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Session 1: Word List

vitamin

n. any of a group of organic compounds that are essential in small quantities to the diet and are present in natural foodstuffs or sometimes produced within the body

synonym: nutrient, micronutrient, dietary supplement

(1) rich in **vitamin D**, (2) **vitamin** deficiency

Vitamin C is important for immune system function and skin health.

disease

n. a disorder or illness that affects the body or mind, often characterized by specific symptoms or abnormal functioning of organs or systems

synonym: illness, ailment, affliction

(1) **disease** prevention, (2) **disease** control

The doctor diagnosed him with a rare **disease** that had no known cure.

prolong

v. to extend the duration or length of something, particularly a period of time or an event

synonym: extend, lengthen, stretch

(1) **prolong** the agony, (2) measures to **prolong** the lifespan

We need to **prolong** the meeting for another hour to discuss

all the issues.

patient

n. a person who is receiving medical treatment, care, or attention from a healthcare professional, such as a doctor, nurse, or therapist; a personal quality or characteristic

synonym: client, recipient, subject

(1) **patient** in the hospital, (2) **patient** with weight loss

The doctor carefully examined the **patient's** medical history.

headline

n. a heading at the top of a newspaper or magazine story or page

synonym: title, caption

(1) **headline** article, (2) banner **headline**

The engagement of the two golf players became **headline** news.

opposition

n. the act of disagreeing or resisting; the state of strong disagreement

synonym: resistance, hostility, antagonism

(1) **opposition** campaign, (2) meet with **opposition**

The **opposition** party strongly disagreed with the government's proposed legislation.

claim

v. to assert that something is true; to demand or request something as one's own; to lay legal or moral right to something; (noun) a demand or assertion of a right or something that one believes to be true

synonym: assert, declare, maintain

(1) **claim** responsibility, (2) false **claim**

He wants to **claim** ownership of the abandoned property.

disconnect

v. to unfasten or disjoin something, especially to break the connection between a supply of gas, water, or electricity and a piece of equipment

synonym: unplug, detach, take apart

(1) **disconnect** a plug, (2) **disconnect** the water supply

She finally decided to **disconnect** herself from the company.

broad

adj. very wide; general

synonym : wide, expansive, comprehensive

(1) attract **broad** attention, (2) a **broad** mind

He accumulated wealth across a **broad** spectrum of assets.

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?

specific

adj. clearly defined or particular to a certain thing or situation; distinct, explicit, and precise

synonym : particular, definite, distinct

(1) **specific** instructions, (2) industry- **specific** regulations

The scientist conducted a study that provided **specific** details about the species' behavior.

increment

n. a regular increase in the amount of something, such as money; a process of becoming larger, longer, or more important

synonym : increase, expansion, addendum

(1) steady **incremental** growth, (2) small **increments**

The bid **increment** for this auction is \$100.

medical

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

synonym : health, disease, treatment

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

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

mislead

v. to cause someone to believe something that is not true

synonym : misinform, delude, belie

(1) **mislead** him into trusting her, (2) **mislead** the enemy

Our troops pulled back to **mislead** the enemy.

grabby

adj. excessively eager or greedy to obtain or acquire something, particularly in a somewhat aggressive or selfish manner

synonym: grasping, clutching, seizing

(1) **grabby** hands, (2) **grabby** customer

His **grabby** behavior at the dinner party was embarrassing to all in attendance.

credible

adj. capable of being trusted or believed

synonym: reasonable, believable, plausible

(1) **credible** source, (2) a **credible** story

They didn't have any **credible** evidence of his innocence.

hypothesis

n. a proposed idea or explanation that is based on a few known facts but has not yet been proven to be true or accurate

synonym: assumption, conjecture, theory

(1) test my **hypothesis**, (2) a bold **hypothesis**

This evidence supports the big-bang **hypothesis**.

scenario

n. a description of possible actions or events in the future; a written outline of a play, film, or literary work

synonym: plan, scheme, procedure

(1) the worst case **scenario**, (2) number of different **scenarios**

The president prepared several possible **scenarios** for an enemy attack.

explanation

n. the information or arguments that someone provides to make something understandable or clear

synonym: description, elucidation, account

(1) the **explanation** for the failure, (2) detailed **explanation**

The following **explanation** is currently being used to explain the phenomenon in question.

pause

v. to take a short break from talking or doing something before continuing

synonym: halt, break, intermit

(1) **pause** a moment, (2) **pause** for a reaction

The man **paused** before opening the door.

simplify

v. to make something more straightforward, more understandable, or easier to do

synonym: streamline, clarify, elucidate

(1) **simplify** my life, (2) **simplify** the process

Please **simplify** your explanation for the children.

assume

v. to think or accept something to be true without having proof of it; to take or begin to have power; to begin to exhibit a specific quality or appearance

synonym: guess, presume, suppose

(1) **assume** a lousy attitude to his boss, (2) **assume** an important role

The following example **assumes** that the capacity of each battery is the same.

