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Session 1: Word List

grasp

v. to take hold of something or someone quickly and firmly

synonym : grab, clasp, grip

(1) **grasp** his hand, (2) **grasp** a chance

They spent a lot of time trying to **grasp** the current situation.

utter

adj. complete, total, or absolute; said, done, or experienced without any exceptions or qualifications; spoken aloud or enunciated very clearly and distinctly; (verb) to speak or articulate words, sounds, or a voice

synonym : absolute, complete, total

(1) **utter** nonsense, (2) **utter** a big sigh

The **utter** chaos of the concert crowd made it seem like a wild animal was in the room.

confusion

n. the state of being mixed up or unclear, or the state of disorder or uncertainty

synonym : disorder, disarray, chaos

(1) administrative **confusion**, (2) in great **confusion**

The sudden policy change has caused **confusion** among employees.

argument

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

dispute

synonym : debate, discourse, discussion

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

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

suddenly

adv. quickly and unexpectedly

synonym : abruptly, unexpectedly, unawares

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

Who answers **suddenly** knows little.

accuse

v. to charge or criticize someone with a crime or wrongdoing

synonym : charge, blame, criticize

(1) **accuse** his rudeness, (2) **accuse** each other

The witness **accused** the defendant of committing the robbery.

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.

animosity

n. strong hostility or hatred towards someone or something, often resulting in conflict or ill-will

synonym : enmity, hostility, bitterness

(1) personal **animosity**, (2) deep-seated **animosity**

The **animosity** between the two political parties has only grown stronger over the years.

misunderstand

v. to interpret or understand something in the wrong way

synonym : misinterpret, misperceive, misapprehend

(1) **misunderstand** each other, (2) **misunderstand** entirely about her

You should not **misunderstand** the meaning of freedom.

probe

n. a tool used for testing or examining, especially for medical or scientific purposes, or an exploratory mission to a planet or other celestial body; (verb) to investigate, examine, or search into something

synonym: investigation, inquiry, examination

(1) a lunar **probe**, (2) **probe** for inside information

NASA sent a **probe** to study the atmosphere of Jupiter.

mar

v. to damage or spoil the appearance or surface of something

synonym: damage, deface, disfigure

(1) **mar** a proper relationship, (2) **mar** the reputation

The scratches on the car **marred** its otherwise perfect appearance.

incredibly

adv. in a way that is very difficult to believe; exceedingly or extremely

synonym: enormously, exceptionally, extraordinarily

(1) **incredibly** cheerful character, (2) get **incredibly** insecure

Several cities are experiencing **incredibly** high unemployment rates.

complexity

n. the state or quality of being complicated or intricate and difficult to understand

synonym: intricacy, sophistication, elaboration

(1) cognitive **complexity**, (2) **complexity** theory

The project's **complexity** made it difficult for the team to complete it on time.

interpretation

n. an explanation or opinion of something, especially that is not immediately obvious

synonym: rendering, explanation, understanding

(1) the **interpretation** of history, (2) open to **interpretation**
His **interpretations** of literary works are often unique.

transmission

n. the act or process of sending something from one person or place to another; the process of broadcasting over the airwaves, as in radio or television

synonym: transportation, communication, broadcast

(1) **transmission** speed, (2) the **transmission** gears of a car

Education is the **transmission** of civilization.

toss

v. to throw something carelessly with a light motion

synonym: throw, sway

(1) **toss** a coin, (2) **toss** the bottle into a trash can

It would be best if you **tossed** out all those old magazines.

simplistic

adj. oversimplified or lacking in complexity or depth; characterized by an attempt to explain something complex or multifaceted with overly vague or simple terms

synonym: basic, uncomplicated, elementary

(1) **simplistic** approach, (2) **simplistic** design

The politician's solution to the problem was too **simplistic** to solve the underlying issue.

transact

v. to carry out or conduct a business or other transaction; to complete or fulfill an agreement, deal, or contract

synonym: conduct, carry out, perform

(1) **transact** internationally, (2) **transact** in cash

I need to **transact** some business at the bank before it closes.

acknowledge

v. to accept or admit the existence, reality, or truth of something; to accept that someone or something has a particular authority or quality; to express obligation, thanks, or gratitude for someone's help, commitment, etc.;

synonym : accept, agree, declare

(1) **acknowledge** the deed, (2) **acknowledge** his help
He never **acknowledged** his fault.

accurate

adj. correct and exact in all details

synonym : exact, precise, proper

(1) provide **accurate** information, (2) **accurate** measurements

The official transcript contains **accurate** academic records.

transaction

n. an instance of buying or selling something; the act or process of doing something

synonym : trade, dealing, commerce

(1) card with no foreign **transaction** fees, (2) **transaction** balance

Electronic **transactions** remain incomplete due to system errors.

exchange

v. to give something and receive something else in return, often with the implication that the items being traded are of equal or comparable value; (noun) the act of giving or taking something in return for something else; a place or system where goods or services can be bought, sold, or traded

synonym : trade, swap, interchange

(1) **exchange** rate, (2) **exchange** a few friendly words
My sister and I frequently **exchange** books, as we love reading.

complication

n. something that makes a situation or condition that is complex or confused

synonym : confusion, complexity, difficulty

(1) **complication** of structure, (2) resolve without **complication**

He also continued to struggle with serious long-term **complications**.

