **efficiency**, (2) an energy **efficiency**

Our company must continue to strive for greater **efficiency**.

sustainable

adj. able to continue or be continued for a long time

synonym : continuable, endurable, tolerable

(1) **sustainable** alternative fuel, (2) principles of **sustainable** development

The government should do more to support environmentally **sustainable** agriculture.

mass

n. a large amount of a substance with no definite shape or form; a large number of people or things grouped or crowded together

synonym : abundance, crowd, mob

(1) a **mass** of molten rock, (2) critical **mass**

The **mass** of people who do not own property is politically impotent.

compel

v. to force or require someone to do something; to exert a strong, irresistible force or pressure that makes someone act in a certain way

synonym : force, oblige, coerce

(1) **compel** a person to submission, (2) **compel** attention

The strict deadlines will **compel** the team to work efficiently.

entertain

v. to keep a group of people interested or excited; to take into consideration an idea or feeling

synonym : amuse, delight, engage

(1) **entertain** a guest, (2) let me **entertain** you with music

He refused to **entertain** our proposal.

eternal

adj. being without beginning or end; lasting forever

synonym : endless, everlasting, undying

(1) the hope of **eternal** life, (2) **eternal** quarreling

In every civilization, rulers have tried everything possible to obtain **eternal** life.

Session 2: Spelling

1. tale from my _____gy
n. a collection of myths (= traditional stories accepted as history) or the study of myths
2. 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
3. scheduled com_____on date
n. the act or process of finishing something that you are doing or making; the state of being finished
4. achieve spe_____ar growth
adj. striking or impressive to look at or in performance or achievement
5. the con_____on of the good
n. a general idea or belief of what something or someone is like or should be; an understanding of a situation or a principle
6. acc_____te a person with money
v. to provide someone with a place to live or to be stored in; to make fit for or to change to suit a new purpose
7. earliest human an_____or
n. a person from whom one is descended; a forefather
8. principles of sus_____le development
adj. able to continue or be continued for a long time
9. a fence sur_____ng a castle
adj. that is near or around, or closely encircling something
10. pri_____al forms of life
adj. existing from the beginning of time or the start of a particular process; relating to the earliest stage of the universe

ANSWERS: 1. mythology, 2. discuss, 3. completion, 4. spectacular, 5. conception, 6. accommodate, 7. ancestor, 8. sustainable, 9. surrounding, 10. primordial

11. co___l attention *v.* to force or require someone to do something; to exert a strong, irresistible force or pressure that makes someone act in a certain way
12. artificial cr____re *n.* a living being, especially an animal
13. team of ex____ers *n.* a person who travels to places where no one or few people have been before to find out what is there
14. horde of mo____rs *n.* an imaginary creature that is large and has various human and animal parts; someone or something large and powerful
15. pri____al gas *adj.* existing from the beginning of time or the start of a particular process; relating to the earliest stage of the universe
16. major paradigm sh__t *n.* a slight transition in position, direction, or trend
17. er__ed the files *v.* to remove something completely, especially by rubbing it
18. ancient my____gy *n.* a collection of myths (= traditional stories accepted as history) or the study of myths
19. a ri___l dance *n.* any customary observance or practice; any prescribed procedure for conducting religious ceremonies
20. cr__t arts of Japan *n.* an activity that requires a particular skill in making things with one's hands
21. col____te with the police *v.* to work with someone else to produce or achieve something

ANSWERS: 11. compel, 12. creature, 13. explorer, 14. monster, 15. primordial, 16. shift, 17. erase, 18. mythology, 19. ritual, 20. craft, 21. collaborate

22. a facial ti___e *n.* an ensemble of similar cells of the animal or plant that together carry out a specific function
23. me____th structure *n.* a large, prehistoric stone monument or structure, typically consisting of one or more upright stones (megaliths) and a horizontal stone (lintel) on top
24. ch__e a dream *v.* to pursue something or someone to catch or capture them; to go after something vigorously or with determination; (noun) a pursuit or a hunt; a narrow groove or channel cut into a surface, often used for decorative purposes
25. gi__t tech company *adj.* enormous; much bigger or more important than similar items usually are
26. sh____d of mystery *n.* a length of cloth or other material used to cover or wrap a dead body; something that conceals or obscures something else, often used metaphorically
27. di____s a person from the office *v.* to regard something or someone as not important and not worth considering; to terminate someone's employment
28. ma____e amounts *adj.* enormous amount; very heavy and solid
29. critical m__s *n.* a large amount of a substance with no definite shape or form; a large number of people or things grouped or crowded together

