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### All Words

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## Session 1: Word List

### environment

*n.* the natural world such as air, water, and land in which humans, animals, and plants live

*synonym*: atmosphere, surroundings, climate

(1) **environment** affairs, (2) chaotic **environment**

Every human is responsible for taking care of the Earth's **environment**.

### matte

*adj.* having a surface without a shine, luster; non-glossy

*synonym*: dull, flat, lusterless

(1) **matte** coating, (2) photo with a **matte** finish

The body of his car has a **matte** finish.

### jetpack

*n.* a device worn on the back that propels the wearer into the air by expelling jets of gas or water

*synonym*: rocket belt, rocket pack, flying belt

(1) **jetpack** technology, (2) futuristic **jetpack**

The astronaut's **jetpack** allowed him to move freely in zero gravity.

### employ

*v.* to give somebody a job and pay them for it; to make use of

*synonym*: hire, engage, use

(1) **employ** job seekers, (2) **employ** a new method

When making arrests, police officers frequently **employ** excessive force.

## nomad

*n.* a member of a group of people who move from place to place rather than living in one place all the time; a wanderer; a person with no fixed abode

*synonym* : wanderer, traveler, rover

(1) **nomad** worker, (2) **nomad** culture

The **nomad** tribe moved from place to place with its herd of sheep.

## distribute

*v.* to give something to a large number of individuals, or to spread or furnish something

*synonym* : broadcast, disperse, hand out

(1) **distribute** wealth evenly, (2) **distribute** video content

His estate was **distributed** to his sons.

## accidentally

*adv.* by chance or without planning

*synonym* : by chance, unintentionally, unwittingly

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

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

## conscious

*adj.* being aware of and able to respond to what is happening around you

*synonym* : aware, cognizant, deliberate

(1) **conscious** effort, (2) **conscious** of having succeeded

He became **conscious** that he was being followed.

## essential

*adj.* indispensable; fundamental

*synonym* : critical, crucial, basic

(1) **essential** amino acid, (2) **essential** commodities of life

Trial and error is an **essential** part of education.

## workforce

*n.* all the people who work in a company, industry, country, etc.

*synonym* : labor pool, manpower

(1) skilled **workforce**, (2) the **workforce** is on strike  
Many companies outsource and hire consultants to keep their **workforce** flexible.

## consciously

*adv.* with awareness; in a deliberate manner  
*synonym*: intentionally, deliberately, knowingly

(1) **consciously** aware of a problem, (2) act **consciously**  
He **consciously** criticizes her in the publicity.

## hire

*v.* to give somebody a job  
*synonym*: employ, engage, lease

(1) **hire** a guide, (2) **hire** a car by the hour  
We should always be prepared to **hire** talented recruits.

## collaborate

*v.* to work with someone else to produce or achieve something

*synonym*: cooperate, unite, get together

(1) **collaborate** with the police, (2) **collaborate** on a press release  
She agreed to **collaborate** with him in creating new artwork.

## talent

*n.* a natural ability to be good at something; someone who has a natural ability to be good at something

*synonym*: endowment, aptitude, capability

(1) a person of diverse **talents**, (2) raw **talent**  
Numerous great professional sports **talents** have come from this city.

## intelligence

*n.* the ability to learn, comprehend, or make judgments or conclusions based on reasons

*synonym*: brains, brightness, cleverness

(1) an **intelligence** test, (2) field of artificial **intelligence**  
In terms of **intelligence**, he was head and shoulders above his classmates.

## opportune

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

*synonym* : suitable, timely, practical

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

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

## silicon

*n.* a chemical element with the symbol Si that is a hard, brittle crystalline solid with a blue-grey metallic luster and used for the transistors and integrated circuit chips in computers

(1) **silicon** wafer, (2) crystalline **silicon**

**Silicon** is the second most abundant element on earth after oxygen.

## valley

*n.* a long depression on the surface of the land, which typically contains a river

*synonym* : canyon, gorge, dale

(1) **valley** bottom, (2) basin-shaped **valley**

The **valley** had received a mild snowfall the previous week.

## technological

*adj.* based on scientific and industrial progress

*synonym* : specialized, technical

(1) **technological** advancement, (2) **technological** policy

**Technological** advances have disrupted many industries.

## essentially

*adv.* relating to the essential features or concepts of anything

*synonym* : fundamentally, basically, virtually

(1) **essentially** correct, (2) become **essentially** same

**Essentially**, a society is an organism.

## pond

*n.* a small, shallow lake

*synonym* : lake, pool, basin

(1) a garden **pond**, (2) **pond** water

The freshwater **pond** was home to many different types of fish and was a popular spot for fishing.

