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All Words

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Session 1: Word List

unplanned

adj. not planned or intended; not having been prearranged or organized

synonym : spontaneous, impromptu, unforeseen

(1) an **unplanned** economy, (2) **unplanned** visit

The **unplanned** power outage caused much inconvenience.

pregnant

adj. having a baby or young animal developing in the uterus

synonym : expectant

(1) needs of **pregnant** women, (2) a silence **pregnant** with suspense

She vacated the position when she got **pregnant**.

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.

precaution

n. a measure taken in advance to prevent harm, danger, or injury; foresightfulness

synonym : safeguard, measure, provision

(1) airborne **precaution**, (2) take extra **precautions**

As a **precaution**, the company locked all of its doors after a threat was made.

astonishing

adj. surprising or shocking; difficult to believe

synonym: surprising, shocking, astounding

(1) **astonishing** achievement, (2) make **astonishing** gains

The news of her sudden death was **astonishing** to everyone who knew her.

span

n. the entire length of something, such as time or space from beginning to end; the amount of space that something covers

synonym: interval, period, length

(1) the **span** of a bird's wings, (2) the average life **span**

He slightly modified the **span** of training because it was just before a match.

estimate

v. to guess or calculate the cost, size, value, etc. of something

synonym: calculate, gauge, evaluate

(1) **estimate** a fair value, (2) **estimate** this chicken to weigh three pounds

We **estimated** the season's total trade deficit at \$50 billion.

typical

adj. having the usual characteristics or traits of a specific group of things

synonym: characteristic, usual, distinctive

(1) **typical** leader, (2) fairly **typical** symptoms

This artwork is **typical** of her work.

accidentally

adv. by chance or without planning

synonym: by chance, unintentionally, unwittingly

(1) they met **accidentally**, (2) **accidentally** coincide

He was **accidentally** killed by friendly fire.

uninformed

adj. lacking knowledge or awareness about a particular subject or issue; ignorant or unaware of the facts or details surrounding a situation

synonym : ignorant, unaware, unenlightened

(1) **uninformed** general public, (2) kept completely **uninformed**

He made an **uninformed** decision based on hearsay instead of facts.

condom

n. a thin rubber or plastic sheath worn over the penis during sexual intercourse to prevent pregnancy or the transmission of sexually transmitted infections (STIs) between partners

synonym : prophylactic, rubber, sheath

(1) **condom** brand, (2) safe **condom** use

Using a **condom** during sexual activity is one of the most effective ways to prevent unwanted pregnancies and sexually transmitted infections.

clinic

n. a building or hospital department where people can go for medical care or advice, especially of a particular condition

synonym : hospital, infirmary

(1) visit to the veterinary **clinic**, (2) a dental **clinic**

She holds a **clinic** on Tuesday mornings.

educate

v. to provide or receive instruction or training over a period of time at a school, university, etc.

synonym : instruct, teach, train

(1) **educate** student, (2) **educate** public

The school's mission is to **educate** young children and prepare them for the future.

upstream

adj. in the direction against a stream's current; (adverb) toward the source or beginning of a stream, river, or process

synonym : upriver, up-current

(1) swim **upstream**, (2) **upstream** direction

The company is investing heavily in **upstream** research and development.

nonprofit

adj. not established for commercial profit

synonym: charitable

(1) a **nonprofit** organization, (2) **nonprofit** agency

Our law firm also focuses on **nonprofit** activities.

cofounder

n. one of several people who establishes an organization or starts a business

(1) **cofounder** of the university, (2) late **cofounder**

He is the **cofounder** and chairman of this tech company.

primary

adj. first or highest in rank, order, or importance; most fundamental or essential; pertaining to the initial or introductory stage of something, such as a school year or election cycle

synonym: chief, main, fundamental

(1) **primary** school, (2) **primary** education

The **primary** cause of the accident was due to the icy road conditions.

facility

n. a building or place that provides a particular service or is used for a particular industry

synonym: building, structure, installation

(1) a cell phone with an internet **facility**, (2) **facility** design

This company has an entire recycling **facility**, including major reprocessing plants.

vast

adj. enormous in size, number, amount, or quantity

synonym: expansive, extended, boundless

(1) **vast** majority, (2) **vast** desert

A **vast** audience viewed the broadcast.

