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Session 1: Word List

surgery

n. medical treatment of injuries or diseases involving an incision with instruments and often removing or replacing some parts of the body; the branch of medical science that treats disease or injury by operative procedures

synonym: operation, (medical) procedure

(1) cardiac **surgery**, (2) the professor of **surgery**

He had undergone heart **surgery** years before.

anesthesia

n. a state of controlled, temporary loss of bodily sensation or awareness that is induced for medical purposes

(1) **anesthesia** for surgery, (2) local **anesthesia**

He is in general **anesthesia** under the surgeon.

journalist

n. a person who collects and writes news stories or articles for newspapers, magazines, radio, television, or other online media

synonym: reporter, newsperson, press

(1) a China-based **journalist**, (2) **journalist** on a magazine

Foreign TV crews and **journalists** can go as they please in various locations during the Olympics.

generic

adj. not specific; not linked to a particular brand or product
synonym: common, ordinary, typical

(1) a **generic** product, (2) **generic** version

The **generic** aspirin brand was just as effective as the name brand but much cheaper.

nausea

n. a feeling of sickness or discomfort in the stomach that is often accompanied by an urge to vomit; a sensation of loathing or disgust

synonym: queasiness, sickness, vomiting

(1) **nausea** medication, (2) drug-induced **nausea** and vomiting

The rollercoaster ride left me with a feeling of **nausea**.

unsatisfactory

adj. not meeting the desired or expected standard or quality
synonym: inadequate, subpar, lacking

(1) **unsatisfactory** performance, (2) **unsatisfactory** on several counts

The service was **unsatisfactory**, and the customer demanded a refund.

argument

n. a set of statements or reasons used to support or refute a proposition or theory; a verbal or physical fight or dispute

synonym: debate, discourse, discussion

(1) a blazing **argument**, (2) the **argument** against capital punishment

The **argument** between the two sides over the proposed policy was heated.

insure

v. to provide coverage in the event of loss or damage
synonym: protect, guard, safeguard

(1) **insure** my house against fire, (2) **insure** domestic tranquility

I will **insure** my car before I go on a road trip.

employer

n. a person or organization that pays workers to work for them

synonym: boss, owner, company

(1) illegal **employer**, (2) **employer** responsibility

An **employer's** attitude toward its employees significantly impacts their productivity.

procedure

n. a way of doing something, especially the official or well-known way

synonym: action, approach, course

(1) undergo a surgical **procedure**, (2) standard **procedure**

The pilot and flight attendant ran through the check-out **procedure**.

volunteer

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

synonym: unpaid worker, draftee, enlistee

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

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

buyout

n. the acquisition of a controlling interest in a company or business by an outside entity or individual, typically involving the purchase of shares or assets

synonym: acquisition, takeover, purchase

(1) corporate **buyout**, (2) staged **buyout**

The company announced a major **buyout** of its competitor, which caused the stock price to soar.

shark

n. a long-bodied, mostly predatory marine fish that has sharp teeth and a pointed fin on its back; a person who is ruthless, greedy, and dishonest

synonym: swindler, con artist, crook

(1) a man-eating **shark**, (2) card **shark**

He borrowed money from a loan **shark**.

pitch

n. the property of sound that varies with variation in the frequency of vibration; the degree of a slope, especially

of a roof; short presentation for selling or sharing something

synonym : angle, gradient, slope

(1) make a **pitch** for a new product, (2) a low- **pitched** sound

Her voice gradually increased in **pitch**.

contest

n. a competition in which people compete for supremacy in a sport or other activity; a struggle between rivals

synonym : battle, competition, match

(1) a speech **contest**, (2) a close **contest**

There was a vast **contest** between the two tribes.

gross

adj. being the total amount of something before any deductions; obese and ugly or unpleasant

synonym : before tax, total, abhorrent

(1) the **gross** amount, (2) **gross** injustice

The drastic reorganization has significantly increased this company's **gross** profits.

domestic

adj. relating to or inside a particular country, not foreign or international

synonym : endemic, private, household

(1) **domestic** airline, (2) a **domestic** animal

GDP stands for gross **domestic** product.

plain

adj. without being decorated in any way; (Noun) a vast expanse of flat land with few trees

synonym : basic, straight, bare

(1) **plain** answer, (2) delta **plain**

The lowest lowland region is mostly flat **plain**.

electrocardiogram

n. a test that uses electrodes placed on the chest, arms, and legs to record the electrical signals of the heart and create a graph that shows the heart's rhythm and activity

synonym : ECG, heart monitor, cardiac monitor

(1) **electrocardiogram** technician, (2) abnormal **electrocardiogram**

The hospital invested in state-of-the-art **electrocardiogram** machines to improve patient care.

variation

n. the act or state of changing; a difference or change in the way something is done, made or said

synonym: fluctuation, change, variation

(1) **variation** of temperature, (2) gene **variation**

There is a lot of **variation** in the colors of flowers in the garden.

