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Session 1: Word List

- roll** *v.* to move in a particular direction by turning over and over or from side to side
synonym : spin, swirl, wheel
(1) **roll** a ball, (2) **roll** down his cheeks
He was exhausted and **rolled** into bed as soon as he got home.
- cigarette** *n.* a small cylindrical roll of finely cut tobacco leaves wrapped in paper for smoking
synonym : smoke, cigar, tobacco
(1) a mild **cigarette**, (2) a **cigarette** case
He lit a **cigarette** and leaned against the wall.
- sustain** *v.* to supply enough of what somebody or something needs to survive or exist; to accept as valid
synonym : maintain, nurture, support
(1) **sustain** a good relationship with him, (2) **sustain** a wellness lifestyle
She struggled to **sustain** the children's reading habits.
- wage** *n.* a particular amount of money that somebody earns, usually every week or every month, for work or services
synonym : payment, compensation, salary

(1) unpaid **wages**, (2) increase in the minimum **wage**
His **wages** continued to rise as his skills improved.

thumb

n. the short, thick digit of the hand next to the index finger;
(verb) to travel by getting free rides from motorists
synonym : digit, finger, phalange

(1) **thumb** wrestling, (2) **thumb** a ride

He used his right **thumb** to press the button on his phone.

reluctant

adj. unwilling or hesitant to do something because of doubts or fears

synonym : hesitant, unwilling, unenthusiastic

(1) slowly becoming more **reluctant**, (2) **reluctant** readers

He was **reluctant** to share his thoughts on the matter.

innocent

adj. not guilty of a crime, offense, etc.; not having an evil mind or knowledge

synonym : blameless, honest, harmless

(1) an **innocent** child, (2) thousands of **innocent** people

My husband was found **innocent** of any crime.

perseverance

n. steadfastness in doing something despite difficulty or delay in achieving success

synonym : persistence, tenacity, determination

(1) unwavering **perseverance**, (2) dogged **perseverance**

Despite facing numerous setbacks and obstacles, his **perseverance** and determination led him to success.

tremble

v. to shake slightly in a way that you cannot control, for example, because you are frightened, angry, or excited, or because of illness

synonym : shiver, flutter, quaver

(1) **tremble** in fear, (2) **tremble** violently with emotion

When I heard the news, my whole body **trembled** with excitement.

beam

n. a long, sturdy piece of timber, metal, or other material used to support a structure or span a distance; a ray or stream of light emitted by a source

synonym : ray, ray of light, shaft of light

(1) **beam** of light, (2) a structural **beam** of a building

The sun's **beam** shone through the window and illuminated the room.

pride

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

synonym : vanity, conceit, egotism

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

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

priceless

adj. extremely valuable or important

synonym : invaluable, incalculable, precious

(1) **priceless** work of art, (2) **priceless** opportunity

Investigators discovered **priceless** documents throughout the house.

rural

adj. of or relating to the countryside

synonym : agrarian, country, rustic

(1) **rural** accents, (2) people in **rural** areas

Many **rural** areas are still impoverished.

worthless

adj. having no value or usefulness; not worth considering

synonym : valueless, useless, pointless

(1) **worthless** stock, (2) **worthless** coin

The product was found to be **worthless** as it failed to meet the customer's expectations.

liability

n. a legal or financial responsibility or obligation

synonym : debt, obligation, responsibility

(1) **liability** insurance, (2) **liability** for military service

The company is facing a potential **liability** of millions of

dollars due to the lawsuit.

burden

n. a duty, responsibility, etc. that is oppressive or worrisome; a load, typically a heavy one that is difficult to carry

synonym: obligation, duty, load

(1) carry a **burden**, (2) **burden** of disease

That car has a low environmental **burden**.

conservative

adj. holding traditional views and values and opposed to change or innovation

synonym: traditional, reactionary, cautious

(1) a **conservative** society, (2) **conservative** about production

He always makes a **conservative** estimation when predicting future sales.

identity

n. the fact of being who or what somebody or something is; the features, emotions, or ideas that distinguish persons from one another

synonym: character, personality, individuality

(1) mistaken **identity**, (2) **identity** as an individual

The terrorist's **identity** remains unknown.

define

v. to state or explain precisely the nature, scope, or meaning of something

synonym: characterize, depict, express

(1) **define** a word, (2) **define** my position

To advance this discussion, we must **define** "success" rigorously.

anxiety

n. a feeling of worry, nervousness, or unease about something that is happening or might happen in the future

synonym: concern, dread, agita

(1) diagnosis of **anxiety** disorder, (2) **anxiety** for knowledge

She waited for her daughter with **anxiety**.

discourage

v. to make someone lose confidence, enthusiasm, or less willing to do something

synonym: dishearten, depress, demoralize

(1) **discourage** customers, (2) **discourage** bacterial growth

His parents tried to **discourage** him from becoming an artist.

autobiography

n. a written account of someone's own life, written by that person

synonym: bio, life story, biography

(1) **autobiography** of his early life, (2) fictionalized **autobiography**

She wrote an **autobiography** detailing her journey from poverty to success.

inspiration

n. something that motivates or encourages someone to create or achieve something, or a feeling of excitement or creativity

synonym: motivation, drive, encouragement

(1) source of **inspiration**, (2) get **inspiration** from nature

He found **inspiration** in the works of his favorite authors.

admire

v. to have regard for or respect for someone's qualities or the actions they have performed

synonym: esteem, respect, marvel

(1) **admire** the subtlety of the distinctions, (2) **admire** kids with attitude