ANSWERS: 22. tissue, 23. megalith, 24. chase, 25. giant, 26. shroud, 27. dismiss, 28. massive, 29. mass

30. me_____al park *n.* a structure or monument to commemorate a person or event
31. cognitive com_____ty *n.* the state or quality of being complicated or intricate and difficult to understand
32. mo_____r film *n.* an imaginary creature that is large and has various human and animal parts; someone or something large and powerful
33. as_____le your colleagues *v.* to collect in one place as a single group
34. a grand con_____on *n.* a general idea or belief of what something or someone is like or should be; an understanding of a situation or a principle
35. col_____ion platform *n.* the act or situation of working together to create or produce something
36. cr__t manufacture *n.* an activity that requires a particular skill in making things with one's hands
37. di_____s a matter with a laugh *v.* to regard something or someone as not important and not worth considering; to terminate someone's employment
38. red_____er a value *v.* to discover or find again something that was previously known but lost
39. a co_____al success *adj.* extremely large and impressive
40. my_____y novel *n.* something difficult to understand or explain; a secret or enigmatic quality that adds to the fascination or interest of something; a genre of fiction that involves the solution of a crime or a puzzle

ANSWERS: 30. memorial, 31. complexity, 32. monster, 33. assemble, 34. conception, 35. collaboration, 36. craft, 37. dismiss, 38. rediscover, 39. colossal, 40. mystery

41. sus_____le alternative fuel *adj.* able to continue or be continued for a long time
42. let me en_____in you with music *v.* to keep a group of people interested or excited; to take into consideration an idea or feeling
43. my_____al world *adj.* based on or related to myths, legends, or folklore; existing only in tales or in the imagination
44. be_____th company *n.* something extremely large and powerful; a huge or monstrous creature, often mythical in nature
45. tr__e a telephone call *v.* to find or discover someone or something that was lost
46. classic arc_____ure *n.* the art and science of designing and constructing buildings
47. tr_____rt facilities *n.* a system for moving people or products from one location to another using automobiles, roads, and so on
48. make a str_____ard dash *adj.* easy to do or understand, or simple; free from ambiguity
49. technology be_____th *n.* something extremely large and powerful; a huge or monstrous creature, often mythical in nature
50. er__e a memory *v.* to remove something completely, especially by rubbing it
51. a m__s of molten rock *n.* a large amount of a substance with no definite shape or form; a large number of people or things grouped or crowded together

ANSWERS: 41. sustainable, 42. entertain, 43. mythical, 44. behemoth, 45. trace, 46. architecture, 47. transport, 48. straightforward, 49. behemoth, 50. erase, 51. mass

52. tr__e back to medieval times *v.* to find or discover someone or something that was lost
53. ma__h east *v.* to walk militarily with stiff, regular steps
54. en_____in a guest *v.* to keep a group of people interested or excited; to take into consideration an idea or feeling
55. ve_____al takeoff *adj.* upright or perpendicular to a horizontal surface or line
56. co_____al statue *adj.* extremely large and impressive
57. better fuel eff_____cy *n.* the state or quality of doing something well with no waste of input such as time or money
58. ar_____ct of the peace accord *n.* a person whose job is to design plans to be used in making something, such as buildings
59. perpetuate a m__h *n.* an ancient story or set of stories accepted as history, especially explaining the worldview of a people
60. a com_____on ceremony *n.* the act or process of finishing something that you are doing or making; the state of being finished
61. sh____d of suspicion *n.* a length of cloth or other material used to cover or wrap a dead body; something that conceals or obscures something else, often used metaphorically
62. loss of muscle ti____e *n.* an ensemble of similar cells of the animal or plant that together carry out a specific function

ANSWERS: 52. trace, 53. march, 54. entertain, 55. vertical, 56. colossal, 57. efficiency, 58. architect, 59. myth, 60. completion, 61. shroud, 62. tissue

