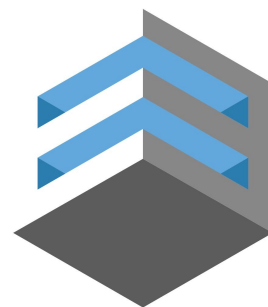


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Session 1: Word List

shatter

v. to break suddenly into many pieces

synonym: break, crash, destroy

(1) **shatter** the plate, (2) **shatter** a world record

Her husband's death **shattered** her life entirely.

renew

v. to begin or resume something again after an interruption

synonym: renovate, restore, revitalize

(1) **renew** a contract, (2) **renew** its corporate image

I have to **renew** my passport by the middle of September.

commitment

n. a promise or firm decision to do something or to behave in a certain way

synonym: burden, obligation, promise

(1) a **commitment** to an alliance, (2) meet his

commitments

His business **commitments** took him to the United States.

haunted

adj. inhabited, visited, or frequented by ghosts or spirits; disturbed or troubled by persistent or disturbing memories or emotions

synonym: spooky, eerie, ghostly

(1) **haunted** house, (2) **haunted** by memories

The old mansion was known to be **haunted**, with strange noises and eerie sightings reported by visitors.

haunt

v. to frequent or visit repeatedly, often in a way that is disturbing or unsettling; to occupy or fill the mind, often in a way that is unpleasant or persistent

synonym : stalk, spook, obsess

(1) **haunt** memories, (2) **haunt** my conscience

The crowd's boos and jeers continued to **haunt** the performer long after the show ended.

migrate

v. to move from one country or region to another and settle there; to move from one place to another periodically or seasonally

synonym : relocate, emigrate, roam

(1) **migrate** across borders, (2) **migrate** a service

Many Germans **migrated** to South America in the mid-19th century.

trap

n. a piece of equipment or hole for catching animals or people; (verb) to catch animals or people and prevent them from escaping

synonym : catch, snare, pinfall

(1) set a **trap**, (2) **trap** an animal

The enemy fell right into the **trap**.

slave

n. a person who is, either legally or illegally, owned by someone; a person entirely dominated by some influence or a person

synonym : captive, bondservant, hard worker

(1) a **slave** of drink, (2) a **slave** trader

You should work hard but not be a **slave** to it.

gear

n. a toothed wheel that engages another toothed mechanism to change the speed or direction of transmitted motion; a set of tools, equipment, or other items for a particular purpose

synonym :

equipment, tools, apparatus

(1) sports **gear**, (2) a **gear** change lever

She checked her **gear** before embarking on the hike.

cargo

n. the goods carried by ship, aircraft, or other vehicles

synonym: shipment, freight, burden

(1) plenty of **cargo** space, (2) unload the **cargo**

During the war, many **cargo** ships were converted into battleships.

sect

n. a group of people who follow a particular religious or philosophical belief system, especially one that is regarded as outside the norm or mainstream

synonym: group, faction, cult

(1) **sect** beliefs, (2) secret **sect**

The minority **sect** believed in a set of unconventional religious practices.

inferiority

n. the state or condition of being lower in rank, quality, or status; a feeling or sense of being less worthy or capable than others

synonym: lower status, low self-esteem, inadequacy

(1) **inferiority** complex, (2) **inferiority** mindset

The professor's scathing comments left the student with a sense of **inferiority** about their work.

critic

n. someone who expresses opinions about the quality of books, music, etc.

synonym: pundit, analyst, attacker

(1) art **critic**, (2) severe **critic**

Advocates for legal reform hear less harsh words from their **critics**.

alternative

n. one of two or more available possibilities or choice

synonym: choice, option

(1) an **alternative** plan, (2) there is no other **alternative**

Doctors are gradually coming around to the idea of using **alternative** medicines.

attitude

n. the way you think and feel about someone or something
synonym: mindset, perspective, philosophy

(1) **attitude** toward mistakes, (2) **attitude** control
She had the **attitude** that work was fun.

consume

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

synonym: absorb, ingest, use up

(1) **consume** a large of alcohol, (2) **consume** electricity
A smaller car will **consume** less fuel.

brand

n. a type of product, service, etc., made by a particular company and sold under a specific name; identification mark on the skin of livestock, criminals, etc., made by burning

synonym: trademark, label, symbol

(1) create a **brand** logo, (2) the **brand** of the new car
There's a new **brand** of hero in the movies now.

embedded

adj. fixed firmly into the surface of something

synonym: ingrained, implanted, inserted

(1) **embedded** systems, (2) LED- **embedded** glass
The **embedded** chip in my credit card allows me to make contactless payments.

sophisticated

adj. having a great deal of worldly experience and knowledge of people's behavior, culture, and fashion

synonym: refined, cultured, worldly

(1) **sophisticated** look, (2) a **sophisticated** lifestyle
Marketing strategies are growing more **sophisticated**.