We all **admire** him because he is a nobleman.

indomitable

adj. impossible to defeat, discourage or subdue; unconquerable; unyielding in spirit

synonym: unbeatable, invincible, unconquerable

(1) **indomitable** determination, (2) **indomitable** courage

Despite facing many challenges, her **indomitable** spirit helped her overcome them all.

spirit

n. the part of a person which is the seat of their mind, feelings, and character rather than their physical body;

the general atmosphere of a place or situation and the effect that it has on people

synonym : soul, attitude, enthusiasm

(1) **spirit** and the letter of the law, (2) an indomitable **spirit**

Despite their tragic loss, the family is showing great **spirit**.

degree

n. a unit of measurement for angles, temperature, or level of proficiency or achievement; a rank or level of academic or professional attainment

synonym : level, qualification, diploma

(1) bachelor's **degree**, (2) **degree** centigrade

She received her **degree** in psychology from the university.

relative

adj. considered and evaluated through comparison with something else

synonym : comparative, proximate, congeneric

(1) a remote **relative**, (2) **relative** factors

Most countries prohibit sexual activity between certain close **relatives**.

undergraduate

n. a student who is studying for their first degree at a university or other higher education institution

synonym : college student, freshman

(1) engineering **undergraduate**, (2) **undergraduate** course

The class was composed of both **undergraduate** and graduate students.

desperately

adv. in a way that shows a lack of hope and a willingness to do anything because of the problematic situation; with great urgency

synonym : urgently, perilously, seriously

(1) **desperately** anxious, (2) **desperately** ill patient

The baby clung **desperately** to her mother.

fellowship

n. an association of people who share common interests or goals, typically involving research, study, or a specific profession

synonym : association, society, group

(1) research **fellowship**, (2) postdoctoral **fellowship**

The **fellowship** of scientists worked together to conduct research and make important discoveries.

recall

v. to remember something

synonym : remember, retrieve, recollect

(1) **recall** the incident, (2) **recall** his name

She vividly **recalls** getting laid off several years ago.

commute

v. to regularly travel a particular journey, especially between one's home and place of work; (noun) a regular journey of some distance to and from your place of work

synonym : travel, journey, trip

(1) **commute** to work, (2) daily **commute**

He had to **commute** two hours each way to get to work.

huddle

v. to crowd or press closely together; cuddle

synonym : cluster, crowd, group

(1) **huddle** in a temporary shelter, (2) **huddle** around the open fire

The children **huddled** together for warmth in the cold winter storm.

shawl

n. a piece of fabric or clothing worn as a covering or adornment around the neck, shoulders, or head; a wrap or cape-like garment

synonym : wrap, stole, pashmina

(1) **shawl** collar, (2) silk **shawl**

My grandmother wore her favorite knitted **shawl** to keep warm on the chilly autumn evening.

scholarship

n. a grant or payment made to support a student's education usually awarded based on academic or other achievements

synonym : grant, award, stipend

(1) a **scholarship** association, (2) college **scholarship**
She received a full **scholarship** to study abroad.

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.

butterfly

n. a diurnal insect typically has a slender body with knobbed antennae and broad, colorful wings

(1) **butterfly** effect, (2) the life cycle of a **butterfly**
He enjoys collecting **butterfly** specimens.

stomach

n. the internal organ in the body where food is digested, situated in the abdomen; the part of the body below the chest that contains the stomach

synonym: belly, abdomen, gut

(1) upset **stomach**, (2) **stomach** virus
I have a **stomach** ache after overeating junk food.

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.

fellow

adj. someone who has the same job or interests as you, or is in the same class, profession, or situation as you

synonym: buddy, mate, affiliate

(1) junior **fellow**, (2) nice **fellow**
He is the kind of **fellow** who only works for his success.

graduate

n. a person who has a first degree from university or college; (verb) to complete the first course of university

or college and get a degree

synonym : alumna, alum, grad

(1) **graduate** degree program, (2) honor **graduate**

Many employers hire **graduate** trainees to train as managers.

alienated

adj. feeling isolated, estranged, or disconnected from others, often due to a sense of difference or lack of belonging

synonym : isolated, estranged, disconnected

(1) **alienated** from my parents, (2) become **alienated**

The new employee felt **alienated** from the rest of the team, as they didn't try to include him in their conversations.

intimidate

v. to make someone fearful or uneasy so that they will do something that you want them to do

synonym : frighten, threaten, terrify

(1) **intimidate** an opponent, (2) effectively **intimidate** a thief

The boss tried to **intimidate** his subordinate with threats.

judge

n. a person who makes decisions in a court of law; (verb) to determine the result of or form a critical opinion of something

synonym : arbiter, justice, (verb) deduce

(1) **judge** a competition, (2) an associate **judge**

The strict **judge** ruled in favor of the plaintiff in the case.

coconut

n. the large, hard-shelled seed of a tropical palm, which has a fibrous husk surrounding a single-seeded nut

(1) **coconut** milk, (2) **coconut** oil

He cracked open a **coconut** to drink the milk.

peer

n. a person who has the same age, status, or ability

synonym : fellow, associate, counterpart

(1) **peer** group, (2) **peer** review

Among young people, **peer** pressure can be pretty influential.

prefer

v. to like, choose, or want one thing or person better than another

synonym : choose, like, favor

(1) **prefer** physics to chemistry, (2) **prefer** a window seat
The birds **prefer** open water areas with reeds around them.

assignment

n. a duty or task given to someone, usually as part of their job or studies

synonym : task, duty, designation

(1) finish the **assignment**, (2) **assignment** of interest
My **assignment** was overwhelming and complicated, but it was also exciting.

contribute

v. to give something, especially money or goods, to provide or achieve something together with other people

synonym : donate, devote, commit

(1) **contribute** a large sum of money to the fund,
(2) **contribute** to society

Government workers cannot **contribute** to political campaigns.