- bay** *n.* a part of the coast that is partially enclosed by land; a compartment or section of a ship or building  
*synonym*: inlet, cove, gulf  
(1) **bay** area, (2) the mouth of a **bay**  
She walked along the **bay** and collected shells.
- 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.
- desire** *n.* a strong feeling of wanting to have or do something  
*synonym*: ambition, appetite, greed  
(1) unsatisfied **desire**, (2) fleshly **desire**  
Low sexual **desire** typically correlates with low testosterone levels.
- autonomy** *n.* the right of an organization, country, or region to govern itself independently  
*synonym*: independence, sovereignty, self-sufficiency  
(1) regional **autonomy**, (2) establish **autonomy**  
Demonstrators strongly demanded immediate **autonomy** for their country.
- specific** *adj.* clearly defined or particular to a certain thing or situation; distinct, explicit, and precise  
*synonym*: particular, definite, distinct  
(1) **specific** instructions, (2) industry- **specific** regulations  
The scientist conducted a study that provided **specific** details about the species' behavior.
- schedule** *n.* a list of planned activities, tasks, or things that must be completed showing when they are intended to happen or be done

*synonym*: agenda, program, itinerary

(1) a heavy **schedule**, (2) arrange my **schedule**

So far, the meeting is going according to **schedule**.

## 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.

## temperature

*n.* the degree of hotness or coldness of a thing or place

*synonym*: climate, warmth, degree

(1) extreme **temperatures**, (2) the atmospheric **temperature**

Cities around the world set records for highest **temperatures** this summer.

## commute

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

*synonym*: travel, journey, trip

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

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

## remotely

*adv.* at a distance; not directly or easily accessible

*synonym*: distantly, remotely, slightly

(1) **remotely** operate, (2) control **remotely**

The company can **remotely** access its employees' computers for troubleshooting purposes.

## 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.

- trail** *n.* a path or track roughly through a countryside, mountain, or forest area, often made or used for a particular purpose; (verb) to lag or linger behind  
*synonym* : footpath, track, course  
(1) a warm **trail**, (2) follow the **trail**  
The storm left a **trail** of destruction behind it.
- zone** *n.* a specific area, region, or section that is marked off or defined in some way  
*synonym* : area, region, territory  
(1) time **zone**, (2) **zone** defense  
He was reluctant to leave his comfort **zone** and try something new.
- interact** *v.* to communicate or react with somebody  
*synonym* : cooperate, combine, collaborate  
(1) **interact** directly with customers, (2) **interact** with one another  
He should **interact** more with his colleagues.
- evolve** *v.* to develop gradually, or to cause the development of something or someone gradually  
*synonym* : develop, mature, grow  
(1) **evolve**, (2) **evolve** over the past decade  
Eyeless fish **evolved** in dark caves.
- communicate** *v.* to share or exchange information with others by speaking, writing, moving your body, or using other signals  
*synonym* : convey, share, transmit  
(1) **communicate** his anxieties to the psychiatrist,  
(2) **communicate** well with my advisor  
Dolphins use sound to **communicate** with each other.
- 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.

## confer

*v.* to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something

*synonym* : consult, meet, discuss

(1) **confer** degree, (2) **confer** honor

The leaders of the two countries met to **confer** on the issue.

## experiment

*n.* the scientific test conducted to observe what happens and gain new knowledge

*synonym* : experimentation, investigation

(1) **experiment** design, (2) series of **experiments**

His **experiments** showed highly positive results.

## collaboration

*n.* the act or situation of working together to create or produce something

*synonym* : affiliation, alliance, coalition

(1) **collaboration** between companies, (2) **collaboration** platform

The partnership program requires a mutual **collaboration** between both agencies.

## tradition

*n.* a belief, custom, or way of doing something that has been passed down from generation to generation within a group or society

*synonym* : custom, practice, ritual

(1) a **tradition** of a culture, (2) against **tradition**

It is a **tradition** in many families to have a big Thanksgiving dinner with all their relatives.

## flip

*v.* to turn over into a different position quickly; to throw or toss with a light motion

*synonym* : throw, jump



(1) **flip** over the pork chop, (2) **flip** a coin

He **flipped** when he heard that he had been accepted into the university.

## intense

*adj.* (especially of a feeling) very strong; extremely sharp or severe

*synonym*: extreme, fierce, harsh

(1) **intense** heat, (2) develop **intense** itching

That statement by the prime minister drew **intense** international criticism.

