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Session 1: Word List

hometown

n. the town or city where one was born or grew up
synonym: birthplace, home, native place

(1) **hometown** celebrity, (2) **hometown** memory

I always look forward to going back to my **hometown** during the holidays.

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**.

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.

volunteer

n. a person who performs or offers to perform a job or service without being paid for or forced to do

synonym: unpaid worker, draftee, enlistee

(1) seek **volunteers**, (2) my **volunteer** work

The teachers make full use of **volunteer** assistance.

church

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

synonym: chapel, cathedral, synagogue

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

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

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.

clarification

n. the act or process of making a statement or situation less confusing and more understandable; the act of removing solid particles from a liquid

synonym: explanation, description, resolution

(1) **clarification** of the issue, (2) sewage **clarification**

For **clarification** of the discussion, he prepared supporting materials.

introduction

n. a preliminary explanation or remarks given before the start of a text, performance, or event; the act of bringing something new into existence or introducing something to a wider audience or new market

synonym: initiation, preamble, prologue

(1) **introduction** education, (2) self- **introduction**

The **introduction** to the new class was informative and

engaging.

vaccinate

v. to treat with a vaccine, usually by injection, to produce immunity against a disease

synonym: immunize, inject, inoculate

(1) **vaccinate** against scarlet fever, (2) **vaccinate** every year

The nurse **vaccinated** the children in the school.

immunization

n. the process of making a person or animal immune to a specific disease by administering a vaccine or other preventative measure

synonym: vaccination, shot, inoculation

(1) **immunization** program, (2) childhood **immunization**

Due to the success of **immunization** programs, certain diseases, such as smallpox, have been eradicated.

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.

polio

n. an acute infectious disease caused by a virus that attacks nerve cells in the spinal cord and brain, leading to paralysis, muscle weakness, and potentially lifelong disability

synonym: poliomyelitis, infantile paralysis

(1) **polio** epidemic, (2) **polio** eradication

The **polio** vaccine development is regarded as one of the greatest medical achievements of the 20th century.

measles

n. a highly infectious viral disease that causes fever, red spots on the skin, and other flu-like symptoms, typically affects children

synonym : rash, red measles, rubella

(1) **measles** outbreak, (2) **measles** vaccine

The school sent a notice of a **measles** case in one of the classrooms.

influenza

n. (formal for flu) a highly contagious viral disease that causes fever, severe aching, and catarrh and often occurs in epidemics

synonym : grippe, flu

(1) an epidemic outbreak of **influenza**, (2) **influenza B** strain

The research institute allocated a lot of money to study the cause and prevention of **influenza**.

hepatitis

n. a medical condition in which the liver becomes inflamed, often as a result of infection by a virus

synonym : liver inflammation, liver disease, jaundice

(1) chronic **hepatitis**, (2) viral **hepatitis**

The patient was diagnosed with **hepatitis C** and will need treatment to clear the virus from her body.

vaccine

n. a substance that is put into the body and protects them from disease by causing them to produce antibodies (= proteins that attack harmful bacteria, viruses, etc.)

synonym : vaccinum

(1) development of **vaccines**, (2) an oral **vaccine**

The mRNA **vaccine** was approved in less than a year because it did not contain the fragments of the target virus.

weird

adj. extraordinary, unexpected, or difficult to explain

synonym : bizarre, creepy, peculiar

(1) a **weird** dress, (2) the state of being **weird**

My computer has been acting **weird** recently.

nonprofit

adj. not established for commercial profit

synonym : charitable

(1) a **nonprofit** organization, (2) **nonprofit** agency
Our law firm also focuses on **nonprofit** activities.

casual

adj. relaxed and informal in manner or dress, not planned or expected; not involving commitment or seriousness
synonym : informal, relaxed, offhand

(1) **casual** dress, (2) take a **casual** glance

They had a **casual** conversation over coffee at the local cafe.

hood

n. a covering for the head and neck, especially one attached to a garment

synonym : hoodie, cowl, cloak

(1) **hood** ornament, (2) a silk **hood**

He pulled his waterproof **hood** up to protect himself from the rain.

controversy

n. a lot of discussion and argument about something, often involving strong feelings of anger or disapproval

synonym : disagreement, dispute, argument

(1) **controversy** among researchers, (2) arouse **controversy**

They entered into **controversy** with the member of the ruling party.

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.

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.

accurate

adj. correct and exact in all details

synonym : exact, precise, proper

(1) provide **accurate** information, (2) **accurate** measurements

The official transcript contains **accurate** academic records.

defy

v. to challenge or dare someone to do something; to resist or disobey a rule, decision, etc.

synonym : challenge, resist, disobey

(1) **defy** gravity, (2) **defy** authority

She tried to **defy** her parents by moving to the city against their wishes.