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.

partnership

n. the state of a cooperative relationship between people or groups, especially in business

synonym: alliance, participation, cooperation

(1) **partnership** across the Atlantic, (2) establish a **partnership**

The military **partnership** between the two countries created tension in the international community.

mammography

n. the process of using X-rays to examine the breast for the early detection of breast cancer

synonym: breast imaging, mammogram, breast X-ray

(1) diagnostic **mammography**, (2) digital **mammography**

Women should get regular **mammography** screenings as a preventative measure for breast cancer.

database

n. a large amount of data stored in a computer system in such a way that it can be searched and updated easily

(1) **database** administrator, (2) employee **database**

Each country's officials can access the central **database**.

mash

v. to crush or grind something into a soft, wet, pulpy mass; to talk or behave amorously, without serious intentions;
(noun) a mixture of crushed malt grains and hot water

synonym: crush, grind, pulverize

(1) **mash** his words, (2) potato **mash**

She **mashed** the potatoes with a fork until they were smooth and creamy.

kayak

n. a small, narrow boat traditionally used by the Inuit people for hunting and fishing, which has a covered deck and is propelled using a double-bladed paddle

synonym: canoe, skiff, paddle boat

(1) **kayak** adventure, (2) **kayak** paddle

We're planning a **kayak** trip down the river next weekend.

traffic

n. the movement of vehicles, people, or goods along a route or through a transport system; the amount of such movement in a particular place or at a particular time

synonym: congestion, jam, flow

(1) **traffic** jam, (2) heavy **traffic**

We decided to take a detour to avoid the construction **traffic** on the main road.

app

n. (abbreviation for application) software designed to run on smartphones and other mobile devices or inside a web browser on a PC

synonym: application, software

(1) killer **app**, (2) cannot log in to the **app**

The discovery of a critical bug caused the company to delay the **app's** release.

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.

crowdsourcing

n. the practice of obtaining needed services, ideas, or content by enlisting the services of a large number of people, either paid or unpaid, typically via the internet

(1) **crowdsourcing** apps, (2) **crowdsourcing** in climate policy

The company used this **crowdsourcing** platform to gather ideas for its next product.

nationwide

adj. extending throughout an entire nation

synonym: countrywide, national

(1) **nationwide** strike, (2) **nationwide** network

This is a **nationwide** campaign to recruit women into trade unions.

suffer

v. to experience pain, distress, or hardship; to undergo or endure something painful or unpleasant

synonym: endure, undergo, tolerate

(1) **suffer** a setback, (2) **suffer** bad grades

The older man **suffers** from arthritis and finds it difficult to move around.

contributor

n. a person or thing that adds to the achievement, production, or growth of something (such as a project, organization, or publication); a donor or benefactor

synonym: donor, giver, subscriber

(1) **contributor** of funds, (2) regular **contributor**

She is a major **contributor** to the local food bank, volunteering every week.

argue

v. to express differing opinions or points of view, often in a heated or contentious manner; to present a case or reasoning to persuade or convince others

synonym : debate, dispute, quarrel

(1) **argue** a case, (2) **argue** passionately

The couple began to **argue** over which restaurant to go to for dinner.

bankruptcy

n. the legal status of a person or business that cannot repay debts to creditors

synonym : insolvency, default, ruin

(1) **bankruptcy** court, (2) **bankruptcy** filing

The **bankruptcy** of the company has left many workers without jobs.

skip

v. to move along lightly and quickly, making a step from one foot to the other with a hop or bounce; to intentionally fail to do something which would normally do

synonym : bounce, spring, neglect

(1) **skip** across the country, (2) **skip** breakfast

We **skipped** the topic because it was too complicated.

afford

v. to have enough money or time to be able to buy or do something

(1) **afford** to buy a new car, (2) **afford** a high travel cost

He cannot **afford** a holiday.

diagnose

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

synonym : identify, analyze, interpret

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

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

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.

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.

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.

policy

n. a set of rules, guidelines, principles, or procedures that govern decision-making or action, often used in the context of business or government; a course of action or plan of action adopted or followed by an organization or individual to achieve a goal or objective

synonym : strategy, plan, guideline

(1) health **policy**, (2) foreign **policy**

The company's new **policy** on remote work has made it a more inclusive workplace.

consume

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

synonym : absorb, ingest, use up

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

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

stall

v. to stop or cause to stop making progress; (noun) small area or booth set off for the sale of goods in a market or large covered area

synonym: halt, hamper, (noun) cubicle

(1) **stall** at sea, (2) **stall** in a tunnel

The negotiations proceeded slowly and finally **stalled**.

legislature

n. a body of elected or appointed representatives who make laws for a country or state

synonym: government, lawmaking group

(1) colonial **legislature**, (2) a prefectural **legislature**

The people elect **legislature** members to represent their interests and make decisions on their behalf.

launch

v. to send or propel something into the air or space using a device such as a rocket, missile, or spacecraft; to make something available or on sale for the first time

synonym: start, initiate, begin

(1) **launch** a spaceship into orbit, (2) **launch** a big attack

The company is set to **launch** its new product line next month.

