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Session 1: Word List

defeat

v. to win against somebody in a fight, war, or attempt
synonym: conquer, beat, overpower

(1) **defeat** a global power, (2) **defeat** body odor

Despite his best efforts, he was unable to **defeat** the enemy.

easel

n. a stand or support used to hold an artist's canvas or other artwork

synonym: tripod, stand, rack

(1) **easel** stand, (2) portable **easel**

The artist needed a sturdy metal **easel** to support his large canvas paintings.

peek

n. a quick or furtive look; (verb) to take a quick and secret look at something

synonym: glimpse, look, glance

(1) sneak **peek**, (2) **peek** at others' misfortune

She took a quick **peek** inside the box before closing it again.

frail

adj. weak, delicate, and easily broken or worn out; lacking physical, mental, or emotional strength

synonym: weak, delicate, fragile

(1) **frail** body, (2) **frail** condition

My grandfather's health has declined, and he is now quite

frail.

excite

v. to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager
synonym: thrill, exhilarate, animate

(1) **excite** the crowd, (2) **excite** rebellion

The news of her promotion **excited** her.

dial

v. to adjust or set the controls of a machine or device by turning a controller called dial; (noun) a disc on a telephone that is rotated a fixed distance for each number called

synonym: adjust, set, turn

(1) **dial** up the volume, (2) **dial** down the tension

He **dialed** the phone number and waited for an answer.

tripod

n. a three-legged stand, typically one with a platform for a camera or other equipment

synonym: three-legged stand, three-legged base, three-legged support

(1) **tripod** mic stand, (2) **tripod** mount

The photographer set up his camera on a **tripod** to take the shot.

doorway

n. an opening in a wall for a door to fit into

synonym: entrance, portal, gateway

(1) a wide **doorway**, (2) **doorway** to success

He leaned against the **doorway**, waiting for her to come home.

imitate

v. to copy the speech, behavior, appearance, etc. of someone or something

synonym: mimic, emulate, replicate

(1) **imitate** painting styles, (2) **imitate** animal sounds

He **imitated** the modus operandi of the famous phantom thief.

accent

n. a distinctive way of pronouncing the words of a language that shows which area, country, or social group a person comes from; particular importance or significance

synonym : articulation, inflection, pronunciation

(1) a foreign **accent**, (2) put the **accent** on comfort

She has a thick southern **accent**.

washroom

n. a room or public facility equipped for washing one's hands and face, often including a toilet or a shower

synonym : restroom, lavatory, bathroom

(1) **washroom** facility, (2) public **washroom**

Please make sure to clean the **washroom** before leaving.

tangible

adj. real and concrete; able to be perceived, especially able to be touched; (of business assets) having physical substance and intrinsic monetary value

synonym : palpable, real, actual

(1) **tangible** assets, (2) produce **tangible** results

A problem that has been pointed out for years finally becomes **tangible**.

pneumonia

n. an infection or inflammation of the lungs, typically caused by bacteria, viruses, or other microorganisms

synonym : lung infection, bronchitis

(1) bacterial **pneumonia**, (2) viral **pneumonia**

She was hospitalized with a severe case of **pneumonia**.

chore

n. a routine or tedious task, often related to household or manual labor

synonym : task, duty, job

(1) **chore** list, (2) household **chores**

Cleaning the house is a **chore** that only some enjoy.

decision

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

synonym :

choice, determination, judgment

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

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

sew

v. to join, fasten, or repair two pieces of something by putting the thread through them with a needle

synonym: stitch, darn, tailor

(1) **sew** with thread, (2) **sew** a button

My mother taught me how to **sew**.

depart

v. to go away or leave, especially to start a journey

synonym: go away, leave, vacate

(1) arrive and **depart** on time, (2) **depart** from the faith

We **departed** before the temperature fell below zero.

immigrant

n. a person who has come to a country where they were not born to live there permanently

synonym: settler, expatriate, emigrant

(1) **immigrant** communities, (2) an **immigrant** from the country

Police received a report of illegal **immigrants** in the area.

translate

v. to convert or change words into another language

synonym: convert, transcribe, render

(1) **translate** a document into English, (2) **translate** the emotion to a movement

Translate the text from Italian into English.

polish

n. a substance used to smooth or shine a surface; the act of smoothing or shining a surface

synonym: shine, buff, gloss

(1) **polish** finishing, (2) surface **polish**

I used a special **polish** to make my car's paint shine.

awe *n.* a feeling of respect and wonder inspired by someone or something greatly admired
synonym : wonder, amazement, reverence
(1) a feeling of **awe**, (2) in **awe** of the situation
The **awe-inspiring** mountains dominate the landscape.

determination *n.* the quality of being persistent and purposeful; the act of finding out the exact nature or essence of something
synonym : resolve, willpower, conviction
(1) a steely **determination**, (2) **determination** of a DNA sequence
His **determination** to succeed was unwavering, even in the face of adversity.

newfound *adj.* newly discovered or acquired
synonym : afresh, new, recently discovered
(1) a **newfound** mine, (2) **newfound** freedom
With his **newfound** wealth, he could travel the world and indulge in his passions.

portrait *n.* a painting, picture; the likeness of a person, especially one showing the face
synonym : illustration, image, portraiture
(1) a **portrait** painter, (2) **portrait** of a well-known figure
A well-known artist painted this lovely lady's **portrait**.