Senate

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

synonym : upper house, council, assembly

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

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

committee

n. a group of people appointed or elected to perform a specific function or manage a particular task, often within a larger organization

synonym : panel, board, council

(1) **committee** meeting, (2) **committee** member

The ad hoc **committee** met to discuss the proposal.

rip

v. to tear something or be torn violently or suddenly

synonym : tear, cut, slit

(1) **rip** a notebook apart, (2) **rip** a hole in the roof

During transit, the stuff may **rip** off the luggage tag.

congress

n. a formal meeting of the representatives of different countries, constituent states, organizations, trade unions, political parties, or other groups

synonym : legislature, parliament, assembly

(1) an international **congress**, (2) peace **congress**

Congress must consider this proposal in an unusual situation.

outlet

n. a means of release or expression, often for emotions or energy; a place of business that sells goods directly to customers; a device or opening through which something can flow out

synonym : opening, vent, aperture

(1) an **outlet** for water, (2) media **outlet**

The **outlet** in the bathroom was faulty, so I had to use a different one for my hair dryer.

misinformation

n. information that is false or inaccurate, or the act of giving wrong information, especially deliberately

synonym : falsity, misreport, misstatement

(1) **misinformation** about a vaccine, (2) combat **misinformation** on social media

The government called for caution against pseudoscientific **misinformation** about vaccines.

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.

confuse

v. to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand

synonym : confound, obscure, disorient

(1) **confuse** the listener, (2) **confuse** fantasy with reality

Her remarks **confused** the debate.

empathy

n. the ability to share another person's feelings or experiences by imagining that person's situation

synonym: compassion, sympathy, tenderness

(1) full of **empathy**, (2) **empathy** for patients

Empathy is also necessary to understand history.

regard

v. to think about or consider somebody or something in a specified way

synonym: consider, see, reckon

(1) **regard** him as an enemy, (2) **regard** the situation as unfortunate

Frugality and industry are still **regarded** as virtues.

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.

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.

obvious

adj. easy to see, discover or understand

synonym: apparent, conspicuous, evident

(1) **obvious** reasons, (2) his conclusion was **obvious**

There are **obvious** differences between the two wine-producing regions.

autism

n. a developmental disorder characterized by difficulties in social interaction, verbal and nonverbal communication

(1) high-functioning **autism**, (2) **autism** spectrum disorder

There is no cure for **autism**, but early intervention and therapy can improve outcomes for individuals with the condition.

maim

v. to injure or wound someone seriously, particularly by permanently disabling or disfiguring a body part

synonym: injure, incapacitate, wound

(1) **maim** a victim, (2) **maim** his hand

The reckless driver **maimed** several pedestrians after losing control of the vehicle.

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.

propose

v. to make a proposal, declare a plan for something

synonym: suggest, offer, recommend

(1) **propose** the amendment, (2) **propose** changes

I want to **propose** a toast in honor of our longstanding relationship.

constantly

adv. all the time

synonym: continuously, always, frequently

(1) a **constantly** innovative enterprise, (2) a **constantly** varying mind

The mobile application industry is **constantly** changing.

facilitate

v. to make something easier or more likely to happen

synonym: aid, assist, help

(1) **facilitate** a smooth transition, (2) **facilitate** the process

The company implemented a new software system to **facilitate** employee communication and collaboration.

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.

platform

- n.* the raised flat space close to the track at a train station where passengers get on or off the train; (technology) a computational or digital environment in which a piece of software is executed

synonym: stage, podium, forum

(1) an arrival **platform**, (2) a digital **platform** for enterprise

The speaker mounted the **platform** and started to speak.

criticism

- n.* the act of analyzing, evaluating, or judging something, especially literary or artistic work, to find fault with it or to offer suggestions for improvement; the expression of disapproval or censure

synonym: critique, commentary, review

(1) **criticism** from the public, (2) harsh **criticism**

Constructive **criticism** is always helpful to help improving one's work.

testimony

- n.* a formal written or spoken statement that something is true, especially one given in court; something that serves as evidence

synonym: affirmant, evidence, proof

(1) **testimony** before Congress, (2) give his **testimony**

Witness **testimony** backed up the defendant's claims.

elevator

- n.* a mechanical device used for vertical transportation, typically in multi-story buildings, consisting of a compartmentalized platform that moves between floors

synonym: lift, hoist

(1) **elevator** ride, (2) modern **elevator**

The hotel's **elevator** was out of order, so we had to take the stairs to our room on the fifth floor.

murder

n. the crime of killing somebody intentionally

synonym: slaying, killing

(1) **murder** in the second degree, (2) attempted **murder**

This intriguing **murder** mystery remains unsolved.