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.

blind

adj. unable to see; unable or unwilling to perceive or understand the true nature of something

synonym : sightless, unseeing, random

(1) **blind** to the beauties, (2) **blind** spot

She was nearly **blind** due to severe diabetes.

awaken

v. to stop sleeping or to cause someone to stop sleeping

synonym : rouse, arouse, revive

(1) **awaken** at daybreak, (2) **awaken** a child
The friend's death **awakens** them.

glimpse

n. a brief or partial view; the act of seeing something or someone for a very short time or only partly
synonym: glance, peek, sighting

(1) a momentary **glimpse**, (2) passing **glimpse**
Our team caught a **glimpse** of the world-class technique in this game.

trace

v. to find or discover someone or something that was lost
synonym: seek, follow, depict

(1) **trace** a telephone call, (2) **trace** back to medieval times
Let's **trace** the origins of some familiar foreign words.

foundation

n. the lowest load-bearing part of a building, typically below ground level; a fundamental basis or principle upon which something is built or established; an organization that provides funding or support for charitable or educational purposes
synonym: base, support, groundwork

(1) **foundation** course, (2) weak **foundation**
The **foundation** of the building was cracked and needed to be repaired.

institutionalize

v. to establish or make something a part of an institution (= a place such as a university, hospital, etc.)
synonym: formalize, establish, regularize

(1) **institutionalize** a system, (2) **institutionalize** customary laws
The new policy aims to **institutionalize** the use of renewable energy sources.

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.

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.

spot

n. a particular location or place; a small round or roundish
area, differing in color or feels from the surface around it

synonym : dot, mark, place

(1) beauty **spot**, (2) a **spot** on his honor

This remote **spot** is rarely visited.

session

n. a formal meeting or series of meetings for the execution
of a particular group's functions; a period spent doing a
particular activity

synonym : conference, gathering

(1) the morning **session**, (2) the court **session**

Parliament is now in **session**.

dedication

n. a lot of time and energy that someone puts in for an
activity or purpose because they believe it is important

synonym : devotion, faithfulness, loyalty

(1) **dedication** to public service, (2) **dedication** ceremony

We are very impressed with your strong **dedication** to
quality.

recreation

n. the activity that renews your health and spirits by
enjoyment and relaxation; the act or process of making
something that existed in the past exists or seems to
exist again in a different time or place

synonym : amusement, entertainment, refreshment

(1) outdoor **recreation**, (2) **recreation** of the homeland

Basketball is their usual **recreation** after school.

mentor

n. a person who helps and advises a younger or less experienced person over time, usually at work or school

synonym : adviser, coach, tutor

(1) **mentor** for life, (2) fashion **mentor**

As a **mentor**, he helped me realize my career.

laborer

n. a person who works hard physically, typically doing unskilled or manual labor; a worker or employee who performs physically demanding tasks

synonym : worker, employee, operative

(1) **laborer** job, (2) skilled **laborer**

The construction site hired many **laborers** to help with the heavy lifting.

prestigious

adj. having a high reputation or status; respected or honored; widely recognized as being of high quality or importance

synonym : esteemed, renowned, eminent

(1) **prestigious** award, (2) **prestigious** event

The academy is known for its **prestigious** faculty and rigorous curriculum.

district

n. a part of a country or town, especially one with particular features

synonym : territory, dominion, zone

(1) school **districts**, (2) urban **districts**

Since 2001, the **district** has provided training programs for automotive technicians.

administer

v. to oversee and control the operation or arrangement of something

synonym : allocate, distribute, dispense

(1) **administer** justice, (2) **administer** the funds

After the accident, three governmental bodies **administer** the company.

attend

v. to be present at an event, to go to a place

synonym : go, be present, accompany

(1) **attend** a meeting, (2) **attend** service

We must **attend** to this matter.

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.

overnight

adj. lasting for or occurring during one night; occurring or changing extremely quickly or suddenly; happening or being achieved in a short amount of time

synonym : all-night, sudden, immediate

(1) **overnight** parking, (2) **overnight** success

The **overnight** package delivery arrived at my door this morning.

involve

v. to include or affect someone or something as a necessary part of something else

synonym : implicate, include, engage

(1) **involve** a lot of paperwork, (2) **involve** a high degree of risk

The investigation **involves** several government agencies and is expected to take several months.

convince

v. to persuade someone or make someone believe that something is true

synonym : persuade, win over, convert

(1) **convince** her to go with us, (2) **convince** an opponent

I am considering what I should do to **convince** him.

award

n. a prize or other mark of recognition given in honor of an achievement

synonym : prize, honor, accolade

(1) **award** ceremony, (2) participation **award**
He won the **award** for best actor at the film festival.

recognition

n. the action or process of recognizing or being recognized, especially by remembering; an agreement that something is true or legal

synonym: acknowledgement, identification, credit

(1) **recognition** award, (2) joint **recognition**
He was given **recognition** for his outstanding work in the field of medicine.

chief

adj. most important or primary; (noun) a person who is in charge

synonym: essential, primary, leading

(1) **chief** accountant, (2) **chief** events of the year
Mining is a **chief** source of income for the country.

minister

n. a person appointed to or a job of a head of a government department

synonym: bishop, official, ambassador

(1) **Minister** for Education, (2) deputy prime **minister**
The **minister** occasionally preaches at this church.

hooked

adj. being caught or caught up in something; curved down like an eagle's beak

synonym: caught, captivated, addicted

(1) **hooked** hair, (2) **hooked** on drugs
My son was **hooked** on the Internet.

thrust

v. to push or drive forcibly; to impose or insert; (noun) the force used in pushing

synonym: push, shove, prod

(1) **thrust** a dagger home, (2) **thrust** a plate away
The engine **thrust** the rocket into space.

cage

n. a structure made of metal bars or wire in which birds or animals can be kept

synonym : enclosure, jail, corral

(1) an insect **cage**, (2) a bird in a **cage**

The trapped bear is running amok in its **cage**.