## grand

*adj.* important and large in size, scope, or extent

*synonym*: impressive, great, ambitious

(1) a **grand** meal, (2) **grand** bargain

This year's **grand** gathering will be held in Canada.

## meet-up

*n.* a gathering or social event organized through the internet for people who share a common interest

*synonym*: gathering, assembly, rendezvous

(1) **meet-up** gathering, (2) **meet-up** area

We have a **meet-up** to discuss the new project this weekend.

## primary

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

*synonym*: chief, main, fundamental

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

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

## align

*v.* to put or arrange two or more things in a straight line or to form a straight line

*synonym*: coordinate, regulate, adjust

(1) **align** the economic interest of each other, (2) **align** with a historical trend

Both parties are now entirely ideologically **aligned**.

## colleague

*n.* one of a group of a coworker, especially in a profession or a business

*synonym*: coworker, associate, fellow

(1) collaborate with **colleagues**, (2) former **colleague**

I decided to seek counseling on the advice of my **colleague**.

## empathy

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

*synonym*: compassion, sympathy, tenderness

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

**Empathy** is also necessary to understand history.

## flexibility

*n.* the quality of changing or being changed easily according to new conditions or situations

*synonym*: elasticity, adaptability, resilience

(1) mental **flexibility**, (2) the **flexibility** of the body

We dealt with those problems with speed and **flexibility**.

## coworker

*n.* a person who works with another in the same company or organization

*synonym*: colleague, peer, associate

(1) **coworker** relationship, (2) argue with a **coworker**

My ex- **coworker** and I had different working styles but managed to get along.

## stipend

*n.* a fixed sum of money paid regularly, often as a salary or allowance, to support a particular activity or role, such as a student or trainee

*synonym*: allowance, grant, scholarship

(1) full-time **stipend**, (2) **stipend** amount

As a graduate student, I receive a monthly **stipend** to cover my living expenses.

## 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.

## workspace

*n.* a designated area or physical setting where work is performed, often in a business or office setting

*synonym* : office, studio, workplace

(1) **workspace** design, (2) shared **workspace**  
I need a quiet **workspace** to concentrate on my project.

## pier

*n.* a structure built on posts extending from land out into a body of water used as a landing place for boats or as a recreational area

*synonym* : jetty, wharf, dock

(1) **pier** fishing, (2) a landing **pier**  
Families gathered on the head of a **pier** to watch the sunset and catch a glimpse of the dolphins swimming in the bay.

## invest

*v.* to put money, effort, time, etc. into something to make a profit or achieve a result

*synonym* : fund, sponsor, support

(1) **invest** in stocks, (2) **invest** capital  
The government should view children as national assets and actively **invest** in them.

## monitor

*v.* to observe, check, and track the progress or quality of something over a period of time

*synonym* : proctor, check, observe

(1) **monitor** an exam, (2) **monitor** the data carefully  
They used a special receiver to **monitor** police radio channels.

## setup

*n.* the arrangement or organization of something, often with a specific purpose or intention; a scheme or plan that is intended to deceive or trick someone

*synonym* : arrangement, installation, organization

(1) office **setup**, (2) network **setup**

The **setup** for the conference was impressive and professional.

## predict

v. to state beforehand that something will happen in the future, mainly based on knowledge or experience

*synonym*: forecast, anticipate, foresee

(1) **predict** the future, (2) **predict** when she will arrive

It's notoriously challenging to **predict** birth rates.

## function

n. the purpose or use of an object, system, or process; a particular activity or operation that is designed to serve a specific purpose; a mathematical concept that describes a relationship between two sets of values, called the input and output sets; (verb) to operate or work in a specific way, or to perform a particular task or purpose

*synonym*: purpose, mapping, job

(1) **function** properly, (2) immune **function**

The brain is an incredibly complex organ that controls the body's **function**.

## replace

v. to take the place of something

*synonym*: substitute, supersede, displace

(1) **replace** one word with another, (2) **replace** a phone

Eventually, the new design will **replace** all older models.

## tap

v. to hit someone or something quickly, gently, and often repeatedly; to use existing resources, such as energy, knowledge, etc.

*synonym*: knock, exploit, use

(1) **tap** a new market, (2) **tap** keyboard with an index finger

To expand the company, we must **tap** new human resources.