critic

n. someone who expresses opinions about the quality of books, music, etc.

synonym: pundit, analyst, attacker

(1) art **critic**, (2) severe **critic**

Advocates for legal reform hear less harsh words from their **critics**.

doubt

n. a feeling of being uncertain about something, especially about how good or accurate it is

synonym: distrust, suspect, mistrust

(1) dispel **doubts**, (2) no **doubt** about the news

Doubt is the start, not the end, of intelligence.

quitter

n. a person who gives up easily or does not have the determination to finish what they have started

synonym: coward, deserter, surrender

(1) easy **quitter**, (2) serial **quitter**

He was labeled as a **quitter** after he abandoned the project halfway.

topic

n. a subject that is being discussed or written about

synonym: subject, theme, issue

(1) a serious **topic**, (2) the **topic** of the book

The **topic** of the discussion was the current state of the economy.

movement

n. a group of people working together to achieve a shared goal, especially a political, social, or artistic one; the

process of moving or being moved, physically or figuratively

synonym : motion, progression, action

(1) a circular **movement**, (2) **movement** of troops

The **movement** of the dancers on stage was graceful and elegant.

stance

n. a way of thinking about something, especially expressed publicly; attitude or position of a standing person or animal

synonym : attitude, standpoint, viewpoint

(1) change her **stance**, (2) the batting **stance**

He continued to support her political **stance**.

commitment

n. a promise or firm decision to do something or to behave in a certain way

synonym : burden, obligation, promise

(1) a **commitment** to an alliance, (2) meet his **commitments**

His business **commitments** took him to the United States.

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.

convincing

adj. able to make someone believe that something is true

synonym : clear, compelling, believable

(1) a **convincing** victory, (2) **convincing** biochemical explanation

I found her assertion pretty **convincing**.

takeaway

n. a message or conclusion that can be taken away from a situation or piece of information

synonym : conclusion, message, insight

(1) **takeaway** pizza, (2) **takeaway** message

The main **takeaway** from the meeting was the need for better communication.

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.

anecdotal

adj. based on personal accounts or stories that may not be verifiable or representative of a larger population; characterized by anecdotes or casual observations rather than scientific data or empirical evidence

synonym: hearsay, informal, unreliable

(1) **anecdotal** evidence, (2) **anecdotal** example

My friend shared an **anecdotal** story about her experience in customer service.

resonate

v. to be filled with a deep echoing sound

synonym: echo, reverberate, resound

(1) deeply **resonate** with the consumers, (2) **resonate** in the same frequency

The sound **resonates** well in this theater.

authentic

adj. known to be real and what people say it is; not a fake or copy

synonym: genuine, bona fide, original

(1) an **authentic** signature, (2) the sets were meticulously **authentic**

The stages of the play were meticulously **authentic**

importance

n. the quality of being important and worthy of note

synonym: significance, primacy, matter

(1) a man of **importance**, (2) high **importance**

I stopped by the branch though I have no business of **importance**.

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.

fathomable

adj. able to be understood or comprehended; able to be measured or explored to a certain depth

synonym: understandable, comprehensible, intelligible

(1) **fathomable** explanation, (2) **fathomable** solution

The scientific theories presented in the book were **fathomable** even to non-experts.

outbreak

n. a sudden start of something, usually a disease or something dangerous or unpleasant

synonym: eruption, outburst, explosion

(1) infectious disease **outbreaks**, (2) the **outbreak** of hostilities

The government predicts an epidemic **outbreak** of multiple viruses, including coronaviruses and influenza.

decision

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

synonym: choice, determination, judgment

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

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

senator

n. a member of a legislative body, especially a member of the U.S. Senate

synonym: legislator, politician, representative

(1) junior **senator**, (2) **senator** term

The hawkish **senator** gave a speech on the new bill in the Senate.

progression

n. the act or process of changing to the next stage or phase or moving forward

synonym: advancement, development, evolution

(1) **progression** of civilization, (2) **progression** of disease

The company has made great strides in its **progression** toward sustainability.

unbreakable

adj. not able to be broken or damaged

synonym: indestructible, durable, sturdy

(1) **unbreakable** bond, (2) **unbreakable** commitment

This titanium bike frame is advertised as **unbreakable**.

unbroken

adj. continuous and not interrupted; (of promises or contracts) not violated or disregarded

synonym: intact, unchanged, continuing

(1) an **unbroken** horse, (2) **unbroken** chain

He enjoyed the **unbroken** quiet of the afternoon at the villa.

sway

v. to move back and forth or side to side gently, often in response to external factors such as wind or water; to influence or persuade someone to do something; to control or dominate something

synonym: swing, oscillate, influence

(1) **sway** back and forth, (2) **sway** to the rhythm

The politician tried to **sway** public opinion in his favor, but his arguments fell flat.