beverage

n. a drink of any type

synonym: drink, libation, liquid

(1) food and **beverage**, (2) alcoholic **beverages**
Bring a snack or **beverage** to satisfy your appetite.

launch

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

synonym: start, initiate, begin

(1) **launch** a spaceship into orbit, (2) **launch** a big attack
The company is set to **launch** its new product line next month.

poverty

n. the condition of being extremely poor

synonym: deprivation, destitution, poorness

(1) **poverty** alleviation, (2) the cycle of **poverty**

Many studies have investigated the relationship between **poverty** and academic achievement.

striking

adj. attractive and distinctive enough to draw notice; exceedingly appealing, frequently in an odd manner

synonym: arresting, astonishing, exceptional

(1) **striking** innovation, (2) **striking** evidence

The two plays have many **striking** parallels.

medium

adj. of a size, amount, or level that is average or intermediate; (noun) a means or instrumentality for storing or communicating information

synonym: average, intermediate, (noun) channel

(1) **medium** color, (2) an advertising **medium**

The **medium** size shirt fits him perfectly.

enterprise

n. a business or company; a purposeful or industrious undertaking, especially one that requires effort

synonym: business, company, industry

(1) undertake an **enterprise**, (2) his business **enterprise**

A growing **enterprise** requires a bold leader.

index

n. a list of items, such as names, subjects, or keywords, that is arranged in a particular order and is usually found at the end of a book or document; a number or symbol that indicates the value or level of something, such as a stock index or a temperature index

synonym: list, directory, indicator

(1) a full-text **index**, (2) health **index**

The stock market **index** measures the performance of a group of stocks.

rank

n. a position in a hierarchy of status or authority; (verb) to take or have a position relative to others

synonym: position, status, standing

(1) **rank** amateur, (2) high **rank**

He was promoted to the **rank** of captain in the military.

manufacture

v. to make goods in large numbers, usually in a factory using machines

synonym: create, fabricate, assemble

(1) **manufacture** an enzyme, (2) **manufacture** a product

The majority of synthetic vitamins are **manufactured** from oil.

facility

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

synonym: building, structure, installation

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

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

tariff

n. a tax imposed by a government on imported or exported goods

synonym: duty, tax, charge

(1) **tariff** policy, (2) **tariff** war

The new **tariff** on imported goods has sparked controversy among trade partners.

cardboard

n. a stiff, thick material made from compressed paper pulp used to make boxes and other packaging materials

synonym: corrugated board, paperboard

(1) **cardboard** box, (2) **cardboard** cutout

I made a **cardboard** box to store my winter clothes in.

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.

mobilize

v. to make something ready for action or use; to organize people or resources for a particular purpose

synonym: activate, rally, marshal

(1) **mobilize** cooperation, (2) **mobilize** a stiff joint

The military **mobilized** troops to the border.

warehouse

n. a large building for storing goods and merchandise, especially before they are sold, used, or sent out to shops

synonym: storage, repository, depot

(1) a rental **warehouse**, (2) **warehouse** debt

The fire ruined all the food stored in the **warehouse**.

stifle

v. to suppress or restrain something, particularly a feeling, emotion, or action; to suffocate or prevent proper breathing or ventilation

synonym: smother, suppress, suffocate

(1) **stifle** a laugh, (2) **stifle** creativity

The oppressive regime tried to **stifle** free speech and dissent.

nonsensical

adj. lacking in sense or meaning; absurd, irrational, or illogical

synonym: absurd, illogical, irrational

(1) **nonsensical** idea, (2) **nonsensical** statement

The comedian's jokes could have been more **nonsensical**

and confused the audience.

molasses

n. a thick, dark syrup made from boiled sugar cane or sugar beet juice, often used as a sweetener in cooking and baking

synonym : treacle, syrup, honey

(1) **molasses** cookies, (2) thick **molasses**

The recipe calls for a tablespoon of **molasses** to add sweetness.

employee

n. a person who is hired to work for a business or organization in exchange for wages or salary; a worker

synonym : worker, staff, personnel

(1) **employee** benefits, (2) **employee** evaluation

The **employee** handbook outlines the rules and regulations that all employees must follow.

represent

v. to speak, act, or be present on behalf of another person or group; to form or constitute

synonym : depict, express, describe

(1) **represent** by a diagram, (2) the characters that **represent** numbers

We elected him to **represent** us at the international conference.

inferior

adj. lower in rank, status, or quality

synonym : lower, subordinate, secondary

(1) an **inferior** poet, (2) **inferior** quality

The new employee's work was **inferior** to that of the experienced workers in the team.

beg

v. to ask for something urgently or earnestly; to appeal to someone to do something

synonym : plead, implore, entreat

(1) **beg** the question, (2) **beg** for help

She **begged** her parents to let her go to the concert.