## 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.

## Session 2: Spelling

1. acc\_\_\_\_\_lly coincide *adv.* by chance or without planning
2. 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
3. network se\_\_p *n.* the arrangement or organization of something, often with a specific purpose or intention; a scheme or plan that is intended to deceive or trick someone
4. em\_\_\_\_\_y for patients *n.* the ability to share another person's feelings or experiences by imagining that person's situation
5. full-time st\_\_\_\_\_d *n.* a fixed sum of money paid regularly, often as a salary or allowance, to support a particular activity or role, such as a student or trainee
6. extreme tem\_\_\_\_\_res *n.* the degree of hotness or coldness of a thing or place
7. p\_\_d water *n.* a small, shallow lake
8. re\_\_\_\_\_e one word with another *v.* to take the place of something
9. the fle\_\_\_\_\_ty of the body *n.* the quality of changing or being changed easily according to new conditions or situations
10. argue with a co\_\_\_\_\_er *n.* a person who works with another in the same company or organization
11. st\_\_\_\_\_d amount *n.* a fixed sum of money paid regularly, often as a salary or allowance, to support a particular activity or role, such as a student or trainee

ANSWERS: 1. accidentally, 2. decide, 3. setup, 4. empathy, 5. stipend, 6. temperature, 7. pond, 8. replace, 9. flexibility, 10. coworker, 11. stipend



23. field of artificial int\_\_\_\_\_nce      *n.* the ability to learn, comprehend, or make judgments or conclusions based on reasons
24. pr\_\_\_\_\_t the future      *v.* to state beforehand that something will happen in the future, mainly based on knowledge or experience
25. co\_\_\_\_\_er relationship      *n.* a person who works with another in the same company or organization
26. op\_\_\_\_\_ne occasion      *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
27. establish au\_\_\_\_\_my      *n.* the right of an organization, country, or region to govern itself independently
28. es\_\_\_\_\_al amino acid      *adj.* indispensable; fundamental
29. t\_p keyboard with an index finger      *v.* to hit someone or something quickly, gently, and often repeatedly; to use existing resources, such as energy, knowledge, etc.
30. mo\_\_\_\_\_r an exam      *v.* to observe, check, and track the progress or quality of something over a period of time
31. futuristic je\_\_\_\_\_k      *n.* a device worn on the back that propels the wearer into the air by expelling jets of gas or water
32. give si\_\_\_\_t consent      *adj.* without any or little sound
33. follow the tr\_\_l      *n.* a path or track roughly through a countryside, mountain, or forest area, often made or used for a particular purpose; (verb) to lag or linger behind

ANSWERS: 23. intelligence, 24. predict, 25. coworker, 26. opportune, 27. autonomy, 28. essential, 29. tap, 30. monitor, 31. jetpack, 32. silent, 33. trail



34. office se\_\_p *n.* the arrangement or organization of something, often with a specific purpose or intention; a scheme or plan that is intended to deceive or trick someone
35. co\_\_\_\_\_e to work *v.* to regularly travel a particular journey, especially between one's home and place of work; (noun) a regular journey of some distance to and from your place of work
36. raw ta\_\_\_\_t *n.* a natural ability to be good at something; someone who has a natural ability to be good at something
37. in\_\_\_\_t in stocks *v.* to put money, effort, time, etc. into something to make a profit or achieve a result
38. an op\_\_\_\_\_ne remark *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
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40. no\_\_d culture *n.* a member of a group of people who move from place to place rather than living in one place all the time; a wanderer; a person with no fixed abode
41. de\_\_\_\_\_on authority *n.* the act or process of making up someone's mind about something; a choice or judgment reached after considering options

ANSWERS: 34. setup, 35. commute, 36. talent, 37. invest, 38. opportune, 39. pier, 40. nomad, 41. decision

42. a garden p\_\_d *n.* a small, shallow lake
43. skilled wo\_\_\_\_\_ce *n.* all the people who work in a company, industry, country, etc.
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53. re\_\_\_\_\_e a phone *v.* to take the place of something
54. a gr\_\_d meal *adj.* important and large in size, scope, or extent
55. f\_\_p a coin *v.* to turn over into a different position quickly; to throw or toss with a light motion

ANSWERS: 42. pond, 43. workforce, 44. collaborate, 45. zone, 46. essentially, 47. talent, 48. trail, 49. interact, 50. intense, 51. essential, 52. desire, 53. replace, 54. grand, 55. flip