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.

crisis

n. a time of great disagreement, confusion, or danger when problems must be resolved or critical decisions must be taken

synonym: concern, problem, emergency

(1) financial **crisis**, (2) **crisis** management

The Chinese word for **crisis** comprises two characters, one for danger and the other for opportunity.

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.

emergency

n. a sudden unforeseen crisis usually involving danger that requires immediate action

synonym : crisis, trouble, difficulty

(1) **emergency** action, (2) acute **emergency**

The president declared a state of **emergency**.

government

n. the group of people with authority to control a country or state

synonym : administration, regime, state

(1) **government** bureaucracy, (2) **government** funding

The federal **government** is planning to increase taxes for the next fiscal year.

individual

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

synonym : person, being, self

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

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

premium

n. an amount of money paid periodically; the price or cost of something, especially when it is considered to be of high quality or value; (adjective) having or reflecting superior quality or value

synonym : dividend, bonus, (adjective) expensive

(1) insurance **premium**, (2) **premium** quality

Some people are willing to pay a **premium** for a rare and valuable collectible.

statistics

n. the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data
(1) **statistics** for cancer, (2) official **statistics**
The **statistics** demonstrate that poverty and unemployment are genuine problems.

develop

v. to grow or expand; to improve or refine through a process of progress and refinement, often to achieve greater sophistication or complexity; to elaborate or add detail to something that is in the process of being created
synonym: evolve, progress, advance
(1) **develop** a strategy, (2) **develop** a skill
We must **develop** a new system to streamline our workflow and increase efficiency.

transparency

n. the condition or quality of being easy to see through
synonym: clearness, clarity, translucence
(1) lack of **transparency**, (2) **transparency** during the trials
The main discussion topic is government **transparency**.

friction

n. the force that opposes motion between two objects in contact, especially by producing heat and wear, and is proportional to the normal force between the objects
synonym: rub, scrape, resistance
(1) **friction** force, (2) surface **friction**
The **friction** between the two countries was causing tension.

fraud

n. the crime of gaining money or financial benefits by deceiving people; a person who makes deceitful pretenses
synonym: trickery, deceit, blackmail
(1) get money by **fraud**, (2) victim of **fraud**
The police arrested them for committing insurance **fraud**.

massive

adj. enormous amount; very heavy and solid
synonym: enormous, giant, immense

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

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

overt

adj. open, evident, or clear, especially in a way that is not intended to be secret

synonym: open, unhidden, obvious

(1) **overt** hostility, (2) **overt** symptoms

His **overt** lack of enthusiasm was noticeable to everyone in the room.

appendectomy

n. a surgical procedure to remove the appendix, typically performed in cases of appendicitis or other conditions that cause inflammation or infection of the appendix

synonym: removal, excision, surgery

(1) **appendectomy** surgery, (2) **appendectomy** scar

After several hours of abdominal pain, the patient was diagnosed with acute appendicitis and underwent an **appendectomy**.

cancer

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

synonym: tumor, carcinoma, malignancy

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

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

arrest

v. to take into custody

synonym: capture, detain, imprison

(1) **arrest** the thief, (2) **arrest** the progress

A police officer has the authority to **arrest** a criminal.

transgress

v. to break the law or moral code; to go beyond or exceed the limits or boundaries of something

synonym: trespass, violate, infringe

(1) **transgress** boundaries, (2) **transgress** against the rules

The company was fined for **transgressing** environmental regulations.

medicinal

adj. of or relating to the treatment or cure of disease

synonym : curative, therapeutic, healing

(1) **medicinal** chemistry, (2) traditional **medicinal**

The **medicinal** properties of this herb have been known to help with various ailments.

breath

n. the air that is taken into and expelled from your lungs; the process of taking into and expelling air from your lungs

synonym : air, puff, whiff

(1) hold your **breath**, (2) **breath** of wind

He bated his **breath** when talking about this affair.

liberate

v. to set free; to release or rescue from captivity or oppression

synonym : emancipate, release, set free

(1) **liberate** people from oppression, (2) **liberate** potential

The prisoners were **liberated** after the war ended.

folk

n. people in general, especially those of a particular group or type

synonym : community, family, person

(1) **folk** art, (2) the **folk** songs of a particular district

Some seaweed was used as **folk** medicine in ancient times.