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**.

outlook

n. the likely future situation for someone or something; a habitual or characteristic mental attitude to life and the world of a particular person, group, or culture

synonym : perspective, view, overlook

(1) the **outlook** of the townsite, (2) a positive **outlook** on life
Our company's business **outlook** for next year is bright.

simplify

v. to make something more straightforward, more understandable, or easier to do

synonym : streamline, clarify, elucidate

(1) **simplify** my life, (2) **simplify** the process

Please **simplify** your explanation for the children.

march

v. to walk militarily with stiff, regular steps

synonym : parade

(1) **march** against the war, (2) **march** east

The troops **marched** shoulder-to-shoulder.

educate

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

synonym : instruct, teach, train

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

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

awareness

n. the fact or state of knowing something exists and is important

synonym : understanding, cognition, knowledge

(1) **awareness** of my ignorance, (2) raise public **awareness**

There has been a gradual but steady rise in environmental **awareness**.

advocate

n. a person who supports or suggests an idea, development, or way of doing something

synonym: proponent, exponent, promoter

(1) an **advocate** of disarmament, (2) public education

advocates

Advocates of abolishing the death penalty often argue that the alternative heaviest sentence should be life in prison.

government

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

synonym: administration, regime, state

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

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

corruption

n. dishonest, harmful, or illegal behavior, especially of people in positions of power

synonym: depravity, bribery, degeneration

(1) **corruption** accusation, (2) federal **corruption** charges

Rampant **corruption** led to a loss of trust in the government.

stroke

n. a medical condition in which poor blood flow to the brain causes cell death; the act of swinging or striking at a ball with a club, racket, etc.

synonym: blow

(1) suffer **stroke**, (2) a **stroke** of the putter

This year's extreme heat has resulted in many heat **stroke** cases.

bribe

v. to try to make someone do something to gain one's favors or influence by giving a gift of money or other inducements

synonym: graft, corrupt

(1) **bribe** a politician, (2) **bribe** him with food

He tries to **bribe** the ship's captain to export illegal products.

breed

v. to keep animals for producing offspring in a regulated manner

synonym: raise, multiply, reproduce

(1) **breed** horses, (2) **breed** suspicion

This animal **breeds** in northern latitudes.

horrible

adj. extremely unpleasant or bad; causing fear or disgust

synonym: dreadful, terrible, awful

(1) **horrible** accident, (2) **horrible** smell

The experience was **horrible** and left a lasting impression.

nonsense

n. an idea, behavior, or something spoken or written that has no meaning or makes no sense or that is silly or unacceptable

synonym: ludicrousness, gabble, absurdity

(1) talk **nonsense**, (2) sheer **nonsense**

The parents spoke to their children in no- **nonsense** tones.

sovereignty

n. supremacy or authority, especially supreme authority over a country

synonym: independence, autonomy, self-rule

(1) democratic **sovereignty**, (2) **sovereignty** issue

The country proclaimed its **sovereignty** over the disputed territory.

nasty

adj. very bad, unpleasant, or offensive

synonym: disgusting, offensive, foul

(1) a **nasty** smell, (2) receive a **nasty** surprise

The weather turned **nasty**.

revolution

n. a large-scale attempt to overthrow the government of a country, often using violence or war;

synonym: coup, innovation, rebellion

(1) beginning of the industrial **revolution**, (2) a political

revolution

The **revolution** by the citizen resulted in a redistribution of wealth.

violent

adj. involving or caused by physical force or aggression against someone or something

synonym: aggressive, intense, turbulent

(1) victim of a **violent** crime, (2) **violent** incident

The protesters became **violent** when the police tried to disperse them.

peaceful

adj. not involving violence, conflict, or war

synonym: friendly, pacific, amicable

(1) **peaceful** country, (2) **peaceful** coexistence

Plutonium has limited **peaceful** applications.

prosperous

adj. successful financially or materially; bringing success or good fortune

synonym: successful, thriving, affluent

(1) **prosperous** weather, (2) **prosperous** nation

The company decided to invest in a **prosperous** industry.

calm

adj. not excited, angry, or nervous; free from wind, large waves

synonym: quiet, peaceful, tranquility

(1) **calm** sea, (2) **calm** manner

It was the first time in a long time that I felt truly **calm** and at peace.

prosperity

n. the state of being successful and having the good fortune

synonym: affluence, accomplishment, capital

(1) economic **prosperity**, (2) **prosperity** of humankind

This war shattered dreams of peace and **prosperity**.

flourish

v. to grow or develop vigorously or successfully

synonym: boom, advance, succeed

(1) **flourish** economically, (2) **flourish** worldwide

The Ottoman Empire **flourished** for over five centuries.

Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. a g__r change lever | <i>n.</i> a toothed wheel that engages another toothed mechanism to change the speed or direction of transmitted motion; a set of tools, equipment, or other items for a particular purpose |
| 2. aw_____ss of my ignorance | <i>n.</i> the fact or state of knowing something exists and is important |
| 3. severe cr___c | <i>n.</i> someone who expresses opinions about the quality of books, music, etc. |
| 4. re_____nt by a diagram | <i>v.</i> to speak, act, or be present on behalf of another person or group; to form or constitute |
| 5. pro_____us weather | <i>adj.</i> successful financially or materially; bringing success or good fortune |
| 6. inf_____ty mindset | <i>n.</i> the state or condition of being lower in rank, quality, or status; a feeling or sense of being less worthy or capable than others |
| 7. in_____or quality | <i>adj.</i> lower in rank, status, or quality |
| 8. gov_____nt bureaucracy | <i>n.</i> the group of people with authority to control a country or state |
| 9. ha__t my conscience | <i>v.</i> to frequent or visit repeatedly, often in a way that is disturbing or unsettling; to occupy or fill the mind, often in a way that is unpleasant or persistent |
| 10. em_____ed systems | <i>adj.</i> fixed firmly into the surface of something |

ANSWERS: 1. gear, 2. awareness, 3. critic, 4. represent, 5. prosperous, 6. inferiority, 7. inferior, 8. government, 9. haunt, 10. embedded

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| 11. a st___e of the putter | <i>n.</i> a medical condition in which poor blood flow to the brain causes cell death; the act of swinging or striking at a ball with a club, racket, etc. |
| 12. there is no other alt____ve | <i>n.</i> one of two or more available possibilities or choice |
| 13. man____re a product | <i>v.</i> to make goods in large numbers, usually in a factory using machines |
| 14. st____ng innovation | <i>adj.</i> attractive and distinctive enough to draw notice; exceedingly appealing, frequently in an odd manner |
| 15. br__d horses | <i>v.</i> to keep animals for producing offspring in a regulated manner |
| 16. ta___f war | <i>n.</i> a tax imposed by a government on imported or exported goods |
| 17. mi____e across borders | <i>v.</i> to move from one country or region to another and settle there; to move from one place to another periodically or seasonally |
| 18. dis____te wealth evenly | <i>v.</i> to give something to a large number of individuals, or to spread or furnish something |
| 19. chaotic env____nt | <i>n.</i> the natural world such as air, water, and land in which humans, animals, and plants live |
| 20. pe____ul coexistence | <i>adj.</i> not involving violence, conflict, or war |
| 21. at____de toward mistakes | <i>n.</i> the way you think and feel about someone or something |

ANSWERS: 11. stroke, 12. alternative, 13. manufacture, 14. striking, 15. breed, 16. tariff, 17. migrate, 18. distribute, 19. environment, 20. peaceful, 21. attitude

22. c__m manner *adj.* not excited, angry, or nervous; free from wind, large waves
23. la___h a spaceship into orbit *v.* to send or propel something into the air or space using a device such as a rocket, missile, or spacecraft; to make something available or on sale for the first time
24. ma__h against the war *v.* to walk militarily with stiff, regular steps
25. st_____ng evidence *adj.* attractive and distinctive enough to draw notice; exceedingly appealing, frequently in an odd manner
26. health in__x *n.* a list of items, such as names, subjects, or keywords, that is arranged in a particular order and is usually found at the end of a book or document; a number or symbol that indicates the value or level of something, such as a stock index or a temperature index
27. federal cor_____on charges *n.* dishonest, harmful, or illegal behavior, especially of people in positions of power
28. an in_____or poet *adj.* lower in rank, status, or quality
29. an advertising me___m *adj.* of a size, amount, or level that is average or intermediate; (noun) a means or instrumentality for storing or communicating information
30. food and be_____ge *n.* a drink of any type
31. suffer st___e *n.* a medical condition in which poor blood flow to the brain causes cell death; the act of swinging or striking at a ball with a club, racket, etc.

ANSWERS: 22. calm, 23. launch, 24. march, 25. striking, 26. index, 27. corruption, 28. inferior, 29. medium, 30. beverage, 31. stroke

32. victim of a vi_____t crime *adj.* involving or caused by physical force or aggression against someone or something
33. a positive ou_____k on life *n.* the likely future situation for someone or something; a habitual or characteristic mental attitude to life and the world of a particular person, group, or culture
34. pro_____us nation *adj.* successful financially or materially; bringing success or good fortune
35. non_____al idea *adj.* lacking in sense or meaning; absurd, irrational, or illogical
36. pe_____ul country *adj.* not involving violence, conflict, or war
37. ed_____e student *v.* to provide or receive instruction or training over a period of time at a school, university, etc.
38. secret s__t *n.* a group of people who follow a particular religious or philosophical belief system, especially one that is regarded as outside the norm or mainstream
39. set a t__p *n.* a piece of equipment or hole for catching animals or people; (verb) to catch animals or people and prevent them from escaping
40. the br__d of the new car *n.* a type of product, service, etc., made by a particular company and sold under a specific name; identification mark on the skin of livestock, criminals, etc., made by burning