56. collaborate with co\_\_\_\_\_ues *n.* one of a group of a coworker, especially in a profession or a business
57. cannot log in to the a\_p *n.* (abbreviation for application) software designed to run on smartphones and other mobile devices or inside a web browser on a PC
58. become ess\_\_\_\_\_ly same *adv.* relating to the essential features or concepts of anything
59. tec\_\_\_\_\_cal advancement *adj.* based on scientific and industrial progress
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ANSWERS: 56. colleague, 57. app, 58. essentially, 59. technological, 60. consciously, 61. flexibility, 62. communicate, 63. consciously, 64. evolve, 65. app, 66. pier

67. col\_\_\_\_\_ion platform *n.* the act or situation of working together to create or produce something
68. me\_\_\_\_\_p area *n.* a gathering or social event organized through the internet for people who share a common interest
69. co\_\_\_\_\_us effort *adj.* being aware of and able to respond to what is happening around you
70. co\_\_\_\_r honor *v.* to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something
71. pr\_\_\_\_\_y school *adj.* first or highest in rank, order, or importance; most fundamental or essential; pertaining to the initial or introductory stage of something, such as a school year or election cycle
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75. col\_\_\_\_\_te with the police *v.* to work with someone else to produce or achieve something

ANSWERS: 67. collaboration, 68. meet-up, 69. conscious, 70. confer, 71. primary, 72. commute, 73. environment, 74. tradition, 75. collaborate

76. em\_\_\_y a new method      *v.* to give somebody a job and pay them for it; to make use of
77. de\_\_\_e a question      *v.* to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options
78. a heavy sc\_\_\_\_\_le      *n.* a list of planned activities, tasks, or things that must be completed showing when they are intended to happen or be done
79. col\_\_\_\_\_ion between companies      *n.* the act or situation of working together to create or produce something
80. basin-shaped va\_\_\_y      *n.* a long depression on the surface of the land, which typically contains a river
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82. par\_\_\_\_\_te fully in conversation      *v.* to take part in something
83. con\_\_\_\_\_ion in English      *n.* an informal talk between two or more people to exchange their views, ideas, information, etc.
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85. exp\_\_\_\_\_nt design      *n.* the scientific test conducted to observe what happens and gain new knowledge
86. an int\_\_\_\_\_nce test      *n.* the ability to learn, comprehend, or make judgments or conclusions based on reasons
87. co\_\_\_\_\_us of having succeeded      *adj.* being aware of and able to respond to what is happening around you

ANSWERS: 76. employ, 77. decide, 78. schedule, 79. collaboration, 80. valley, 81. zone, 82. participate, 83. conversation, 84. align, 85. experiment, 86. intelligence, 87. conscious

88. crystalline si\_\_\_\_n                      *n.* a chemical element with the symbol Si that is a hard, brittle crystalline solid with a blue-grey metallic luster and used for the transistors and integrated circuit chips in computers
89. immune fu\_\_\_\_on                      *n.* the purpose or use of an object, system, or process; a particular activity or operation that is designed to serve a specific purpose; a mathematical concept that describes a relationship between two sets of values, called the input and output sets; (verb) to operate or work in a specific way, or to perform a particular task or purpose
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91. pr\_\_\_\_y education                      *adj.* first or highest in rank, order, or importance; most fundamental or essential; pertaining to the initial or introductory stage of something, such as a school year or election cycle
92. a selfish de\_\_\_\_on                      *n.* the act or process of making up someone's mind about something; a choice or judgment reached after considering options
93. dis\_\_\_\_\_te wealth evenly                      *v.* to give something to a large number of individuals, or to spread or furnish something
94. co\_\_\_r degree                      *v.* to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something

ANSWERS: 88. silicon, 89. function, 90. workforce, 91. primary, 92. decision, 93. distribute, 94. confer

95. je\_\_\_\_k technology *n.* a device worn on the back that propels the wearer into the air by expelling jets of gas or water
96. no\_\_d worker *n.* a member of a group of people who move from place to place rather than living in one place all the time; a wanderer; a person with no fixed abode
97. the mouth of a b\_y *n.* a part of the coast that is partially enclosed by land; a compartment or section of a ship or building
98. h\_\_e a car by the hour *v.* to give somebody a job
99. b\_y area *n.* a part of the coast that is partially enclosed by land; a compartment or section of a ship or building
100. gr\_\_d bargain *adj.* important and large in size, scope, or extent
101. me\_\_\_\_p gathering *n.* a gathering or social event organized through the internet for people who share a common interest
102. photo with a ma\_\_e finish *adj.* having a surface without a shine, luster; non-glossy
103. full of em\_\_\_\_y *n.* the ability to share another person's feelings or experiences by imagining that person's situation
104. dis\_\_\_\_te video content *v.* to give something to a large number of individuals, or to spread or furnish something
105. f\_\_p over the pork chop *v.* to turn over into a different position quickly; to throw or toss with a light motion