Session 2: Spelling

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| 5. th__b a ride | <i>n.</i> the short, thick digit of the hand next to the index finger; (verb) to travel by getting free rides from motorists |
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| 10. aut_____phy of his early life | <i>n.</i> a written account of someone's own life, written by that person |
| 11. pr___r a window seat | <i>v.</i> to like, choose, or want one thing or person better than another |

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21. th__b wrestling *n.* the short, thick digit of the hand next to the index finger; (verb) to travel by getting free rides from motorists
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ANSWERS: 21. thumb, 22. contribute, 23. butterfly, 24. administer, 25. graduate, 26. chief, 27. session, 28. beam, 29. degree

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36. hide his pr__e *n.* a feeling of deep pleasure or satisfaction derived from one's achievements
37. sh__l collar *n.* a piece of fabric or clothing worn as a covering or adornment around the neck, shoulders, or head; a wrap or cape-like garment
38. co_____ce an opponent *v.* to persuade someone or make someone believe that something is true
39. al_____ed from my parents *adj.* feeling isolated, estranged, or disconnected from others, often due to a sense of difference or lack of belonging

ANSWERS: 30. identity, 31. intimidate, 32. wage, 33. burden, 34. assignment, 35. dedication, 36. pride, 37. shawl, 38. convince, 39. alienated

40. nice fe___w *adj.* someone who has the same job or interests as you, or is in the same class, profession, or situation as you
41. wo_____ss coin *adj.* having no value or usefulness; not worth considering
42. a ci_____te case *n.* a small cylindrical roll of finely cut tobacco leaves wrapped in paper for smoking
43. gr_____te degree program *n.* a person who has a first degree from university or college; (verb) to complete the first course of university or college and get a degree
44. r__l down his cheeks *v.* to move in a particular direction by turning over and over or from side to side
45. tr__e back to medieval times *v.* to find or discover someone or something that was lost
46. a seafaring na___n *n.* a large organized community of people living in a particular country or region and having a particular culture
47. aw__d ceremony *n.* a prize or other mark of recognition given in honor of an achievement
48. ded_____on ceremony *n.* a lot of time and energy that someone puts in for an activity or purpose because they believe it is important
49. co_____t milk *n.* the large, hard-shelled seed of a tropical palm, which has a fibrous husk surrounding a single-seeded nut
50. th___t a plate away *v.* to push or drive forcibly; to impose or insert; (noun) the force used in pushing

ANSWERS: 40. fellow, 41. worthless, 42. cigarette, 43. graduate, 44. roll, 45. trace, 46. nation, 47. award, 48. dedication, 49. coconut, 50. thrust

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52. 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
53. ind_____le courage *adj.* impossible to defeat, discourage or subdue; unconquerable; unyielding in spirit
54. des_____ly anxious *adv.* in a way that shows a lack of hope and a willingness to do anything because of the problematic situation; with great urgency
55. fictionalized aut_____phy *n.* a written account of someone's own life, written by that person
56. wo_____ss stock *adj.* having no value or usefulness; not worth considering
57. ru__l accents *adj.* of or relating to the countryside
58. pr__e of a company *n.* a feeling of deep pleasure or satisfaction derived from one's achievements
59. skilled la_____r *n.* a person who works hard physically, typically doing unskilled or manual labor; a worker or employee who performs physically demanding tasks
60. aw___n at daybreak *v.* to stop sleeping or to cause someone to stop sleeping
61. ov_____ht parking *adj.* lasting for or occurring during one night; occurring or changing extremely quickly or suddenly; happening or being achieved in a short amount of time

ANSWERS: 51. huddle, 52. decide, 53. indomitable, 54. desperately, 55. autobiography, 56. worthless, 57. rural, 58. pride, 59. laborer, 60. awaken, 61. overnight

62. finish the ass_____nt *n.* a duty or task given to someone, usually as part of their job or studies
63. ins_____ize a system *v.* to establish or make something a part of an institution (= a place such as a university, hospital, etc.)
64. unwavering per_____nce *n.* steadfastness in doing something despite difficulty or delay in achieving success
65. passing gl_____e *n.* a brief or partial view; the act of seeing something or someone for a very short time or only partly
66. pre_____us event *adj.* having a high reputation or status; respected or honored; widely recognized as being of high quality or importance
67. th____t a dagger home *v.* to push or drive forcibly; to impose or insert; (noun) the force used in pushing
68. bu____n of disease *n.* a duty, responsibility, etc. that is oppressive or worrisome; a load, typically a heavy one that is difficult to carry
69. b__m of light *n.* a long, sturdy piece of timber, metal, or other material used to support a structure or span a distance; a ray or stream of light emitted by a source
70. an in_____nt child *adj.* not guilty of a crime, offense, etc.; not having an evil mind or knowledge
71. source of ins_____on *n.* something that motivates or encourages someone to create or achieve something, or a feeling of excitement or creativity