63. co___l a person to submission *v.* to force or require someone to do something; to exert a strong, irresistible force or pressure that makes someone act in a certain way
64. pre-Christian an____t *adj.* relating to the long ago, particularly the historical period preceding the fall of the Western Roman Empire; very old
65. unsolved my____y *n.* something difficult to understand or explain; a secret or enigmatic quality that adds to the fascination or interest of something; a genre of fiction that involves the solution of a crime or a puzzle
66. an energy eff____cy *n.* the state or quality of doing something well with no waste of input such as time or money
67. the hope of et____l life *adj.* being without beginning or end; lasting forever
68. a stone wall su____nds the palace *v.* to be all around something or somebody
69. me____al address *n.* a structure or monument to commemorate a person or event
70. a beautiful st____e *n.* a sculpture of a person or animal, typically made of stone or metal, that is intended to represent the subject in a lifelike or symbolic way
71. arc____ure design *n.* the art and science of designing and constructing buildings
72. spe____ar view *adj.* striking or impressive to look at or in performance or achievement

ANSWERS: 63. compel, 64. ancient, 65. mystery, 66. efficiency, 67. eternal, 68. surround, 69. memorial, 70. statue, 71. architecture, 72. spectacular

73. ma__h against the war *v.* to walk militarily with stiff, regular steps
74. an____or language *n.* a person from whom one is descended; a forefather
75. co_____ct a dam *v.* to build or create something; to assemble or combine different parts to form something whole
76. an____t stories *adj.* relating to the long ago, particularly the historical period preceding the fall of the Western Roman Empire; very old
77. co_____ct a 3D image *v.* to build or create something; to assemble or combine different parts to form something whole
78. as____le a jigsaw puzzle *v.* to collect in one place as a single group
79. m__i culture *n.* a large stone statue found on Easter Island, typically depicting a human figure with a large head and prominent facial features
80. wild goose ch__e *v.* to pursue something or someone to catch or capture them; to go after something vigorously or with determination; (noun) a pursuit or a hunt; a narrow groove or channel cut into a surface, often used for decorative purposes
81. cr____re of habit *n.* a living being, especially an animal
82. center-pi__t irrigation *n.* a change in direction or focus, especially in a business or political strategy; a fixed point that supports something that turns or balances

ANSWERS: 73. march, 74. ancestor, 75. construct, 76. ancient, 77. construct, 78. assemble, 79. moai, 80. chase, 81. creature, 82. pivot

83. wo___e chair *v.* to move or shake unsteadily from side to side or up and down
84. gi__t trees *adj.* enormous; much bigger or more important than similar items usually are
85. ve_____al axis *adj.* upright or perpendicular to a horizontal surface or line
86. me_____th monument *n.* a large, prehistoric stone monument or structure, typically consisting of one or more upright stones (megaliths) and a horizontal stone (lintel) on top
87. com_____ty theory *n.* the state or quality of being complicated or intricate and difficult to understand
88. landscape ar_____ct *n.* a person whose job is to design plans to be used in making something, such as buildings
89. the ancient Egyptian st___es *n.* a sculpture of a person or animal, typically made of stone or metal, that is intended to represent the subject in a lifelike or symbolic way
90. acc_____te these needs *v.* to provide someone with a place to live or to be stored in; to make fit for or to change to suit a new purpose
91. su_____nd a town *v.* to be all around something or somebody
92. my_____al heroes *adj.* based on or related to myths, legends, or folklore; existing only in tales or in the imagination
93. col_____ion between companies *n.* the act or situation of working together to create or produce something

ANSWERS: 83. wobble, 84. giant, 85. vertical, 86. megalith, 87. complexity, 88. architect, 89. statue, 90. accommodate, 91. surround, 92. mythical, 93. collaboration

94. str_____ard manner *adj.* easy to do or understand, or simple; free from ambiguity
95. en_____er a crisis *v.* to face something, particularly something unpleasant or difficult, while attempting to do something else; to meet, especially unexpectedly
96. morning ri____l *n.* any customary observance or practice; any prescribed procedure for conducting religious ceremonies
97. walk on_____e *adv.* onto or on a stage in a theater; in front of an audience
98. monolithic m__i *n.* a large stone statue found on Easter Island, typically depicting a human figure with a large head and prominent facial features
99. il_____al argument *adj.* not making sense or not based on sound reasoning
100. ma_____e stars *adj.* enormous amount; very heavy and solid
101. en_____er a storm *v.* to face something, particularly something unpleasant or difficult, while attempting to do something else; to meet, especially unexpectedly
102. col_____te on a press release *v.* to work with someone else to produce or achieve something
103. red_____er an old truth *v.* to discover or find again something that was previously known but lost
104. wo____e a few steps *v.* to move or shake unsteadily from side to side or up and down