ANSWERS: 32. violent, 33. outlook, 34. prosperous, 35. nonsensical, 36. peaceful, 37. educate, 38. sect, 39. trap, 40. brand

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| 41. dis_____te video content | <i>v.</i> | to give something to a large number of individuals, or to spread or furnish something |
| 42. mo_____es cookies | <i>n.</i> | a thick, dark syrup made from boiled sugar cane or sugar beet juice, often used as a sweetener in cooking and baking |
| 43. gov_____nt funding | <i>n.</i> | the group of people with authority to control a country or state |
| 44. a political rev_____on | <i>n.</i> | a large-scale attempt to overthrow the government of a country, often using violence or war; |
| 45. inf_____ty complex | <i>n.</i> | the state or condition of being lower in rank, quality, or status; a feeling or sense of being less worthy or capable than others |
| 46. democratic sov_____ty | <i>n.</i> | supremacy or authority, especially supreme authority over a country |
| 47. the cycle of po_____y | <i>n.</i> | the condition of being extremely poor |
| 48. raise public aw_____ss | <i>n.</i> | the fact or state of knowing something exists and is important |
| 49. wa_____se debt | <i>n.</i> | a large building for storing goods and merchandise, especially before they are sold, used, or sent out to shops |
| 50. fl_____sh economically | <i>v.</i> | to grow or develop vigorously or successfully |
| 51. ca_____rd box | <i>n.</i> | a stiff, thick material made from compressed paper pulp used to make boxes and other packaging materials |

ANSWERS: 41. distribute, 42. molasses, 43. government, 44. revolution, 45. inferiority, 46. sovereignty, 47. poverty, 48. awareness, 49. warehouse, 50. flourish, 51. cardboard

52. re__w its corporate image *v.* to begin or resume something again after an interruption
53. man_____re an enzyme *v.* to make goods in large numbers, usually in a factory using machines
54. c__m sea *adj.* not excited, angry, or nervous; free from wind, large waves
55. unload the ca__o *n.* the goods carried by ship, aircraft, or other vehicles
56. an ad_____te of disarmament *n.* a person who supports or suggests an idea, development, or way of doing something
57. cor_____on accusation *n.* dishonest, harmful, or illegal behavior, especially of people in positions of power
58. co_____e a large of alcohol *v.* to spend something, especially fuel, energy, or time, in a large amount
59. his business ent_____se *n.* a business or company; a purposeful or industrious undertaking, especially one that requires effort
60. sop_____ted look *adj.* having a great deal of worldly experience and knowledge of people's behavior, culture, and fashion
61. sov_____ty issue *n.* supremacy or authority, especially supreme authority over a country
62. alcoholic be_____ges *n.* a drink of any type
63. fl_____sh worldwide *v.* to grow or develop vigorously or successfully
64. a sop_____ted lifestyle *adj.* having a great deal of worldly experience and knowledge of people's behavior, culture, and fashion

ANSWERS: 52. renew, 53. manufacture, 54. calm, 55. cargo, 56. advocate, 57. corruption, 58. consume, 59. enterprise, 60. sophisticated, 61. sovereignty, 62. beverage, 63. flourish, 64. sophisticated

65. b_g for help *v.* to ask for something urgently or earnestly; to appeal to someone to do something
66. a com_____nt to an alliance *n.* a promise or firm decision to do something or to behave in a certain way
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ANSWERS: 65. beg, 66. commitment, 67. poverty, 68. revolution, 69. facility, 70. bribe, 71. haunted, 72. index, 73. warehouse

74. meet his com_____nts *n.* a promise or firm decision to do something or to behave in a certain way
75. mo_____ze cooperation *v.* to make something ready for action or use; to organize people or resources for a particular purpose
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79. em_____ee benefits *n.* a person who is hired to work for a business or organization in exchange for wages or salary; a worker
80. pro_____ty of humankind *n.* the state of being successful and having the good fortune
81. sports g__r *n.* a toothed wheel that engages another toothed mechanism to change the speed or direction of transmitted motion; a set of tools, equipment, or other items for a particular purpose
82. an alt_____ve plan *n.* one of two or more available possibilities or choice
83. b_g the question *v.* to ask for something urgently or earnestly; to appeal to someone to do something
84. LED-em_____ed glass *adj.* fixed firmly into the surface of something

ANSWERS: 74. commitment, 75. mobilize, 76. cardboard, 77. horrible, 78. renew, 79. employee, 80. prosperity, 81. gear, 82. alternative, 83. beg, 84. embedded