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.

sketch *n.* a simple, quickly-made picture that does not have many details; a short descriptive summary of something
synonym : drawing, outline, blueprint
(1) a penciled **sketch**, (2) first design **sketches**
Yesterday, I created a rough **sketch** of the plan.

scenario

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

synonym : plan, scheme, procedure

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

scenarios

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

pose

v. to present a risk, problem, or other issues that must be addressed

synonym : present, put, position

(1) **pose** a significant threat to my company, (2) **pose** a challenge

The chemicals **pose** a massive health risk.

photograph

n. a picture or image that is produced by a camera; a visual representation or record of a person, object, or scene that has been captured electronically or on film

synonym : photo, picture, snapshot

(1) **photograph** album, (2) **photograph** memories

I found an old **photograph** of my grandparents from their wedding day.

process

n. a series of actions or operations performed to achieve a particular outcome or goal; a systematic procedure or approach used to accomplish a specific task or objective; a method of treating milk to make it suitable for consumption or use in other dairy products

synonym : procedure, method, system

(1) **process** improvement, (2) decision-making **process**

The **process** for applying for a visa can be lengthy and complicated.

shyness

n. the quality or state of being worried or embarrassed about meeting and speaking to other people

synonym : bashfulness, timidity, modesty

(1) lose some of my **shyness**, (2) **shyness** barrier

He finally overcame his **shyness**.

hysterical

adj. marked by or in a state of excessive or uncontrollable emotion

synonym : agitated, frantic, crazy

(1) **hysterical** laughter, (2) get **hysterical** easily

The frustration that had accumulated for a long time made her **hysterical**.

germ

n. a very tiny living that causes the disease; a piece of something such as an organism, concept, etc., capable of growing into a new one or part of one

synonym : bacterium, microbe, pathogen

(1) antibiotic-resistant **germ**, (2) a **germ-free** environment

The **germ** of his idea came from watching birds flying in flocks.

submarine

n. a type of underwater vehicle or vessel that can operate beneath the surface of the water; (adjective) beneath the surface of the sea

synonym : sub, underwater vessel, sea-craft

(1) a **submarine** volcano, (2) **submarine** cable

The military **submarine** disappeared without a trace.

vision

n. the ability to think about or see the future with imagination and intelligence; the faculty of being able to see

synonym : sight, image, concept

(1) a prodigious **vision**, (2) telescopic **vision**

Driving is difficult for me because of my poor **vision**.

eventually

adv. finally, particularly after a long time or a lot of struggle, complications, and so on

synonym : finally, someday, ultimately

(1) **eventually** become obsolete, (2) **eventually** succeed

The corporation **eventually** dominated the entire tobacco business.

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.

incredible

adj. unbelievable; enormous

synonym: unbelievable, fantastical, inconceivable

(1) **incredible** amount, (2) at **incredible** speed

Her response revealed **incredible** idiocy.

Alzheimer

n. a neurodegenerative disease that causes memory loss, cognitive decline, and behavioral issues; is the most common cause of dementia in older adults

synonym: dementia, memory loss, cognitive decline

(1) **Alzheimer's** brain, (2) **Alzheimer's** risk factors

My grandmother has **Alzheimer's** disease requires special care and attention from her caregivers.

dementia

n. a severe decline in cognitive function, especially memory, as a result of disease or injury

synonym: cognitive decline, memory loss, Alzheimer's disease

(1) **dementia** patients, (2) probably have **dementia**

The study found that regular exercise can help to prevent the onset of **dementia** in older age.

frustration

n. the feeling of being upset or annoyed as a result of being unable to change or achieve something

synonym: disappointment, discouragement, dissatisfaction

(1) **frustration** level, (2) express **frustration**

He felt a deep **frustration** as he realized the project would not be completed on time.

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.

silent

adj. without any or little sound

synonym: quiet, hushed, mute

(1) **silent** reading, (2) give **silent** consent

The politician remained **silent** despite intense media scrutiny.

scream

v. to give a loud, high shout suddenly, especially because of fear, anger, excitement, etc.; to utter or declare in a very loud voice

synonym: cry, shout, yell

(1) **scream** a profanity, (2) **scream** at him to be quiet

She kept **screaming** for an ambulance.

balance

n. a condition in which everything has the same weight or force; something left after other parts have been taken away

synonym: equilibrium, counterpoise, remainder

(1) the **balance** of power, (2) asset on the company's **balance** sheet

Try to keep a **balance** between work and off.

difficulty

n. a condition or state that causes problems

synonym: hardship, complication, problem

(1) the degree of **difficulty**, (2) **difficulty** in breathing

He has **difficulty** exercising because of a back injury sustained in an accident.

preoccupied

adj. having one's thoughts or attention absorbed by something; busy

synonym: absorbed, engrossed, occupied

(1) **preoccupied** idea, (2) **preoccupied** with other things

He was **preoccupied** with work and didn't notice me.

sigh

v. to emit a deep, audible breath or sound, often expressing feelings of tiredness, frustration, or relief; to express longing, wish, or regret; (noun) the act of exhaling audibly in a long, deep, and often melancholy way

synonym : breathe out, exhale, groan

(1) **sigh** deeply, (2) let out a **sigh**

He **sighed** in relief when he finally found his lost keys.