- trek** *n.* a long and difficult journey, typically on foot
synonym: journey, expedition, hike
(1) horseback **trek**, (2) **trek** expedition
He was preparing for a long **trek** through the mountains.
- universe** *n.* everything that exists, especially all physical matter, including planets, stars, galaxies, and all other forms of matter and energy
synonym: cosmos, macrocosm
(1) theory of the **universe**, (2) expansion of the **universe**
The **universe** is about 13.8 billion years old.
- meld** *v.* to combine or blend, especially in a way that produces a harmonious or unified whole; to merge or fuse
synonym: blend, merge, combine
(1) **meld** business and pleasure, (2) **meld** physics with life science
The chef **melded** the flavors of the spice blend to create the perfect marinade.
- lens** *n.* a transparent optical device with curved sides, used in an optical instrument that makes objects seem larger, smaller, clearer, etc.; (metaphor) the basic thoughts or mindsets through which someone sees or understands the environment or situation
synonym: glass
(1) a convex **lens**, (2) a **lens** with a wide angle
The photographer took this photo using a telephoto **lens**.
- perception** *n.* a belief, opinion, or image you have based on how you regard, understand, or interpret something; the ability to see, hear, or notice something through the senses
synonym: understanding, idea, awareness
(1) keen **perception**, (2) **perception** of a stimulus
He is a man admired for the depth of his **perception**.

filter

n. any of several types of equipment or systems used to separate particles from liquids or gases or to remove specific forms of light

synonym : strainer

(1) gas **filter**, (2) clogged **filter**

Ozone is a primary **filter** to protect Earth's surface from harmful UV rays.

continually

adv. in a way that happens without interruption or repeatedly

synonym : repeatedly, frequently, constantly

(1) **continually** access information, (2) **continually** changing world

Her tongue runs on **continually**.

shift

n. a slight transition in position, direction, or trend

synonym : transition, change, modification

(1) Doppler **shift**, (2) major paradigm **shift**

Could you help me **shift** some furniture?

lump

n. a small, irregularly shaped mass or piece, typically of a soft substance such as coal, flour, or dough

synonym : mass, clump, ball

(1) **lump** in the throat, (2) single **lump** sum

There is a small **lump** on my neck, and I'm concerned about it.

clay

n. a natural, earthy material that is made up of very small particles of minerals and can be molded when wet and then fired to produce ceramics

synonym : ceramics, pottery, dirt

(1) **clay** animation, (2) soft **clay** ground

The sculptor carefully molded the **clay** into the desired shape.

variable

adj. likely to change or vary often; (noun) a symbol, like x or y, that is used in mathematical or logical expressions to represent a value that may be changed

synonym: erratic, inconsistent, irregular

(1) a **variable** species, (2) a dependent **variable**

Rainfall in the tropics is highly **variable**.

gender

n. the range of characteristics of femininity and masculinity and differentiating between them, especially when considering social and cultural differences rather than differences in biology

synonym: sexuality

(1) **gender-blind** policies, (2) dual **gender**

Cultural norms strongly influence **gender** expectations.

ethnicity

n. the cultural characteristics of a particular group, such as language, religion, and traditions, that distinguish them from other groups

synonym: race, culture, heritage

(1) with respect to **ethnicity**, (2) based on their **ethnicity**

The company has a diverse workforce representing different **ethnicity** and backgrounds.

religion

n. a deep conviction in a supernatural power that controls human destiny

synonym: faith, creed, belief

(1) **religion** sociology, (2) freedom of **religion**

Their **religion** strictly prohibits them from drinking or gambling.

background

n. the details of a person's social heritage, such as family, vocational or educational experience; past information that is essential to understanding a situation or problem

synonym: ground, experience, backdrop

(1) a **background** color, (2) a criminal **background**

The company's hiring criteria emphasize personality, not a person's **background**.

simultaneously

adv. at the same time

synonym: concurrently, coincidentally, together

(1) **simultaneously** affected, (2) take several inputs
simultaneously

Two students answered the teacher's question
simultaneously.

interpret

v. to explain or assign the meaning of information, actions, etc.

synonym: decode, decipher, analyze

(1) **interpret** a graph, (2) **interpret** the question

Different people might **interpret** this news differently.

relation

n. the way two persons or groups of people feel and act toward one another

synonym: association, linkage, connection

(1) **relation** between cause and effect, (2) **relation** of inclusion

The industrial **relations** laws were passed with little to no alteration.

semantics

n. the branch of linguistics and logic concerned with meaning

synonym: meaning, connotation, denotation

(1) lexical **semantics**, (2) information **semantics**

The **semantics** of the sentence could have been clearer and easier to understand.

connote

v. to suggest or imply something in addition to its literal or primary meaning; to imply something beyond the literal or primary meaning

synonym: imply, suggest, signify

(1) **connote** emotion, (2) **connote** symbolism

The word 'home' **connotes** a sense of warmth and comfort.