ANSWERS: 95. jetpack, 96. nomad, 97. bay, 98. hire, 99. bay, 100. grand, 101. meet-up, 102. matte, 103. empathy, 104. distribute, 105. flip

106. re____ly operate	<i>adv.</i> at a distance; not directly or easily accessible
107. em____y job seekers	<i>v.</i> to give somebody a job and pay them for it; to make use of
108. pr____t when she will arrive	<i>v.</i> to state beforehand that something will happen in the future, mainly based on knowledge or experience
109. al__n with a historical trend	<i>v.</i> to put or arrange two or more things in a straight line or to form a straight line
110. si____t reading	<i>adj.</i> without any or little sound
111. sp____ic instructions	<i>adj.</i> clearly defined or particular to a certain thing or situation; distinct, explicit, and precise
112. fu____on properly	<i>n.</i> the purpose or use of an object, system, or process; a particular activity or operation that is designed to serve a specific purpose; a mathematical concept that describes a relationship between two sets of values, called the input and output sets; (verb) to operate or work in a specific way, or to perform a particular task or purpose
113. fleshly de____e	<i>n.</i> a strong feeling of wanting to have or do something
114. ma__e coating	<i>adj.</i> having a surface without a shine, luster; non-glossy
115. in____ct with one another	<i>v.</i> to communicate or react with somebody
116. h__e a guide	<i>v.</i> to give somebody a job

ANSWERS: 106. remotely, 107. employ, 108. predict, 109. align, 110. silent, 111. specific, 112. function, 113. desire, 114. matte, 115. interact, 116. hire



117. tec\_\_\_\_\_cal policy *adj.* based on scientific and industrial progress
118. against tr\_\_\_\_\_on *n.* a belief, custom, or way of doing something that has been passed down from generation to generation within a group or society
119. control re\_\_\_\_\_ly *adv.* at a distance; not directly or easily accessible
120. par\_\_\_\_\_te in the program *v.* to take part in something
121. in\_\_\_\_\_e heat *adj.* (especially of a feeling) very strong; extremely sharp or severe
122. wo\_\_\_\_\_ce design *n.* a designated area or physical setting where work is performed, often in a business or office setting
123. former co\_\_\_\_\_ue *n.* one of a group of a coworker, especially in a profession or a business
124. si\_\_\_\_\_n wafer *n.* a chemical element with the symbol Si that is a hard, brittle crystalline solid with a blue-grey metallic luster and used for the transistors and integrated circuit chips in computers
125. ev\_\_\_e *v.* to develop gradually, or to cause the development of something or someone gradually
126. va\_\_\_y bottom *n.* a long depression on the surface of the land, which typically contains a river
127. mo\_\_\_\_\_r the data carefully *v.* to observe, check, and track the progress or quality of something over a period of time

ANSWERS: 117. technological, 118. tradition, 119. remotely, 120. participate, 121. intense, 122. workspace, 123. colleague, 124. silicon, 125. evolve, 126. valley, 127. monitor

128. series of exp\_\_\_\_\_nts

*n.* the scientific test conducted to observe what happens and gain new knowledge

ANSWERS: 128. experiment

## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. He \_\_\_\_\_ criticizes her in the publicity.  
*adv.* with awareness; in a deliberate manner
2. The body of his car has a \_\_\_\_\_ finish.  
*adj.* having a surface without a shine, luster; non-glossy
3. The freshwater \_\_\_\_\_ was home to many different types of fish and was a popular spot for fishing.  
*n.* a small, shallow lake
4. \_\_\_\_\_ is also necessary to understand history.  
*n.* the ability to share another person's feelings or experiences by imagining that person's situation
5. Every human is responsible for taking care of the Earth's \_\_\_\_\_.  
*n.* the natural world such as air, water, and land in which humans, animals, and plants live
6. It is a \_\_\_\_\_ in many families to have a big Thanksgiving dinner with all their relatives.  
*n.* a belief, custom, or way of doing something that has been passed down from generation to generation within a group or society
7. The \_\_\_\_\_ had received a mild snowfall the previous week.  
*n.* a long depression on the surface of the land, which typically contains a river
8. The brain is an incredibly complex organ that controls the body's \_\_\_\_\_.  
*n.* the purpose or use of an object, system, or process; a particular activity or operation that is designed to serve a specific purpose; a mathematical concept that describes a relationship between two sets of values, called the input and output sets; (verb) to operate or work in a specific way, or to perform a particular task or purpose