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.

bolt

n. a metal bar that slides across to lock a door or window closed; a discharge of lightning accompanied by thunder; (verb) to move or jump suddenly

synonym : lock, fastener, thunderbolt

(1) **bolt** diameter, (2) **bolt** from my bed

The lightning **bolt** twiggged in several directions.

basement

n. a room or a part of a building that is partly or entirely below ground level

synonym : cellar, storage, vault

(1) four **basement** floor, (2) church **basement**

Underground rivers flow over a **basement** layer that is impervious to water.

downstairs

adv. on or to a lower or ground floor of a building

synonym : below

(1) creep **downstairs**, (2) escort him **downstairs**

Please get the desk **downstairs**.

overstuffed

adj. filled or packed too tightly or too full; having too much padding or stuffing

synonym : overflowing, crammed

(1) **overstuffed** sofa, (2) **overstuffed** sandwich

The **overstuffed** suitcase wouldn't close, so I had to remove some items.

humming

adj. producing a continuous, low, vibrating sound like that of the bee

synonym: buzzing, droning, vibrating

(1) **humming** sound, (2) **humming** bird

The **humming** of the bees filled the air as she walked through the garden.

motor

n. a device that converts electricity, fuel, etc. into movement and makes a machine, vehicle, etc. work

synonym: actuator, engine, machine

(1) a **motor** mechanic, (2) DC **motor** control

Energy-efficient **motors** are needed to maximize the cruising distance of electric vehicles.

repetition

n. the act of doing or saying something many times

synonym: duplication, iteration, recurrence

(1) **repetition** of the word, (2) habitual **repetition**

Repetition is the mother of all learning.

stitch

n. one of the tiny thread lines visible on a piece of fabric after it has been sewn

(1) a **stitch** in a garment, (2) pattern **stitch**

The wound was so deep that it needed a surgical procedure and **stitches**.

comfort

n. a state of physical ease and freedom from pain or constraint

synonym: ease, solace, coziness

(1) words of **comfort**, (2) **comfort** level

He found **comfort** in the warm embrace of his loved ones.

studio

n. a room or building where creative or artistic work is produced; a television or radio production company

synonym : workshop, atelier, room

(1) a photo **studio**, (2) music **studio**

She works at a recording **studio** in Los Angeles.

relevance

n. the state or degree of being closely connected or appropriate to the matter at hand

synonym : pertinence, applicability, connection

(1) have no **relevance**, (2) **relevance** category

The **relevance** of this information to the current situation needs to be investigated.

blunt

adj. having a dull or rounded edge or point; not sharp; straightforward in speech or manner, often to the point of being rude or insensitive

synonym : dull, obtuse, insensitive

(1) **blunt** criticism, (2) **blunt** force

The **blunt** knife made it difficult to cut through the tough steak.

brutal

adj. harsh or cruel

synonym : harsh, cruel, barbarous

(1) **brutal** bully, (2) **brutal** honesty

The **brutal** attack left the victim with serious injuries.

facial

adj. of or relating to a person's face

synonym : forward, front, surface

(1) **facial** nerve, (2) **facial** expressions

Facial profiling is a new form of airport security.

discovery

n. the act or process of finding information, a place, or an object, or learning about something that was previously not known

synonym : finding, uncovering, detection

(1) a scientific **discovery**, (2) the great **discovery** of the century

Her research team made an important **discovery**.

assist

v. to help someone in doing anything

synonym: help, support, aid

(1) **assist** a patient, (2) **assist** his goal

Please **assist** her with the furniture relocation.

residence

n. the fact or condition of living in a particular place; a home

synonym: dwelling, home, abode

(1) permanent **residence**, (2) the main **residence**

The **residence** of the ambassador was located in the heart of the city.

recognize

v. to acknowledge or realize something or someone; to identify, remember, or become aware of something that was previously known or encountered

synonym: acknowledge, identify, admit

(1) **recognize** talent, (2) **recognize** achievement

It's important to **recognize** your strengths and weaknesses.

ethics

n. a branch of philosophy that considers what is morally right and wrong conduct; a set of beliefs about what is morally right and wrong

synonym: morals, principles, moralities

(1) political **ethics**, (2) **ethics** of journalism

This scripture provides the code of **ethics** for the religion.

nephew

n. a son of your brother or sister

(1) three-year-old **nephew**, (2) nieces and **nephews**

My **nephew** is eight months old and still being breastfed.

suddenly

adv. quickly and unexpectedly

synonym: abruptly, unexpectedly, unawares

(1) **suddenly** attacked by an enemy, (2) die **suddenly**

Who answers **suddenly** knows little.

appreciate

v. to value and acknowledge the worth of someone or something; to be grateful for something or someone

synonym: acknowledge, admire, enjoy

(1) **appreciate** her feedback, (2) **appreciate** the value

We would **appreciate** an early reply.

dependent

adj. relying on someone or something else for support or aid

synonym: reliant, subject, subordinate

(1) dose- **dependent** induction, (2) a **dependent** person

The small island nation is heavily **dependent** on tourism as its main source of income.

profound

adj. extremely great; sensed or experienced very strongly; displaying a high level of knowledge or comprehension

synonym: deep, unsounded, far-reaching

(1) a **profound** book, (2) the **profound** depths of the sea

My mother's illness had a **profound** impact on us all.

interaction

n. the act of connecting with someone, mainly when working, playing, or spending time with them

synonym: dealings, exchange, relations

(1) the **interaction** between man and his environment,

(2) **interaction** among human beings

The **interaction** of the two groups is good for brainstorming.

participate

v. to take part in something

synonym: take part, partake, enter

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

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

belong

v. to be the property of someone or something; to be a member or part of a group; to be in the proper or appropriate place

synonym: fit, be appropriate, be suitable

(1) **belong** to different species, (2) **belong** to a group
All the books in this section **belong** to the library's rare collection and must be handled carefully.

Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. re___l his name | <i>v.</i> to remember something |
| 2. a mo___r mechanic | <i>n.</i> a device that converts electricity, fuel, etc. into movement and makes a machine, vehicle, etc. work |
| 3. su_____ne cable | <i>n.</i> a type of underwater vehicle or vessel that can operate beneath the surface of the water; (adjective) beneath the surface of the sea |
| 4. a selfish de_____on | <i>n.</i> the act or process of making up someone's mind about something; a choice or judgment reached after considering options |
| 5. a st___h in a garment | <i>n.</i> one of the tiny thread lines visible on a piece of fabric after it has been sewn |
| 6. a steely det_____ion | <i>n.</i> the quality of being persistent and purposeful; the act of finding out the exact nature or essence of something |
| 7. re_____ce category | <i>n.</i> the state or degree of being closely connected or appropriate to the matter at hand |
| 8. a ne_____nd mine | <i>adj.</i> newly discovered or acquired |
| 9. hys_____al laughter | <i>adj.</i> marked by or in a state of excessive or uncontrollable emotion |
| 10. dif_____ty in breathing | <i>n.</i> a condition or state that causes problems |

ANSWERS: 1. recall, 2. motor, 3. submarine, 4. decision, 5. stitch, 6. determination, 7. relevance, 8. newfound, 9. hysterical, 10. difficulty

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|--------------------------------|---|
| 11. nieces and ne___ws | <i>n.</i> a son of your brother or sister |
| 12. DC mo___r control | <i>n.</i> a device that converts electricity, fuel, etc. into movement and makes a machine, vehicle, etc. work |
| 13. have no re_____ce | <i>n.</i> the state or degree of being closely connected or appropriate to the matter at hand |
| 14. po___h finishing | <i>n.</i> a substance used to smooth or shine a surface; the act of smoothing or shining a surface |
| 15. a pr_____nd book | <i>adj.</i> extremely great; sensed or experienced very strongly; displaying a high level of knowledge or comprehension |
| 16. political et___s | <i>n.</i> a branch of philosophy that considers what is morally right and wrong conduct; a set of beliefs about what is morally right and wrong |
| 17. get hys_____al easily | <i>adj.</i> marked by or in a state of excessive or uncontrollable emotion |
| 18. church ba_____nt | <i>n.</i> a room or a part of a building that is partly or entirely below ground level |
| 19. de___t a global power | <i>v.</i> to win against somebody in a fight, war, or attempt |
| 20. ma_____e stars | <i>adj.</i> enormous amount; very heavy and solid |
| 21. p__k at others' misfortune | <i>n.</i> a quick or furtive look; (verb) to take a quick and secret look at something |
| 22. sc___m at him to be quiet | <i>v.</i> to give a loud, high shout suddenly, especially because of fear, anger, excitement, etc.; to utter or declare in a very loud voice |

ANSWERS: 11. nephew, 12. motor, 13. relevance, 14. polish, 15. profound, 16. ethics, 17. hysterical, 18. basement, 19. defeat, 20. massive, 21. peek, 22. scream

23. de___e a question *v.* to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options
24. s__h deeply *v.* to emit a deep, audible breath or sound, often expressing feelings of tiredness, frustration, or relief; to express longing, wish, or regret; (noun) the act of exhaling audibly in a long, deep, and often melancholy way
25. fr__l condition *adj.* weak, delicate, and easily broken or worn out; lacking physical, mental, or emotional strength
26. ex___e the crowd *v.* to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager
27. det_____ion of a DNA sequence *n.* the quality of being persistent and purposeful; the act of finding out the exact nature or essence of something
28. first design sk___hes *n.* a simple, quickly-made picture that does not have many details; a short descriptive summary of something
29. d__l down the tension *v.* to adjust or set the controls of a machine or device by turning a controller called dial; (noun) a disc on a telephone that is rotated a fixed distance for each number called
30. fru_____on level *n.* the feeling of being upset or annoyed as a result of being unable to change or achieve something
31. fr__l body *adj.* weak, delicate, and easily broken or worn out; lacking physical, mental, or emotional strength

ANSWERS: 23. decide, 24. sigh, 25. frail, 26. excite, 27. determination, 28. sketch, 29. dial, 30. frustration, 31. frail

32. words of co_____t *n.* a state of physical ease and freedom from pain or constraint
33. ne_____nd freedom *adj.* newly discovered or acquired
34. et____s of journalism *n.* a branch of philosophy that considers what is morally right and wrong conduct; a set of beliefs about what is morally right and wrong
35. be____g to a group *v.* to be the property of someone or something; to be a member or part of a group; to be in the proper or appropriate place
36. permanent re_____ce *n.* the fact or condition of living in a particular place; a home
37. 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
38. app_____te her feedback *v.* to value and acknowledge the worth of someone or something; to be grateful for something or someone
39. bl__t force *adj.* having a dull or rounded edge or point; not sharp; straightforward in speech or manner, often to the point of being rude or insensitive
40. bacterial pn_____ia *n.* an infection or inflammation of the lungs, typically caused by bacteria, viruses, or other microorganisms
41. a de_____nt person *adj.* relying on someone or something else for support or aid
42. asset on the company's ba_____e sheet *n.* a condition in which everything has the same weight or force; something left after other parts have been taken away

ANSWERS: 32. comfort, 33. newfound, 34. ethics, 35. belong, 36. residence, 37. decide, 38. appreciate, 39. blunt, 40. pneumonia, 41. dependent, 42. balance

43. creep dow_____rs *adv.* on or to a lower or ground floor of a building
44. Al_____er's brain *n.* a neurodegenerative disease that causes memory loss, cognitive decline, and behavioral issues; is the most common cause of dementia in older adults
45. in_____e a lot of paperwork *v.* to include or affect someone or something as a necessary part of something else
46. de____t from the faith *v.* to go away or leave, especially to start a journey
47. eve_____ly succeed *adv.* finally, particularly after a long time or a lot of struggle, complications, and so on
48. p__e a significant threat to my company *v.* to present a risk, problem, or other issues that must be addressed
49. co_____t level *n.* a state of physical ease and freedom from pain or constraint
50. ea__l stand *n.* a stand or support used to hold an artist's canvas or other artwork
51. in_____e a high degree of risk *v.* to include or affect someone or something as a necessary part of something else
52. a su_____ne volcano *n.* a type of underwater vehicle or vessel that can operate beneath the surface of the water; (adjective) beneath the surface of the sea
53. the ba_____e of power *n.* a condition in which everything has the same weight or force; something left after other parts have been taken away