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.

contraceptive

adj. relating to a method or object used to prevent pregnancy; serving to prevent or reduce the likelihood of conception

synonym: preventive, prophylactic, antifertility

(1) **contraceptive** measures, (2) hormonal **contraceptive**

The **contraceptive** patch offers a convenient and effective method of birth control.

achieve

v. to successfully complete a task or goal, often through hard work, perseverance, and dedication; to attain or accomplish something that one has set out to do

synonym: accomplish, attain, reach

(1) **achieve** success, (2) **achieve** milestones

I will work hard to **achieve** my goals and realize my dreams.

strike

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

synonym: hit, impact, influence

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

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

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.

conversation

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

synonym: chat, discussion, dialogue

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

Your **conversation** reflects your thoughts.

utterly

adv. completely or absolutely

synonym: absolutely, completely, perfectly

(1) **utterly** changed, (2) **utterly** ignorant

We are **utterly** opposed to any form of terrorism.

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.

equitable

adj. fair and impartial; treating everyone fairly

synonym: fair, honest, impartial

(1) in an **equitable** manner, (2) an **equitable** price

In a democratic country, governments promote **equitable** opportunities to participate in society.

contraception

n. the use of methods or devices to prevent pregnancy, typically by blocking fertilization or implantation of a fertilized egg, which options include contraceptives, condoms, intrauterine devices (IUDs), and sterilization procedures

(1) hormonal **contraception**, (2) **contraception** pills

Condoms are a common method of **contraception** that both men and women can use.

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**.

derail

v. to cause a train or tram to run off the tracks accidentally; to run off or leave the rails accidentally

synonym: crash, wreck, thwart

(1) **derail** the recovery, (2) **derail** an argument

The train **derailed** because a cow was standing on the tracks.

trajectory

n. the curved path followed by an object moving through space

synonym: course, curve, orbit

(1) career **trajectory**, (2) a **trajectory** missile

The company has shown an excellent growth **trajectory** over the years.

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.

structural

adj. associated with the way on construction or organization of anything

synonym: architectural, basic, anatomical

(1) **structural** analyses, (2) **structural** reorganization

The earthquake resulted in significant **structural** destruction.

barrier

n. a fence or other obstruction that makes it hard to move or get in; any condition that makes it difficult to make progress or to achieve an objective

synonym: border, barricade, fence

(1) cost **barrier**, (2) information **barrier**

The police placed a **barrier** across the street to halt traffic.

inequality

n. the unfairness of a society in which some people have more opportunity, money, etc. than others;
(mathematics) relation between two values when they are different

synonym : imbalance, prejudice, unfairness

(1) **inequality** in salary, (2) algebraic **inequality**

There are several causes of economic **inequality** within societies.

countless

adj. too numerous to be counted or very many

synonym : innumerable, myriad, numerous

(1) **countless** hours, (2) answer **countless** questions

There are **countless** methods for dealing with stress.

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.

provider

n. a person or an organization that supplies somebody with something needed or wanted

synonym : supplier

(1) an information **provider**, (2) the **provider** of the family

People select Internet **providers** not only in terms of price but also in terms of transmission speed.

unintentional

adj. not done or made on purpose; accidental

synonym : accidental, unforeseen, spontaneous

(1) avoid **unintentional** harm, (2) **unintentional** insult

The mistake was **unintentional** and made in good faith.

demonstrate

v. to display something or give an exhibition to an interested audience

synonym : show, illustrate, display

(1) **demonstrate** a difference, (2) **demonstrate** mastery

How can you **demonstrate** that the earth is a sphere?

refer

v. to direct someone's attention, thoughts, or questions to another source or person; to mention, cite, or allude to something as evidence or support

synonym: cite, allude, mention

(1) **refer** to a book, (2) **refer** to a map

Please **refer** to the instruction manual for further assistance.

privilege

n. a special right or advantage that only one person or group of people has, usually because they are rich and powerful in a society

synonym: benefit, authorization, advantage

(1) a breach of **privilege**, (2) **privilege** of membership

In the Middle Ages, the right to hunt in the wild was the **privilege** of royalty and nobility.