distracted

adj. having one's attention diverted or divided; being unable to concentrate because of being preoccupied or worried

synonym: preoccupied, inattentive, absent-minded

(1) get **distracted** by an urgent matter, (2) **distracted** by a conversation

I was so **distracted** by my phone that I nearly walked into a lamppost.

stimulus

n. something that causes growth or arouses action

synonym: incitement, inspiration, motivation

(1) a response to a **stimulus**, (2) economic **stimulus**

This book provides children with ideas and a **stimulus** for outside recreation.

traffic

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

synonym: congestion, jam, flow

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

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

growl

v. to make a low, guttural sound, usually similar to that of an animal, expressing anger, agitation, or disapproval

synonym: snarl, rumble, grumble

(1) **growl** menacingly, (2) **growl** a command

The dog began to **growl** at the stranger approaching the house.

stomach

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

synonym: belly, abdomen, gut

(1) upset **stomach**, (2) **stomach** virus

I have a **stomach** ache after overeating junk food.

emotion

n. a strong feeling such as love, anger, etc. deriving from one's situation, mood, or relationships with others

synonym: feeling, sentiment, passion

(1) control my **emotion**, (2) afraid to show **emotion**
Some **emotions** are common across cultures and backgrounds.

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.

exponential

adj. becoming more and more rapid; of or involving mathematical exponents

(1) **exponential** growth, (2) **exponential** function
Since the 1990s, the Internet has continued to experience **exponential** growth.

reshape

v. to change the form or structure of something
synonym: alter, adjust, modify

(1) **reshape** education policy, (2) **reshape** my thoughts
The advent of the Internet completely **reshaped** the manufacturing industry.

mushy

adj. soft and pulpy in texture or consistency, often describing food; emotionally sentimental or overly romantic in a way that can be seen as insincere or sickly sweet
synonym: sappy, sentimental

(1) **mushy** romance, (2) **mushy** peas
The cake was **mushy** because I accidentally added too much milk to the batter.

navigate

v. to plan and direct the way that a ship, plane, etc. will travel, often by using a map
synonym: guide, helm, voyage

(1) **navigate** the Pacific, (2) **navigate** through a document
Our knowledge helps **navigate** our clients successfully.

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.

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.

engage

v. to attract and keep someone's attention and interest; to participate in or obtain services of something

synonym : confront, employ, amuse

(1) **engage** in environmental protection activities,

(2) **engage** a new employee

Many multinational companies are **engaged** in the reconstruction of that country.

verbal

adj. expressed in spoken rather than written words

synonym : speaking, lingual, oral

(1) **verbal** communication, (2) **verbal** abuse

The candidate must have excellent **verbal** skills.

nonverbal

adj. not involving or using spoken or written language; communicated through body language, facial expression, or other means besides language

synonym : silent, mute, unspoken

(1) **nonverbal** communication, (2) **nonverbal** signal

Many communication skills rely on **nonverbal** cues such as body language and facial expressions.

adjust

v. to make a minor modification to something to make it more suited for a new set of conditions or to make it

function better.

synonym: adapt, alter, acclimate

(1) **adjust** a schedule, (2) **adjust** the rearview mirror

You have to **adjust** your content to the age of the audience.

facilitate

v. to make something easier or more likely to happen

synonym: aid, assist, help

(1) **facilitate** a smooth transition, (2) **facilitate** the process

The company implemented a new software system to **facilitate** employee communication and collaboration.

gut

n. the long tube in the body of a person or animal through which food passes when it leaves the stomach; the mental strength or bravery required to do something difficult or unpleasant

synonym: belly, abdomen, courage

(1) the blind **gut**, (2) **gut** feelings

He told me a **gut-wrenching** truth about my parent's death.

element

n. a fundamental or essential part of something

synonym: component, feature, essence

(1) new design **elements**, (2) nonmetallic **elements**

Natural selection is an essential **element** in Darwin's theory of evolution.

communal

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

synonym: collaborative, combined, collective

(1) **communal** swimming pool, (2) **communal** combination of funds

Communal elections were held in several European countries.

influence

n. the ability to affect someone's or something's character, growth, or behavior, or the effect itself

synonym: power, leverage, effect

(1) **influence** a child's future, (2) **influence** the daily life
The former emperor had a particular **influence** even after he abdicated.

assume

v. to think or accept something to be true without having proof of it; to take or begin to have power; to begin to exhibit a specific quality or appearance

synonym: guess, presume, suppose

(1) **assume** a lousy attitude to his boss, (2) **assume** an important role

The following example **assumes** that the capacity of each battery is the same.

dialogue

n. a conversation in a book, play, or film

synonym: conversation, discussion, talk

(1) Platonic **dialogues**, (2) the form of a **dialogue**

He recorded the **dialogue** at the time of the incident.