Session 2: Spelling

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| 2. fat_____le solution | <i>adj.</i> able to be understood or comprehended; able to be measured or explored to a certain depth |
| 3. a com_____nt to an alliance | <i>n.</i> a promise or firm decision to do something or to behave in a certain way |
| 4. ch___h bell | <i>n.</i> a building or institution dedicated to religious worship or activities; a Christian religious organization or denomination |
| 5. mi_____d the enemy | <i>v.</i> to cause someone to believe something that is not true |
| 6. unb_____le commitment | <i>adj.</i> not able to be broken or damaged |
| 7. no do__t about the news | <i>n.</i> a feeling of being uncertain about something, especially about how good or accurate it is |
| 8. di_____s solutions | <i>v.</i> to talk about or examine in detail through conversation or debate; to exchange ideas, opinions, or information on a particular topic |
| 9. d__y authority | <i>v.</i> to challenge or dare someone to do something; to resist or disobey a rule, decision, etc. |
| 10. au___m spectrum disorder | <i>n.</i> a developmental disorder characterized by difficulties in social interaction, verbal and nonverbal communication |

ANSWERS: 1. autism, 2. fathomable, 3. commitment, 4. church, 5. mislead, 6. unbreakable, 7. doubt, 8. discuss, 9. defy, 10. autism

11. a silk h__d *n.* a covering for the head and neck, especially one attached to a garment
12. me____s vaccine *n.* a highly infectious viral disease that causes fever, red spots on the skin, and other flu-like symptoms, typically affects children
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31. con_____sy among researchers *n.* a lot of discussion and argument about something, often involving strong feelings of anger or disapproval

ANSWERS: 20. headline, 21. progression, 22. convincing, 23. amazing, 24. committee, 25. communal, 26. discuss, 27. norm, 28. importance, 29. congress, 30. accurate, 31. controversy

32. full of em____y *n.* the ability to share another person's feelings or experiences by imagining that person's situation
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37. combat mis_____ion on social media *n.* information that is false or inaccurate, or the act of giving wrong information, especially deliberately
38. attempted mu____r *n.* the crime of killing somebody intentionally
39. 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

ANSWERS: 32. empathy, 33. disease, 34. polio, 35. criticism, 36. immunization, 37. misinformation, 38. murder, 39. debate

40. a digital pl_____rm for enterprise *n.* the raised flat space close to the track at a train station where passengers get on or off the train; (technology) a computational or digital environment in which a piece of software is executed
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ANSWERS: 40. platform, 41. Senate, 42. hepatitis, 43. critic, 44. rip, 45. norm, 46. sway, 47. constantly, 48. elevator, 49. stance

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58. 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

ANSWERS: 50. debate, 51. circumstance, 52. amazing, 53. hometown, 54. topic, 55. testimony, 56. platform, 57. movement, 58. disease

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67. m__m his hand *v.* to injure or wound someone seriously, particularly by permanently disabling or disfiguring a body part
68. an epidemic outbreak of in_____za *n.* (formal for flu) a highly contagious viral disease that causes fever, severe aching, and catarrh and often occurs in epidemics
69. en_____er a storm *v.* to face something, particularly something unpleasant or difficult, while attempting to do something else; to meet, especially unexpectedly

ANSWERS: 59. progression, 60. rip, 61. vaccinate, 62. individual, 63. confuse, 64. headline, 65. claim, 66. mislead, 67. maim, 68. influenza, 69. encounter

70. an_____al example *adj.* based on personal accounts or stories that may not be verifiable or representative of a larger population; characterized by anecdotes or casual observations rather than scientific data or empirical evidence
71. the state of being we__d *adj.* extraordinary, unexpected, or difficult to explain
72. seek vo_____ers *n.* a person who performs or offers to perform a job or service without being paid for or forced to do
73. de_____on authority *n.* the act or process of making up someone's mind about something; a choice or judgment reached after considering options
74. a private ind_____al *n.* a single person or thing, as distinct from a group
75. an oral va_____e *n.* a substance that is put into the body and protects them from disease by causing them to produce antibodies (= proteins that attack harmful bacteria, viruses, etc.)
76. re___d him as an enemy *v.* to think about or consider somebody or something in a specified way
77. provide ac_____te information *adj.* correct and exact in all details
78. co_____ed criminal *adj.* completely certain about something; having a strong belief or conviction in a particular religion
79. cir_____nce of injury *n.* the specific conditions or events that surround a particular situation or occurrence

ANSWERS: 70. anecdotal, 71. weird, 72. volunteer, 73. decision, 74. individual, 75. vaccine, 76. regard, 77. accurate, 78. convinced, 79. circumstance