settle

v. to reach an agreement of disagreement

synonym: inhabit, occupy, decide

(1) **settle** a dispute, (2) **settle** down in the town

I don't want to **settle** for second best.

deceptive

adj. tending to mislead or deceive either deliberately or inadvertently; causing one to believe what is not true or fail to believe what is true

synonym: misleading, trickery, fraudulent

(1) **deceptive** practices, (2) appearances are **deceptive**

The politician's statements were found to be **deceptive** and not based on fact.

dialogue

n. a conversation in a book, play, or film

synonym: conversation, discussion, talk

(1) Platonic **dialogues**, (2) the form of a **dialogue**

He recorded the **dialogue** at the time of the incident.

shifting

adj. constantly changing or moving

synonym: unfirm, shifty, fluctuating

(1) **shifting** balance, (2) continuously **shifting** landscape
Trends in the fashion industry are so **shifting** that it is challenging to keep up with them.

empower

v. to give someone the power or authority to do something
synonym: authorize, endow, entitle

(1) **empower** my life, (2) **empower** the secretary to do the same

The company **empowered** employees to buy low-price items without approval to achieve efficient purchasing.

survey

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

synonym: study, examination, poll

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

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

percentage

n. the number, amount, or rate of something, which is usually the amount per hundred

synonym: rate, ratio, portion

(1) the **percentage** of the gold content, (2) a high **percentage**

What is the **percentage** of the consumption tax in the United States?

abortion

n. the intentional termination of a pregnancy at an early stage

synonym: miscarriage

(1) **abortion** doctor, (2) the highly charged issue of **abortion**

We strongly oppose the **abortion** ban.

decline

v. to become gradually smaller, fewer, worse, etc.; to refuse to accept

synonym:

descend, drop, deny

(1) **decline** a job offer, (2) **decline** in quality

As people age, their digestive capacity also gradually **declines**.

infant

n. a baby or very young child

synonym: baby, newborn, tot

(1) **infant** daughter, (2) **infant** food

Mozart was an **infant** prodigy.

mortality

n. the quality or state of being subject to death

synonym: fatality

(1) **mortality** due to cancer, (2) lower infant **mortality**

This disease has a high **mortality**.

nation

n. a large organized community of people living in a particular country or region and having a particular culture

synonym: country, state, sovereign entity

(1) **nation-state**, (2) a seafaring **nation**

The **nation** of Japan is known for its unique culture and advanced technology.

unconscionable

adj. not guided by conscience; unprincipled; unreasonable; excessively or shockingly excessive, unreasonably harsh or severe

synonym: unscrupulous, immoral, unethical

(1) **unconscionable** behavior, (2) **unconscionable** decision

It is **unconscionable** that some companies exploit their workers for profit.

roe

n. the eggs or egg-filled ovaries of female fish, typically used as a food item

synonym: fish eggs, caviar, spawn

(1) **roe** production, (2) salmon **roe**

The restaurant serves delicious sushi made with fresh **roe**.

purple

adj. of a color intermediate between red and blue

synonym : violet

(1) deep **purple**, (2) **purple** sweet potatoes

The plant has a stunning **purple** blossom.

intentional

adj. done, made or performed with purpose and intent

synonym : deliberate, intended, preplanned

(1) **intentional** destruction of evidence, (2) an **intentional** walk

The law distinguishes between accidental and **intentional** killing.

equity

n. the value of the shares issued by a company

synonym : fairness

(1) private **equity** firm, (2) **equity** capital market

That company is cautious when it comes to **equity** investment.

opportune

adj. suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose

synonym : suitable, timely, practical

(1) **opportune** occasion, (2) an **opportune** remark

The phone rang at the most **opportune** time.