advance

v. to go or move forward; to develop in a positive way

synonym : progress, boost, come along

(1) **advance** the technology, (2) **advance** a cooperative relationship

Scientific knowledge will **advance** significantly with the power of AI.

laser

n. a device that emits powerful and narrow light that can be used as a tool to cut metal through a process of optical amplification

synonym : beam, bar, ray

(1) **laser** printer, (2) pulse **laser**

The company holds patents on core components of **laser** jet printers.

squeeze

v. to apply pressure from two or more sides; to hold someone or something tightly in your arms, usually with fondness

synonym : compress, crush, clamp

(1) **squeeze** a lemon, (2) **squeeze** a confession

She **squeezed** the toothpaste tube from the middle to get the last bit out.

Session 2: Spelling

1. ka__k paddle *n.* a small, narrow boat traditionally used by the Inuit people for hunting and fishing, which has a covered deck and is propelled using a double-bladed paddle
2. a close co____t *n.* a competition in which people compete for supremacy in a sport or other activity; a struggle between rivals
3. ar__e a case *v.* to express differing opinions or points of view, often in a heated or contentious manner; to present a case or reasoning to persuade or convince others
4. sq____e a lemon *v.* to apply pressure from two or more sides; to hold someone or something tightly in your arms, usually with fondness
5. af____d a high travel cost *v.* to have enough money or time to be able to buy or do something
6. a low-pi__hed sound *n.* the property of sound that varies with variation in the frequency of vibration; the degree of a slope, especially of a roof; short presentation for selling or sharing something
7. recent su____y *n.* an investigation of the opinions, behavior, etc. of a particular group of people, made by asking people questions

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| 13. victim of fr___d | <i>n.</i> the crime of gaining money or financial benefits by deceiving people; a person who makes deceitful pretenses |
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| 16. con_____ion in English | <i>n.</i> an informal talk between two or more people to exchange their views, ideas, information, etc. |

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31. cardiac su_____y *n.* medical treatment of injuries or diseases involving an incision with instruments and often removing or replacing some parts of the body; the branch of medical science that treats disease or injury by operative procedures
32. m__h his words *v.* to crush or grind something into a soft, wet, pulpy mass; to talk or behave amorously, without serious intentions; (noun) a mixture of crushed malt grains and hot water
33. the professor of su_____y *n.* medical treatment of injuries or diseases involving an incision with instruments and often removing or replacing some parts of the body; the branch of medical science that treats disease or injury by operative procedures

ANSWERS: 26. shark, 27. transparency, 28. overt, 29. individual, 30. transgress, 31. surgery, 32. mash, 33. surgery

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61. ad_____e a cooperative relationship *v.* to go or move forward; to develop in a positive way
62. st__l at sea *v.* to stop or cause to stop making progress; (noun) small area or booth set off for the sale of goods in a market or large covered area
63. undergo a surgical pr_____re *n.* a way of doing something, especially the official or well-known way
64. gr__s injustice *adj.* being the total amount of something before any deductions; obese and ugly or unpleasant
65. ar____t the progress *v.* to take into custody
66. killer a_p *n.* (abbreviation for application) software designed to run on smartphones and other mobile devices or inside a web browser on a PC
67. co_____al combination of funds *adj.* belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use
68. gene va_____on *n.* the act or state of changing; a difference or change in the way something is done, made or said
69. f__k art *n.* people in general, especially those of a particular group or type

ANSWERS: 59. contributor, 60. generic, 61. advance, 62. stall, 63. procedure, 64. gross, 65. arrest, 66. app, 67. communal, 68. variation, 69. folk

70. di_____se with CT scans *v.* to determine or distinguish the nature of a problem or an illness through a careful analysis
71. local ane_____ia *n.* a state of controlled, temporary loss of bodily sensation or awareness that is induced for medical purposes
72. ge_____c version *adj.* not specific; not linked to a particular brand or product
73. sta_____cs for cancer *n.* the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data
74. seek vo_____ers *n.* a person who performs or offers to perform a job or service without being paid for or forced to do
75. de_____p a skill *v.* to grow or expand; to improve or refine through a process of progress and refinement, often to achieve greater sophistication or complexity; to elaborate or add detail to something that is in the process of being created
76. s__p breakfast *v.* to move along lightly and quickly, making a step from one foot to the other with a hop or bounce; to intentionally fail to do something which would normally do
77. de_____p a strategy *v.* to grow or expand; to improve or refine through a process of progress and refinement, often to achieve greater sophistication or complexity; to elaborate or add detail to something that is in the process of being created

ANSWERS: 70. diagnose, 71. anesthesia, 72. generic, 73. statistics, 74. volunteer, 75. develop, 76. skip, 77. develop