ANSWERS: 43. downstairs, 44. Alzheimer, 45. involve, 46. depart, 47. eventually, 48. pose, 49. comfort, 50. easel, 51. involve, 52. submarine, 53. balance

54. express fru_____on *n.* the feeling of being upset or annoyed as a result of being unable to change or achieve something
55. Al_____er's risk factors *n.* a neurodegenerative disease that causes memory loss, cognitive decline, and behavioral issues; is the most common cause of dementia in older adults
56. the great di_____ry of the century *n.* the act or process of finding information, a place, or an object, or learning about something that was previously not known
57. dose-de_____nt induction *adj.* relying on someone or something else for support or aid
58. a prodigious vi_____n *n.* the ability to think about or see the future with imagination and intelligence; the faculty of being able to see
59. ta_____le assets *adj.* real and concrete; able to be perceived, especially able to be touched; (of business assets) having physical substance and intrinsic monetary value
60. household ch____es *n.* a routine or tedious task, often related to household or manual labor
61. tr____d mic stand *n.* a three-legged stand, typically one with a platform for a camera or other equipment
62. par_____te in the program *v.* to take part in something
63. do_____y to success *n.* an opening in a wall for a door to fit into

ANSWERS: 54. frustration, 55. Alzheimer, 56. discovery, 57. dependent, 58. vision, 59. tangible, 60. chore, 61. tripod, 62. participate, 63. doorway

64. give si___t consent *adj.* without any or little sound
65. de_____on authority *n.* the act or process of making up someone's mind about something; a choice or judgment reached after considering options
66. lose some of my sh_____s *n.* the quality or state of being worried or embarrassed about meeting and speaking to other people
67. pho_____ph album *n.* a picture or image that is produced by a camera; a visual representation or record of a person, object, or scene that has been captured electronically or on film
68. probably have de_____ia *n.* a severe decline in cognitive function, especially memory, as a result of disease or injury
69. habitual rep_____on *n.* the act of doing or saying something many times
70. die su_____ly *adv.* quickly and unexpectedly
71. si___t reading *adj.* without any or little sound
72. the main re_____ce *n.* the fact or condition of living in a particular place; a home
73. s_w with thread *v.* to join, fasten, or repair two pieces of something by putting the thread through them with a needle
74. surface po___h *n.* a substance used to smooth or shine a surface; the act of smoothing or shining a surface

ANSWERS: 64. silent, 65. decision, 66. shyness, 67. photograph, 68. dementia, 69. repetition, 70. suddenly, 71. silent, 72. residence, 73. sew, 74. polish

75. d__l up the volume
v. to adjust or set the controls of a machine or device by turning a controller called dial; (noun) a disc on a telephone that is rotated a fixed distance for each number called
76. hu____g sound
adj. producing a continuous, low, vibrating sound like that of the bee
77. bl__t criticism
adj. having a dull or rounded edge or point; not sharp; straightforward in speech or manner, often to the point of being rude or insensitive
78. im____e animal sounds
v. to copy the speech, behavior, appearance, etc. of someone or something
79. tr___d mount
n. a three-legged stand, typically one with a platform for a camera or other equipment
80. int_____on among human beings
n. the act of connecting with someone, mainly when working, playing, or spending time with them
81. inc_____le amount
adj. unbelievable; enormous
82. as___t his goal
v. to help someone in doing anything
83. wa____om facility
n. a room or public facility equipped for washing one's hands and face, often including a toilet or a shower
84. tr_____te the emotion to a movement
v. to convert or change words into another language
85. re_____ze achievement
v. to acknowledge or realize something or someone; to identify, remember, or become aware of something that was previously known or encountered

ANSWERS: 75. dial, 76. humming, 77. blunt, 78. imitate, 79. tripod, 80. interaction, 81. incredible, 82. assist, 83. washroom, 84. translate, 85. recognize

86. b__t from my bed *n.* a metal bar that slides across to lock a door or window closed; a discharge of lightning accompanied by thunder; (verb) to move or jump suddenly
87. four ba_____nt floor *n.* a room or a part of a building that is partly or entirely below ground level
88. ch__e list *n.* a routine or tedious task, often related to household or manual labor
89. the int_____on between man and his environment *n.* the act of connecting with someone, mainly when working, playing, or spending time with them
90. fa___l expressions *adj.* of or relating to a person's face
91. de_____ia patients *n.* a severe decline in cognitive function, especially memory, as a result of disease or injury
92. the pr_____nd depths of the sea *adj.* extremely great; sensed or experienced very strongly; displaying a high level of knowledge or comprehension
93. de___t body odor *v.* to win against somebody in a fight, war, or attempt
94. the worst case sc_____io *n.* a description of possible actions or events in the future; a written outline of a play, film, or literary work
95. a g__m-free environment *n.* a very tiny living that causes the disease; a piece of something such as an organism, concept, etc., capable of growing into a new one or part of one
96. sc___m a profanity *v.* to give a loud, high shout suddenly, especially because of fear, anger, excitement, etc.; to utter or declare in a very loud voice

ANSWERS: 86. bolt, 87. basement, 88. chore, 89. interaction, 90. facial, 91. dementia, 92. profound, 93. defeat, 94. scenario, 95. germ, 96. scream