Session 2: Spelling

1. dis_____ed by a conversation
adj. having one's attention diverted or divided; being unable to concentrate because of being preoccupied or worried
2. provide ac_____te information
adj. correct and exact in all details
3. g_t feelings
n. the long tube in the body of a person or animal through which food passes when it leaves the stomach; the mental strength or bravery required to do something difficult or unpleasant
4. gr__l menacingly
v. to make a low, guttural sound, usually similar to that of an animal, expressing anger, agitation, or disapproval
5. na_____te the Pacific
v. to plan and direct the way that a ship, plane, etc. will travel, often by using a map
6. ut__r a big sigh
adj. complete, total, or absolute; said, done, or experienced without any exceptions or qualifications; spoken aloud or enunciated very clearly and distinctly; (verb) to speak or articulate words, sounds, or a voice
7. ge___r-blind policies
n. the range of characteristics of femininity and masculinity and differentiating between them, especially when considering social and cultural differences rather than differences in biology

ANSWERS: 1. distracted, 2. accurate, 3. gut, 4. growl, 5. navigate, 6. utter, 7. gender

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| 8. Platonic di_____ues | <i>n.</i> | a conversation in a book, play, or film |
| 9. freedom of re_____on | <i>n.</i> | a deep conviction in a supernatural power that controls human destiny |
| 10. com_____te his anxieties to the psychiatrist | <i>v.</i> | to share or exchange information with others by speaking, writing, moving your body, or using other signals |
| 11. re_____on sociology | <i>n.</i> | a deep conviction in a supernatural power that controls human destiny |
| 12. a response to a st_____us | <i>n.</i> | something that causes growth or arouses action |
| 13. t__k expedition | <i>n.</i> | a long and difficult journey, typically on foot |
| 14. the int_____ion of history | <i>n.</i> | an explanation or opinion of something, especially that is not immediately obvious |
| 15. co_____al swimming pool | <i>adj.</i> | belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use |
| 16. soft c__y ground | <i>n.</i> | a natural, earthy material that is made up of very small particles of minerals and can be molded when wet and then fired to produce ceramics |
| 17. in_____et a graph | <i>v.</i> | to explain or assign the meaning of information, actions, etc. |
| 18. in great co_____on | <i>n.</i> | the state of being mixed up or unclear, or the state of disorder or uncertainty |
| 19. co_____e emotion | <i>v.</i> | to suggest or imply something in addition to its literal or primary meaning; to imply something beyond the literal or primary meaning |

ANSWERS: 8. dialogue, 9. religion, 10. communicate, 11. religion, 12. stimulus, 13. trek, 14. interpretation, 15. communal, 16. clay, 17. interpret, 18. confusion, 19. connote

20. 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
21. a blazing ar_____nt *n.* a set of statements or reasons used to support or refute a proposition or theory; a verbal or physical fight or dispute
22. con_____ion in English *n.* an informal talk between two or more people to exchange their views, ideas, information, etc.
23. exp_____al function *adj.* becoming more and more rapid; of or involving mathematical exponents
24. com_____ty theory *n.* the state or quality of being complicated or intricate and difficult to understand
25. resolve without com_____ion *n.* something that makes a situation or condition that is complex or confused
26. in_____et the question *v.* to explain or assign the meaning of information, actions, etc.
27. new design el_____ts *n.* a fundamental or essential part of something
28. no_____al signal *adj.* not involving or using spoken or written language; communicated through body language, facial expression, or other means besides language
29. sim_____ic design *adj.* oversimplified or lacking in complexity or depth; characterized by an attempt to explain something complex or multifaceted with overly vague or simple terms

ANSWERS: 20. recognize, 21. argument, 22. conversation, 23. exponential, 24. complexity, 25. complication, 26. interpret, 27. element, 28. nonverbal, 29. simplistic

41. as___e an important role *v.* to think or accept something to be true without having proof of it; to take or begin to have power; to begin to exhibit a specific quality or appearance
42. control my em____n *n.* a strong feeling such as love, anger, etc. deriving from one's situation, mood, or relationships with others
43. horseback t__k *n.* a long and difficult journey, typically on foot
44. open to int_____ion *n.* an explanation or opinion of something, especially that is not immediately obvious
45. m_r the reputation *v.* to damage or spoil the appearance or surface of something
46. no_____al communication *adj.* not involving or using spoken or written language; communicated through body language, facial expression, or other means besides language
47. exp_____al growth *adj.* becoming more and more rapid; of or involving mathematical exponents
48. co_____al combination of funds *adj.* belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use
49. dual ge___r *n.* the range of characteristics of femininity and masculinity and differentiating between them, especially when considering social and cultural differences rather than differences in biology
50. int_____on among human beings *n.* the act of connecting with someone, mainly when working, playing, or spending time with them

ANSWERS: 41. assume, 42. emotion, 43. trek, 44. interpretation, 45. mar, 46. nonverbal, 47. exponential, 48. communal, 49. gender, 50. interaction