78. me_____al chemistry *adj.* of or relating to the treatment or cure of disease
79. heavy tr_____c *n.* the movement of vehicles, people, or goods along a route or through a transport system; the amount of such movement in a particular place or at a particular time
80. my vo_____er work *n.* a person who performs or offers to perform a job or service without being paid for or forced to do
81. surface fr_____on *n.* the force that opposes motion between two objects in contact, especially by producing heat and wear, and is proportional to the normal force between the objects
82. a seafaring na____n *n.* a large organized community of people living in a particular country or region and having a particular culture
83. do_____ic airline *adj.* relating to or inside a particular country, not foreign or international
84. ad_____e the technology *v.* to go or move forward; to develop in a positive way
85. in_____e a high degree of risk *v.* to include or affect someone or something as a necessary part of something else
86. nat_____de strike *adj.* extending throughout an entire nation
87. 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

ANSWERS: 78. medicinal, 79. traffic, 80. volunteer, 81. friction, 82. nation, 83. domestic, 84. advance, 85. involve, 86. nationwide, 87. patient

88. a prefectural leg_____re *n.* a body of elected or appointed representatives who make laws for a country or state
89. app_____omy scar *n.* a surgical procedure to remove the appendix, typically performed in cases of appendicitis or other conditions that cause inflammation or infection of the appendix
90. establish a par_____ip *n.* the state of a cooperative relationship between people or groups, especially in business
91. li_____te potential *v.* to set free; to release or rescue from captivity or oppression
92. employee da_____se *n.* a large amount of data stored in a computer system in such a way that it can be searched and updated easily
93. sq_____e a confession *v.* to apply pressure from two or more sides; to hold someone or something tightly in your arms, usually with fondness
94. gov_____nt funding *n.* the group of people with authority to control a country or state
95. uns_____ory on several counts *adj.* not meeting the desired or expected standard or quality
96. r__l down his cheeks *v.* to move in a particular direction by turning over and over or from side to side
97. da_____se administrator *n.* a large amount of data stored in a computer system in such a way that it can be searched and updated easily

ANSWERS: 88. legislature, 89. appendectomy, 90. partnership, 91. liberate, 92. database, 93. squeeze, 94. government, 95. unsatisfactory, 96. roll, 97. database

98. digital mam_____hy *n.* the process of using X-rays to examine the breast for the early detection of breast cancer
99. la___h a big attack *v.* to send or propel something into the air or space using a device such as a rocket, missile, or spacecraft; to make something available or on sale for the first time
100. uns_____ory performance *adj.* not meeting the desired or expected standard or quality
101. lack of tra_____ncy *n.* the condition or quality of being easy to see through
102. ar___t the thief *v.* to take into custody
103. in___e domestic tranquility *v.* to provide coverage in the event of loss or damage
104. va_____on of temperature *n.* the act or state of changing; a difference or change in the way something is done, made or said
105. a comprehensive su___y *n.* an investigation of the opinions, behavior, etc. of a particular group of people, made by asking people questions
106. ban_____cy filing *n.* the legal status of a person or business that cannot repay debts to creditors
107. tra_____ss boundaries *v.* to break the law or moral code; to go beyond or exceed the limits or boundaries of something
108. illegal em_____er *n.* a person or organization that pays workers to work for them

ANSWERS: 98. mammography, 99. launch, 100. unsatisfactory, 101. transparency, 102. arrest, 103. insure, 104. variation, 105. survey, 106. bankruptcy, 107. transgress, 108. employer

109. corporate bu___t *n.* the acquisition of a controlling interest in a company or business by an outside entity or individual, typically involving the purchase of shares or assets
110. drug-induced na___a and vomiting *n.* a feeling of sickness or discomfort in the stomach that is often accompanied by an urge to vomit; a sensation of loathing or disgust
111. make a pi__h for a new product *n.* the property of sound that varies with variation in the frequency of vibration; the degree of a slope, especially of a roof; short presentation for selling or sharing something
112. health po___y *n.* a set of rules, guidelines, principles, or procedures that govern decision-making or action, often used in the context of business or government; a course of action or plan of action adopted or followed by an organization or individual to achieve a goal or objective
113. traditional me____al *adj.* of or relating to the treatment or cure of disease
114. ma____e stars *adj.* enormous amount; very heavy and solid
115. the f__k ___s of a particular district *n.* people in general, especially those of a particular group or type
116. na___a medication *n.* a feeling of sickness or discomfort in the stomach that is often accompanied by an urge to vomit; a sensation of loathing or disgust

ANSWERS: 109. buyout, 110. nausea, 111. pitch, 112. policy, 113. medicinal, 114. massive, 115. folk, 116. nausea