97. public wa_____om *n.* a room or public facility equipped for washing one's hands and face, often including a toilet or a shower
98. ove_____ed sandwich *adj.* filled or packed too tightly or too full; having too much padding or stuffing
99. a wide do_____y *n.* an opening in a wall for a door to fit into
100. p__e a challenge *v.* to present a risk, problem, or other issues that must be addressed
101. put the ac____t on comfort *n.* a distinctive way of pronouncing the words of a language that shows which area, country, or social group a person comes from; particular importance or significance
102. at inc_____le speed *adj.* unbelievable; enormous
103. decision-making pr_____s *n.* a series of actions or operations performed to achieve a particular outcome or goal; a systematic procedure or approach used to accomplish a specific task or objective; a method of treating milk to make it suitable for consumption or use in other dairy products
104. produce ta_____le results *adj.* real and concrete; able to be perceived, especially able to be touched; (of business assets) having physical substance and intrinsic monetary value
105. the degree of dif_____ty *n.* a condition or state that causes problems
106. be____g to different species *v.* to be the property of someone or something; to be a member or part of a group; to be in the proper or appropriate place

ANSWERS: 97. washroom, 98. overstuffed, 99. doorway, 100. pose, 101. accent, 102. incredible, 103. process, 104. tangible, 105. difficulty, 106. belong

107. eve_____ly become obsolete *adv.* finally, particularly after a long time or a lot of struggle, complications, and so on
108. re___l the incident *v.* to remember something
109. br___l honesty *adj.* harsh or cruel
110. rep_____on of the word *n.* the act of doing or saying something many times
111. let out a s__h *v.* to emit a deep, audible breath or sound, often expressing feelings of tiredness, frustration, or relief; to express longing, wish, or regret; (noun) the act of exhaling audibly in a long, deep, and often melancholy way
112. a feeling of a_e *n.* a feeling of respect and wonder inspired by someone or something greatly admired
113. re_____ze talent *v.* to acknowledge or realize something or someone; to identify, remember, or become aware of something that was previously known or encountered
114. sh_____s barrier *n.* the quality or state of being worried or embarrassed about meeting and speaking to other people
115. ma_____e amounts *adj.* enormous amount; very heavy and solid
116. number of different sc_____ios *n.* a description of possible actions or events in the future; a written outline of a play, film, or literary work
117. a scientific di_____ry *n.* the act or process of finding information, a place, or an object, or learning about something that was previously not known

ANSWERS: 107. eventually, 108. recall, 109. brutal, 110. repetition, 111. sigh, 112. awe, 113. recognize, 114. shyness, 115. massive, 116. scenario, 117. discovery

118. s_w a button *v.* to join, fasten, or repair two pieces of something by putting the thread through them with a needle
119. hu_____g bird *adj.* producing a continuous, low, vibrating sound like that of the bee
120. im_____nt communities *n.* a person who has come to a country where they were not born to live there permanently
121. music st___o *n.* a room or building where creative or artistic work is produced; a television or radio production company
122. fa___l nerve *adj.* of or relating to a person's face
123. sneak p__k *n.* a quick or furtive look; (verb) to take a quick and secret look at something
124. su_____ly attacked by an enemy *adv.* quickly and unexpectedly
125. viral pn_____ia *n.* an infection or inflammation of the lungs, typically caused by bacteria, viruses, or other microorganisms
126. in a_e of the situation *n.* a feeling of respect and wonder inspired by someone or something greatly admired
127. pattern st___h *n.* one of the tiny thread lines visible on a piece of fabric after it has been sewn
128. antibiotic-resistant g__m *n.* a very tiny living that causes the disease; a piece of something such as an organism, concept, etc., capable of growing into a new one or part of one
129. pr_____s improvement *n.* a series of actions or operations performed to achieve a particular outcome or goal; a systematic procedure or approach used to accomplish a specific task or objective; a method of treating milk to make it suitable for consumption or use in other dairy products

ANSWERS: 118. sew, 119. humming, 120. immigrant, 121. studio, 122. facial, 123.

peek, 124. suddenly, 125. pneumonia, 126. awe, 127. stitch, 128. germ, 129. process

130. as___t a patient *v.* to help someone in doing anything
131. par_____te fully in conversation *v.* to take part in something
132. portable ea__l *n.* a stand or support used to hold an artist's canvas or other artwork
133. a po_____it painter *n.* a painting, picture; the likeness of a person, especially one showing the face
134. a foreign ac___t *n.* a distinctive way of pronouncing the words of a language that shows which area, country, or social group a person comes from; particular importance or significance
135. an im_____nt from the country *n.* a person who has come to a country where they were not born to live there permanently
136. three-year-old ne___w *n.* a son of your brother or sister
137. im_____e painting styles *v.* to copy the speech, behavior, appearance, etc. of someone or something
138. a photo st___o *n.* a room or building where creative or artistic work is produced; a television or radio production company
139. pho_____ph memories *n.* a picture or image that is produced by a camera; a visual representation or record of a person, object, or scene that has been captured electronically or on film
140. app_____te the value *v.* to value and acknowledge the worth of someone or something; to be grateful for something or someone

ANSWERS: 130. assist, 131. participate, 132. easel, 133. portrait, 134. accent, 135. immigrant, 136. nephew, 137. imitate, 138. studio, 139. photograph, 140. appreciate

141. br___l bully *adj.* harsh or cruel
142. arrive and de___t on time *v.* to go away or leave, especially to start a journey
143. telescopic vi___n *n.* the ability to think about or see the future with imagination and intelligence; the faculty of being able to see
144. b__t diameter *n.* a metal bar that slides across to lock a door or window closed; a discharge of lightning accompanied by thunder; (verb) to move or jump suddenly
145. a penciled sk___h *n.* a simple, quickly-made picture that does not have many details; a short descriptive summary of something
146. tr_____te a document into English *v.* to convert or change words into another language
147. ex___e rebellion *v.* to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager
148. po_____it of a well-known figure *n.* a painting, picture; the likeness of a person, especially one showing the face
149. pre_____ed idea *adj.* having one's thoughts or attention absorbed by something; busy
150. escort him dow_____rs *adv.* on or to a lower or ground floor of a building
151. pre_____ed with other things *adj.* having one's thoughts or attention absorbed by something; busy
152. ove_____ed sofa *adj.* filled or packed too tightly or too full; having too much padding or stuffing