cardiovascular

adj. of or relating to the heart and blood vessels (= tubes that carry blood around the body)

(1) **cardiovascular** diseases, (2) **cardiovascular** tissue

Smoking places you at severe risk of **cardiovascular** and respiratory disease.

participate

v. to take part in something

synonym: take part, partake, enter

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

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

cholesterol

n. a type of fat that is found in the blood and cells of the body and that is important for many bodily functions but can also contribute to heart disease and stroke when

levels are too high

synonym : fat, lipid, sterol

(1) **cholesterol** levels, (2) low **cholesterol**

High levels of **cholesterol** can increase the risk of heart disease.

placebo

n. harmless substance, especially given as a pacifier or to the control group in experiments on the efficacy of a drug

(1) **placebo** therapy, (2) patient in the **placebo** group

A double-blind procedure is used to guard against experimenter bias and **placebo** effects.

naturally

adv. as might be expected; by natural manners

synonym : by nature, inherently, intrinsically

(1) **naturally** arising, (2) **naturally** regenerated forest

He was **naturally** gifted.

investigate

v. to conduct a systematic or formal inquiry to identify and evaluate the facts of a crime, problem, statement, etc. to establish the truth

synonym : examine, analyze, look into

(1) **investigate** the matter, (2) **investigate** a data leak

The committee **investigated** several apparent inconsistencies.

elevate

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

synonym : lift, heighten, promote

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

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

crack

v. to break or cause to break without dividing into separate parts; (noun) a line on the surface of something along which it has separated without breaking

synonym :

snap, burst, break

(1) **crack** an eggshell, (2) a **crack** in a board

He that would eat the kernel must **crack** the nut.

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.

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.

recruit

v. to persuade someone to work for a company; to find new members for an organization, the armed forces, etc.

synonym : raise, enroll, enlist

(1) **recruit** a good worker, (2) **recruit** a new hire

The colonial government **recruited** militia support when civil war broke out.

consume

v. to spend something, especially fuel, energy, or time, in a large amount

synonym : absorb, ingest, use up

(1) **consume** a large of alcohol, (2) **consume** electricity

A smaller car will **consume** less fuel.

abstain

v. to choose not to do something, especially something that one wants to do

synonym :

refrain, desist, forbear

(1) **abstain** on a vote, (2) **abstain** from food
She chose to **abstain** from alcohol at the party.

schedule

n. a list of planned activities, tasks, or things that must be completed showing when they are intended to happen or be done

synonym: agenda, program, itinerary

(1) a heavy **schedule**, (2) arrange my **schedule**
So far, the meeting is going according to **schedule**.

counterpart

n. a person or thing that corresponds to or has the same function as another person or thing

synonym: equivalent, analogue, match

(1) **counterpart** agreement, (2) negotiating **counterpart**
His **counterpart** in the other company is responsible for marketing.

stretch

v. to make or be capable of making anything longer or broader without hurting or breaking

synonym: lengthen, prolong, extend

(1) **stretch** along the coast, (2) **stretch** a story
Some herds have been observed to **stretch** hundreds of kilometers.

conclude

v. to come to an end or close; to reach a judgment or opinion by reasoning

synonym: complete, finish, decide

(1) **conclude** a meeting, (2) **conclude** that he is healthy
We **concluded** a cease-fire.

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.

represent

v. to speak, act, or be present on behalf of another person or group; to form or constitute

synonym: depict, express, describe

(1) **represent** by a diagram, (2) the characters that **represent** numbers

We elected him to **represent** us at the international conference.

skew

v. to turn or place at an angle; to make biased or distorted with the result that it is not accurate, fair, normal, etc.

synonym: slant, tilt, distort

(1) **skew** the message, (2) **skew** social values

The results of the poll are **skewed** because it only surveyed a small group of people.

odds

n. the degree or probability that a particular thing will or will not happen

synonym: chances, likelihoods, probabilities

(1) **odds** in favor, (2) **odds** of business

What are the **odds** that he will survive?

similarly

adv. in almost the same way

synonym: also, likewise, ditto

(1) **similarly** situated, (2) have **similarly** great abilities

We argue that wages for temporary workers should **similarly** rise.

individual

n. a single person or thing, as distinct from a group

synonym: person, being, self

(1) a private **individual**, (2) **individual** freedom

As an **individual**, he had the right to make his own decisions and live his life as he saw fit.

outcome

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

synonym: result, consequence, effect

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

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

big-picture

adj. relating to or considering the overall perspective or larger context of a situation or issue; (noun) the overall or general significance or importance of something

synonym: holistic, comprehensive, panoramic

(1) **big-picture** thinking, (2) **big-picture** strategy

Climate change is a complex issue that requires a **big-picture** perspective to understand fully.