117. la__r printer *n.* a device that emits powerful and narrow light that can be used as a tool to cut metal through a process of optical amplification
118. la___h a spaceship into orbit *v.* to send or propel something into the air or space using a device such as a rocket, missile, or spacecraft; to make something available or on sale for the first time
119. ma_____e amounts *adj.* enormous amount; very heavy and solid
120. li_____te people from oppression *v.* to set free; to release or rescue from captivity or oppression
121. fr_____on force *n.* the force that opposes motion between two objects in contact, especially by producing heat and wear, and is proportional to the normal force between the objects
122. ban_____cy court *n.* the legal status of a person or business that cannot repay debts to creditors
123. the ar_____nt against capital punishment *n.* a set of statements or reasons used to support or refute a proposition or theory; a verbal or physical fight or dispute
124. co_____al swimming pool *adj.* belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use
125. s__p across the country *v.* to move along lightly and quickly, making a step from one foot to the other with a hop or bounce; to intentionally fail to do something which would normally do

ANSWERS: 117. laser, 118. launch, 119. massive, 120. liberate, 121. friction, 122. bankruptcy, 123. argument, 124. communal, 125. skip

126. a China-based jou_____st *n.* a person who collects and writes news stories or articles for newspapers, magazines, radio, television, or other online media
127. financial cr____s *n.* a time of great disagreement, confusion, or danger when problems must be resolved or critical decisions must be taken
128. em_____cy action *n.* a sudden unforeseen crisis usually involving danger that requires immediate action
129. nat_____de network *adj.* extending throughout an entire nation
130. tr_____c jam *n.* the movement of vehicles, people, or goods along a route or through a transport system; the amount of such movement in a particular place or at a particular time
131. br____h of wind *n.* the air that is taken into and expelled from your lungs; the process of taking into and expelling air from your lungs
132. app_____omy surgery *n.* a surgical procedure to remove the appendix, typically performed in cases of appendicitis or other conditions that cause inflammation or infection of the appendix
133. a do_____ic animal *adj.* relating to or inside a particular country, not foreign or international
134. st__l in a tunnel *v.* to stop or cause to stop making progress; (noun) small area or booth set off for the sale of goods in a market or large covered area

ANSWERS: 126. journalist, 127. crisis, 128. emergency, 129. nationwide, 130. traffic, 131. breath, 132. appendectomy, 133. domestic, 134. stall

135. r__l a ball *v.* to move in a particular direction by turning over and over or from side to side
136. get money by fr__d *n.* the crime of gaining money or financial benefits by deceiving people; a person who makes deceitful pretenses
137. diagnostic mam_____hy *n.* the process of using X-rays to examine the breast for the early detection of breast cancer
138. su___r bad grades *v.* to experience pain, distress, or hardship; to undergo or endure something painful or unpleasant
139. cro_____ing apps *n.* the practice of obtaining needed services, ideas, or content by enlisting the services of a large number of people, either paid or unpaid, typically via the internet
140. staged bu___t *n.* the acquisition of a controlling interest in a company or business by an outside entity or individual, typically involving the purchase of shares or assets
141. gov_____nt bureaucracy *n.* the group of people with authority to control a country or state
142. par_____ip across the Atlantic *n.* the state of a cooperative relationship between people or groups, especially in business

ANSWERS: 135. roll, 136. fraud, 137. mammography, 138. suffer, 139. crowdsourcing, 140. buyout, 141. government, 142. partnership

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. 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

2. The service was _____ and the customer demanded a refund.
adj. not meeting the desired or expected standard or quality

3. He is in general _____ under the surgeon.
n. a state of controlled, temporary loss of bodily sensation or awareness that is induced for medical purposes

4. The older man _____ from arthritis and finds it difficult to move around.
v. to experience pain, distress, or hardship; to undergo or endure something painful or unpleasant

5. The main discussion topic is government _____.
n. the condition or quality of being easy to see through

6. Women should get regular _____ screenings as a preventative measure for breast cancer.
n. the process of using X-rays to examine the breast for the early detection of breast cancer

7. A smaller car will _____ less fuel.
v. to spend something, especially fuel, energy, or time, in a large amount

8. The prisoners were _____ after the war ended.
v. to set free; to release or rescue from captivity or oppression

ANSWERS: 1. survey, 2. unsatisfactory, 3. anesthesia, 4. suffers, 5. transparency, 6. mammography, 7. consume, 8. liberated