85. talk no_____se *n.* an idea, behavior, or something spoken or written that has no meaning or makes no sense or that is silly or unacceptable
86. a cell phone with an internet fa_____ty *n.* a building or place that provides a particular service or is used for a particular industry
87. st___e a laugh *v.* to suppress or restrain something, particularly a feeling, emotion, or action; to suffocate or prevent proper breathing or ventilation
88. undertake an ent_____se *n.* a business or company; a purposeful or industrious undertaking, especially one that requires effort
89. ed_____e public *v.* to provide or receive instruction or training over a period of time at a school, university, etc.
90. the characters that re_____nt numbers *v.* to speak, act, or be present on behalf of another person or group; to form or constitute
91. sh_____r a world record *v.* to break suddenly into many pieces
92. thick mo_____es *n.* a thick, dark syrup made from boiled sugar cane or sugar beet juice, often used as a sweetener in cooking and baking
93. st___e creativity *v.* to suppress or restrain something, particularly a feeling, emotion, or action; to suffocate or prevent proper breathing or ventilation

ANSWERS: 85. nonsense, 86. facility, 87. stifle, 88. enterprise, 89. educate, 90. represent, 91. shatter, 92. molasses, 93. stifle

94. br__e a politician *v.* to try to make someone do something to gain one's favors or influence by giving a gift of money or other inducements
95. r__k amateur *n.* a position in a hierarchy of status or authority; (verb) to take or have a position relative to others
96. a na__y smell *adj.* very bad, unpleasant, or offensive
97. high r__k *n.* a position in a hierarchy of status or authority; (verb) to take or have a position relative to others
98. ta___f policy *n.* a tax imposed by a government on imported or exported goods
99. ho_____le smell *adj.* extremely unpleasant or bad; causing fear or disgust
100. a sl__e trader *n.* a person who is, either legally or illegally, owned by someone; a person entirely dominated by some influence or a person
101. non_____al statement *adj.* lacking in sense or meaning; absurd, irrational, or illogical
102. the ou_____k of the townsite *n.* the likely future situation for someone or something; a habitual or characteristic mental attitude to life and the world of a particular person, group, or culture
103. ha__t memories *v.* to frequent or visit repeatedly, often in a way that is disturbing or unsettling; to occupy or fill the mind, often in a way that is unpleasant or persistent

ANSWERS: 94. bribe, 95. rank, 96. nasty, 97. rank, 98. tariff, 99. horrible, 100. slave, 101. nonsensical, 102. outlook, 103. haunt

104. art cr___c *n.* someone who expresses opinions about the quality of books, music, etc.
105. public education ad_____tes *n.* a person who supports or suggests an idea, development, or way of doing something
106. economic pro_____ty *n.* the state of being successful and having the good fortune
107. mi_____e a service *v.* to move from one country or region to another and settle there; to move from one place to another periodically or seasonally
108. ha_____d house *adj.* inhabited, visited, or frequented by ghosts or spirits; disturbed or troubled by persistent or disturbing memories or emotions
109. em_____ee evaluation *n.* a person who is hired to work for a business or organization in exchange for wages or salary; a worker
110. at_____de control *n.* the way you think and feel about someone or something
111. env_____nt affairs *n.* the natural world such as air, water, and land in which humans, animals, and plants live
112. create a br__d logo *n.* a type of product, service, etc., made by a particular company and sold under a specific name; identification mark on the skin of livestock, criminals, etc., made by burning
113. si_____fy the process *v.* to make something more straightforward, more understandable, or easier to do

ANSWERS: 104. critic, 105. advocate, 106. prosperity, 107. migrate, 108. haunted, 109. employee, 110. attitude, 111. environment, 112. brand, 113. simplify

114. plenty of ca__o space *n.* the goods carried by ship, aircraft, or other vehicles
115. vi____t incident *adj.* involving or caused by physical force or aggression against someone or something
116. me____m color *adj.* of a size, amount, or level that is average or intermediate; (noun) a means or instrumentality for storing or communicating information
117. sh____r the plate *v.* to break suddenly into many pieces
118. receive a na__y surprise *adj.* very bad, unpleasant, or offensive
119. s__t beliefs *n.* a group of people who follow a particular religious or philosophical belief system, especially one that is regarded as outside the norm or mainstream
120. t__p an animal *n.* a piece of equipment or hole for catching animals or people; (verb) to catch animals or people and prevent them from escaping
121. la____h a big attack *v.* to send or propel something into the air or space using a device such as a rocket, missile, or spacecraft; to make something available or on sale for the first time
122. br__d suspicion *v.* to keep animals for producing offspring in a regulated manner
123. si____fy my life *v.* to make something more straightforward, more understandable, or easier to do

ANSWERS: 114. cargo, 115. violent, 116. medium, 117. shatter, 118. nasty, 119. sect, 120. trap, 121. launch, 122. breed, 123. simplify

124. sheer no____se *n.* an idea, behavior, or something spoken or written that has no meaning or makes no sense or that is silly or unacceptable
125. a sl__e of drink *n.* a person who is, either legally or illegally, owned by someone; a person entirely dominated by some influence or a person
126. ma__h east *v.* to walk militarily with stiff, regular steps
127. mo____ze a stiff joint *v.* to make something ready for action or use; to organize people or resources for a particular purpose
128. co____e electricity *v.* to spend something, especially fuel, energy, or time, in a large amount