Session 2: Spelling

1. st___e a blow
v. to wallop somebody or something with the hand, fist, or weapon; to have an emotional or cognitive impact upon
2. sh____ng balance
adj. constantly changing or moving
3. make ast_____ng gains
adj. surprising or shocking; difficult to believe
4. de____e in quality
v. to become gradually smaller, fewer, worse, etc.; to refuse to accept
5. fairly ty____l symptoms
adj. having the usual characteristics or traits of a specific group of things
6. pr____y school
adj. first or highest in rank, order, or importance; most fundamental or essential; pertaining to the initial or introductory stage of something, such as a school year or election cycle
7. an op_____ne remark
adj. suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
8. in an eq_____le manner
adj. fair and impartial; treating everyone fairly
9. answer co_____ss questions
adj. too numerous to be counted or very many
10. visit to the veterinary cl____c
n. a building or hospital department where people can go for medical care or advice, especially of a particular condition

ANSWERS: 1. strike, 2. shifting, 3. astonishing, 4. decline, 5. typical, 6. primary, 7. opportune, 8. equitable, 9. countless, 10. clinic

11. unc_____ble decision *adj.* not guided by conscience; unprincipled; unreasonable; excessively or shockingly excessive, unreasonably harsh or severe
12. un_____ed visit *adj.* not planned or intended; not having been prearranged or organized
13. str_____al analyses *adj.* associated with the way on construction or organization of anything
14. op_____ne occasion *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
15. con_____ion pills *n.* the use of methods or devices to prevent pregnancy, typically by blocking fertilization or implantation of a fertilized egg, which options include contraceptives, condoms, intrauterine devices (IUDs), and sterilization procedures
16. the form of a di_____ue *n.* a conversation in a book, play, or film
17. dem_____te mastery *v.* to display something or give an exhibition to an interested audience
18. ac_____e milestones *v.* to successfully complete a task or goal, often through hard work, perseverance, and dedication; to attain or accomplish something that one has set out to do
19. int_____al destruction of evidence *adj.* done, made or performed with purpose and intent
20. information ba_____r *n.* a fence or other obstruction that makes it hard to move or get in; any condition that makes it difficult to make progress or to achieve an objective

ANSWERS: 11. unconscionable, 12. unplanned, 13. structural, 14. opportune, 15. contraception, 16. dialogue, 17. demonstrate, 18. achieve, 19. intentional, 20. barrier

21. co____al swimming pool *adj.* belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use
22. 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
23. a breach of pr____ge *n.* a special right or advantage that only one person or group of people has, usually because they are rich and powerful in a society
24. a cell phone with an internet fa____ty *n.* a building or place that provides a particular service or is used for a particular industry
25. ob____s reasons *adj.* easy to see, discover or understand
26. r_e production *n.* the eggs or egg-filled ovaries of female fish, typically used as a food item
27. deep pu____e *adj.* of a color intermediate between red and blue
28. the pr____er of the family *n.* a person or an organization that supplies somebody with something needed or wanted
29. ut____y changed *adv.* completely or absolutely
30. hormonal con____ive *adj.* relating to a method or object used to prevent pregnancy; serving to prevent or reduce the likelihood of conception
31. de____l an argument *v.* to cause a train or tram to run off the tracks accidentally; to run off or leave the rails accidentally

ANSWERS: 21. communal, 22. patient, 23. privilege, 24. facility, 25. obvious, 26. roe, 27. purple, 28. provider, 29. utterly, 30. contraceptive, 31. derail

32. de___l the recovery *v.* to cause a train or tram to run off the tracks accidentally; to run off or leave the rails accidentally
33. con_____ion in English *n.* an informal talk between two or more people to exchange their views, ideas, information, etc.
34. uni_____nal insult *adj.* not done or made on purpose; accidental
35. severe cr___c *n.* someone who expresses opinions about the quality of books, music, etc.
36. a dental cl___c *n.* a building or hospital department where people can go for medical care or advice, especially of a particular condition
37. the highly charged issue of ab_____on *n.* the intentional termination of a pregnancy at an early stage
38. pu___e sweet potatoes *adj.* of a color intermediate between red and blue
39. no_____it agency *adj.* not established for commercial profit
40. a seafaring na___n *n.* a large organized community of people living in a particular country or region and having a particular culture
41. es___te this chicken to weigh three pounds *v.* to guess or calculate the cost, size, value, etc. of something
42. co___m brand *n.* a thin rubber or plastic sheath worn over the penis during sexual intercourse to prevent pregnancy or the transmission of sexually transmitted infections (STIs) between partners