trend

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

synonym: direction, movement, tendency

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

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

evaluate

v. to assess or estimate the quality, significance, quantity, or value of something

synonym: assess, estimate, consider

(1) **evaluate** the grant proposal, (2) **evaluate** a situation

The meeting aims to **evaluate** possible choices.

comprehensive

adj. complete and including all or everything necessary

synonym: complete, encyclopedic, thorough

(1) a **comprehensive** explanation, (2) conduct a **comprehensive** survey

We have a **comprehensive** grasp of this topic.

reproducibility

n. the ability of an experiment, study, or result to be replicated or repeated by different researchers or laboratories, often seen as a key aspect of scientific rigor

synonym: repeatability, replicability, consistency

(1) **reproducibility** measure, (2) scientific **reproducibility**

The researchers spent considerable effort to ensure the **reproducibility** of their experiments.

suspect

v. to consider anything to be actual or probable
synonym: assume, distrust, surmise

(1) **suspect** a plot, (2) **suspect** that he is sick
The cops **suspected** him of being the killer.

puzzle

n. a situation that is difficult to follow or solve; a game, problem, or toy that tests a person's ingenuity or knowledge; (verb) to cause someone to feel confused because of something difficult to understand

synonym: plight, maze, (verb) perplex

(1) crossword **puzzle**, (2) mathematical **puzzle**

This jigsaw **puzzle** is challenging because there are no pictures.

diagnose

v. to determine or distinguish the nature of a problem or an illness through a careful analysis

synonym: identify, analyze, interpret

(1) **diagnose** the problem, (2) **diagnose** with CT scans

This device is used to **diagnose** brain cancer and other tumors.

slightly

adv. in a small degree or extent; a little

synonym: barely, narrowly, scarcely

(1) increase **slightly**, (2) **slightly** alkaline soils

He moved his body **slightly** to the left.

decide

v. to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options

synonym: choose, determine, settle

(1) **decide** a question, (2) **decide** on a course of action

She couldn't **decide** whether to order the pizza or the pasta for dinner.

valid

adj. having a reasonable basis in logic or fact; still legally or officially acceptable

synonym: proper, reasonable, useful

(1) a **valid** contract, (2) a ticket **valid** for two days

Your credit card is no longer **valid**.

clinical

adj. of or relating to the examination and treatment of patients rather than theoretical or laboratory studies

synonym: dispassionate, analytic, scientific

(1) **clinical** surgery, (2) participate in **clinical** trials

She received special **clinical** training at the hospital.

pancreas

n. a glandular organ in the digestive system that produces several important hormones, including insulin and glucagon, as well as digestive enzymes that help break down food in the small intestine

synonym: gland, organ, islet

(1) **pancreas** inflammation, (2) **pancreas** function

The endocrine function of the **pancreas** involves the secretion of hormones such as insulin.

cancer

n. abnormal growth of cells that can invade and destroy surrounding tissues and organs; a disease characterized by the uncontrolled growth and spread of abnormal cells

synonym: tumor, carcinoma, malignancy

(1) **cancer** diagnosis, (2) **cancer** research

Breast **cancer** is the most common type of cancer in women.

fee

n. a sum of money charged for a particular service

synonym: charge, cost, expense

(1) **fee** calculation, (2) service **fee**

The lawyer's **fee** for the case was \$10,000.

experimental

adj. relating to or based on new ideas, forms, methods, etc. that have not been tried before, usually to find out what effect they have

synonym: empirical, exploratory, observed

(1) **experimental** data, (2) **experimental** design

The product is still in the **experimental** stage.

abstract

adj. based on general ideas, feelings, or qualities and not on any a physical or concrete existence

synonym: conceptual, theoretical, ideational

(1) an **abstract** noun, (2) **abstract** science

The invention of the camera triggered the development of **abstract** painting.

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.

Session 2: Spelling

1. mathematical pu___e
n. a situation that is difficult to follow or solve; a game, problem, or toy that tests a person's ingenuity or knowledge; (verb) to cause someone to feel confused because of something difficult to understand
2. co_____e a large of alcohol
v. to spend something, especially fuel, energy, or time, in a large amount
3. sl_____ly alkaline soils
adv. in a small degree or extent; a little
4. ev_____te a situation
v. to assess or estimate the quality, significance, quantity, or value of something
5. exp_____tal design
adj. relating to or based on new ideas, forms, methods, etc. that have not been tried before, usually to find out what effect they have
6. re_____nt by a diagram
v. to speak, act, or be present on behalf of another person or group; to form or constitute
7. a me_____l opinion
adj. relating to the treatment of illness or injuries; relating to the practice of medicine
8. big_____re strategy
adj. relating to or considering the overall perspective or larger context of a situation or issue; (noun) the overall or general significance or importance of something