51. na____te through a document *v.* to plan and direct the way that a ship, plane, etc. will travel, often by using a map
52. l__p in the throat *n.* a small, irregularly shaped mass or piece, typically of a soft substance such as coal, flour, or dough
53. a criminal bac_____nd *n.* the details of a person's social heritage, such as family, vocational or educational experience; past information that is essential to understanding a situation or problem
54. tra_____ion speed *n.* the act or process of sending something from one person or place to another; the process of broadcasting over the airwaves, as in radio or television
55. get dis_____ed by an urgent matter *adj.* having one's attention diverted or divided; being unable to concentrate because of being preoccupied or worried
56. a convex l__s *n.* a transparent optical device with curved sides, used in an optical instrument that makes objects seem larger, smaller, clearer, etc.; (metaphor) the basic thoughts or mindsets through which someone sees or understands the environment or situation
57. en___e in environmental protection activities *v.* to attract and keep someone's attention and interest; to participate in or obtain services of something
58. m_r a proper relationship *v.* to damage or spoil the appearance or surface of something

ANSWERS: 51. navigate, 52. lump, 53. background, 54. transmission, 55. distracted, 56. lens, 57. engage, 58. mar

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| 59. information se_____cs | <i>n.</i> the branch of linguistics and logic concerned with meaning |
| 60. com_____ion of structure | <i>n.</i> something that makes a situation or condition that is complex or confused |
| 61. en___e a new employee | <i>v.</i> to attract and keep someone's attention and interest; to participate in or obtain services of something |
| 62. get inc_____ly insecure | <i>adv.</i> in a way that is very difficult to believe; exceedingly or extremely |
| 63. re_____e my thoughts | <i>v.</i> to change the form or structure of something |
| 64. nonmetallic el_____ts | <i>n.</i> a fundamental or essential part of something |
| 65. ac_____te measurements | <i>adj.</i> correct and exact in all details |
| 66. expansion of the un_____se | <i>n.</i> everything that exists, especially all physical matter, including planets, stars, galaxies, and all other forms of matter and energy |
| 67. clogged fi___r | <i>n.</i> any of several types of equipment or systems used to separate particles from liquids or gases or to remove specific forms of light |
| 68. the ar_____nt against capital punishment | <i>n.</i> a set of statements or reasons used to support or refute a proposition or theory; a verbal or physical fight or dispute |
| 69. fac_____te the process | <i>v.</i> to make something easier or more likely to happen |

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70. card with no foreign tra_____on fees *n.* an instance of buying or selling something; the act or process of doing something
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80. ex_____ge a few friendly words *v.* to give something and receive something else in return, often with the implication that the items being traded are of equal or comparable value; (noun) the act of giving or taking something in return for something else; a place or system where goods or services can be bought, sold, or traded

ANSWERS: 70. transaction, 71. facilitate, 72. growl, 73. clay, 74. stimulus, 75.

dialogue, 76. semantics, 77. meld, 78. influence, 79. filter, 80. exchange

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82. ve____l communication *adj.* expressed in spoken rather than written words
83. su_____ly attacked by an enemy *adv.* quickly and unexpectedly
84. ad____t a schedule *v.* to make a minor modification to something to make it more suited for a new set of conditions or to make it function better.
85. pr__e for inside information *n.* a tool used for testing or examining, especially for medical or scientific purposes, or an exploratory mission to a planet or other celestial body; (verb) to investigate, examine, or search into something
86. based on their et_____ty *n.* the cultural characteristics of a particular group, such as language, religion, and traditions, that distinguish them from other groups
87. heavy tr_____c *n.* the movement of vehicles, people, or goods along a route or through a transport system; the amount of such movement in a particular place or at a particular time
88. tra_____on balance *n.* an instance of buying or selling something; the act or process of doing something

ANSWERS: 81. ethnicity, 82. verbal, 83. suddenly, 84. adjust, 85. probe, 86. ethnicity, 87. traffic, 88. transaction

89. t__s the bottle into a trash can *v.* to throw something carelessly with a light motion
90. ack_____ge his help *v.* to accept or admit the existence, reality, or truth of something; to accept that someone or something has a particular authority or quality; to express obligation, thanks, or gratitude for someone's help, commitment, etc.;
91. t__s a coin *v.* to throw something carelessly with a light motion
92. ve___l abuse *adj.* expressed in spoken rather than written words
93. a lunar pr__e *n.* a tool used for testing or examining, especially for medical or scientific purposes, or an exploratory mission to a planet or other celestial body; (verb) to investigate, examine, or search into something
94. mis_____and each other *v.* to interpret or understand something in the wrong way
95. afraid to show em_____n *n.* a strong feeling such as love, anger, etc. deriving from one's situation, mood, or relationships with others
96. theory of the un_____se *n.* everything that exists, especially all physical matter, including planets, stars, galaxies, and all other forms of matter and energy
97. a dependent va_____le *adj.* likely to change or vary often; (noun) a symbol, like x or y, that is used in mathematical or logical expressions to represent a value that may be changed

ANSWERS: 89. toss, 90. acknowledge, 91. toss, 92. verbal, 93. probe, 94. misunderstand, 95. emotion, 96. universe, 97. variable