ANSWERS: 62. assignment, 63. institutionalize, 64. perseverance, 65. glimpse, 66. prestigious, 67. thrust, 68. burden, 69. beam, 70. innocent, 71. inspiration

72. postdoctoral fel_____ip *n.* an association of people who share common interests or goals, typically involving research, study, or a specific profession
73. ov_____ht success *adj.* lasting for or occurring during one night; occurring or changing extremely quickly or suddenly; happening or being achieved in a short amount of time
74. rec_____on award *n.* the action or process of recognizing or being recognized, especially by remembering; an agreement that something is true or legal
75. di_____s options *v.* to talk about or examine in detail through conversation or debate; to exchange ideas, opinions, or information on a particular topic
76. sp____t and the letter of the law *n.* the part of a person which is the seat of their mind, feelings, and character rather than their physical body; the general atmosphere of a place or situation and the effect that it has on people
77. urban di_____cts *n.* a part of a country or town, especially one with particular features
78. ad____e kids with attitude *v.* to have regard for or respect for someone's qualities or the actions they have performed
79. co_____al combination of funds *adj.* belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use
80. a s__t on his honor *n.* a particular location or place; a small round or roundish area, differing in color or feels from the surface around it

ANSWERS: 72. fellowship, 73. overnight, 74. recognition, 75. discuss, 76. spirit, 77. district, 78. admire, 79. communal, 80. spot

81. a mild ci_____te *n.* a small cylindrical roll of finely cut tobacco leaves wrapped in paper for smoking
82. at____d service *v.* to be present at an event, to go to a place
83. a bird in a c___e *n.* a structure made of metal bars or wire in which birds or animals can be kept
84. in_____e a high degree of risk *v.* to include or affect someone or something as a necessary part of something else
85. ho____d on drugs *adj.* being caught or caught up in something; curved down like an eagle's beak
86. weak fou_____on *n.* the lowest load-bearing part of a building, typically below ground level; a fundamental basis or principle upon which something is built or established; an organization that provides funding or support for charitable or educational purposes
87. p__r group *n.* a person who has the same age, status, or ability
88. an insect c___e *n.* a structure made of metal bars or wire in which birds or animals can be kept
89. und_____ate course *n.* a student who is studying for their first degree at a university or other higher education institution
90. co_____e to work *v.* to regularly travel a particular journey, especially between one's home and place of work; (noun) a regular journey of some distance to and from your place of work

ANSWERS: 81. cigarette, 82. attend, 83. cage, 84. involve, 85. hooked, 86. foundation, 87. peer, 88. cage, 89. undergraduate, 90. commute

91. a remote re____ve *adj.* considered and evaluated through comparison with something else
92. outdoor rec_____on *n.* the activity that renews your health and spirits by enjoyment and relaxation; the act or process of making something that existed in the past exists or seems to exist again in a different time or place
93. li_____ty for military service *n.* a legal or financial responsibility or obligation
94. dis_____ge customers *v.* to make someone lose confidence, enthusiasm, or less willing to do something
95. get ins_____on from nature *n.* something that motivates or encourages someone to create or achieve something, or a feeling of excitement or creativity
96. participation aw__d *n.* a prize or other mark of recognition given in honor of an achievement
97. tr_____e in fear *v.* to shake slightly in a way that you cannot control, for example, because you are frightened, angry, or excited, or because of illness
98. p__r review *n.* a person who has the same age, status, or ability
99. research fel_____ip *n.* an association of people who share common interests or goals, typically involving research, study, or a specific profession
100. school di_____cts *n.* a part of a country or town, especially one with particular features

ANSWERS: 91. relative, 92. recreation, 93. liability, 94. discourage, 95. inspiration, 96. award, 97. tremble, 98. peer, 99. fellowship, 100. district

101. id____ty as an individual *n.* the fact of being who or what somebody or something is; the features, emotions, or ideas that distinguish persons from one another
102. pre_____us award *adj.* having a high reputation or status; respected or honored; widely recognized as being of high quality or importance
103. engineering und_____ate *n.* a student who is studying for their first degree at a university or other higher education institution
104. beauty s__t *n.* a particular location or place; a small round or roundish area, differing in color or feels from the surface around it
105. fou_____on course *n.* the lowest load-bearing part of a building, typically below ground level; a fundamental basis or principle upon which something is built or established; an organization that provides funding or support for charitable or educational purposes
106. a con_____ive society *adj.* holding traditional views and values and opposed to change or innovation
107. re___l the incident *v.* to remember something
108. na___n-state *n.* a large organized community of people living in a particular country or region and having a particular culture
109. su_____n a wellness lifestyle *v.* to supply enough of what somebody or something needs to survive or exist; to accept as valid

ANSWERS: 101. identity, 102. prestigious, 103. undergraduate, 104. spot, 105. foundation, 106. conservative, 107. recall, 108. nation, 109. sustain

110. su____n a good relationship with him
v. to supply enough of what somebody or something needs to survive or exist; to accept as valid
111. fashion me____r
n. a person who helps and advises a younger or less experienced person over time, usually at work or school
112. ad____e the subtlety of the distinctions
v. to have regard for or respect for someone's qualities or the actions they have performed
113. an____y for knowledge
n. a feeling of worry, nervousness, or unease about something that is happening or might happen in the future
114. become al____ed
adj. feeling isolated, estranged, or disconnected from others, often due to a sense of difference or lack of belonging
115. pr____ss opportunity
adj. extremely valuable or important
116. slowly becoming more re____nt
adj. unwilling or hesitant to do something because of doubts or fears
117. college sch____ip
n. a grant or payment made to support a student's education usually awarded based on academic or other achievements
118. co____ce her to go with us
v. to persuade someone or make someone believe that something is true
119. at____d a meeting
v. to be present at an event, to go to a place
120. di____s solutions
v. to talk about or examine in detail through conversation or debate; to exchange ideas, opinions, or information on a particular topic