ANSWERS: 1. puzzle, 2. consume, 3. slightly, 4. evaluate, 5. experimental, 6. represent, 7. medical, 8. big-picture

9. si____fy the process *v.* to make something more straightforward, more understandable, or easier to do
10. inv_____te a data leak *v.* to conduct a systematic or formal inquiry to identify and evaluate the facts of a crime, problem, statement, etc. to establish the truth
11. g__b an opportunity *v.* to take hold of something or someone suddenly with a hand, especially in a violent way
12. cr_____le source *adj.* capable of being trusted or believed
13. service f_e *n.* a sum of money charged for a particular service
14. na_____ly arising *adv.* as might be expected; by natural manners
15. de___e a question *v.* to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options
16. have si_____ly great abilities *adv.* in almost the same way
17. as___e a lousy attitude to his boss *v.* to think or accept something to be true without having proof of it; to take or begin to have power; to begin to exhibit a specific quality or appearance
18. meet with opp_____on *n.* the act of disagreeing or resisting; the state of strong disagreement
19. gr___y customer *adj.* excessively eager or greedy to obtain or acquire something, particularly in a somewhat aggressive or selfish manner

ANSWERS: 9. simplify, 10. investigate, 11. grab, 12. credible, 13. fee, 14. naturally, 15. decide, 16. similarly, 17. assume, 18. opposition, 19. grabby

20. a ra___m choice *adj.* made, done, or happening without method, conscious decision, or any regular pattern
21. attract br__d attention *adj.* very wide; general
22. false cl__m *v.* to assert that something is true; to demand or request something as one's own; to lay legal or moral right to something; (noun) a demand or assertion of a right or something that one believes to be true
23. a bold hyp_____is *n.* a proposed idea or explanation that is based on a few known facts but has not yet been proven to be true or accurate
24. pr_____g the agony *v.* to extend the duration or length of something, particularly a period of time or an event
25. ex_____ng news *adj.* causing a lot of interest or excitement
26. a va__d contract *adj.* having a reasonable basis in logic or fact; still legally or officially acceptable
27. a desirable ou_____e *n.* the result or effect of an action, event, etc.
28. g__b an audience *v.* to take hold of something or someone suddenly with a hand, especially in a violent way
29. bombs fell at ra___m *adj.* made, done, or happening without method, conscious decision, or any regular pattern
30. sp_____ic instructions *adj.* clearly defined or particular to a certain thing or situation; distinct, explicit, and precise

ANSWERS: 20. random, 21. broad, 22. claim, 23. hypothesis, 24. prolong, 25. exciting, 26. valid, 27. outcome, 28. grab, 29. random, 30. specific

31. el_____e a close relationship *v.* to raise something from a lower to a higher position; to give a promotion to or assign to a higher position
32. as_____e an important role *v.* to think or accept something to be true without having proof of it; to take or begin to have power; to begin to exhibit a specific quality or appearance
33. di_____se with CT scans *v.* to determine or distinguish the nature of a problem or an illness through a careful analysis
34. vi_____n deficiency *n.* any of a group of organic compounds that are essential in small quantities to the diet and are present in natural foodstuffs or sometimes produced within the body
35. di_____se the problem *v.* to determine or distinguish the nature of a problem or an illness through a careful analysis
36. small in_____nts *n.* a regular increase in the amount of something, such as money; a process of becoming larger, longer, or more important
37. par_____te fully in conversation *v.* to take part in something
38. co_____e electricity *v.* to spend something, especially fuel, energy, or time, in a large amount
39. ab_____n on a vote *v.* to choose not to do something, especially something that one wants to do
40. big_____re thinking *adj.* relating to or considering the overall perspective or larger context of a situation or issue; (noun) the overall or general significance or importance of something

ANSWERS: 31. elevate, 32. assume, 33. diagnose, 34. vitamin, 35. diagnose, 36. increment, 37. participate, 38. consume, 39. abstain, 40. big-picture

41. cl____al surgery *adj.* of or relating to the examination and treatment of patients rather than theoretical or laboratory studies
42. s__w social values *v.* to turn or place at an angle; to make biased or distorted with the result that it is not accurate, fair, normal, etc.
43. di____e control *n.* a disorder or illness that affects the body or mind, often characterized by specific symptoms or abnormal functioning of organs or systems
44. improved student ou____es *n.* the result or effect of an action, event, etc.
45. a private ind____al *n.* a single person or thing, as distinct from a group
46. a ticket va__d for two days *adj.* having a reasonable basis in logic or fact; still legally or officially acceptable
47. pa__e for a reaction *v.* to take a short break from talking or doing something before continuing
48. an ab____ct noun *adj.* based on general ideas, feelings, or qualities and not on any a physical or concrete existence
49. f_e calculation *n.* a sum of money charged for a particular service
50. ab____n from food *v.* to choose not to do something, especially something that one wants to do
51. a heavy sc____le *n.* a list of planned activities, tasks, or things that must be completed showing when they are intended to happen or be done