ANSWERS: 1. consciously, 2. matte, 3. pond, 4. Empathy, 5. environment, 6.

tradition, 7. valley, 8. function

9. Eyeless fish \_\_\_\_\_ in dark caves.

- v.* to develop gradually, or to cause the development of something or someone gradually

10. The government should view children as national assets and actively \_\_\_\_\_ in them.

- v.* to put money, effort, time, etc. into something to make a profit or achieve a result

11. Numerous great professional sports \_\_\_\_\_ have come from this city.

- n.* a natural ability to be good at something; someone who has a natural ability to be good at something

12. Demonstrators strongly demanded immediate \_\_\_\_\_ for their country.

- n.* the right of an organization, country, or region to govern itself independently

13. The \_\_\_\_\_ tribe moved from place to place with its herd of sheep.

- n.* a member of a group of people who move from place to place rather than living in one place all the time; a wanderer; a person with no fixed abode

14. His \_\_\_\_\_ showed highly positive results.

- n.* the scientific test conducted to observe what happens and gain new knowledge

15. The storm left a \_\_\_\_\_ of destruction behind it.

- n.* a path or track roughly through a countryside, mountain, or forest area, often made or used for a particular purpose; (verb) to lag or linger behind

16. She agreed to \_\_\_\_\_ with him in creating new artwork.

- v.* to work with someone else to produce or achieve something

ANSWERS: 9. evolved, 10. invest, 11. talents, 12. autonomy, 13. nomad, 14. experiments, 15. trail, 16. collaborate

17. We dealt with those problems with speed and \_\_\_\_\_.
- n.* the quality of changing or being changed easily according to new conditions or situations
18. 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
19. He had to \_\_\_\_\_ two hours each way to get to work.
- v.* to regularly travel a particular journey, especially between one's home and place of work; (noun) a regular journey of some distance to and from your place of work
20. My ex-\_\_\_\_\_ and I had different working styles but managed to get along.
- n.* a person who works with another in the same company or organization
21. Dolphins use sound to \_\_\_\_\_ with each other.
- v.* to share or exchange information with others by speaking, writing, moving your body, or using other signals
22. He should \_\_\_\_\_ more with his colleagues.
- v.* to communicate or react with somebody
23. To expand the company, we must \_\_\_\_ new human resources.
- v.* to hit someone or something quickly, gently, and often repeatedly; to use existing resources, such as energy, knowledge, etc.
24. The \_\_\_\_\_ for the conference was impressive and professional.
- n.* the arrangement or organization of something, often with a specific purpose or intention; a scheme or plan that is intended to deceive or trick someone

ANSWERS: 17. flexibility, 18. app's, 19. commute, 20. coworker, 21. communicate, 22. interact, 23. tap, 24. setup

25. I decided to seek counseling on the advice of my \_\_\_\_\_.
- n.* one of a group of a coworker, especially in a profession or a business
26. As a graduate student, I receive a monthly \_\_\_\_\_ to cover my living expenses.
- n.* a fixed sum of money paid regularly, often as a salary or allowance, to support a particular activity or role, such as a student or trainee
27. The scientist conducted a study that provided \_\_\_\_\_ details about the species' behavior.
- adj.* clearly defined or particular to a certain thing or situation; distinct, explicit, and precise
28. He was reluctant to leave his comfort \_\_\_\_\_ and try something new.
- n.* a specific area, region, or section that is marked off or defined in some way
29. It's notoriously challenging to \_\_\_\_\_ birth rates.
- v.* to state beforehand that something will happen in the future, mainly based on knowledge or experience
30. Trial and error is an \_\_\_\_\_ part of education.
- adj.* indispensable; fundamental
31. The partnership program requires a mutual \_\_\_\_\_ between both agencies.
- n.* the act or situation of working together to create or produce something
32. The leaders of the two countries met to \_\_\_\_\_ on the issue.
- v.* to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something

ANSWERS: 25. colleague, 26. stipend, 27. specific, 28. zone, 29. predict, 30. essential, 31. collaboration, 32. confer

33. I need a quiet \_\_\_\_\_ to concentrate on my project.

*n.* a designated area or physical setting where work is performed, often in a business or office setting

34. The politician remained \_\_\_\_\_ despite intense media scrutiny.

*adj.* without any or little sound

35. They used a special receiver to \_\_\_\_\_ police radio channels.

*v.* to observe, check, and track the progress or quality of something over a period of time

36. The phone rang at the most \_\_\_\_\_ time.

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

37. He \_\_\_\_\_ when he heard that he had been accepted into the university.

*v.* to turn over into a different position quickly; to throw or toss with a light motion

38. \_\_\_\_\_ a society is an organism.