ANSWERS: 124. nonsense, 125. slave, 126. march, 127. mobilize, 128. consume

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The protesters became _____ when the police tried to disperse them.
adj. involving or caused by physical force or aggression against someone or something
2. His business _____ took him to the United States.
n. a promise or firm decision to do something or to behave in a certain way
3. This war shattered dreams of peace and _____.
n. the state of being successful and having the good fortune
4. There's a new _____ of hero in the movies now.
n. a type of product, service, etc., made by a particular company and sold under a specific name; identification mark on the skin of livestock, criminals, etc., made by burning
5. The stock market _____ measures the performance of a group of stocks.
n. a list of items, such as names, subjects, or keywords, that is arranged in a particular order and is usually found at the end of a book or document; a number or symbol that indicates the value or level of something, such as a stock index or a temperature index
6. There has been a gradual but steady rise in environmental _____.
n. the fact or state of knowing something exists and is important
7. The minority _____ believed in a set of unconventional religious practices.
n. a group of people who follow a particular religious or philosophical belief system, especially one that is regarded as outside the norm or mainstream

ANSWERS: 1. violent, 2. commitments, 3. prosperity, 4. brand, 5. index, 6. awareness, 7. sect

8. The military _____ troops to the border.
v. to make something ready for action or use; to organize people or resources for a particular purpose
9. Our company's business _____ for next year is bright.
n. the likely future situation for someone or something; a habitual or characteristic mental attitude to life and the world of a particular person, group, or culture
10. The old mansion was known to be _____ with strange noises and eerie sightings reported by visitors.
adj. inhabited, visited, or frequented by ghosts or spirits; disturbed or troubled by persistent or disturbing memories or emotions
11. She had the _____ that work was fun.
n. the way you think and feel about someone or something
12. 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
13. A smaller car will _____ less fuel.
v. to spend something, especially fuel, energy, or time, in a large amount
14. The _____ chip in my credit card allows me to make contactless payments.
adj. fixed firmly into the surface of something
15. He tries to _____ the ship's captain to export illegal products.
v. to try to make someone do something to gain one's favors or influence by giving a gift of money or other inducements

ANSWERS: 8. mobilized, 9. outlook, 10. haunted, 11. attitude, 12. environment, 13. consume, 14. embedded, 15. bribe

16. Please _____ your explanation for the children.
- v.* to make something more straightforward, more understandable, or easier to do
17. This company has an entire recycling _____ including major reprocessing plants.
- n.* a building or place that provides a particular service or is used for a particular industry
18. The Ottoman Empire _____ for over five centuries.
- v.* to grow or develop vigorously or successfully
19. Advocates for legal reform hear less harsh words from their _____.
- n.* someone who expresses opinions about the quality of books, music, etc.
20. The troops _____ shoulder-to-shoulder.
- v.* to walk militarily with stiff, regular steps
21. The new _____ on imported goods has sparked controversy among trade partners.
- n.* a tax imposed by a government on imported or exported goods
22. Rampant _____ led to a loss of trust in the government.
- n.* dishonest, harmful, or illegal behavior, especially of people in positions of power
23. The fire ruined all the food stored in the _____.
- n.* a large building for storing goods and merchandise, especially before they are sold, used, or sent out to shops

ANSWERS: 16. simplify, 17. facility, 18. flourished, 19. critics, 20. marched, 21. tariff, 22. corruption, 23. warehouse

24. This animal _____ in northern latitudes.
v. to keep animals for producing offspring in a regulated manner
25. The majority of synthetic vitamins are _____ from oil.
v. to make goods in large numbers, usually in a factory using machines
26. The _____ size shirt fits him perfectly.
adj. of a size, amount, or level that is average or intermediate; (noun) a means or instrumentality for storing or communicating information
27. The country proclaimed its _____ over the disputed territory.
n. supremacy or authority, especially supreme authority over a country
28. We elected him to _____ us at the international conference.
v. to speak, act, or be present on behalf of another person or group; to form or constitute
29. She _____ her parents to let her go to the concert.
v. to ask for something urgently or earnestly; to appeal to someone to do something
30. The company is set to _____ its new product line next month.
v. to send or propel something into the air or space using a device such as a rocket, missile, or spacecraft; to make something available or on sale for the first time
31. It was the first time in a long time that I felt truly _____ and at peace.
adj. not excited, angry, or nervous; free from wind, large waves

ANSWERS: 24. breeds, 25. manufactured, 26. medium, 27. sovereignty, 28. represent, 29. begged, 30. launch, 31. calm