ANSWERS: 41. clinical, 42. skew, 43. disease, 44. outcome, 45. individual, 46. valid, 47. pause, 48. abstract, 49. fee, 50. abstain, 51. schedule

52. si____fy my life *v.* to make something more straightforward, more understandable, or easier to do
53. ca____r research *n.* abnormal growth of cells that can invade and destroy surrounding tissues and organs; a disease characterized by the uncontrolled growth and spread of abnormal cells
54. 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
55. detailed exp____on *n.* the information or arguments that someone provides to make something understandable or clear
56. test my hyp____is *n.* a proposed idea or explanation that is based on a few known facts but has not yet been proven to be true or accurate
57. industry-sp____ic regulations *adj.* clearly defined or particular to a certain thing or situation; distinct, explicit, and precise
58. opp____on campaign *n.* the act of disagreeing or resisting; the state of strong disagreement
59. he____ne article *n.* a heading at the top of a newspaper or magazine story or page
60. a cr____le story *adj.* capable of being trusted or believed
61. gr____y hands *adj.* excessively eager or greedy to obtain or acquire something, particularly in a somewhat aggressive or selfish manner

ANSWERS: 52. simplify, 53. cancer, 54. mystery, 55. explanation, 56. hypothesis, 57. specific, 58. opposition, 59. headline, 60. credible, 61. grabby

62. car_____lar tissue *adj.* of or relating to the heart and blood vessels (= tubes that carry blood around the body)
63. 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
64. exp_____tal data *adj.* relating to or based on new ideas, forms, methods, etc. that have not been tried before, usually to find out what effect they have
65. the characters that re_____nt numbers *v.* to speak, act, or be present on behalf of another person or group; to form or constitute
66. re_____on of inclusion *n.* the way two persons or groups of people feel and act toward one another
67. ind_____al freedom *n.* a single person or thing, as distinct from a group
68. dis_____ct the water supply *v.* to unfasten or disjoin something, especially to break the connection between a supply of gas, water, or electricity and a piece of equipment
69. measures to pr_____g the lifespan *v.* to extend the duration or length of something, particularly a period of time or an event
70. number of different sc_____ios *n.* a description of possible actions or events in the future; a written outline of a play, film, or literary work

ANSWERS: 62. cardiovascular, 63. mystery, 64. experimental, 65. represent, 66. relation, 67. individual, 68. disconnect, 69. prolong, 70. scenario

71. pa____t in the hospital *n.* a person who is receiving medical treatment, care, or attention from a healthcare professional, such as a doctor, nurse, or therapist; a personal quality or characteristic
72. na_____ly regenerated forest *adv.* as might be expected; by natural manners
73. el_____e educational standards *v.* to raise something from a lower to a higher position; to give a promotion to or assign to a higher position
74. pa__e a moment *v.* to take a short break from talking or doing something before continuing
75. pa_____as inflammation *n.* a glandular organ in the digestive system that produces several important hormones, including insulin and glucagon, as well as digestive enzymes that help break down food in the small intestine
76. o__s in favor *n.* the degree or probability that a particular thing will or will not happen
77. the worst case sc_____io *n.* a description of possible actions or events in the future; a written outline of a play, film, or literary work
78. banner he_____ne *n.* a heading at the top of a newspaper or magazine story or page
79. rich in vi_____n D *n.* any of a group of organic compounds that are essential in small quantities to the diet and are present in natural foodstuffs or sometimes produced within the body

ANSWERS: 71. patient, 72. naturally, 73. elevate, 74. pause, 75. pancreas, 76. odds, 77. scenario, 78. headline, 79. vitamin

80. steady in_____ntal growth *n.* a regular increase in the amount of something, such as money; a process of becoming larger, longer, or more important
81. o__s of business *n.* the degree or probability that a particular thing will or will not happen
82. re_____t a good worker *v.* to persuade someone to work for a company; to find new members for an organization, the armed forces, etc.
83. st_____h along the coast *v.* to make or be capable of making anything longer or broader without hurting or breaking
84. an international tr__d *n.* a general direction in which something is changing or developing
85. temporary me_____l treatment *adj.* relating to the treatment of illness or injuries; relating to the practice of medicine
86. mi_____d him into trusting her *v.* to cause someone to believe something that is not true
87. arrange my sc_____le *n.* a list of planned activities, tasks, or things that must be completed showing when they are intended to happen or be done
88. low cho_____ol *n.* a type of fat that is found in the blood and cells of the body and that is important for many bodily functions but can also contribute to heart disease and stroke when levels are too high
89. cho_____ol levels *n.* a type of fat that is found in the blood and cells of the body and that is important for many bodily functions but can also contribute to heart disease and stroke when levels are too high