ANSWERS: 110. sustain, 111. mentor, 112. admire, 113. anxiety, 114. alienated, 115. priceless, 116. reluctant, 117. scholarship, 118. convince, 119. attend, 120. discuss

121. la_____r job *n.* a person who works hard physically, typically doing unskilled or manual labor; a worker or employee who performs physically demanding tasks
122. op_____ne occasion *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
123. bl__d to the beauties *adj.* unable to see; unable or unwilling to perceive or understand the true nature of something
124. rec_____on of the homeland *n.* the activity that renews your health and spirits by enjoyment and relaxation; the act or process of making something that existed in the past exists or seems to exist again in a different time or place
125. diagnosis of an_____y disorder *n.* a feeling of worry, nervousness, or unease about something that is happening or might happen in the future
126. int_____te an opponent *v.* to make someone fearful or uneasy so that they will do something that you want them to do
127. co_____e the listener *v.* to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand
128. tr_____e violently with emotion *v.* to shake slightly in a way that you cannot control, for example, because you are frightened, angry, or excited, or because of illness
129. ins_____ize customary laws *v.* to establish or make something a part of an institution (= a place such as a university, hospital, etc.)

ANSWERS: 121. laborer, 122. opportune, 123. blind, 124. recreation, 125. anxiety, 126. intimidate, 127. confuse, 128. tremble, 129. institutionalize

130. con_____te to society *v.* to give something, especially money or goods, to provide or achieve something together with other people
131. upset st_____h *n.* the internal organ in the body where food is digested, situated in the abdomen; the part of the body below the chest that contains the stomach
132. adm_____er the funds *v.* to oversee and control the operation or arrangement of something
133. re_____ve factors *adj.* considered and evaluated through comparison with something else
134. me_____r for life *n.* a person who helps and advises a younger or less experienced person over time, usually at work or school
135. dis_____ge bacterial growth *v.* to make someone lose confidence, enthusiasm, or less willing to do something
136. aw_____n a child *v.* to stop sleeping or to cause someone to stop sleeping
137. de_____e my position *v.* to state or explain precisely the nature, scope, or meaning of something
138. re_____l his name *v.* to remember something
139. junior fe_____w *adj.* someone who has the same job or interests as you, or is in the same class, profession, or situation as you
140. st_____h virus *n.* the internal organ in the body where food is digested, situated in the abdomen; the part of the body below the chest that contains the stomach

ANSWERS: 130. contribute, 131. stomach, 132. administer, 133. relative, 134. mentor, 135. discourage, 136. awaken, 137. define, 138. recall, 139. fellow, 140. stomach

141. in_____e a lot of paperwork *v.* to include or affect someone or something as a necessary part of something else
142. an op_____ne remark *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
143. co_____al swimming pool *adj.* belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use
144. li_____ty insurance *n.* a legal or financial responsibility or obligation
145. a momentary gl_____e *n.* a brief or partial view; the act of seeing something or someone for a very short time or only partly
146. re_____nt readers *adj.* unwilling or hesitant to do something because of doubts or fears
147. ju__e a competition *n.* a person who makes decisions in a court of law; (verb) to determine the result of or form a critical opinion of something
148. Mi_____er for Education *n.* a person appointed to or a job of a head of a government department
149. increase in the minimum w___e *n.* a particular amount of money that somebody earns, usually every week or every month, for work or services
150. silk sh__l *n.* a piece of fabric or clothing worn as a covering or adornment around the neck, shoulders, or head; a wrap or cape-like garment
151. ho___d hair *adj.* being caught or caught up in something; curved down like an eagle's beak

ANSWERS: 141. involve, 142. opportune, 143. communal, 144. liability, 145. glimpse, 146. reluctant, 147. judge, 148. minister, 149. wage, 150. shawl, 151. hooked

152. con_____ive about production *adj.* holding traditional views and values and opposed to change or innovation
153. a sch_____ip association *n.* a grant or payment made to support a student's education usually awarded based on academic or other achievements
154. thousands of in_____nt people *adj.* not guilty of a crime, offense, etc.; not having an evil mind or knowledge
155. bu_____ly effect *n.* a diurnal insect typically has a slender body with knobbed antennae and broad, colorful wings
156. des_____ly ill patient *adv.* in a way that shows a lack of hope and a willingness to do anything because of the problematic situation; with great urgency
157. tr__e a telephone call *v.* to find or discover someone or something that was lost
158. de___e centigrade *n.* a unit of measurement for angles, temperature, or level of proficiency or achievement; a rank or level of academic or professional attainment
159. de___e a word *v.* to state or explain precisely the nature, scope, or meaning of something
160. ind_____le determination *adj.* impossible to defeat, discourage or subdue; unconquerable; unyielding in spirit

ANSWERS: 152. conservative, 153. scholarship, 154. innocent, 155. butterfly, 156. desperately, 157. trace, 158. degree, 159. define, 160. indomitable