ANSWERS: 94. straightforward, 95. encounter, 96. ritual, 97. onstage, 98. moai, 99. illogical, 100. massive, 101. encounter, 102. collaborate, 103. rediscover, 104. wobble

105. il_____al reasoning *adj.* not making sense or not based on sound reasoning
106. sur_____ng areas *adj.* that is near or around, or closely encircling something
107. a polar ex_____er *n.* a person who travels to places where no one or few people have been before to find out what is there
108. the m__h of an old religion *n.* an ancient story or set of stories accepted as history, especially explaining the worldview of a people
109. Doppler sh__t *n.* a slight transition in position, direction, or trend
110. pi__t point *n.* a change in direction or focus, especially in a business or political strategy; a fixed point that supports something that turns or balances
111. appeared on_____e *adv.* onto or on a stage in a theater; in front of an audience
112. access to public tr_____rt *n.* a system for moving people or products from one location to another using automobiles, roads, and so on
113. et_____l quarreling *adj.* being without beginning or end; lasting forever
114. 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

ANSWERS: 105. illogical, 106. surrounding, 107. explorer, 108. myth, 109. shift, 110. pivot, 111. onstage, 112. transport, 113. eternal, 114. discuss

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. He attempted to _____ the misspelled word.
v. to remove something completely, especially by rubbing it
2. The _____ mountains make the city difficult to be invaded.
adj. that is near or around, or closely encircling something
3. The _____ fireworks display was the highlight of the festival.
adj. striking or impressive to look at or in performance or achievement
4. He studies Greek and Roman _____.
n. a collection of myths (= traditional stories accepted as history) or the study of myths
5. She agreed to _____ with him in creating new artwork.
v. to work with someone else to produce or achieve something
6. The protective _____ covered the body in the coffin at the funeral.
n. a length of cloth or other material used to cover or wrap a dead body; something that conceals or obscures something else, often used metaphorically
7. The deep sea _____ was unlike anything the scientists had ever seen before.
n. a living being, especially an animal
8. I'm prepared to _____ challenges throughout this adventure.
v. to face something, particularly something unpleasant or difficult, while attempting to do something else; to meet, especially unexpectedly

ANSWERS: 1. erase, 2. surrounding, 3. spectacular, 4. mythology, 5. collaborate, 6. shroud, 7. creature, 8. encounter

9. The _____ of the famous hero stood proudly in the town square.
n. a sculpture of a person or animal, typically made of stone or metal, that is intended to represent the subject in a lifelike or symbolic way
10. The table _____ a little when I put my drink on it.
v. to move or shake unsteadily from side to side or up and down
11. The committee has decided to _____ the president from the post.
v. to regard something or someone as not important and not worth considering; to terminate someone's employment
12. The new building is truly _____ towering over the surrounding buildings.
adj. extremely large and impressive
13. My remote _____ immigrated to the United States from Ireland in the 1800s.
n. a person from whom one is descended; a forefather
14. He refused to _____ our proposal.
v. to keep a group of people interested or excited; to take into consideration an idea or feeling
15. The recent economic downturn has resulted in _____ layoffs.
adj. enormous amount; very heavy and solid
16. He performed his magic trick _____ leaving the audience in awe.
adv. onto or on a stage in a theater; in front of an audience
17. The construction site was filled with _____ machines.
n. something extremely large and powerful; a huge or monstrous creature, often mythical in nature

ANSWERS: 9. statue, 10. wobbled, 11. dismiss, 12. colossal, 13. ancestor, 14. entertain, 15. massive, 16. onstage, 17. behemoth

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

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

19. The strict deadlines will _____ the team to work efficiently.

v. to force or require someone to do something; to exert a strong, irresistible force or pressure that makes someone act in a certain way

20. Enhanced rail _____ is crucial for our business.

n. a system for moving people or products from one location to another using automobiles, roads, and so on

21. Many cultures have their _____ creatures and legends.

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

22. This car has a _____ engine.

n. an imaginary creature that is large and has various human and animal parts; someone or something large and powerful

23. The war _____ stands as a reminder of the sacrifices made by our ancestors.

n. a structure or monument to commemorate a person or event

24. The mayor announced that the renovation of the city hall is now nearing _____.

n. the act or process of finishing something that you are doing or making; the state of being finished

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

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

ANSWERS: 18. architect, 19. compel, 20. transportation, 21. mythical, 22. monster, 23. memorial, 24. completion, 25. ancient