ANSWERS: 32. derail, 33. conversation, 34. unintentional, 35. critic, 36. clinic, 37. abortion, 38. purple, 39. nonprofit, 40. nation, 41. estimate, 42. condom

43. co_____ed criminal *adj.* completely certain about something; having a strong belief or conviction in a particular religion
44. hormonal con_____ion *n.* the use of methods or devices to prevent pregnancy, typically by blocking fertilization or implantation of a fertilized egg, which options include contraceptives, condoms, intrauterine devices (IUDs), and sterilization procedures
45. the per_____ge of the gold content *n.* the number, amount, or rate of something, which is usually the amount per hundred
46. they met acc_____lly *adv.* by chance or without planning
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48. Platonic di_____ues *n.* a conversation in a book, play, or film
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50. co_____ss hours *adj.* too numerous to be counted or very many
51. in___t daughter *n.* a baby or very young child
52. career tra_____ry *n.* the curved path followed by an object moving through space

ANSWERS: 43. convinced, 44. contraception, 45. percentage, 46. accidentally, 47. decide, 48. dialogue, 49. condom, 50. countless, 51. infant, 52. trajectory

53. dem_____te a difference *v.* to display something or give an exhibition to an interested audience
54. an information pr_____er *n.* a person or an organization that supplies somebody with something needed or wanted
55. algebraic ine_____ty *n.* the unfairness of a society in which some people have more opportunity, money, etc. than others; (mathematics) relation between two values when they are different
56. re__r to a map *v.* to direct someone's attention, thoughts, or questions to another source or person; to mention, cite, or allude to something as evidence or support
57. ed_____e public *v.* to provide or receive instruction or training over a period of time at a school, university, etc.
58. the s__n of a bird's wings *n.* the entire length of something, such as time or space from beginning to end; the amount of space that something covers
59. uni_____ed general public *adj.* lacking knowledge or awareness about a particular subject or issue; ignorant or unaware of the facts or details surrounding a situation
60. acc_____lly coincide *adv.* by chance or without planning
61. em_____r the secretary to do the same *v.* to give someone the power or authority to do something
62. a no_____it organization *adj.* not established for commercial profit

ANSWERS: 53. demonstrate, 54. provider, 55. inequality, 56. refer, 57. educate, 58. span, 59. uninformed, 60. accidentally, 61. empower, 62. nonprofit

63. serial qu____r
n. a person who gives up easily or does not have the determination to finish what they have started
64. pr____y education
adj. first or highest in rank, order, or importance; most fundamental or essential; pertaining to the initial or introductory stage of something, such as a school year or election cycle
65. an eq_____le price
adj. fair and impartial; treating everyone fairly
66. se___e down in the town
v. to reach an agreement of disagreement
67. appearances are de_____ve
adj. tending to mislead or deceive either deliberately or inadvertently; causing one to believe what is not true or fail to believe what is true
68. str_____al reorganization
adj. associated with the way on construction or organization of anything
69. se___e a dispute
v. to reach an agreement of disagreement
70. 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
71. unc_____ble behavior
adj. not guided by conscience; unprincipled; unreasonable; excessively or shockingly excessive, unreasonably harsh or severe
72. take extra pre_____ons
n. a measure taken in advance to prevent harm, danger, or injury; foresightfulness
73. em_____r my life
v. to give someone the power or authority to do something

ANSWERS: 63. quitter, 64. primary, 65. equitable, 66. settle, 67. deceptive, 68. structural, 69. settle, 70. decide, 71. unconscionable, 72. precaution, 73. empower