80. h__d ornament *n.* a covering for the head and neck, especially one attached to a garment
81. a con_____ly varying mind *adv.* all the time
82. co_____e the listener *v.* to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand
83. d__y gravity *v.* to challenge or dare someone to do something; to resist or disobey a rule, decision, etc.
84. an au_____ic signature *adj.* known to be real and what people say it is; not a fake or copy
85. small ch____h *n.* a building or institution dedicated to religious worship or activities; a Christian religious organization or denomination
86. me_____s outbreak *n.* a highly infectious viral disease that causes fever, red spots on the skin, and other flu-like symptoms, typically affects children
87. easy qu_____r *n.* a person who gives up easily or does not have the determination to finish what they have started
88. ta_____ay pizza *n.* a message or conclusion that can be taken away from a situation or piece of information
89. development of va_____es *n.* a substance that is put into the body and protects them from disease by causing them to produce antibodies (= proteins that attack harmful bacteria, viruses, etc.)

ANSWERS: 80. hood, 81. constantly, 82. confuse, 83. defy, 84. authentic, 85. church, 86. measles, 87. quitter, 88. takeaway, 89. vaccine

90. m__m a victim *v.* to injure or wound someone seriously, particularly by permanently disabling or disfiguring a body part
91. a man of imp_____ce *n.* the quality of being important and worthy of note
92. the ou_____ak of hostilities *n.* a sudden start of something, usually a disease or something dangerous or unpleasant
93. a we__d dress *adj.* extraordinary, unexpected, or difficult to explain
94. human in_____ct *n.* the ability to think logically and comprehend information, especially at an advanced level
95. change her st___e *n.* a way of thinking about something, especially expressed publicly; attitude or position of a standing person or animal
96. co_____ed of the idea *adj.* completely certain about something; having a strong belief or conviction in a particular religion
97. a serious to__c *n.* a subject that is being discussed or written about
98. junior se_____r *n.* a member of a legislative body, especially a member of the U.S. Senate
99. em_____y for patients *n.* the ability to share another person's feelings or experiences by imagining that person's situation
100. int_____ion education *n.* a preliminary explanation or remarks given before the start of a text, performance, or event; the act of bringing something new into existence or introducing something to a wider audience or new market

ANSWERS: 90. maim, 91. importance, 92. outbreak, 93. weird, 94. intellect, 95. stance, 96. convinced, 97. topic, 98. senator, 99. empathy, 100. introduction

101. dispel do__ts *n.* a feeling of being uncertain about something, especially about how good or accurate it is
102. po__o eradication *n.* an acute infectious disease caused by a virus that attacks nerve cells in the spinal cord and brain, leading to paralysis, muscle weakness, and potentially lifelong disability
103. ca___l dress *adj.* relaxed and informal in manner or dress, not planned or expected; not involving commitment or seriousness
104. an_____al evidence *adj.* based on personal accounts or stories that may not be verifiable or representative of a larger population; characterized by anecdotes or casual observations rather than scientific data or empirical evidence
105. cla_____ion of the issue *n.* the act or process of making a statement or situation less confusing and more understandable; the act of removing solid particles from a liquid
106. fac_____te the process *v.* to make something easier or more likely to happen
107. a circular mo_____nt *n.* a group of people working together to achieve a shared goal, especially a political, social, or artistic one; the process of moving or being moved, physically or figuratively
108. no_____it agency *adj.* not established for commercial profit

ANSWERS: 101. doubt, 102. polio, 103. casual, 104. anecdotal, 105. clarification, 106. facilitate, 107. movement, 108. nonprofit

109. re___d the situation as unfortunate *v.* to think about or consider somebody or something in a specified way
110. cr_____sm from the public *n.* the act of analyzing, evaluating, or judging something, especially literary or artistic work, to find fault with it or to offer suggestions for improvement; the expression of disapproval or censure
111. fat_____le explanation *adj.* able to be understood or comprehended; able to be measured or explored to a certain depth
112. va_____te every year *v.* to treat with a vaccine, usually by injection, to produce immunity against a disease
113. deeply re_____te with the consumers *v.* to be filled with a deep echoing sound
114. en_____er a crisis *v.* to face something, particularly something unpleasant or difficult, while attempting to do something else; to meet, especially unexpectedly
115. peace co_____ss *n.* a formal meeting of the representatives of different countries, constituent states, organizations, trade unions, political parties, or other groups
116. take a ca___l glance *adj.* relaxed and informal in manner or dress, not planned or expected; not involving commitment or seriousness
117. enrich my in_____ct *n.* the ability to think logically and comprehend information, especially at an advanced level
118. arouse con_____sy *n.* a lot of discussion and argument about something, often involving strong feelings of anger or disapproval