ANSWERS: 80. increment, 81. odds, 82. recruit, 83. stretch, 84. trend, 85. medical, 86. mislead, 87. schedule, 88. cholesterol, 89. cholesterol

90. ab____ct science *adj.* based on general ideas, feelings, or qualities and not on any a physical or concrete existence
91. pa____as function *n.* a glandular organ in the digestive system that produces several important hormones, including insulin and glucagon, as well as digestive enzymes that help break down food in the small intestine
92. car_____lar diseases *adj.* of or relating to the heart and blood vessels (= tubes that carry blood around the body)
93. participate in cl____al trials *adj.* of or relating to the examination and treatment of patients rather than theoretical or laboratory studies
94. pa____t with weight loss *n.* a person who is receiving medical treatment, care, or attention from a healthcare professional, such as a doctor, nurse, or therapist; a personal quality or characteristic
95. rep_____ity measure *n.* the ability of an experiment, study, or result to be replicated or repeated by different researchers or laboratories, often seen as a key aspect of scientific rigor
96. co____de that he is healthy *v.* to come to an end or close; to reach a judgment or opinion by reasoning
97. the tr__d away from television *n.* a general direction in which something is changing or developing
98. ev____te the grant proposal *v.* to assess or estimate the quality, significance, quantity, or value of something

ANSWERS: 90. abstract, 91. pancreas, 92. cardiovascular, 93. clinical, 94. patient, 95. reproducibility, 96. conclude, 97. trend, 98. evaluate

99. increase sl____ly *adv.* in a small degree or extent; a little
100. a com_____ive explanation *adj.* complete and including all or everything necessary
101. re_____on between cause and effect *n.* the way two persons or groups of people feel and act toward one another
102. inv_____te the matter *v.* to conduct a systematic or formal inquiry to identify and evaluate the facts of a crime, problem, statement, etc. to establish the truth
103. st_____h a story *v.* to make or be capable of making anything longer or broader without hurting or breaking
104. the exp_____on for the failure *n.* the information or arguments that someone provides to make something understandable or clear
105. ca____r diagnosis *n.* abnormal growth of cells that can invade and destroy surrounding tissues and organs; a disease characterized by the uncontrolled growth and spread of abnormal cells
106. par_____te in the program *v.* to take part in something
107. de____e on a course of action *v.* to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options
108. di_____e prevention *n.* a disorder or illness that affects the body or mind, often characterized by specific symptoms or abnormal functioning of organs or systems

ANSWERS: 99. slightly, 100. comprehensive, 101. relation, 102. investigate, 103. stretch, 104. explanation, 105. cancer, 106. participate, 107. decide, 108. disease

109. dis_____ct a plug *v.* to unfasten or disjoin something, especially to break the connection between a supply of gas, water, or electricity and a piece of equipment
110. a cr__k in a board *v.* to break or cause to break without dividing into separate parts; (noun) a line on the surface of something along which it has separated without breaking
111. a br__d mind *adj.* very wide; general
112. re_____t a new hire *v.* to persuade someone to work for a company; to find new members for an organization, the armed forces, etc.
113. co_____de a meeting *v.* to come to an end or close; to reach a judgment or opinion by reasoning
114. su_____t that he is sick *v.* to consider anything to be actual or probable
115. mi_____d the enemy *v.* to cause someone to believe something that is not true
116. si_____ly situated *adv.* in almost the same way
117. su_____t a plot *v.* to consider anything to be actual or probable
118. cou_____rt agreement *n.* a person or thing that corresponds to or has the same function as another person or thing
119. s__w the message *v.* to turn or place at an angle; to make biased or distorted with the result that it is not accurate, fair, normal, etc.
120. negotiating cou_____rt *n.* a person or thing that corresponds to or has the same function as another person or thing

ANSWERS: 109. disconnect, 110. crack, 111. broad, 112. recruit, 113. conclude, 114. suspect, 115. mislead, 116. similarly, 117. suspect, 118. counterpart, 119. skew, 120. counterpart

121. pl____o therapy *n.* harmless substance, especially given as a pacifier or to the control group in experiments on the efficacy of a drug
122. cr__k an eggshell *v.* to break or cause to break without dividing into separate parts; (noun) a line on the surface of something along which it has separated without breaking
123. patient in the pl____o group *n.* harmless substance, especially given as a pacifier or to the control group in experiments on the efficacy of a drug
124. cl__m responsibility *v.* to assert that something is true; to demand or request something as one's own; to lay legal or moral right to something; (noun) a demand or assertion of a right or something that one believes to be true
125. conduct a com_____ive survey *adj.* complete and including all or everything necessary
126. ex____ng football player *adj.* causing a lot of interest or excitement
127. scientific rep_____ity *n.* the ability of an experiment, study, or result to be replicated or repeated by different researchers or laboratories, often seen as a key aspect of scientific rigor
128. crossword pu___e *n.* a situation that is difficult to follow or solve; a game, problem, or toy that tests a person's ingenuity or knowledge; (verb) to cause someone to feel confused because of something difficult to understand