74. co_____ed of the idea *adj.* completely certain about something; having a strong belief or conviction in a particular religion
75. in___t food *n.* a baby or very young child
76. continuously sh_____ng landscape *adj.* constantly changing or moving
77. co_____al combination of funds *adj.* belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use
78. ab_____on doctor *n.* the intentional termination of a pregnancy at an early stage
79. ty_____l leader *adj.* having the usual characteristics or traits of a specific group of things
80. lower infant mo_____ty *n.* the quality or state of being subject to death
81. v__t majority *adj.* enormous in size, number, amount, or quantity
82. late co_____er *n.* one of several people who establishes an organization or starts a business
83. de_____e a job offer *v.* to become gradually smaller, fewer, worse, etc.; to refuse to accept
84. v__t desert *adj.* enormous in size, number, amount, or quantity
85. salmon r_e *n.* the eggs or egg-filled ovaries of female fish, typically used as a food item
86. a tra_____ry missile *n.* the curved path followed by an object moving through space
87. co_____er of the university *n.* one of several people who establishes an organization or starts a business

ANSWERS: 74. convinced, 75. infant, 76. shifting, 77. communal, 78. abortion, 79. typical, 80. mortality, 81. vast, 82. cofounder, 83. decline, 84. vast, 85. roe, 86. trajectory, 87. cofounder

88. ed____e student *v.* to provide or receive instruction or training over a period of time at a school, university, etc.
89. needs of pr____nt women *adj.* having a baby or young animal developing in the uterus
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94. eq____y capital market *n.* the value of the shares issued by a company
95. con____ive measures *adj.* relating to a method or object used to prevent pregnancy; serving to prevent or reduce the likelihood of conception
96. na____n-state *n.* a large organized community of people living in a particular country or region and having a particular culture

ANSWERS: 88. educate, 89. pregnant, 90. inequality, 91. span, 92. survey, 93. percentage, 94. equity, 95. contraceptive, 96. nation

97. art cr___c *n.* someone who expresses opinions about the quality of books, music, etc.
98. kept completely uni_____ed *adj.* lacking knowledge or awareness about a particular subject or issue; ignorant or unaware of the facts or details surrounding a situation
99. an int_____al walk *adj.* done, made or performed with purpose and intent
100. up_____am direction *adj.* in the direction against a stream's current; (adverb) toward the source or beginning of a stream, river, or process
101. avoid uni_____nal harm *adj.* not done or made on purpose; accidental
102. ast_____ng achievement *adj.* surprising or shocking; difficult to believe
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106. cost ba_____r *n.* a fence or other obstruction that makes it hard to move or get in; any condition that makes it difficult to make progress or to achieve an objective
107. 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

ANSWERS: 97. critic, 98. uninformed, 99. intentional, 100. upstream, 101. unintentional, 102. astonishing, 103. refer, 104. conversation, 105. unplanned, 106. barrier, 107. patient

108. es_____te a fair value *v.* to guess or calculate the cost, size, value, etc. of something
109. st___e up a conversation *v.* to wallop somebody or something with the hand, fist, or weapon; to have an emotional or cognitive impact upon
110. mo_____ty due to cancer *n.* the quality or state of being subject to death
111. de_____ve practices *adj.* tending to mislead or deceive either deliberately or inadvertently; causing one to believe what is not true or fail to believe what is true
112. fa_____ty design *n.* a building or place that provides a particular service or is used for a particular industry
113. private eq___y firm *n.* the value of the shares issued by a company
114. pr_____ge of membership *n.* a special right or advantage that only one person or group of people has, usually because they are rich and powerful in a society
115. swim up_____am *adj.* in the direction against a stream's current; (adverb) toward the source or beginning of a stream, river, or process
116. ut_____y ignorant *adv.* completely or absolutely
117. easy qu_____r *n.* a person who gives up easily or does not have the determination to finish what they have started
118. a comprehensive su___y *n.* an investigation of the opinions, behavior, etc. of a particular group of people, made by asking people questions

ANSWERS: 108. estimate, 109. strike, 110. mortality, 111. deceptive, 112. facility, 113. equity, 114. privilege, 115. upstream, 116. utterly, 117. quitter, 118. survey

119. airborne pre_____on *n.* a measure taken in advance to prevent harm, danger, or injury; foresightfulness
120. a silence pr_____nt with suspense *adj.* having a baby or young animal developing in the uterus
121. ac_____e success *v.* to successfully complete a task or goal, often through hard work, perseverance, and dedication; to attain or accomplish something that one has set out to do
122. his conclusion was ob_____s *adj.* easy to see, discover or understand