32. The _____ handbook outlines the rules and regulations that all employees must follow.
- n.* a person who is hired to work for a business or organization in exchange for wages or salary; a worker
33. Marketing strategies are growing more _____.
- adj.* having a great deal of worldly experience and knowledge of people's behavior, culture, and fashion
34. _____ of abolishing the death penalty often argue that the alternative heaviest sentence should be life in prison.
- n.* a person who supports or suggests an idea, development, or way of doing something
35. The professor's scathing comments left the student with a sense of _____ about their work.
- n.* the state or condition of being lower in rank, quality, or status; a feeling or sense of being less worthy or capable than others
36. The company decided to invest in a _____ industry.
- adj.* successful financially or materially; bringing success or good fortune
37. I made a _____ box to store my winter clothes in.
- n.* a stiff, thick material made from compressed paper pulp used to make boxes and other packaging materials
38. Many Germans _____ to South America in the mid-19th century.
- v.* to move from one country or region to another and settle there; to move from one place to another periodically or seasonally

ANSWERS: 32. employee, 33. sophisticated, 34. Advocates, 35. inferiority, 36. prosperous, 37. cardboard, 38. migrated

39. The school's mission is to _____ young children and prepare them for the future.
- v.* to provide or receive instruction or training over a period of time at a school, university, etc.
40. This year's extreme heat has resulted in many heat _____ cases.
- n.* a medical condition in which poor blood flow to the brain causes cell death; the act of swinging or striking at a ball with a club, racket, etc.
41. The recipe calls for a tablespoon of _____ to add sweetness.
- n.* a thick, dark syrup made from boiled sugar cane or sugar beet juice, often used as a sweetener in cooking and baking
42. Plutonium has limited _____ applications.
- adj.* not involving violence, conflict, or war
43. Many studies have investigated the relationship between _____ and academic achievement.
- n.* the condition of being extremely poor
44. The oppressive regime tried to _____ free speech and dissent.
- v.* to suppress or restrain something, particularly a feeling, emotion, or action; to suffocate or prevent proper breathing or ventilation
45. During the war, many _____ ships were converted into battleships.
- n.* the goods carried by ship, aircraft, or other vehicles
46. The experience was _____ and left a lasting impression.
- adj.* extremely unpleasant or bad; causing fear or disgust

ANSWERS: 39. educate, 40. stroke, 41. molasses, 42. peaceful, 43. poverty, 44. stifle, 45. cargo, 46. horrible

47. The comedian's jokes could have been more _____ and confused the audience.

adj. lacking in sense or meaning; absurd, irrational, or illogical

48. She checked her _____ before embarking on the hike.

n. a toothed wheel that engages another toothed mechanism to change the speed or direction of transmitted motion; a set of tools, equipment, or other items for a particular purpose

49. Doctors are gradually coming around to the idea of using _____ medicines.

n. one of two or more available possibilities or choice

50. He was promoted to the _____ of captain in the military.

n. a position in a hierarchy of status or authority; (verb) to take or have a position relative to others

51. The crowd's boos and jeers continued to _____ the performer long after the show ended.

v. to frequent or visit repeatedly, often in a way that is disturbing or unsettling; to occupy or fill the mind, often in a way that is unpleasant or persistent

52. His estate was _____ to his sons.

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

53. The new employee's work was _____ to that of the experienced workers in the team.

adj. lower in rank, status, or quality

ANSWERS: 47. nonsensical, 48. gear, 49. alternative, 50. rank, 51. haunt, 52. distributed, 53. inferior

54. The two plays have many _____ parallels.

adj. attractive and distinctive enough to draw notice; exceedingly appealing, frequently in an odd manner

55. The federal _____ is planning to increase taxes for the next fiscal year.

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

56. The _____ by the citizen resulted in a redistribution of wealth.

n. a large-scale attempt to overthrow the government of a country, often using violence or war;

57. The enemy fell right into the _____.

n. a piece of equipment or hole for catching animals or people; (verb) to catch animals or people and prevent them from escaping

58. Her husband's death _____ her life entirely.

v. to break suddenly into many pieces

59. The weather turned _____.

adj. very bad, unpleasant, or offensive

60. I have to _____ my passport by the middle of September.

v. to begin or resume something again after an interruption

61. The parents spoke to their children in no-_____ tones.

n. an idea, behavior, or something spoken or written that has no meaning or makes no sense or that is silly or unacceptable

62. You should work hard but not be a _____ to it.

n. a person who is, either legally or illegally, owned by someone; a person entirely dominated by some influence or a person

ANSWERS: 54. striking, 55. government, 56. revolution, 57. trap, 58. shattered, 59. nasty, 60. renew, 61. nonsense, 62. slave

63. Bring a snack or _____ to satisfy your appetite.

n. a drink of any type

64. A growing _____ requires a bold leader.

n. a business or company; a purposeful or industrious undertaking, especially one that requires effort

ANSWERS: 63. beverage, 64. enterprise