ANSWERS: 109. regard, 110. criticism, 111. fathomable, 112. vaccinate, 113. resonate, 114. encounter, 115. congress, 116. casual, 117. intellect, 118. controversy

119. mu___r in the second degree *n.* the crime of killing somebody intentionally
120. meet his com_____nts *n.* a promise or firm decision to do something or to behave in a certain way
121. give his te_____ny *n.* a formal written or spoken statement that something is true, especially one given in court; something that serves as evidence
122. media ou___t *n.* a means of release or expression, often for emotions or energy; a place of business that sells goods directly to customers; a device or opening through which something can flow out
123. se_____r term *n.* a member of a legislative body, especially a member of the U.S. Senate
124. ob_____s reasons *adj.* easy to see, discover or understand
125. fac_____te a smooth transition *v.* to make something easier or more likely to happen
126. imm_____ion program *n.* the process of making a person or animal immune to a specific disease by administering a vaccine or other preventative measure
127. my vo_____er work *n.* a person who performs or offers to perform a job or service without being paid for or forced to do
128. infectious disease ou_____aks *n.* a sudden start of something, usually a disease or something dangerous or unpleasant
129. pr_____e changes *v.* to make a proposal, declare a plan for something

ANSWERS: 119. murder, 120. commitment, 121. testimony, 122. outlet, 123. senator, 124. obvious, 125. facilitate, 126. immunization, 127. volunteer, 128. outbreak, 129. propose

130. his conclusion was ob____s *adj.* easy to see, discover or understand
131. ta____ay message *n.* a message or conclusion that can be taken away from a situation or piece of information
132. co____al combination of funds *adj.* belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use
133. sewage cla_____ion *n.* the act or process of making a statement or situation less confusing and more understandable; the act of removing solid particles from a liquid
134. an un____en horse *adj.* continuous and not interrupted; (of promises or contracts) not violated or disregarded
135. co_____ee member *n.* a group of people appointed or elected to perform a specific function or manage a particular task, often within a larger organization
136. unb_____le bond *adj.* not able to be broken or damaged
137. un____en chain *adj.* continuous and not interrupted; (of promises or contracts) not violated or disregarded
138. pr____e the amendment *v.* to make a proposal, declare a plan for something
139. modern el____or *n.* a mechanical device used for vertical transportation, typically in multi-story buildings, consisting of a compartmentalized platform that moves between floors

ANSWERS: 130. obvious, 131. takeaway, 132. communal, 133. clarification, 134. unbroken, 135. committee, 136. unbreakable, 137. unbroken, 138. propose, 139. elevator

140. a no_____it organization *adj.* not established for commercial profit
141. mis_____ion about a vaccine *n.* information that is false or inaccurate, or the act of giving wrong information, especially deliberately
142. a selfish de_____on *n.* the act or process of making up someone's mind about something; a choice or judgment reached after considering options
143. severe cr____c *n.* someone who expresses opinions about the quality of books, music, etc.
144. the sets were meticulously
au_____ic *adj.* known to be real and what people say it is; not a fake or copy
145. Se___e Finance Committee *n.* a legislative body, especially the upper house of a parliament
146. self-int_____ion *n.* a preliminary explanation or remarks given before the start of a text, performance, or event; the act of bringing something new into existence or introducing something to a wider audience or new market
147. an ou____t for water *n.* a means of release or expression, often for emotions or energy; a place of business that sells goods directly to customers; a device or opening through which something can flow out
148. in_____za B strain *n.* (formal for flu) a highly contagious viral disease that causes fever, severe aching, and catarrh and often occurs in epidemics

ANSWERS: 140. nonprofit, 141. misinformation, 142. decision, 143. critic, 144. authentic, 145. Senate, 146. introduction, 147. outlet, 148. influenza

ANSWERS:

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The _____ on the corner is hosting a free community meal tonight.
n. a building or institution dedicated to religious worship or activities; a Christian religious organization or denomination
2. The mobile application industry is _____ changing.
adv. all the time
3. This titanium bike frame is advertised as _____.
adj. not able to be broken or damaged
4. My friend shared an _____ story about her experience in customer service.
adj. based on personal accounts or stories that may not be verifiable or representative of a larger population; characterized by anecdotes or casual observations rather than scientific data or empirical evidence
5. The government predicts an epidemic _____ of multiple viruses, including coronaviruses and influenza.
n. a sudden start of something, usually a disease or something dangerous or unpleasant
6. During transit, the stuff may ___ off the luggage tag.
v. to tear something or be torn violently or suddenly
7. The official transcript contains _____ academic records.
adj. correct and exact in all details
8. 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