ANSWERS: 121. placebo, 122. crack, 123. placebo, 124. claim, 125. comprehensive, 126. exciting, 127. reproducibility, 128. puzzle

ANSWERS:

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. This jigsaw _____ is challenging because there are no pictures.
n. a situation that is difficult to follow or solve; a game, problem, or toy that tests a person's ingenuity or knowledge; (verb) to cause someone to feel confused because of something difficult to understand
2. The product is still in the _____ stage.
adj. relating to or based on new ideas, forms, methods, etc. that have not been tried before, usually to find out what effect they have
3. The findings of the experiment were both _____ and unexpected.
adj. causing a lot of interest or excitement
4. The scientist conducted a study that provided _____ details about the species' behavior.
adj. clearly defined or particular to a certain thing or situation; distinct, explicit, and precise
5. So far, the meeting is going according to _____.
n. a list of planned activities, tasks, or things that must be completed showing when they are intended to happen or be done
6. The researchers spent considerable effort to ensure the _____ of their experiments.
n. the ability of an experiment, study, or result to be replicated or repeated by different researchers or laboratories, often seen as a key aspect of scientific rigor
7. They didn't have any _____ evidence of his innocence.
adj. capable of being trusted or believed

ANSWERS: 1. puzzle, 2. experimental, 3. exciting, 4. specific, 5. schedule, 6. reproducibility, 7. credible

8. We elected him to _____ us at the international conference.
v. to speak, act, or be present on behalf of another person or group; to form or constitute
9. The committee _____ several apparent inconsistencies.
v. to conduct a systematic or formal inquiry to identify and evaluate the facts of a crime, problem, statement, etc. to establish the truth
10. To find drunk drivers, police conduct _____ tests.
adj. made, done, or happening without method, conscious decision, or any regular pattern
11. The president prepared several possible _____ for an enemy attack.
n. a description of possible actions or events in the future; a written outline of a play, film, or literary work
12. The engagement of the two golf players became _____ news.
n. a heading at the top of a newspaper or magazine story or page
13. Please _____ your explanation for the children.
v. to make something more straightforward, more understandable, or easier to do
14. A smaller car will _____ less fuel.
v. to spend something, especially fuel, energy, or time, in a large amount
15. She chose to _____ from alcohol at the party.
v. to choose not to do something, especially something that one wants to do
16. His _____ behavior at the dinner party was embarrassing to all in attendance.
adj. excessively eager or greedy to obtain or acquire something, particularly in a somewhat aggressive or selfish manner

ANSWERS: 8. represent, 9. investigated, 10. random, 11. scenarios, 12. headline, 13. simplify, 14. consume, 15. abstain, 16. grabby

17. His _____ in the other company is responsible for marketing.
- n.* a person or thing that corresponds to or has the same function as another person or thing
18. _____ C is important for immune system function and skin health.
- n.* any of a group of organic compounds that are essential in small quantities to the diet and are present in natural foodstuffs or sometimes produced within the body
19. The following example _____ that the capacity of each battery is the same.
- v.* to think or accept something to be true without having proof of it; to take or begin to have power; to begin to exhibit a specific quality or appearance
20. She received special _____ training at the hospital.
- adj.* of or relating to the examination and treatment of patients rather than theoretical or laboratory studies
21. The meeting aims to _____ possible choices.
- v.* to assess or estimate the quality, significance, quantity, or value of something
22. Some herds have been observed to _____ hundreds of kilometers.
- v.* to make or be capable of making anything longer or broader without hurting or breaking
23. As an _____ he had the right to make his own decisions and live his life as he saw fit.
- n.* a single person or thing, as distinct from a group
24. The _____ party strongly disagreed with the government's proposed legislation.
- n.* the act of disagreeing or resisting; the state of strong disagreement

ANSWERS: 17. counterpart, 18. Vitamin, 19. assumes, 20. clinical, 21. evaluate, 22. stretch, 23. individual, 24. opposition

25. The doctor carefully examined the _____ medical history.
n. a person who is receiving medical treatment, care, or attention from a healthcare professional, such as a doctor, nurse, or therapist; a personal quality or characteristic
26. Smoking places you at severe risk of _____ and respiratory disease.
adj. of or relating to the heart and blood vessels (= tubes that carry blood around the body)
27. The invention of the camera triggered the development of _____ painting.
adj. based on general ideas, feelings, or qualities and not on any a physical or concrete existence
28. The following _____ is currently being used to explain the phenomenon in question.
n. the information or arguments that someone provides to make something understandable or clear
29. The man _____ before opening the door.
v. to take a short break from talking or doing something before continuing
30. The lawyer's ____ for the case was \$10,000.
n. a sum of money charged for a particular service
31. We argue that wages for temporary workers should _____ rise.
adv. in almost the same way
32. The majority of students actively _____ in the college's intramural sports program.
v. to take part in something