98. Doppler sh__t *n.* a slight transition in position, direction, or trend
99. cognitive com_____ty *n.* the state or quality of being complicated or intricate and difficult to understand
100. con_____ly access information *adv.* in a way that happens without interruption or repeatedly
101. ac___e his rudeness *v.* to charge or criticize someone with a crime or wrongdoing
102. mu__y peas *adj.* soft and pulpy in texture or consistency, often describing food; emotionally sentimental or overly romantic in a way that can be seen as insincere or sickly sweet
103. per_____on of a stimulus *n.* a belief, opinion, or image you have based on how you regard, understand, or interpret something; the ability to see, hear, or notice something through the senses
104. the tra_____ion gears of a car *n.* the act or process of sending something from one person or place to another; the process of broadcasting over the airwaves, as in radio or television
105. the blind g_t *n.* the long tube in the body of a person or animal through which food passes when it leaves the stomach; the mental strength or bravery required to do something difficult or unpleasant
106. mu__y romance *adj.* soft and pulpy in texture or consistency, often describing food; emotionally sentimental or overly romantic in a way that can be seen as insincere or sickly sweet

ANSWERS: 98. shift, 99. complexity, 100. continually, 101. accuse, 102. mushy, 103. perception, 104. transmission, 105. gut, 106. mushy

107. administrative co_____on *n.* the state of being mixed up or unclear, or the state of disorder or uncertainty
108. com_____te well with my advisor *v.* to share or exchange information with others by speaking, writing, moving your body, or using other signals
109. re_____e education policy *v.* to change the form or structure of something
110. con_____ly changing world *adv.* in a way that happens without interruption or repeatedly
111. the int_____on between man and his environment *n.* the act of connecting with someone, mainly when working, playing, or spending time with them
112. as___e a lousy attitude to his boss *v.* to think or accept something to be true without having proof of it; to take or begin to have power; to begin to exhibit a specific quality or appearance
113. m__d business and pleasure *v.* to combine or blend, especially in a way that produces a harmonious or unified whole; to merge or fuse
114. single l__p sum *n.* a small, irregularly shaped mass or piece, typically of a soft substance such as coal, flour, or dough
115. a l__s with a wide angle *n.* a transparent optical device with curved sides, used in an optical instrument that makes objects seem larger, smaller, clearer, etc.; (metaphor) the basic thoughts or mindsets through which someone sees or understands the environment or situation

ANSWERS: 107. confusion, 108. communicate, 109. reshape, 110. continually, 111. interaction, 112. assume, 113. meld, 114. lump, 115. lens

116. a bac_____nd color *n.* the details of a person's social heritage, such as family, vocational or educational experience; past information that is essential to understanding a situation or problem
117. gr__p a chance *v.* to take hold of something or someone quickly and firmly
118. ac___e each other *v.* to charge or criticize someone with a crime or wrongdoing
119. ut__r nonsense *adj.* complete, total, or absolute; said, done, or experienced without any exceptions or qualifications; spoken aloud or enunciated very clearly and distinctly; (verb) to speak or articulate words, sounds, or a voice
120. ad___t the rearview mirror *v.* to make a minor modification to something to make it more suited for a new set of conditions or to make it function better.
121. inc_____ly cheerful character *adv.* in a way that is very difficult to believe; exceedingly or extremely
122. deep-seated an_____ty *n.* strong hostility or hatred towards someone or something, often resulting in conflict or ill-will
123. sim_____sly affected *adv.* at the same time
124. a va_____le species *adj.* likely to change or vary often; (noun) a symbol, like x or y, that is used in mathematical or logical expressions to represent a value that may be changed

ANSWERS: 116. background, 117. grasp, 118. accuse, 119. utter, 120. adjust, 121. incredibly, 122. animosity, 123. simultaneously, 124. variable

125. upset st_____h *n.* the internal organ in the body where food is digested, situated in the abdomen; the part of the body below the chest that contains the stomach
126. ex_____ge rate *v.* to give something and receive something else in return, often with the implication that the items being traded are of equal or comparable value; (noun) the act of giving or taking something in return for something else; a place or system where goods or services can be bought, sold, or traded
127. mis_____and entirely about her *v.* to interpret or understand something in the wrong way
128. take several inputs sim_____sly *adv.* at the same time
129. personal an_____ty *n.* strong hostility or hatred towards someone or something, often resulting in conflict or ill-will
130. tr_____ct internationally *v.* to carry out or conduct a business or other transaction; to complete or fulfill an agreement, deal, or contract
131. co_____e symbolism *v.* to suggest or imply something in addition to its literal or primary meaning; to imply something beyond the literal or primary meaning
132. tr_____c jam *n.* the movement of vehicles, people, or goods along a route or through a transport system; the amount of such movement in a particular place or at a particular time

ANSWERS: 125. stomach, 126. exchange, 127. misunderstand, 128. simultaneously, 129. animosity, 130. transact, 131. connote, 132. traffic

133. ack_____ge the deed

v. to accept or admit the existence, reality, or truth of something; to accept that someone or something has a particular authority or quality; to express obligation, thanks, or gratitude for someone's help, commitment, etc.;

134. keen per_____on

n. a belief, opinion, or image you have based on how you regard, understand, or interpret something; the ability to see, hear, or notice something through the senses

ANSWERS: 133. acknowledge, 134. perception

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. 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