ANSWERS: 1. church, 2. constantly, 3. unbreakable, 4. anecdotal, 5. outbreak, 6. rip, 7. accurate, 8. discuss

9. The company has made great strides in its _____ toward sustainability.
n. the act or process of changing to the next stage or phase or moving forward
10. 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
11. I always look forward to going back to my _____ during the holidays.
n. the town or city where one was born or grew up
12. 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
13. Her remarks _____ the debate.
v. to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand
14. _____ elections were held in several European countries.
adj. belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use
15. The nurse _____ the children in the school.
v. to treat with a vaccine, usually by injection, to produce immunity against a disease
16. The patient was diagnosed with _____ C and will need treatment to clear the virus from her body.
n. a medical condition in which the liver becomes inflamed, often as a result of infection by a virus

ANSWERS: 9. progression, 10. convinced, 11. hometown, 12. claim, 13. confused, 14. Communal, 15. vaccinated, 16. hepatitis

17. The speaker mounted the _____ and started to speak.
- n.* the raised flat space close to the track at a train station where passengers get on or off the train; (technology) a computational or digital environment in which a piece of software is executed
18. The company implemented a new software system to _____ employee communication and collaboration.
- v.* to make something easier or more likely to happen
19. The engagement of the two golf players became _____ news.
- n.* a heading at the top of a newspaper or magazine story or page
20. His business _____ took him to the United States.
- n.* a promise or firm decision to do something or to behave in a certain way
21. The mRNA _____ was approved in less than a year because it did not contain the fragments of the target virus.
- n.* a substance that is put into the body and protects them from disease by causing them to produce antibodies (= proteins that attack harmful bacteria, viruses, etc.)
22. The _____ majority leader announced plans to bring the bill to the floor for a vote.
- n.* a legislative body, especially the upper house of a parliament
23. Our troops pulled back to _____ the enemy.
- v.* to cause someone to believe something that is not true
24. They entered into _____ with the member of the ruling party.
- n.* a lot of discussion and argument about something, often involving strong feelings of anger or disapproval

ANSWERS: 17. platform, 18. facilitate, 19. headline, 20. commitments, 21. vaccine, 22. Senate, 23. mislead, 24. controversy

25. For _____ of the discussion, he prepared supporting materials.
- n.* the act or process of making a statement or situation less confusing and more understandable; the act of removing solid particles from a liquid
26. 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
27. She tried to _____ her parents by moving to the city against their wishes.
- v.* to challenge or dare someone to do something; to resist or disobey a rule, decision, etc.
28. He continued to support her political _____.
- n.* a way of thinking about something, especially expressed publicly; attitude or position of a standing person or animal
29. The hotel's _____ was out of order, so we had to take the stairs to our room on the fifth floor.
- n.* a mechanical device used for vertical transportation, typically in multi-story buildings, consisting of a compartmentalized platform that moves between floors
30. The sound _____ well in this theater.
- v.* to be filled with a deep echoing sound
31. There is no cure for _____ but early intervention and therapy can improve outcomes for individuals with the condition.
- n.* a developmental disorder characterized by difficulties in social interaction, verbal and nonverbal communication

ANSWERS: 25. clarification, 26. disease, 27. defy, 28. stance, 29. elevator, 30. resonates, 31. autism,

32. My computer has been acting _____ recently.

adj. extraordinary, unexpected, or difficult to explain

33. She explained the _____ surrounding the accident.

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

34. The _____ of the discussion was the current state of the economy.

n. a subject that is being discussed or written about

35. The hawkish _____ gave a speech on the new bill in the Senate.

n. a member of a legislative body, especially a member of the U.S. Senate

36. He was labeled as a _____ after he abandoned the project halfway.

n. a person who gives up easily or does not have the determination to finish what they have started

37. The _____ vaccine development is regarded as one of the greatest medical achievements of the 20th century.

n. an acute infectious disease caused by a virus that attacks nerve cells in the spinal cord and brain, leading to paralysis, muscle weakness, and potentially lifelong disability

38. The _____ to the new class was informative and engaging.

n. a preliminary explanation or remarks given before the start of a text, performance, or event; the act of bringing something new into existence or introducing something to a wider audience or new market

39. He enjoyed the _____ quiet of the afternoon at the villa.

adj. continuous and not interrupted; (of promises or contracts) not violated or disregarded

ANSWERS: 32. weird, 33. circumstances, 34. topic, 35. senator, 36. quitter, 37. polio, 38. introduction, 39. unbroken