ANSWERS: 119. precaution, 120. pregnant, 121. achieve, 122. obvious

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. There are _____ differences between the two wine-producing regions.
adj. easy to see, discover or understand
2. We are _____ opposed to any form of terrorism.
adv. completely or absolutely
3. The restaurant serves delicious sushi made with fresh _____.
n. the eggs or egg-filled ovaries of female fish, typically used as a food item
4. We _____ the season's total trade deficit at \$50 billion.
v. to guess or calculate the cost, size, value, etc. of something
5. _____ elections were held in several European countries.
adj. belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use
6. The phone rang at the most _____ time.
adj. suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
7. The _____ power outage caused much inconvenience.
adj. not planned or intended; not having been prearranged or organized
8. In a democratic country, governments promote _____ opportunities to participate in society.
adj. fair and impartial; treating everyone fairly
9. Trends in the fashion industry are so _____ that it is challenging to keep up with them.
adj. constantly changing or moving

ANSWERS: 1. obvious, 2. utterly, 3. roe, 4. estimated, 5. Communal, 6. opportune, 7. unplanned, 8. equitable, 9. shifting

10. The train _____ because a cow was standing on the tracks.
- v.* to cause a train or tram to run off the tracks accidentally; to run off or leave the rails accidentally
11. She holds a _____ on Tuesday mornings.
- n.* a building or hospital department where people can go for medical care or advice, especially of a particular condition
12. That company is cautious when it comes to _____ investment.
- n.* the value of the shares issued by a company
13. Condoms are a common method of _____ that both men and women can use.
- n.* the use of methods or devices to prevent pregnancy, typically by blocking fertilization or implantation of a fertilized egg, which options include contraceptives, condoms, intrauterine devices (IUDs), and sterilization procedures
14. Using a _____ during sexual activity is one of the most effective ways to prevent unwanted pregnancies and sexually transmitted infections.
- n.* a thin rubber or plastic sheath worn over the penis during sexual intercourse to prevent pregnancy or the transmission of sexually transmitted infections (STIs) between partners
15. The plant has a stunning _____ blossom.
- adj.* of a color intermediate between red and blue
16. Please _____ to the instruction manual for further assistance.
- v.* to direct someone's attention, thoughts, or questions to another source or person; to mention, cite, or allude to something as evidence or support

ANSWERS: 10. derailed, 11. clinic, 12. equity, 13. contraception, 14. condom, 15. purple, 16. refer

17. We strongly oppose the _____ ban.
n. the intentional termination of a pregnancy at an early stage
18. What is the _____ of the consumption tax in the United States?
n. the number, amount, or rate of something, which is usually the amount per hundred
19. I will work hard to _____ my goals and realize my dreams.
v. to successfully complete a task or goal, often through hard work, perseverance, and dedication; to attain or accomplish something that one has set out to do
20. The mistake was _____ and made in good faith.
adj. not done or made on purpose; accidental
21. The company is investing heavily in _____ research and development.
adj. in the direction against a stream's current; (adverb) toward the source or beginning of a stream, river, or process
22. She vacated the position when she got _____.
adj. having a baby or young animal developing in the uterus
23. The _____ cause of the accident was due to the icy road conditions.
adj. first or highest in rank, order, or importance; most fundamental or essential; pertaining to the initial or introductory stage of something, such as a school year or election cycle
24. It is _____ that some companies exploit their workers for profit.
adj. not guided by conscience; unprincipled; unreasonable; excessively or shockingly excessive, unreasonably harsh or severe

ANSWERS: 17. abortion, 18. percentage, 19. achieve, 20. unintentional, 21. upstream, 22. pregnant, 23. primary, 24. unconscionable