2. The company's hiring criteria emphasize personality, not a person's _____.
 - n. the details of a person's social heritage, such as family, vocational or educational experience; past information that is essential to understanding a situation or problem

3. The advent of the Internet completely _____ the manufacturing industry.
 - v. to change the form or structure of something

4. The cake was _____ because I accidentally added too much milk to the batter.
 - adj. soft and pulpy in texture or consistency, often describing food; emotionally sentimental or overly romantic in a way that can be seen as insincere or sickly sweet

5. The word 'home' _____ a sense of warmth and comfort.
 - v. to suggest or imply something in addition to its literal or primary meaning; to imply something beyond the literal or primary meaning

6. They spent a lot of time trying to _____ the current situation.
 - v. to take hold of something or someone quickly and firmly

7. Since the 1990s, the Internet has continued to experience _____ growth.
 - adj. becoming more and more rapid; of or involving mathematical exponents

ANSWERS: 1. communicate, 2. background, 3. reshaped, 4. mushy, 5. connotes, 6. grasp, 7. exponential

8. The _____ between the two political parties has only grown stronger over the years.
- n.* strong hostility or hatred towards someone or something, often resulting in conflict or ill-will
9. He recorded the _____ at the time of the incident.
- n.* a conversation in a book, play, or film
10. He was preparing for a long ____ through the mountains.
- n.* a long and difficult journey, typically on foot
11. The _____ is about 13.8 billion years old.
- n.* everything that exists, especially all physical matter, including planets, stars, galaxies, and all other forms of matter and energy
12. The project's _____ made it difficult for the team to complete it on time.
- n.* the state or quality of being complicated or intricate and difficult to understand
13. There is a small ____ on my neck, and I'm concerned about it.
- n.* a small, irregularly shaped mass or piece, typically of a soft substance such as coal, flour, or dough
14. He also continued to struggle with serious long-term _____.
- n.* something that makes a situation or condition that is complex or confused
15. His _____ of literary works are often unique.
- n.* an explanation or opinion of something, especially that is not immediately obvious

ANSWERS: 8. animosity, 9. dialogue, 10. trek, 11. universe, 12. complexity, 13. lump, 14. complications, 15. interpretations

16. I was so _____ by my phone that I nearly walked into a lamppost.

adj. having one's attention diverted or divided; being unable to concentrate because of being preoccupied or worried

17. The company implemented a new software system to _____ employee communication and collaboration.

v. to make something easier or more likely to happen

18. NASA sent a _____ to study the atmosphere of Jupiter.

n. a tool used for testing or examining, especially for medical or scientific purposes, or an exploratory mission to a planet or other celestial body; (verb) to investigate, examine, or search into something

19. The photographer took this photo using a telephoto _____.

n. a transparent optical device with curved sides, used in an optical instrument that makes objects seem larger, smaller, clearer, etc.; (metaphor) the basic thoughts or mindsets through which someone sees or understands the environment or situation

20. The sculptor carefully molded the _____ into the desired shape.

n. a natural, earthy material that is made up of very small particles of minerals and can be molded when wet and then fired to produce ceramics

21. I need to _____ some business at the bank before it closes.

v. to carry out or conduct a business or other transaction; to complete or fulfill an agreement, deal, or contract

22. Some _____ are common across cultures and backgrounds.

n. a strong feeling such as love, anger, etc. deriving from one's situation, mood, or relationships with others

ANSWERS: 16. distracted, 17. facilitate, 18. probe, 19. lens, 20. clay, 21. transact, 22. emotions

23. Your _____ reflects your thoughts.

- n.* an informal talk between two or more people to exchange their views, ideas, information, etc.

24. Many communication skills rely on _____ cues such as body language and facial expressions.

- adj.* not involving or using spoken or written language; communicated through body language, facial expression, or other means besides language

25. The politician's solution to the problem was too _____ to solve the underlying issue.

- adj.* oversimplified or lacking in complexity or depth; characterized by an attempt to explain something complex or multifaceted with overly vague or simple terms

26. My sister and I frequently _____ books, as we love reading.

- v.* to give something and receive something else in return, often with the implication that the items being traded are of equal or comparable value; (noun) the act of giving or taking something in return for something else; a place or system where goods or services can be bought, sold, or traded

27. 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

28. Ozone is a primary _____ to protect Earth's surface from harmful UV rays.

- n.* any of several types of equipment or systems used to separate particles from liquids or gases or to remove specific forms of light

29. We decided to take a detour to avoid the construction _____ on the main road.

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

ANSWERS: 23. conversation, 24. nonverbal, 25. simplistic, 26. exchange, 27. interaction, 28. filter, 29. traffic

30. The dog began to _____ at the stranger approaching the house.

- v. to make a low, guttural sound, usually similar to that of an animal, expressing anger, agitation, or disapproval

31. The candidate must have excellent _____ skills.

- adj. expressed in spoken rather than written words

32. Different people might _____ this news differently.

- v. to explain or assign the meaning of information, actions, etc.