ANSWERS: 25. patient's, 26. cardiovascular, 27. abstract, 28. explanation, 29. paused, 30. fee, 31. similarly, 32. participated

33. Eating food in a hurry _____ blood glucose levels.
- v. to raise something from a lower to a higher position; to give a promotion to or assign to a higher position
34. The bid _____ for this auction is \$100.
- n. a regular increase in the amount of something, such as money; a process of becoming larger, longer, or more important
35. She finally decided to _____ herself from the company.
- v. to unfasten or disjoin something, especially to break the connection between a supply of gas, water, or electricity and a piece of equipment
36. A double-blind procedure is used to guard against experimenter bias and _____ effects.
- n. harmless substance, especially given as a pacifier or to the control group in experiments on the efficacy of a drug
37. The results of the poll are _____ because it only surveyed a small group of people.
- v. to turn or place at an angle; to make biased or distorted with the result that it is not accurate, fair, normal, etc.
38. The cops _____ him of being the killer.
- v. to consider anything to be actual or probable
39. The colonial government _____ militia support when civil war broke out.
- v. to persuade someone to work for a company; to find new members for an organization, the armed forces, etc.
40. He wants to _____ ownership of the abandoned property.
- v. to assert that something is true; to demand or request something as one's own; to lay legal or moral right to something; (noun) a demand or assertion of a right or something that one believes to be true

ANSWERS: 33. elevates, 34. increment, 35. disconnect, 36. placebo, 37. skewed, 38. suspected, 39. recruited, 40. claim

41. He that would eat the kernel must _____ the nut.
- v. to break or cause to break without dividing into separate parts; (noun) a line on the surface of something along which it has separated without breaking
42. Shall we _____ a bite to eat?
- v. to take hold of something or someone suddenly with a hand, especially in a violent way
43. She couldn't _____ whether to order the pizza or the pasta for dinner.
- v. to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options
44. The endocrine function of the _____ involves the secretion of hormones such as insulin.
- n. a glandular organ in the digestive system that produces several important hormones, including insulin and glucagon, as well as digestive enzymes that help break down food in the small intestine
45. He accumulated wealth across a _____ spectrum of assets.
- adj. very wide; general
46. They awaited news of the _____ of the election.
- n. the result or effect of an action, event, etc.
47. He moved his body _____ to the left.
- adv. in a small degree or extent; a little
48. We need to _____ the meeting for another hour to discuss all the issues.
- v. to extend the duration or length of something, particularly a period of time or an event

ANSWERS: 41. crack, 42. grab, 43. decide, 44. pancreas, 45. broad, 46. outcome, 47. slightly, 48. prolong

49. Our troops pulled back to _____ the enemy.

v. to cause someone to believe something that is not true

50. We have a _____ grasp of this topic.

adj. complete and including all or everything necessary

51. 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

52. What are the _____ that he will survive?

n. the degree or probability that a particular thing will or will not happen

53. High levels of _____ can increase the risk of heart disease.

n. a type of fat that is found in the blood and cells of the body and that is important for many bodily functions but can also contribute to heart disease and stroke when levels are too high

54. The doctor diagnosed him with a rare _____ that had no known cure.

n. a disorder or illness that affects the body or mind, often characterized by specific symptoms or abnormal functioning of organs or systems

55. This device is used to _____ brain cancer and other tumors.

v. to determine or distinguish the nature of a problem or an illness through a careful analysis

56. Climate change is a complex issue that requires a _____ perspective to understand fully.

adj. relating to or considering the overall perspective or larger context of a situation or issue; (noun) the overall or general significance or importance of something

ANSWERS: 49. mislead, 50. comprehensive, 51. mystery, 52. odds, 53. cholesterol, 54. disease, 55. diagnose, 56. big-picture

57. The _____ team worked quickly to save the patient's life.

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

58. We _____ a cease-fire.

v. to come to an end or close; to reach a judgment or opinion by reasoning

59. This evidence supports the big-bang _____.

n. a proposed idea or explanation that is based on a few known facts but has not yet been proven to be true or accurate

60. The oil price continued their downward _____.

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

61. He was _____ gifted.

adv. as might be expected; by natural manners

62. Breast _____ is the most common type of cancer in women.

n. abnormal growth of cells that can invade and destroy surrounding tissues and organs; a disease characterized by the uncontrolled growth and spread of abnormal cells

63. Your credit card is no longer _____.

adj. having a reasonable basis in logic or fact; still legally or officially acceptable

64. 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

ANSWERS: 57. medical, 58. concluded, 59. hypothesis, 60. trend, 61. naturally, 62. cancer, 63. valid, 64. relations