40. The scientific theories presented in the book were _____ even to non-experts.
adj. able to be understood or comprehended; able to be measured or explored to a certain depth
41. 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
42. The _____ of the dancers on stage was graceful and elegant.
n. a group of people working together to achieve a shared goal, especially a political, social, or artistic one; the process of moving or being moved, physically or figuratively
43. The reckless driver _____ several pedestrians after losing control of the vehicle.
v. to injure or wound someone seriously, particularly by permanently disabling or disfiguring a body part
44. The politician tried to _____ public opinion in his favor, but his arguments fell flat.
v. to move back and forth or side to side gently, often in response to external factors such as wind or water; to influence or persuade someone to do something; to control or dominate something
45. The main _____ from the meeting was the need for better communication.
n. a message or conclusion that can be taken away from a situation or piece of information
46. The school sent a notice of a _____ case in one of the classrooms.
n. a highly infectious viral disease that causes fever, red spots on the skin, and other flu-like symptoms, typically affects children

ANSWERS: 40. fathomable, 41. encounter, 42. movement, 43. maimed, 44. sway, 45. takeaway, 46. measles

47. Frugality and industry are still _____ as virtues.

v. to think about or consider somebody or something in a specified way

48. 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

49. I stopped by the branch though I have no business of _____.

n. the quality of being important and worthy of note

50. The government called for caution against pseudoscientific _____ about vaccines.

n. information that is false or inaccurate, or the act of giving wrong information, especially deliberately

51. I want to _____ a toast in honor of our longstanding relationship.

v. to make a proposal, declare a plan for something

52. _____ is the start, not the end, of intelligence.

n. a feeling of being uncertain about something, especially about how good or accurate it is

53. The ad hoc _____ met to discuss the proposal.

n. a group of people appointed or elected to perform a specific function or manage a particular task, often within a larger organization

54. The systems we have developed has accepted as industry _____.

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

ANSWERS: 47. regarded, 48. individual, 49. importance, 50. misinformation, 51. propose, 52. Doubt, 53. committee, 54. norms

55. They had a _____ conversation over coffee at the local cafe.

adj. relaxed and informal in manner or dress, not planned or expected; not involving commitment or seriousness

56. Witness _____ backed up the defendant's claims.

n. a formal written or spoken statement that something is true, especially one given in court; something that serves as evidence

57. _____ must consider this proposal in an unusual situation.

n. a formal meeting of the representatives of different countries, constituent states, organizations, trade unions, political parties, or other groups

58. He pulled his waterproof _____ up to protect himself from the rain.

n. a covering for the head and neck, especially one attached to a garment

59. This intriguing _____ mystery remains unsolved.

n. the crime of killing somebody intentionally

60. The teachers make full use of _____ assistance.

n. a person who performs or offers to perform a job or service without being paid for or forced to do

61. _____ is also necessary to understand history.

n. the ability to share another person's feelings or experiences by imagining that person's situation

62. I found her assertion pretty _____.

adj. able to make someone believe that something is true

ANSWERS: 55. casual, 56. testimony, 57. Congress, 58. hood, 59. murder, 60. volunteer, 61. Empathy, 62. convincing

63. Advocates for legal reform hear less harsh words from their _____.
- n.* someone who expresses opinions about the quality of books, music, etc.
64. There are _____ differences between the two wine-producing regions.
- adj.* easy to see, discover or understand
65. 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
66. Due to the success of _____ programs, certain diseases, such as smallpox, have been eradicated.
- n.* the process of making a person or animal immune to a specific disease by administering a vaccine or other preventative measure
67. Constructive _____ is always helpful to help improving one's work.
- n.* the act of analyzing, evaluating, or judging something, especially literary or artistic work, to find fault with it or to offer suggestions for improvement; the expression of disapproval or censure
68. The _____ in the bathroom was faulty, so I had to use a different one for my hair dryer.
- n.* a means of release or expression, often for emotions or energy; a place of business that sells goods directly to customers; a device or opening through which something can flow out
69. The stages of the play were meticulously _____
- adj.* known to be real and what people say it is; not a fake or copy

ANSWERS: 63. critics, 64. obvious, 65. debate, 66. immunization, 67. criticism, 68. outlet, 69. authentic

70. Your _____ is capable of distinguishing among similar objects.
n. the ability to think logically and comprehend information, especially at an advanced level
71. The research institute allocated a lot of money to study the cause and prevention of _____.
n. (formal for flu) a highly contagious viral disease that causes fever, severe aching, and catarrh and often occurs in epidemics
72. Our law firm also focuses on _____ activities.
adj. not established for commercial profit
73. The golfer recorded an _____ distance.
adj. extremely surprising, especially in a way that you like or admire
74. She was struggling to make a _____ between two job offers.
n. the act or process of making up someone's mind about something; a choice or judgment reached after considering options

ANSWERS: 70. intellect, 71. influenza, 72. nonprofit, 73. amazing, 74. decision