33. It would be best if you _____ out all those old magazines.

- v. to throw something carelessly with a light motion

34. The witness _____ the defendant of committing the robbery.

- v. to charge or criticize someone with a crime or wrongdoing

35. You have to _____ your content to the age of the audience.

- v. to make a minor modification to something to make it more suited for a new set of conditions or to make it function better.

36. He is a man admired for the depth of his _____.

- n. a belief, opinion, or image you have based on how you regard, understand, or interpret something; the ability to see, hear, or notice something through the senses

37. Cultural norms strongly influence _____ expectations.

- n. the range of characteristics of femininity and masculinity and differentiating between them, especially when considering social and cultural differences rather than differences in biology

ANSWERS: 30. growl, 31. verbal, 32. interpret, 33. tossed, 34. accused, 35. adjust, 36. perception, 37. gender

38. Rainfall in the tropics is highly _____.

adj. likely to change or vary often; (noun) a symbol, like x or y, that is used in mathematical or logical expressions to represent a value that may be changed

39. The _____ of the sentence could have been clearer and easier to understand.

n. the branch of linguistics and logic concerned with meaning

40. You should not _____ the meaning of freedom.

v. to interpret or understand something in the wrong way

41. The scratches on the car _____ its otherwise perfect appearance.

v. to damage or spoil the appearance or surface of something

42. Her tongue runs on _____.

adv. in a way that happens without interruption or repeatedly

43. He never _____ his fault.

v. to accept or admit the existence, reality, or truth of something; to accept that someone or something has a particular authority or quality; to express obligation, thanks, or gratitude for someone's help, commitment, etc.;

44. The _____ chaos of the concert crowd made it seem like a wild animal was in the room.

adj. complete, total, or absolute; said, done, or experienced without any exceptions or qualifications; spoken aloud or enunciated very clearly and distinctly; (verb) to speak or articulate words, sounds, or a voice

45. The industrial _____ laws were passed with little to no alteration.

n. the way two persons or groups of people feel and act toward one another

ANSWERS: 38. variable, 39. semantics, 40. misunderstand, 41. marred, 42. continually, 43. acknowledged, 44. utter, 45. relations

46. Many multinational companies are _____ in the reconstruction of that country.
v. to attract and keep someone's attention and interest; to participate in or obtain services of something
47. Several cities are experiencing _____ high unemployment rates.
adv. in a way that is very difficult to believe; exceedingly or extremely
48. This book provides children with ideas and a _____ for outside recreation.
n. something that causes growth or arouses action
49. The chef _____ the flavors of the spice blend to create the perfect marinade.
v. to combine or blend, especially in a way that produces a harmonious or unified whole; to merge or fuse
50. Education is the _____ of civilization.
n. the act or process of sending something from one person or place to another; the process of broadcasting over the airwaves, as in radio or television
51. _____ elections were held in several European countries.
adj. belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use
52. Could you help me _____ some furniture?
n. a slight transition in position, direction, or trend
53. The _____ between the two sides over the proposed policy was heated.
n. a set of statements or reasons used to support or refute a proposition or theory; a verbal or physical fight or dispute
54. Electronic _____ remain incomplete due to system errors.
n. an instance of buying or selling something; the act or process of doing something

ANSWERS: 46. engaged, 47. incredibly, 48. stimulus, 49. melded, 50. transmission, 51. Communal, 52. shift, 53. argument, 54. transactions

55. The sudden policy change has caused _____ among employees.
n. the state of being mixed up or unclear, or the state of disorder or uncertainty
56. I have a _____ ache after overeating junk food.
n. the internal organ in the body where food is digested, situated in the abdomen; the part of the body below the chest that contains the stomach
57. The former emperor had a particular _____ even after he abdicated.
n. the ability to affect someone's or something's character, growth, or behavior, or the effect itself
58. The following example _____ that the capacity of each battery is the same.
v. to think or accept something to be true without having proof of it; to take or begin to have power; to begin to exhibit a specific quality or appearance
59. Natural selection is an essential _____ in Darwin's theory of evolution.
n. a fundamental or essential part of something
60. Who answers _____ knows little.
adv. quickly and unexpectedly
61. 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
62. Our knowledge helps _____ our clients successfully.
v. to plan and direct the way that a ship, plane, etc. will travel, often by using a map

ANSWERS: 55. confusion, 56. stomach, 57. influence, 58. assumes, 59. element, 60. suddenly, 61. recognize, 62. navigate

63. The official transcript contains _____ academic records.

adj. correct and exact in all details

64. He told me a _____ truth about my parent's death.

n. the long tube in the body of a person or animal through which food passes when it leaves the stomach; the mental strength or bravery required to do something difficult or unpleasant

65. Their _____ strictly prohibits them from drinking or gambling.

n. a deep conviction in a supernatural power that controls human destiny

66. The company has a diverse workforce representing different _____ and backgrounds.

n. the cultural characteristics of a particular group, such as language, religion, and traditions, that distinguish them from other groups

67. Two students answered the teacher's question _____.

adv. at the same time

ANSWERS: 63. accurate, 64. gut-wrenching, 65. religion, 66. ethnicity, 67. simultaneously