ANSWERS: 141. brutal, 142. depart, 143. vision, 144. bolt, 145. sketch, 146. translate, 147. excite, 148. portrait, 149. preoccupied, 150. downstairs, 151. preoccupied, 152. overstuffed

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. Driving is difficult for me because of my poor _____.
n. the ability to think about or see the future with imagination and intelligence; the faculty of being able to see

2. Please make sure to clean the _____ before leaving.
n. a room or public facility equipped for washing one's hands and face, often including a toilet or a shower

3. The small island nation is heavily _____ on tourism as its main source of income.
adj. relying on someone or something else for support or aid

4. The _____ of the two groups is good for brainstorming.
n. the act of connecting with someone, mainly when working, playing, or spending time with them

5. He felt a deep _____ as he realized the project would not be completed on time.
n. the feeling of being upset or annoyed as a result of being unable to change or achieve something

6. We _____ before the temperature fell below zero.
v. to go away or leave, especially to start a journey

7. The study found that regular exercise can help to prevent the onset of _____ in older age.
n. a severe decline in cognitive function, especially memory, as a result of disease or injury

ANSWERS: 1. vision, 2. washroom, 3. dependent, 4. interaction, 5. frustration, 6. departed, 7. dementia

8. Please get the desk _____.

adv. on or to a lower or ground floor of a building

9. The lightning _____ twiggged in several directions.

n. a metal bar that slides across to lock a door or window closed; a discharge of lightning accompanied by thunder; (verb) to move or jump suddenly

10. The wound was so deep that it needed a surgical procedure and _____.

n. one of the tiny thread lines visible on a piece of fabric after it has been sewn

11. Cleaning the house is a _____ that only some enjoy.

n. a routine or tedious task, often related to household or manual labor

12. Please _____ her with the furniture relocation.

v. to help someone in doing anything

13. Yesterday, I created a rough _____ of the plan.

n. a simple, quickly-made picture that does not have many details; a short descriptive summary of something

14. We would _____ an early reply.

v. to value and acknowledge the worth of someone or something; to be grateful for something or someone

15. The _____ for applying for a visa can be lengthy and complicated.

n. a series of actions or operations performed to achieve a particular outcome or goal; a systematic procedure or approach used to accomplish a specific task or objective; a method of treating milk to make it suitable for consumption or use in other dairy products

ANSWERS: 8. downstairs, 9. bolt, 10. stitches, 11. chore, 12. assist, 13. sketch, 14. appreciate, 15. process

16. She was hospitalized with a severe case of _____.

- n.* an infection or inflammation of the lungs, typically caused by bacteria, viruses, or other microorganisms

17. My mother taught me how to _____.

- v.* to join, fasten, or repair two pieces of something by putting the thread through them with a needle

18. The corporation _____ dominated the entire tobacco business.

- adv.* finally, particularly after a long time or a lot of struggle, complications, and so on

19. She vividly _____ getting laid off several years ago.

- v.* to remember something

20. I used a special _____ to make my car's paint shine.

- n.* a substance used to smooth or shine a surface; the act of smoothing or shining a surface

21. She works at a recording _____ in Los Angeles.

- n.* a room or building where creative or artistic work is produced; a television or radio production company

22. The frustration that had accumulated for a long time made her _____.

- adj.* marked by or in a state of excessive or uncontrollable emotion

23. He _____ the modus operandi of the famous phantom thief.

- v.* to copy the speech, behavior, appearance, etc. of someone or something

ANSWERS: 16. pneumonia, 17. sew, 18. eventually, 19. recalls, 20. polish, 21. studio, 22. hysterical, 23. imitated

24. The _____ suitcase wouldn't close, so I had to remove some items.
adj. filled or packed too tightly or too full; having too much padding or stuffing
25. He finally overcame his _____.
n. the quality or state of being worried or embarrassed about meeting and speaking to other people
26. The recent economic downturn has resulted in _____ layoffs.
adj. enormous amount; very heavy and solid
27. It's important to _____ your strengths and weaknesses.
v. to acknowledge or realize something or someone; to identify, remember, or become aware of something that was previously known or encountered
28. All the books in this section _____ to the library's rare collection and must be handled carefully.
v. to be the property of someone or something; to be a member or part of a group; to be in the proper or appropriate place
29. The president prepared several possible _____ for an enemy attack.
n. a description of possible actions or events in the future; a written outline of a play, film, or literary work
30. My grandmother has _____ disease requires special care and attention from her caregivers.
n. a neurodegenerative disease that causes memory loss, cognitive decline, and behavioral issues; is the most common cause of dementia in older adults
31. The _____ of the bees filled the air as she walked through the garden.
adj. producing a continuous, low, vibrating sound like that of the bee

ANSWERS: 24. overstuffed, 25. shyness, 26. massive, 27. recognize, 28. belong, 29. scenarios, 30. Alzheimer's, 31. humming