25. The company _____ employees to buy low-price items without approval to achieve efficient purchasing.
v. to give someone the power or authority to do something
26. As a _____ the company locked all of its doors after a threat was made.
n. a measure taken in advance to prevent harm, danger, or injury; foresightfulness
27. The company has shown an excellent growth _____ over the years.
n. the curved path followed by an object moving through space
28. That _____ shows that people are accepting the tax increase to some extent.
n. an investigation of the opinions, behavior, etc. of a particular group of people, made by asking people questions
29. He made an _____ decision based on hearsay instead of facts.
adj. lacking knowledge or awareness about a particular subject or issue; ignorant or unaware of the facts or details surrounding a situation
30. The news of her sudden death was _____ to everyone who knew her.
adj. surprising or shocking; difficult to believe
31. 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
32. Advocates for legal reform hear less harsh words from their _____.
n. someone who expresses opinions about the quality of books, music, etc.
33. People select Internet _____ not only in terms of price but also in terms of transmission speed.
n. a person or an organization that supplies somebody with something needed or wanted

ANSWERS: 25. empowered, 26. precaution, 27. trajectory, 28. survey, 29. uninformed, 30. astonishing, 31. decide, 32. critics, 33. providers

34. The earthquake resulted in significant _____ destruction.
adj. associated with the way on construction or organization of anything
35. This artwork is _____ of her work.
adj. having the usual characteristics or traits of a specific group of things
36. The police placed a _____ across the street to halt traffic.
n. a fence or other obstruction that makes it hard to move or get in; any condition that makes it difficult to make progress or to achieve an objective
37. He is the _____ and chairman of this tech company.
n. one of several people who establishes an organization or starts a business
38. 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
39. The _____ of Japan is known for its unique culture and advanced technology.
n. a large organized community of people living in a particular country or region and having a particular culture
40. As people age, their digestive capacity also gradually _____.
v. to become gradually smaller, fewer, worse, etc.; to refuse to accept
41. This disease has a high _____.
n. the quality or state of being subject to death
42. He slightly modified the _____ of training because it was just before a match.
n. the entire length of something, such as time or space from beginning to end; the amount of space that something covers

ANSWERS: 34. structural, 35. typical, 36. barrier, 37. cofounder, 38. quitter, 39. nation, 40. declines, 41. mortality, 42. span

43. We _____ to achieve more wages and safer working conditions.

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

44. Our law firm also focuses on _____ activities.

- adj.* not established for commercial profit

45. The politician's statements were found to be _____ and not based on fact.

- adj.* tending to mislead or deceive either deliberately or inadvertently; causing one to believe what is not true or fail to believe what is true

46. 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

47. This company has an entire recycling _____ including major reprocessing plants.

- n.* a building or place that provides a particular service or is used for a particular industry

48. In the Middle Ages, the right to hunt in the wild was the _____ of royalty and nobility.

- n.* a special right or advantage that only one person or group of people has, usually because they are rich and powerful in a society

49. Your _____ reflects your thoughts.

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

50. He was _____ killed by friendly fire.

- adv.* by chance or without planning

ANSWERS: 43. strike, 44. nonprofit, 45. deceptive, 46. convinced, 47. facility, 48. privilege, 49. conversation, 50. accidentally

51. The law distinguishes between accidental and _____ killing.
adj. done, made or performed with purpose and intent
52. There are _____ methods for dealing with stress.
adj. too numerous to be counted or very many
53. A _____ audience viewed the broadcast.
adj. enormous in size, number, amount, or quantity
54. The _____ patch offers a convenient and effective method of birth control.
adj. relating to a method or object used to prevent pregnancy; serving to prevent or reduce the likelihood of conception
55. How can you _____ that the earth is a sphere?
v. to display something or give an exhibition to an interested audience
56. Mozart was an _____ prodigy.
n. a baby or very young child
57. There are several causes of economic _____ within societies.
n. the unfairness of a society in which some people have more opportunity, money, etc. than others; (mathematics) relation between two values when they are different
58. I don't want to _____ for second best.
v. to reach an agreement of disagreement
59. The school's mission is to _____ young children and prepare them for the future.
v. to provide or receive instruction or training over a period of time at a school, university, etc.

ANSWERS: 51. intentional, 52. countless, 53. vast, 54. contraceptive, 55. demonstrate, 56. infant, 57. inequality, 58. settle, 59. educate

60. He recorded the _____ at the time of the incident.

n. a conversation in a book, play, or film

61. 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

ANSWERS: 60. dialogue, 61. patient's