*adv.* relating to the essential features or concepts of anything

39. He was \_\_\_\_\_ killed by friendly fire.

*adv.* by chance or without planning

40. This year's \_\_\_\_\_ gathering will be held in Canada.

*adj.* important and large in size, scope, or extent

41. \_\_\_\_\_ advances have disrupted many industries.

*adj.* based on scientific and industrial progress

ANSWERS: 33. workspace, 34. silent, 35. monitor, 36. opportune, 37. flipped, 38. Essentially, 39. accidentally, 40. grand, 41. Technological



42. \_\_\_\_\_ is the second most abundant element on earth after oxygen.
- n.* a chemical element with the symbol Si that is a hard, brittle crystalline solid with a blue-grey metallic luster and used for the transistors and integrated circuit chips in computers
43. Your \_\_\_\_\_ reflects your thoughts.
- n.* an informal talk between two or more people to exchange their views, ideas, information, etc.
44. The \_\_\_\_\_ cause of the accident was due to the icy road conditions.
- adj.* first or highest in rank, order, or importance; most fundamental or essential; pertaining to the initial or introductory stage of something, such as a school year or election cycle
45. Low sexual \_\_\_\_\_ typically correlates with low testosterone levels.
- n.* a strong feeling of wanting to have or do something
46. She walked along the \_\_\_\_\_ and collected shells.
- n.* a part of the coast that is partially enclosed by land; a compartment or section of a ship or building
47. Both parties are now entirely ideologically \_\_\_\_\_.
- v.* to put or arrange two or more things in a straight line or to form a straight line
48. The majority of students actively \_\_\_\_\_ in the college's intramural sports program.
- v.* to take part in something
49. His estate was \_\_\_\_\_ to his sons.
- v.* to give something to a large number of individuals, or to spread or furnish something

ANSWERS: 42. Silicon, 43. conversation, 44. primary, 45. desire, 46. bay, 47. aligned, 48. participated, 49. distributed

50. Many companies outsource and hire consultants to keep their \_\_\_\_\_ flexible.  
*n.* all the people who work in a company, industry, country, etc.
51. Eventually, the new design will \_\_\_\_\_ all older models.  
*v.* to take the place of something
52. 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
53. Cities around the world set records for highest \_\_\_\_\_ this summer.  
*n.* the degree of hotness or coldness of a thing or place
54. In terms of \_\_\_\_\_ he was head and shoulders above his classmates.  
*n.* the ability to learn, comprehend, or make judgments or conclusions based on reasons
55. That statement by the prime minister drew \_\_\_\_\_ international criticism.  
*adj.* (especially of a feeling) very strong; extremely sharp or severe
56. So far, the meeting is going according to \_\_\_\_\_.  
*n.* a list of planned activities, tasks, or things that must be completed showing when they are intended to happen or be done
57. We should always be prepared to \_\_\_\_\_ talented recruits.  
*v.* to give somebody a job
58. She was struggling to make a \_\_\_\_\_ between two job offers.  
*n.* the act or process of making up someone's mind about something; a choice or judgment reached after considering options

ANSWERS: 50. workforce, 51. replace, 52. decide, 53. temperatures, 54. intelligence, 55. intense, 56. schedule, 57. hire, 58. decision

59. When making arrests, police officers frequently \_\_\_\_\_ excessive force.

*v.* to give somebody a job and pay them for it; to make use of

60. He became \_\_\_\_\_ that he was being followed.

*adj.* being aware of and able to respond to what is happening around you

61. The astronaut's \_\_\_\_\_ allowed him to move freely in zero gravity.

*n.* a device worn on the back that propels the wearer into the air by expelling jets of gas or water

62. Families gathered on the head of a \_\_\_\_\_ to watch the sunset and catch a glimpse of the dolphins swimming in the bay.

*n.* a structure built on posts extending from land out into a body of water used as a landing place for boats or as a recreational area

63. The company can \_\_\_\_\_ access its employees' computers for troubleshooting purposes.

*adv.* at a distance; not directly or easily accessible

64. We have a \_\_\_\_\_ to discuss the new project this weekend.

*n.* a gathering or social event organized through the internet for people who share a common interest

ANSWERS: 59. employ, 60. conscious, 61. jetpack, 62. pier, 63. remotely, 64. meet-up