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. He was _____ to share his thoughts on the matter.
adj. unwilling or hesitant to do something because of doubts or fears
2. The birds _____ open water areas with reeds around them.
v. to like, choose, or want one thing or person better than another
3. She wrote an _____ detailing her journey from poverty to success.
n. a written account of someone's own life, written by that person
4. I have a _____ ache after overeating junk food.
n. the internal organ in the body where food is digested, situated in the abdomen; the part of the body below the chest that contains the stomach
5. The investigation _____ several government agencies and is expected to take several months.
v. to include or affect someone or something as a necessary part of something else
6. The trapped bear is running amok in its _____.
n. a structure made of metal bars or wire in which birds or animals can be kept
7. Despite facing numerous setbacks and obstacles, his _____ and determination led him to success.
n. steadfastness in doing something despite difficulty or delay in achieving success
8. Since 2001, the _____ has provided training programs for automotive technicians.
n. a part of a country or town, especially one with particular features

ANSWERS: 1. reluctant, 2. prefer, 3. autobiography, 4. stomach, 5. involves, 6. cage, 7. perseverance, 8. district

9. She took great _____ in her work, always striving for perfection.
n. a feeling of deep pleasure or satisfaction derived from one's achievements
10. Basketball is their usual _____ after school.
n. the activity that renews your health and spirits by enjoyment and relaxation; the act or process of making something that existed in the past exists or seems to exist again in a different time or place
11. The _____ occasionally preaches at this church.
n. a person appointed to or a job of a head of a government department
12. As a _____ he helped me realize my career.
n. a person who helps and advises a younger or less experienced person over time, usually at work or school
13. The terrorist's _____ remains unknown.
n. the fact of being who or what somebody or something is; the features, emotions, or ideas that distinguish persons from one another
14. My _____ was overwhelming and complicated, but it was also exciting.
n. a duty or task given to someone, usually as part of their job or studies
15. When I heard the news, my whole body _____ with excitement.
v. to shake slightly in a way that you cannot control, for example, because you are frightened, angry, or excited, or because of illness
16. The _____ package delivery arrived at my door this morning.
adj. lasting for or occurring during one night; occurring or changing extremely quickly or suddenly; happening or being achieved in a short amount of time

ANSWERS: 9. pride, 10. recreation, 11. minister, 12. mentor, 13. identity, 14. assignment, 15. trembled, 16. overnight

17. Among young people, _____ pressure can be pretty influential.
n. a person who has the same age, status, or ability
18. Despite their tragic loss, the family is showing great _____.
n. the part of a person which is the seat of their mind, feelings, and character rather than their physical body; the general atmosphere of a place or situation and the effect that it has on people
19. Her remarks _____ the debate.
v. to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand
20. The new policy aims to _____ the use of renewable energy sources.
v. to establish or make something a part of an institution (= a place such as a university, hospital, etc.)
21. Let's _____ the origins of some familiar foreign words.
v. to find or discover someone or something that was lost
22. She was nearly _____ due to severe diabetes.
adj. unable to see; unable or unwilling to perceive or understand the true nature of something
23. 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
24. The phone rang at the most _____ time.
adj. suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose

ANSWERS: 17. peer, 18. spirit, 19. confused, 20. institutionalize, 21. trace, 22. blind, 23. nation, 24. opportune

25. She received a full _____ to study abroad.
- n.* a grant or payment made to support a student's education usually awarded based on academic or other achievements
26. He enjoys collecting _____ specimens.
- n.* a diurnal insect typically has a slender body with knobbed antennae and broad, colorful wings
27. The company is facing a potential _____ of millions of dollars due to the lawsuit.
- n.* a legal or financial responsibility or obligation
28. 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
29. 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
30. She struggled to _____ the children's reading habits.
- v.* to supply enough of what somebody or something needs to survive or exist; to accept as valid
31. She waited for her daughter with _____.
- n.* a feeling of worry, nervousness, or unease about something that is happening or might happen in the future
32. We all _____ him because he is a nobleman.
- v.* to have regard for or respect for someone's qualities or the actions they have performed

ANSWERS: 25. scholarship, 26. butterfly, 27. liability, 28. discuss, 29. decide, 30. sustain, 31. anxiety, 32. admire

33. The sun's _____ shone through the window and illuminated the room.
n. a long, sturdy piece of timber, metal, or other material used to support a structure or span a distance; a ray or stream of light emitted by a source
34. This remote _____ is rarely visited.
n. a particular location or place; a small round or roundish area, differing in color or feels from the surface around it
35. He was given _____ for his outstanding work in the field of medicine.
n. the action or process of recognizing or being recognized, especially by remembering; an agreement that something is true or legal
36. Many _____ areas are still impoverished.
adj. of or relating to the countryside
37. Government workers cannot _____ to political campaigns.
v. to give something, especially money or goods, to provide or achieve something together with other people
38. The academy is known for its _____ faculty and rigorous curriculum.
adj. having a high reputation or status; respected or honored; widely recognized as being of high quality or importance
39. He found _____ in the works of his favorite authors.
n. something that motivates or encourages someone to create or achieve something, or a feeling of excitement or creativity
40. To advance this discussion, we must _____ "success" rigorously.
v. to state or explain precisely the nature, scope, or meaning of something

ANSWERS: 33. beam, 34. spot, 35. recognition, 36. rural, 37. contribute, 38. prestigious, 39. inspiration, 40. define