9. The military _____ between the two countries created tension in the international community.
- n.* the state of a cooperative relationship between people or groups, especially in business
10. The company announced a major _____ of its competitor, which caused the stock price to soar.
- n.* the acquisition of a controlling interest in a company or business by an outside entity or individual, typically involving the purchase of shares or assets
11. The hospital invested in state-of-the-art _____ machines to improve patient care.
- n.* a test that uses electrodes placed on the chest, arms, and legs to record the electrical signals of the heart and create a graph that shows the heart's rhythm and activity
12. The teachers make full use of _____ assistance.
- n.* a person who performs or offers to perform a job or service without being paid for or forced to do
13. The company used this _____ platform to gather ideas for its next product.
- n.* the practice of obtaining needed services, ideas, or content by enlisting the services of a large number of people, either paid or unpaid, typically via the internet
14. Foreign TV crews and _____ can go as they please in various locations during the Olympics.
- n.* a person who collects and writes news stories or articles for newspapers, magazines, radio, television, or other online media

ANSWERS: 9. partnership, 10. buyout, 11. electrocardiogram, 12. volunteer, 13. crowdsourcing, 14. journalists

15. His _____ lack of enthusiasm was noticeable to everyone in the room.
adj. open, evident, or clear, especially in a way that is not intended to be secret
16. He cannot _____ a holiday.
v. to have enough money or time to be able to buy or do something
17. The company's new _____ on remote work has made it a more inclusive workplace.
n. a set of rules, guidelines, principles, or procedures that govern decision-making or action, often used in the context of business or government; a course of action or plan of action adopted or followed by an organization or individual to achieve a goal or objective
18. There is a lot of _____ in the colors of flowers in the garden.
n. the act or state of changing; a difference or change in the way something is done, made or said
19. The police arrested them for committing insurance _____.
n. the crime of gaining money or financial benefits by deceiving people; a person who makes deceitful pretenses
20. A police officer has the authority to _____ a criminal.
v. to take into custody
21. The company is set to _____ its new product line next month.
v. to send or propel something into the air or space using a device such as a rocket, missile, or spacecraft; to make something available or on sale for the first time
22. The people elect _____ members to represent their interests and make decisions on their behalf.
n. a body of elected or appointed representatives who make laws for a country or state

ANSWERS: 15. overt, 16. afford, 17. policy, 18. variation, 19. fraud, 20. arrest, 21. launch, 22. legislature

23. The discovery of a critical bug caused the company to delay the _____ release.
- n.* (abbreviation for application) software designed to run on smartphones and other mobile devices or inside a web browser on a PC
24. We must _____ a new system to streamline our workflow and increase efficiency.
- v.* to grow or expand; to improve or refine through a process of progress and refinement, often to achieve greater sophistication or complexity; to elaborate or add detail to something that is in the process of being created
25. The couple began to _____ over which restaurant to go to for dinner.
- v.* to express differing opinions or points of view, often in a heated or contentious manner; to present a case or reasoning to persuade or convince others
26. Scientific knowledge will _____ significantly with the power of AI.
- v.* to go or move forward; to develop in a positive way
27. The _____ aspirin brand was just as effective as the name brand but much cheaper.
- adj.* not specific; not linked to a particular brand or product
28. He had undergone heart _____ years before.
- n.* medical treatment of injuries or diseases involving an incision with instruments and often removing or replacing some parts of the body; the branch of medical science that treats disease or injury by operative procedures
29. We're planning a _____ trip down the river next weekend.
- n.* a small, narrow boat traditionally used by the Inuit people for hunting and fishing, which has a covered deck and is propelled using a double-bladed paddle

ANSWERS: 23. app's, 24. develop, 25. argue, 26. advance, 27. generic, 28. surgery, 29. kayak

30. She is a major _____ to the local food bank, volunteering every week.
- n.* a person or thing that adds to the achievement, production, or growth of something (such as a project, organization, or publication); a donor or benefactor
31. Some people are willing to pay a _____ for a rare and valuable collectible.
- n.* an amount of money paid periodically; the price or cost of something, especially when it is considered to be of high quality or value; (adjective) having or reflecting superior quality or value
32. GDP stands for gross _____ product.
- adj.* relating to or inside a particular country, not foreign or international
33. _____ elections were held in several European countries.
- adj.* belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use
34. This device is used to _____ brain cancer and other tumors.
- v.* to determine or distinguish the nature of a problem or an illness through a careful analysis
35. The lowest lowland region is mostly flat _____.
- adj.* without being decorated in any way; (Noun) a vast expanse of flat land with few trees
36. We decided to take a detour to avoid the construction _____ on the main road.
- n.* the movement of vehicles, people, or goods along a route or through a transport system; the amount of such movement in a particular place or at a particular time

ANSWERS: 30. contributor, 31. premium, 32. domestic, 33. Communal, 34. diagnose, 35. plain, 36. traffic

37. 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
38. The _____ demonstrate that poverty and unemployment are genuine problems.
n. the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data
39. He bated his _____ when talking about this affair.
n. the air that is taken into and expelled from your lungs; the process of taking into and expelling air from your lungs
40. The _____ between the two sides over the proposed policy was heated.
n. a set of statements or reasons used to support or refute a proposition or theory; a verbal or physical fight or dispute
41. The rollercoaster ride left me with a feeling of _____.
n. a feeling of sickness or discomfort in the stomach that is often accompanied by an urge to vomit; a sensation of loathing or disgust
42. This is a _____ campaign to recruit women into trade unions.
adj. extending throughout an entire nation
43. Some seaweed was used as _____ medicine in ancient times.
n. people in general, especially those of a particular group or type
44. She _____ the toothpaste tube from the middle to get the last bit out.
v. to apply pressure from two or more sides; to hold someone or something tightly in your arms, usually with fondness

ANSWERS: 37. rolled, 38. statistics, 39. breath, 40. argument, 41. nausea, 42. nationwide, 43. folk, 44. squeezed

45. 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
46. She _____ the potatoes with a fork until they were smooth and creamy.
- v. to crush or grind something into a soft, wet, pulpy mass; to talk or behave amorously, without serious intentions; (noun) a mixture of crushed malt grains and hot water
47. The company was fined for _____ environmental regulations.
- v. to break the law or moral code; to go beyond or exceed the limits or boundaries of something
48. The recent economic downturn has resulted in _____ layoffs.
- adj. enormous amount; very heavy and solid
49. The drastic reorganization has significantly increased this company's _____ profits.
- adj. being the total amount of something before any deductions; obese and ugly or unpleasant
50. He borrowed money from a loan _____.
- n. a long-bodied, mostly predatory marine fish that has sharp teeth and a pointed fin on its back; a person who is ruthless, greedy, and dishonest
51. An _____ attitude toward its employees significantly impacts their productivity.
- n. a person or organization that pays workers to work for them

ANSWERS: 45. involves, 46. mashed, 47. transgressing, 48. massive, 49. gross, 50. shark, 51. employer's

52. Breast _____ is the most common type of cancer in women.
- n.* abnormal growth of cells that can invade and destroy surrounding tissues and organs; a disease characterized by the uncontrolled growth and spread of abnormal cells
53. The _____ properties of this herb have been known to help with various ailments.
- adj.* of or relating to the treatment or cure of disease
54. The Chinese word for _____ comprises two characters, one for danger and the other for opportunity.
- n.* a time of great disagreement, confusion, or danger when problems must be resolved or critical decisions must be taken
55. The president declared a state of _____.
- n.* a sudden unforeseen crisis usually involving danger that requires immediate action
56. After several hours of abdominal pain, the patient was diagnosed with acute appendicitis and underwent an _____.
- n.* a surgical procedure to remove the appendix, typically performed in cases of appendicitis or other conditions that cause inflammation or infection of the appendix
57. The negotiations proceeded slowly and finally _____.
- v.* to stop or cause to stop making progress; (noun) small area or booth set off for the sale of goods in a market or large covered area
58. Each country's officials can access the central _____.
- n.* a large amount of data stored in a computer system in such a way that it can be searched and updated easily

ANSWERS: 52. cancer, 53. medicinal, 54. crisis, 55. emergency, 56. appendectomy, 57. stalled, 58. database

59. The pilot and flight attendant ran through the check-out _____.
- n.* a way of doing something, especially the official or well-known way
60. The federal _____ is planning to increase taxes for the next fiscal year.
- n.* the group of people with authority to control a country or state
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
62. The _____ between the two countries was causing tension.
- n.* the force that opposes motion between two objects in contact, especially by producing heat and wear, and is proportional to the normal force between the objects
63. Her voice gradually increased in _____.
- n.* the property of sound that varies with variation in the frequency of vibration; the degree of a slope, especially of a roof; short presentation for selling or sharing something
64. We _____ the topic because it was too complicated.
- v.* to move along lightly and quickly, making a step from one foot to the other with a hop or bounce; to intentionally fail to do something which would normally do
65. The _____ of the company has left many workers without jobs.
- n.* the legal status of a person or business that cannot repay debts to creditors
66. As an _____ he had the right to make his own decisions and live his life as he saw fit.
- n.* a single person or thing, as distinct from a group

ANSWERS: 59. procedure, 60. government, 61. patient's, 62. friction, 63. pitch, 64. skipped, 65. bankruptcy, 66. individual,

67. The company holds patents on core components of _____ jet printers.
- n.* a device that emits powerful and narrow light that can be used as a tool to cut metal through a process of optical amplification
68. I will _____ my car before I go on a road trip.
- v.* to provide coverage in the event of loss or damage
69. Your _____ reflects your thoughts.
- n.* an informal talk between two or more people to exchange their views, ideas, information, etc.
70. There was a vast _____ between the two tribes.
- n.* a competition in which people compete for supremacy in a sport or other activity; a struggle between rivals
71. 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

ANSWERS: 67. laser, 68. insure, 69. conversation, 70. contest, 71. nation