32. A problem that has been pointed out for years finally becomes _____.
- adj.* real and concrete; able to be perceived, especially able to be touched; (of business assets) having physical substance and intrinsic monetary value
33. The military _____ disappeared without a trace.
- n.* a type of underwater vehicle or vessel that can operate beneath the surface of the water; (adjective) beneath the surface of the sea
34. She kept _____ for an ambulance.
- v.* to give a loud, high shout suddenly, especially because of fear, anger, excitement, etc.; to utter or declare in a very loud voice
35. Police received a report of illegal _____ in the area.
- n.* a person who has come to a country where they were not born to live there permanently
36. _____ the text from Italian into English.
- v.* to convert or change words into another language
37. She was struggling to make a _____ between two job offers.
- n.* the act or process of making up someone's mind about something; a choice or judgment reached after considering options
38. He has _____ exercising because of a back injury sustained in an accident.
- n.* a condition or state that causes problems
39. His _____ to succeed was unwavering, even in the face of adversity.
- n.* the quality of being persistent and purposeful; the act of finding out the exact nature or essence of something

ANSWERS: 32. tangible, 33. submarine, 34. screaming, 35. immigrants, 36. Translate, 37. decision, 38. difficulty, 39. determination

40. Her research team made an important _____.
- n.* the act or process of finding information, a place, or an object, or learning about something that was previously not known
41. The news of her promotion _____ her.
- v.* to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager
42. The _____ of the ambassador was located in the heart of the city.
- n.* the fact or condition of living in a particular place; a home
43. Who answers _____ knows little.
- adv.* quickly and unexpectedly
44. He found _____ in the warm embrace of his loved ones.
- n.* a state of physical ease and freedom from pain or constraint
45. He _____ the phone number and waited for an answer.
- v.* to adjust or set the controls of a machine or device by turning a controller called dial; (noun) a disc on a telephone that is rotated a fixed distance for each number called
46. The photographer set up his camera on a _____ to take the shot.
- n.* a three-legged stand, typically one with a platform for a camera or other equipment
47. The _____ of this information to the current situation needs to be investigated.
- n.* the state or degree of being closely connected or appropriate to the matter at hand

ANSWERS: 40. discovery, 41. excited, 42. residence, 43. suddenly, 44. comfort, 45. dialed, 46. tripod, 47. relevance

48. The _____ mountains dominate the landscape.

n. a feeling of respect and wonder inspired by someone or something greatly admired

49. The _____ attack left the victim with serious injuries.

adj. harsh or cruel

50. The majority of students actively _____ in the college's intramural sports program.

v. to take part in something

51. He leaned against the _____ waiting for her to come home.

n. an opening in a wall for a door to fit into

52. 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

53. _____ profiling is a new form of airport security.

adj. of or relating to a person's face

54. With his _____ wealth, he could travel the world and indulge in his passions.

adj. newly discovered or acquired

55. She has a thick southern _____.

n. a distinctive way of pronouncing the words of a language that shows which area, country, or social group a person comes from; particular importance or significance

ANSWERS: 48. awe-inspiring, 49. brutal, 50. participated, 51. doorway, 52. involves, 53. Facial, 54. newfound, 55. accent

56. The politician remained _____ despite intense media scrutiny.

adj. without any or little sound

57. 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

58. Try to keep a _____ between work and off.

n. a condition in which everything has the same weight or force; something left after other parts have been taken away

59. The _____ knife made it difficult to cut through the tough steak.

adj. having a dull or rounded edge or point; not sharp; straightforward in speech or manner, often to the point of being rude or insensitive

60. This scripture provides the code of _____ for the religion.

n. a branch of philosophy that considers what is morally right and wrong conduct; a set of beliefs about what is morally right and wrong

61. He was _____ with work and didn't notice me.

adj. having one's thoughts or attention absorbed by something; busy

62. Underground rivers flow over a _____ layer that is impervious to water.

n. a room or a part of a building that is partly or entirely below ground level

63. He _____ in relief when he finally found his lost keys.

v. to emit a deep, audible breath or sound, often expressing feelings of tiredness, frustration, or relief; to express longing, wish, or regret; (noun) the act of exhaling audibly in a long, deep, and often melancholy way

ANSWERS: 56. silent, 57. decide, 58. balance, 59. blunt, 60. ethics, 61. preoccupied, 62. basement, 63. sighed

64. My grandfather's health has declined, and he is now quite _____.

adj. weak, delicate, and easily broken or worn out; lacking physical, mental, or emotional strength

65. Energy-efficient _____ are needed to maximize the cruising distance of electric vehicles.

n. a device that converts electricity, fuel, etc. into movement and makes a machine, vehicle, etc. work

66. My mother's illness had a _____ impact on us all.

adj. extremely great; sensed or experienced very strongly; displaying a high level of knowledge or comprehension

67. She took a quick _____ inside the box before closing it again.

n. a quick or furtive look; (verb) to take a quick and secret look at something

68. The _____ of his idea came from watching birds flying in flocks.

n. a very tiny living that causes the disease; a piece of something such as an organism, concept, etc., capable of growing into a new one or part of one

69. _____ is the mother of all learning.

n. the act of doing or saying something many times

70. Despite his best efforts, he was unable to _____ the enemy.

v. to win against somebody in a fight, war, or attempt

71. A well-known artist painted this lovely lady's _____.

n. a painting, picture; the likeness of a person, especially one showing the face

ANSWERS: 64. frail, 65. motors, 66. profound, 67. peek, 68. germ, 69. Repetition, 70. defeat, 71. portrait

72. Her response revealed _____ idiocy.

adj. unbelievable; enormous

73. I found an old _____ of my grandparents from their wedding day.

n. a picture or image that is produced by a camera; a visual representation or record of a person, object, or scene that has been captured electronically or on film

74. My _____ is eight months old and still being breastfed.

n. a son of your brother or sister

75. The artist needed a sturdy metal _____ to support his large canvas paintings.

n. a stand or support used to hold an artist's canvas or other artwork

76. The chemicals _____ a massive health risk.

v. to present a risk, problem, or other issues that must be addressed

ANSWERS: 72. incredible, 73. photograph, 74. nephew, 75. easel, 76. pose