41. We must _____ to this matter.
v. to be present at an event, to go to a place
42. I am considering what I should do to _____ him.
v. to persuade someone or make someone believe that something is true
43. She received her _____ in psychology from the university.
n. a unit of measurement for angles, temperature, or level of proficiency or achievement; a rank or level of academic or professional attainment
44. The class was composed of both _____ and graduate students.
n. a student who is studying for their first degree at a university or other higher education institution
45. The new employee felt _____ from the rest of the team, as they didn't try to include him in their conversations.
adj. feeling isolated, estranged, or disconnected from others, often due to a sense of difference or lack of belonging
46. She vividly _____ getting laid off several years ago.
v. to remember something
47. My grandmother wore her favorite knitted _____ to keep warm on the chilly autumn evening.
n. a piece of fabric or clothing worn as a covering or adornment around the neck, shoulders, or head; a wrap or cape-like garment
48. The construction site hired many _____ to help with the heavy lifting.
n. a person who works hard physically, typically doing unskilled or manual labor; a worker or employee who performs physically demanding tasks

ANSWERS: 41. attend, 42. convince, 43. degree, 44. undergraduate, 45. alienated, 46. recalls, 47. shawl, 48. laborers

49. The _____ of scientists worked together to conduct research and make important discoveries.
- n.* an association of people who share common interests or goals, typically involving research, study, or a specific profession
50. The children _____ together for warmth in the cold winter storm.
- v.* to crowd or press closely together; cuddle
51. After the accident, three governmental bodies _____ the company.
- v.* to oversee and control the operation or arrangement of something
52. That car has a low environmental _____.
- n.* a duty, responsibility, etc. that is oppressive or worrisome; a load, typically a heavy one that is difficult to carry
53. He won the _____ for best actor at the film festival.
- n.* a prize or other mark of recognition given in honor of an achievement
54. He lit a _____ and leaned against the wall.
- n.* a small cylindrical roll of finely cut tobacco leaves wrapped in paper for smoking
55. His parents tried to _____ him from becoming an artist.
- v.* to make someone lose confidence, enthusiasm, or less willing to do something
56. He was exhausted and _____ into bed as soon as he got home.
- v.* to move in a particular direction by turning over and over or from side to side
57. The product was found to be _____ as it failed to meet the customer's expectations.
- adj.* having no value or usefulness; not worth considering

ANSWERS: 49. fellowship, 50. huddled, 51. administer, 52. burden, 53. award, 54. cigarette, 55. discourage, 56. rolled, 57. worthless

58. Parliament is now in _____.

n. a formal meeting or series of meetings for the execution of a particular group's functions; a period spent doing a particular activity

59. His _____ continued to rise as his skills improved.

n. a particular amount of money that somebody earns, usually every week or every month, for work or services

60. The friend's death _____ them.

v. to stop sleeping or to cause someone to stop sleeping

61. He always makes a _____ estimation when predicting future sales.

adj. holding traditional views and values and opposed to change or innovation

62. The _____ of the building was cracked and needed to be repaired.

n. the lowest load-bearing part of a building, typically below ground level; a fundamental basis or principle upon which something is built or established; an organization that provides funding or support for charitable or educational purposes

63. Investigators discovered _____ documents throughout the house.

adj. extremely valuable or important

64. My husband was found _____ of any crime.

adj. not guilty of a crime, offense, etc.; not having an evil mind or knowledge

65. My son was _____ on the Internet.

adj. being caught or caught up in something; curved down like an eagle's beak

ANSWERS: 58. session, 59. wages, 60. awakens, 61. conservative, 62. foundation, 63. priceless, 64. innocent, 65. hooked

66. Despite facing many challenges, her _____ spirit helped her overcome them all.

adj. impossible to defeat, discourage or subdue; unconquerable; unyielding in spirit

67. Mining is a _____ source of income for the country.

adj. most important or primary; (noun) a person who is in charge

68. Most countries prohibit sexual activity between certain close _____.

adj. considered and evaluated through comparison with something else

69. He is the kind of _____ who only works for his success.

adj. someone who has the same job or interests as you, or is in the same class, profession, or situation as you

70. The baby clung _____ to her mother.

adv. in a way that shows a lack of hope and a willingness to do anything because of the problematic situation; with great urgency

71. Many employers hire _____ trainees to train as managers.

n. a person who has a first degree from university or college; (verb) to complete the first course of university or college and get a degree

72. Our team caught a _____ of the world-class technique in this game.

n. a brief or partial view; the act of seeing something or someone for a very short time or only partly

73. He had to _____ two hours each way to get to work.

v. to regularly travel a particular journey, especially between one's home and place of work; (noun) a regular journey of some distance to and from your place of work

ANSWERS: 66. indomitable, 67. chief, 68. relatives, 69. fellow, 70. desperately, 71. graduate, 72. glimpse, 73. commute

74. He cracked open a _____ to drink the milk.

- n.* the large, hard-shelled seed of a tropical palm, which has a fibrous husk surrounding a single-seeded nut

75. The strict _____ ruled in favor of the plaintiff in the case.

- n.* a person who makes decisions in a court of law; (verb) to determine the result of or form a critical opinion of something

76. He used his right _____ to press the button on his phone.

- n.* the short, thick digit of the hand next to the index finger; (verb) to travel by getting free rides from motorists

77. The boss tried to _____ his subordinate with threats.

- v.* to make someone fearful or uneasy so that they will do something that you want them to do

78. We are very impressed with your strong _____ to quality.

- n.* a lot of time and energy that someone puts in for an activity or purpose because they believe it is important

79. _____ elections were held in several European countries.

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

80. The engine _____ the rocket into space.

- v.* to push or drive forcibly; to impose or insert; (noun) the force used in pushing

ANSWERS: 74. coconut, 75. judge, 76. thumb, 77. intimidate, 78. dedication, 79. Communal, 80. thrust