26. The government should do more to support environmentally _____ agriculture.

adj. able to continue or be continued for a long time

27. I have no _____ of what you intend.

n. a general idea or belief of what something or someone is like or should be; an understanding of a situation or a principle

28. With the financial bubble bursting, the _____ of economic growth in investment banking collapsed.

n. an ancient story or set of stories accepted as history, especially explaining the worldview of a people

29. 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

30. The police officer _____ the suspect through the crowded streets until they finally caught him.

v. to pursue something or someone to catch or capture them; to go after something vigorously or with determination; (noun) a pursuit or a hunt; a narrow groove or channel cut into a surface, often used for decorative purposes

31. This large SUV _____ eight people.

v. to provide someone with a place to live or to be stored in; to make fit for or to change to suit a new purpose

32. The president began to _____ an army.

v. to collect in one place as a single group

ANSWERS: 26. sustainable, 27. conception, 28. myth, 29. discuss, 30. chased, 31. accommodates, 32. assemble

33. The team needed to come up with a _____ strategy to turn things around.
n. a change in direction or focus, especially in a business or political strategy; a fixed point that supports something that turns or balances
34. Tourists flock to Easter Island to see the mysterious _____ statues.
n. a large stone statue found on Easter Island, typically depicting a human figure with a large head and prominent facial features
35. The discovery of the _____ soup was a crucial step in understanding the origins of life on Earth.
adj. existing from the beginning of time or the start of a particular process; relating to the earliest stage of the universe
36. The _____ jets gradually dominate the world's airlines.
adj. enormous; much bigger or more important than similar items usually are
37. The _____ of people who do not own property is politically impotent.
n. a large amount of a substance with no definite shape or form; a large number of people or things grouped or crowded together
38. 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
39. The painting was _____ in an attic and turned out to be a long-lost masterpiece.
v. to discover or find again something that was previously known but lost
40. The woman of the house does the holy _____ of lighting two candles.
n. any customary observance or practice; any prescribed procedure for conducting religious ceremonies

ANSWERS: 33. pivot, 34. moai, 35. primordial, 36. giant, 37. mass, 38. tissue, 39. rediscovered, 40. ritual

41. The troops _____ shoulder-to-shoulder.
v. to walk militarily with stiff, regular steps
42. On three sides, mountains _____ the settlement.
v. to be all around something or somebody
43. The city is known for its impressive _____ and beautiful old buildings.
n. the art and science of designing and constructing buildings
44. The ladder leaned against the _____ surface of the building.
adj. upright or perpendicular to a horizontal surface or line
45. The project's _____ made it difficult for the team to complete it on time.
n. the state or quality of being complicated or intricate and difficult to understand
46. The archaeologists spent years studying the _____ at Stonehenge to understand their historical significance.
n. a large, prehistoric stone monument or structure, typically consisting of one or more upright stones (megaliths) and a horizontal stone (lintel) on top
47. The _____ surrounding the disappearance of the traveler has yet to be solved by authorities.
n. something difficult to understand or explain; a secret or enigmatic quality that adds to the fascination or interest of something; a genre of fiction that involves the solution of a crime or a puzzle
48. His hometown was where he first acquired the _____ of wood carving.
n. an activity that requires a particular skill in making things with one's hands

ANSWERS: 41. marched, 42. surround, 43. architecture, 44. vertical, 45. complexity, 46. megaliths, 47. mystery, 48. craft

49. In every civilization, rulers have tried everything possible to obtain _____ life.

adj. being without beginning or end; lasting forever

50. The defendant gave a _____ and accurate description of the accident.

adj. easy to do or understand, or simple; free from ambiguity

51. The partnership program requires a mutual _____ between both agencies.

n. the act or situation of working together to create or produce something

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

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

53. Let's _____ the origins of some familiar foreign words.

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

54. His argument made no sense and was completely _____.

adj. not making sense or not based on sound reasoning

55. Our company must continue to strive for greater _____.

n. the state or quality of doing something well with no waste of input such as time or money

56. Could you help me _____ some furniture?

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

57. Aboriginal people killed the _____ who entered the sacred land for them.

n. a person who travels to places where no one or few people have been before to find out what is there

ANSWERS: 49. eternal, 50. straightforward, 51. collaboration, 52. constructs, 53. trace, 54. illogical, 55. efficiency, 56. shift, 57. explorer

ANSWERS: