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Session 1: Word List

etch

v. to carve, cut, or engrave (a design or text) into a hard surface; to corrode, erode or eat away at a metal surface using acid or another chemical substance to create a design or pattern

synonym : engrave, inscribe, carve

(1) **etch** a metal plate, (2) **etch** a design into wood

He used a sharp tool to **etch** his initials onto the metal.

fee

n. a sum of money charged for a particular service

synonym : charge, cost, expense

(1) **fee** calculation, (2) service **fee**

The lawyer's **fee** for the case was \$10,000.

scholarship

n. a grant or payment made to support a student's education usually awarded based on academic or other achievements

synonym : grant, award, stipend

(1) a **scholarship** association, (2) college **scholarship**

She received a full **scholarship** to study abroad.

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.

excel

v. to be extremely good at or proficient in doing something
synonym: outdo, shine, surpass

(1) **excel** in description, (2) **excel** at communication

The company **excels** in customer service.

arrange

v. to plan, prepare for, and carry out something
synonym: set up, order, organize

(1) **arrange** the meeting, (2) the list was **arranged** alphabetically

I need to **arrange** plans with him for the celebration.

advantage

n. a condition or circumstance that puts one in a favorable or superior position; a beneficial feature or asset that someone or something has

synonym: benefit, edge, asset

(1) score an **advantage**, (2) take **advantage** of his weak points

One of the main **advantages** of the new product is its increased efficiency.

decide

v. to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options

synonym: choose, determine, settle

(1) **decide** a question, (2) **decide** on a course of action

She couldn't **decide** whether to order the pizza or the pasta for dinner.

appointment

n. a formal arrangement to meet someone at a particular time and place, especially for a reason connected with their work; the act of putting a person into a job or position of responsibility

synonym: assignment, selection, commission

(1) **appointment** calendar, (2) take up an **appointment**
We had to reschedule the dentist's **appointment**.

difficulty

n. a condition or state that causes problems

synonym: hardship, complication, problem

(1) the degree of **difficulty**, (2) **difficulty** in breathing
He has **difficulty** exercising because of a back injury sustained in an accident.

trepidation

n. a feeling of fear, anxiety, or apprehension about something uncertain or unknown; a state of alarm or nervousness that results from anticipating something frightening or dangerous

synonym: fear, anxiety, apprehension

(1) trembling with **trepidation**, (2) sense of **trepidation**
She felt **trepidation** as she approached the podium to give her speech.

brave

adj. showing courage or fearlessness in the face of danger, difficulty, or adversity

synonym: courageous, valiant, heroic

(1) **brave** soldier, (2) **brave** decision

The **brave** firefighter rescued the family from the burning building.

chamber

n. a large room used for a formal, public, or particular purpose; one of the parts of a parliament

synonym: association, cabin, legislature

(1) a gas **chamber**, (2) the lower **chamber**

The surgeon made an incision in the **chambers** of the patient's heart.

dissuade

v. to persuade someone not to do something; to discourage or deter someone from a course of action

synonym: discourage, deter, convince

(1) **dissuade** a person, (2) **dissuade** him from committing

the crime

He tried to **dissuade** her from quitting her job.

profession

n. an occupation or vocation requiring advanced education or specialized training

synonym : occupation, vocation, trade

(1) **profession** choice, (2) healthcare **profession**

Being a doctor is considered a highly respected **profession**.

aback

adv. to be very surprised or shocked by somebody or something

synonym : surprised, astounded, shocked

(1) flat **aback**, (2) **aback** shock

The sudden news of the merger took me **aback**.

persistent

adj. continuing firmly or obstinately in the course of action despite difficulty or opposition; lasting or enduring without fading or being lost over time

synonym : tenacious, steadfast, unrelenting

(1) **persistent** cough, (2) **persistent** data

Despite the setbacks, he remained **persistent** in his pursuit of his dreams.

appoint

v. to give someone a job or role, especially as a public official or member of an organization; to arrange or decide on a time or a place

synonym : designate, assign, name

(1) **appoint** members, (2) **appoint** the day

The court **appointed** a guardian for the child.

judge

n. a person who makes decisions in a court of law; (verb) to determine the result of or form a critical opinion of something

synonym : arbiter, justice, (verb) deduce

(1) **judge** a competition, (2) an associate **judge**

The strict **judge** ruled in favor of the plaintiff in the case.

chief *adj.* most important or primary; (noun) a person who is in charge

synonym: essential, primary, leading

(1) **chief** accountant, (2) **chief** events of the year

Mining is a **chief** source of income for the country.

mention *v.* to speak or write about something or someone briefly

synonym: reference, allude, cite

(1) **mention** name, (2) **mention** in a report

I **mentioned** to him that I had seen his sister at the grocery store earlier that day.

fiance *n.* a person who is engaged to be married

synonym: groom-to-be, betrothed, intended

(1) **fiance** visa, (2) meeting with the **fiance's** family

My **fiance** and I are looking for a new apartment after our wedding.

dowry *n.* property or money brought by a bride to her husband on their marriage, traditionally in some cultures

synonym: dower, portion, settlement

(1) **dowry** payment, (2) donate a **dowry**

Traditionally, a bride's **dowry** consisted of money, property, or other valuable possessions given to the groom's family.

celebrate *v.* to acknowledge a memorable or good day or event with a social gathering or enjoyable activity

synonym: praise, glorify, honor

(1) **celebrate** his election, (2) **celebrate** Christmas

He **celebrated** the 10th anniversary of his tenure.

vanilla *n.* a tropical climbing orchid of the genus *Vanilla*, particularly *vanilla planifolia* native to Mexico and Central America; a flavor derived from the vanilla bean, often used as a sweetening agent or condiment in desserts and beverages

(1) **vanilla** extract, (2) **vanilla** flavor

I love the taste of **vanilla** ice cream.

cashew

n. a type of nut that grows on trees native to Brazil, with a creamy texture and mild, sweet flavor, often used in cooking and snacking

(1) roasted **cashews**, (2) **cashew** butter

Cashew nuts are a good source of healthy fats and protein.

suitable

adj. fit or appropriate; proper; adapted

synonym: appropriate, fitting, proper

(1) **suitable** amount, (2) date **suitable** to both groups

The dress was **suitable** for the formal occasion.

curse

n. a rude or offensive word or an expression that is not polite and shows that you are very angry

synonym: condemnation, cuss, hex

(1) under a **curse**, (2) few **curse** words

Many autocratic policies became a **curse** for that country's economy.

inheritance

n. the money, property, etc., that someone gives you when they die; (genetics) attributes acquired via biological heredity from ancestors

synonym: legacy, estate, heritage

(1) paternal **inheritance**, (2) **inheritance** tax

His vast **inheritance** was equitably divided among the brothers.

bride

n. a woman on her wedding day; a woman who is about to be married or has recently been married

synonym: groom, fiancée, wife-to-be

(1) **bride** of noble birth, (2) June **bride**

The young **bride** looked stunning in her wedding gown.

wealth

n. a large amount of money, property, or other things that someone or an organization owns

synonym: affluence, assets, fortunate

(1) majority of his **wealth**, (2) material **wealth**
The **wealth** inequality was unavoidable.

consist

v. to be composed or made up of

synonym: lie in, comprise, exist

(1) **consist** mainly of cells, (2) **consist** only in knowing facts
This examination **consists** of five problems to solve.

jewelry

n. decorative ornaments made of precious metals, gemstones, or other materials, worn as personal adornment, which can include items such as necklaces, bracelets, rings, earrings, and brooches

synonym: accessories, ornaments, adornments

(1) **jewelry** designer, (2) precious **jewelry**

I received a beautiful piece of **jewelry** from my partner for our anniversary.

property

n. a thing or things that belong to someone

synonym: belongings, possessions, equity

(1) a man of **property**, (2) chemical **property**

He stood to inherit a million-dollar **property**.

groom

v. to clean, brush, and care for the fur or feathers of an animal; to prepare oneself or someone else for a special event or occasion; to make something neat

synonym: brush, comb, neaten

(1) **groom** duties, (2) **groom** a horse

I need to **groom** my dog before his fur gets too long.

prevalence

n. the state or condition of being widespread or common; the extent or frequency of occurrence of a disease or condition in a given population at a specific time

synonym: preponderance, currency, frequency

(1) **prevalence** rate, (2) high **prevalence** of a diabetes

The **prevalence** of allergies has increased in recent years.

negotiate

v. to have formal discussions with someone to reach an agreement

synonym: discuss, mediate, bargain

(1) **negotiate** a settlement, (2) **negotiate** the price of the house

We are always happy to **negotiate** a discount.

par

n. a state of being equal to someone or something

synonym: equality, standard, balance

(1) above **par** performance, (2) not up to **par**

Shares in the company finally fell below their **par** value.

ceremony

n. a formal event or ritual, often religious or solemn

synonym: ritual, rite, observance

(1) **ceremony** hall, (2) **ceremony** location

The wedding **ceremony** was a beautiful and emotional event.

trauma

n. an emotional wound or shock often has long-lasting effects caused by a highly upsetting or shocking experience

synonym: agony, injury, ordeal

(1) psychic **trauma**, (2) **trauma** care

Many civilians have suffered **trauma** as a result of the war.

bankrupt

adj. unable to pay one's debts; having been reduced to a state of financial ruin; lacking in something essential or fundamental

synonym: insolvent, broke, ruined

(1) **bankrupt** business, (2) financially **bankrupt**

Unfortunately, the company went **bankrupt** and had to close its doors permanently.

extortion

n. the act of obtaining something, often money, through force, threats, or coercion

synonym: blackmail, coercion, shakedown

(1) **extortion** letter, (2) **extortion** scheme

In this era of cybercrime, digital **extortion** is becoming increasingly common, with hackers demanding ransoms to unlock encrypted files.

resort

n. a place where many people go for rest, sport, or another stated purpose; (verb) to turn to or take a course of action, especially an extreme or undesirable one, to resolve a difficult circumstance

synonym: vacation spot, hotel, (verb) address

(1) **resort** to desperate measures, (2) a last **resort**

If both countries **resort** to nuclear deterrence, the consequence could be mutual destruction.

feticide

n. the act of causing the death of a fetus, either intentionally or unintentionally, often used to refer to a criminal act of causing the death of an unborn child

synonym: abortion, termination of pregnancy, infanticide

(1) illegal **feticide**, (2) **feticide** laws

Activists protested against female **feticide**, a disturbing practice reflecting deep-rooted gender biases.

infant

n. a baby or very young child

synonym: baby, newborn, tot

(1) **infant** daughter, (2) **infant** food

Mozart was an **infant** prodigy.

evil

adj. profoundly immoral, cruel, and wicked; having or exerting a harmful effect on people

synonym: malign, corruption, immorality

(1) **evil** ways, (2) a charm against **evil**

Corruption is an **evil** act for any reason.

prohibition

n. the act of not allowing something, or an order that does so, especially by law or authority

synonym: banning, forbidding, restriction

(1) driving **prohibition**, (2) **prohibition** of alcohol

There were no **prohibitions** against excessive overtime.

display

v. to exhibit or show something to others, often to attract attention or demonstrate its features, properties, or value

synonym: show, exhibit, present

(1) **display** merchandise, (2) **display** artwork

We need to **display** our products in an attractive way to attract customers.

ostentatious

adj. characterized by a display of wealth, knowledge, or possessions meant to impress or attract attention; intended to be showy or flashy

synonym: showy, flashy, extravagant

(1) **ostentatious** spending, (2) **ostentatious** jewelry

The **ostentatious** display of wealth was unnecessary and distasteful.

function

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

synonym: purpose, mapping, job

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

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

feast

n. a large meal, typically one served on a special occasion

synonym: banquet, celebration, dinner

(1) a **feast** for the eyes, (2) a nightly **feast**

The royal **feast** celebrated the harvest, and the community enjoyed it.

reject

v. to refuse to accept, consider, or use something or someone

synonym: decline, turn down, repudiate

(1) **reject** the proposal, (2) **reject** all imperfect merchandise

The company **rejected** the job candidate's application due to a lack of experience.

illegal

adj. not allowed by law

synonym: banned, prohibited, illicit

(1) **illegal** drugs, (2) child of **illegal** immigrants

The customs agents seized the **illegal** shipment.

supreme

adj. highest in rank, level, or importance

synonym: foremost, highest, greatest

(1) the **supreme** commander, (2) justice of the **supreme** court

The **supreme** pleasure of life is the conviction that we are loved.

sacrifice

n. the act of killing an animal or person or surrendering a possession as an offering to a deity; (verb) to give up something important or valuable to help another person or get or do something that seems more important

synonym: forfeit, immolation, gift

(1) small **sacrifice** for a great cause, (2) **sacrifice** anything to get ahead

You cannot accomplish great things without a **sacrifice** of your time or money.

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.

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.

patriarchal

adj. relating to or characteristic of a society or system in which men hold the dominant roles and positions of power; male-dominated

synonym : male-dominated, paternalistic

(1) **patriarchal** society, (2) **patriarchal** government

The **patriarchal** system that many societies have is outdated and unfair to women.

mindset

n. the established set of attitudes or fixed ideas held by someone

synonym : attitude, ethos, mentality

(1) flexible **mindset**, (2) the **mindset** in an education system

Countries whose goal is economic development often focus on fostering an entrepreneurial **mindset** in each individual.

process

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

synonym : procedure, method, system

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

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

fast-forward

v. to advance or move forward in time or progress, particularly in a rapid or accelerated manner; to increase the playback speed of a recording

synonym : advance, hasten, speed up

(1) **fast-forward** 10 seconds, (2) **fast-forward** to the good part

I like to **fast-forward** through commercials when watching TV shows.

succeed

v. to accomplish or achieve a desired or intended result or goal; to prosper or attain success in a given field or endeavor

synonym : achieve, accomplish, triumph

(1) **succeed** beyond expectations, (2) **succeed** academically

I hope to **succeed** in my career and live a happy life.

acquire

v. to buy or obtain something such as an asset, object, knowledge, etc., for oneself

synonym : attain, earn, catch

(1) **acquire** knowledge, (2) **acquire** a new company

Children **acquire** language at a fantastic rate.

assert

v. to state something firmly and confidently, often in a way that is intended to convince others that it is true

synonym : maintain, state, declare

(1) **assert** a free society, (2) **assert** a claim for unjust enrichment

She **asserted** that she was innocent, despite the evidence against her.

incident

n. an event or occurrence, often unexpected or unplanned; something that happens

synonym : event, occurrence, accident

(1) traffic **incident**, (2) security **incident**

The **incident** at the airport caused a delay in my flight.

divide

v. to separate or cause to separate into parts or groups

synonym : separate, disconnect, split

(1) **divide** the cake into two pieces, (2) **divide** money equally

Can you **divide** 123321 by eleven?

sibling

n. a brother or sister; member of a family born to the same parents

synonym : brother, sister, relative

(1) have a **sibling** quarrel, (2) play with my **siblings**
Children often copy their parents or elder **siblings**.

protest

n. a strong expression of disagreement, disapproval, or opposition

synonym : objection, disapproval, challenge

(1) hold a **protest**, (2) a silent **protest**

He left the party in **protest** at its radical political stance.

relinquish

v. to give up power, control, or possession

synonym : surrender, give up, abandon

(1) **relinquish** control, (2) **relinquish** all hope

She decided to **relinquish** her role as the leader of the group.

deed

n. something that people do or cause to happen; a legal document signed and sealed and delivered to effect a transfer of property and to show the legal right to possess it

synonym : act, stunt, doing

(1) **deed** of assignment, (2) do good **deeds**

There was a significant difference between word and **deed**.

insist

v. to say something clearly or demand something forcefully, especially when other people disagree with or oppose what you say

synonym : demand, assert, claim

(1) **insist** on a clear answer, (2) **insist** over and over

He **insisted** that she pay her debt to the last penny.

coerce

v. to force, pressure, or compel someone to do something against their will or better judgment; to use threatening or intimidating tactics to persuade someone to comply with one's demands

synonym : force, compel, pressure

(1) **coerce** him to follow an order, (2) **coerce** obedience

The boss tried to **coerce** the employees into working

overtime by threatening to fire them.

spoil

v. to ruin the taste, appearance, or quality of something; to become or cause something to become rotten or bad

synonym: rot, decay, deteriorate

(1) **spoil** a person's sport, (2) **spoil** the surprise

If you leave the milk out of the refrigerator for too long, it will **spoil**.

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.

natal

adj. relating to birth or the place of one's birth; connected with the beginning or origin of something

synonym: birth, nativity, born

(1) **natal** chart, (2) **natal** clinic

The mother-to-be attended **natal** classes to prepare for the birth of her first child.

deprive

v. to take away something from someone

synonym: deny, take away, divest

(1) **deprive** others of profit, (2) **deprive** him of his status

He was **deprived** of his freedom when sentenced to life in prison.

adamant

adj. having a very strong determination to do something and refusing to be influenced or persuaded; (noun) a legendary rock that is very hard and impossible to crush

synonym: resolute, unyielding, obstinate

(1) **adamant** refusal, (2) **adamant** to temptation

She was **adamant** about not changing her mind.

withdraw

v. to remove or take back something; to stop participating in something

synonym: retract, remove, back out

(1) **withdraw** from public life, (2) **withdraw** \$500 from my account

The company decided to **withdraw** its proposal due to public opposition.

widen

v. to become or make something broader, wider, more extensive

synonym: broaden, enlarge, extend

(1) **widen** in excitement, (2) **widen** a narrowed heart valve

He **widened** his investigation into a medical clinic.

ancestral

adj. related to or connected with members of your family from the past

synonym: hereditary, inherited, patrimonial

(1) an **ancestral** graveyard, (2) **ancestral** roots

The **ancestral** home has been in the family for generations.

legitimate

adj. accordant with or allowed by law; lawful

synonym: lawful, honest, fair

(1) a **legitimate** child, (2) **legitimate** question

Public political demonstrations are considered **legitimate** rights for citizens.

scream

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

synonym: cry, shout, yell

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

She kept **screaming** for an ambulance.

flame

n. a bright, visible light and heat source caused by combustion; a strong, intense feeling typically associated with passion, aggression, or anger

synonym: blaze, inferno, fire

(1) **flame** of passion, (2) simmering **flame**

The **flame** of the candle flickered in the darkness of the room.

in-law

n. a relative by marriage, such as a mother-in-law, brother-in-law, or sister-in-law

synonym: relative by marriage, family connection, affinal

(1) future **in-law**, (2) meeting **in-laws**

My sister- **in-law** is a pediatrician who works in a children's hospital.

summarize

v. to give a brief statement of the most important facts or ideas about something

synonym: recap, outline, digest

(1) **summarizes** the main ideas, (2) **summarize** text

Each chapter **summarizes** the most critical issues.

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**.

blackmail

n. the act of demanding money or something else in return for not revealing embarrassing or damaging information

synonym: extortion, shakedown, racket

(1) **blackmail** extortion, (2) **blackmail** scheme

He threatened to reveal the secret, using it as **blackmail**.

emotional

adj. relating to people's feelings

synonym: affecting, impactful, impressive

(1) **emotional** health, (2) **emotional** distress

Human **emotional** responses vary widely depending on the society to which they belong.

broth

n. a liquid in which meat, fish, or vegetables have been cooked, used as a base for soups and stews

synonym : bouillon, consomme, soup

(1) chicken **broth**, (2) remains of **broth**

I always add a bit of **broth** to my soup to give it more flavor.

confidence

n. the feeling or attitude that one can trust or rely on the abilities or good qualities of someone or something

synonym : self-trust, certainty, belief

(1) **confidence** as a teacher, (2) boost my **confidence**

Skill and **confidence** are an unconquered army.

deserve

v. to be worthy of or entitled to something, especially something good or valuable

synonym : merit, earn, justify

(1) **deserve** respect, (2) **deserve** this prize

The employee **deserved** the promotion for their hard work and dedication.

mantra

n. a word or phrase, often repeated, that is used as a focus for the mind during meditation

synonym : hymn, chant, phrase

(1) campaign **mantra**, (2) chant the **mantra** of structural reform

She repeated her personal **mantra** to herself to stay motivated.

appeal

n. a serious, earnest, or urgent request for money, information, or help; a quality that makes somebody or something attractive or interest

synonym : request, charm, attraction

(1) draw out your **appeal**, (2) an **appeal** for help

He needed to resolve the problem as soon as possible, so he made an **appeal** directly.

discriminate

v. to treat a person or particular group of people worse or better than another, especially in an unfair way; to

recognize or perceive the difference between people or things

synonym : show prejudice, segregate, differentiate

(1) **discriminate** against women employees,

(2) **discriminate** between different things

You should not **discriminate** against minorities.

nurture

v. to take care of, feed, and protect someone or something while they are growing and developing

synonym : boost, cultivate, enable

(1) **nurture** love, (2) **nurture** his talents

Schools should **nurture** children's mutual interest spirit.

nourish

v. to provide a person, an animal, or plant with food to make them grow and stay healthy

synonym : feed, sustain, nurture

(1) **nourish** damaged skin, (2) **nourish** hope

The mother used her breast milk to **nourish** the baby.

burden

n. a duty, responsibility, etc. that is oppressive or worrisome; a load, typically a heavy one that is difficult to carry

synonym : obligation, duty, load

(1) carry a **burden**, (2) **burden** of disease

That car has a low environmental **burden**.

destiny

n. the events that will inevitably happen to a particular person or thing in the future

synonym : fate, future, outcome

(1) foreordained **destiny**, (2) **destiny** of the individual

It is said that our **destiny** is written in the stars.

dare

v. to have the courage to do something

synonym : challenge, risk, attempt

(1) **dare** not go, (2) **dare** to take risks

I wouldn't **dare** to speak to him like that.

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.

resist

v. to refuse to accept something and attempt to prevent it from happening

synonym: fight, defy, revolt

(1) **resist** temptation, (2) **resist** being kissed

I chose to **resist** cancer by trying every possible treatment.

retaliate

v. to respond to an action or attack with a similar action, especially one that is intended to harm or punish the other person

synonym: get back, strike back, revenge

(1) **retaliate** for the blow, (2) **retaliate** in a like fashion

After the other team scored, we **retaliated** by playing even harder and scoring two quick goals.

injustice

n. a violation of the rights of others or the laws of a society

synonym: unfairness, bias, discrimination

(1) gross **injustice**, (2) **injustice** system

The **injustice** of the court's decision angered many people and led to protests.

bond

n. a close emotional connection between two or more people; a certificate of debt that a government or corporation issues to raise money

synonym: bind, adhesion, attachment

(1) **bond** as a family, (2) global **bond** market

They had formed a friendship **bond**.

tradition

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

a group or society

synonym: custom, practice, ritual

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

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

sunlight

n. the light emitted by the sun; the rays of the sun

synonym: daylight, rays, sunshine

(1) a glare of **sunlight**, (2) in direct **sunlight**

Radiation from **sunlight** has a different wavelength.

Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. re____on of inclusion | <i>n.</i> the way two persons or groups of people feel and act toward one another |
| 2. re__t to desperate measures | <i>n.</i> a place where many people go for rest, sport, or another stated purpose; (verb) to turn to or take a course of action, especially an extreme or undesirable one, to resolve a difficult circumstance |
| 3. carry a bu____n | <i>n.</i> a duty, responsibility, etc. that is oppressive or worrisome; a load, typically a heavy one that is difficult to carry |
| 4. br__e of noble birth | <i>n.</i> a woman on her wedding day; a woman who is about to be married or has recently been married |
| 5. a last re__t | <i>n.</i> a place where many people go for rest, sport, or another stated purpose; (verb) to turn to or take a course of action, especially an extreme or undesirable one, to resolve a difficult circumstance |
| 6. dif_____ty in breathing | <i>n.</i> a condition or state that causes problems |
| 7. br__e soldier | <i>adj.</i> showing courage or fearlessness in the face of danger, difficulty, or adversity |
| 8. ed_____e public | <i>v.</i> to provide or receive instruction or training over a period of time at a school, university, etc. |
| 9. e__h a design into wood | <i>v.</i> to carve, cut, or engrave (a design or text) into a hard surface; to corrode, erode or eat away at a metal surface using acid or another chemical substance to create a design or pattern |

ANSWERS: 1. relation, 2. resort, 3. burden, 4. bride, 5. resort, 6. difficulty, 7. brave, 8. educate, 9. etch

10. sc___m a profanity *v.* to give a loud, high shout suddenly, especially because of fear, anger, excitement, etc.; to utter or declare in a very loud voice
11. ad____t to temptation *adj.* having a very strong determination to do something and refusing to be influenced or persuaded; (noun) a legendary rock that is very hard and impossible to crush
12. rel_____sh control *v.* to give up power, control, or possession
13. sc___m at him to be quiet *v.* to give a loud, high shout suddenly, especially because of fear, anger, excitement, etc.; to utter or declare in a very loud voice
14. di___e the cake into two pieces *v.* to separate or cause to separate into parts or groups
15. an ap___l for help *n.* a serious, earnest, or urgent request for money, information, or help; a quality that makes somebody or something attractive or interest
16. as___t a claim for unjust enrichment *v.* to state something firmly and confidently, often in a way that is intended to convince others that it is true
17. wi_____aw \$500 from my account *v.* to remove or take back something; to stop participating in something
18. the degree of dif_____ty *n.* a condition or state that causes problems
19. de_____e him of his status *v.* to take away something from someone

ANSWERS: 10. scream, 11. adamant, 12. relinquish, 13. scream, 14. divide, 15. appeal, 16. assert, 17. withdraw, 18. difficulty, 19. deprive

20. me_____n name *v.* to speak or write about something or someone briefly
21. a leg_____te child *adj.* accordant with or allowed by law; lawful
22. ad_____t refusal *adj.* having a very strong determination to do something and refusing to be influenced or persuaded; (noun) a legendary rock that is very hard and impossible to crush
23. ex__l in description *v.* to be extremely good at or proficient in doing something
24. su_____le amount *adj.* fit or appropriate; proper; adapted
25. date su_____le to both groups *adj.* fit or appropriate; proper; adapted
26. ap_____t the day *v.* to give someone a job or role, especially as a public official or member of an organization; to arrange or decide on a time or a place
27. raise public aw_____ss *n.* the fact or state of knowing something exists and is important
28. ed_____e student *v.* to provide or receive instruction or training over a period of time at a school, university, etc.
29. ch__f events of the year *adj.* most important or primary; (noun) a person who is in charge
30. de_____e others of profit *v.* to take away something from someone
31. ne_____te a settlement *v.* to have formal discussions with someone to reach an agreement
32. a nightly fe__t *n.* a large meal, typically one served on a special occasion

ANSWERS: 20. mention, 21. legitimate, 22. adamant, 23. excel, 24. suitable, 25. suitable, 26. appoint, 27. awareness, 28. educate, 29. chief, 30. deprive, 31. negotiate, 32. feast

33. in___t on a clear answer *v.* to say something clearly or demand something forcefully, especially when other people disagree with or oppose what you say
34. global b__d market *n.* a close emotional connection between two or more people; a certificate of debt that a government or corporation issues to raise money
35. in___t food *n.* a baby or very young child
36. ju__e a competition *n.* a person who makes decisions in a court of law; (verb) to determine the result of or form a critical opinion of something
37. di_____de a person *v.* to persuade someone not to do something; to discourage or deter someone from a course of action
38. illegal fe_____de *n.* the act of causing the death of a fetus, either intentionally or unintentionally, often used to refer to a criminal act of causing the death of an unborn child
39. ab__k shock *adv.* to be very surprised or shocked by somebody or something
40. ce_____ny hall *n.* a formal event or ritual, often religious or solemn
41. a silent pr_____t *n.* a strong expression of disagreement, disapproval, or opposition
42. pro_____on of alcohol *n.* the act of not allowing something, or an order that does so, especially by law or authority

ANSWERS: 33. insist, 34. bond, 35. infant, 36. judge, 37. dissuade, 38. feticide, 39. aback, 40. ceremony, 41. protest, 42. prohibition

43. va____a flavor *n.* a tropical climbing orchid of the genus *Vanilla*, particularly *vanilla planifolia* native to Mexico and Central America; a flavor derived from the vanilla bean, often used as a sweetening agent or condiment in desserts and beverages
44. pro_____on choice *n.* an occupation or vocation requiring advanced education or specialized training
45. justice of the su_____e court *adj.* highest in rank, level, or importance
46. meeting with the fi____e's family *n.* a person who is engaged to be married
47. leg_____te question *adj.* accordant with or allowed by law; lawful
48. su_____d beyond expectations *v.* to accomplish or achieve a desired or intended result or goal; to prosper or attain success in a given field or endeavor
49. de____e on a course of action *v.* to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options
50. bu____n of disease *n.* a duty, responsibility, etc. that is oppressive or worrisome; a load, typically a heavy one that is difficult to carry
51. have a si_____g quarrel *n.* a brother or sister; member of a family born to the same parents
52. a glare of su_____ht *n.* the light emitted by the sun; the rays of the sun
53. ex_____on scheme *n.* the act of obtaining something, often money, through force, threats, or coercion

ANSWERS: 43. vanilla, 44. profession, 45. supreme, 46. fiance, 47. legitimate, 48. succeed, 49. decide, 50. burden, 51. sibling, 52. sunlight, 53. extortion

54. gr__m duties *v.* to clean, brush, and care for the fur or feathers of an animal; to prepare oneself or someone else for a special event or occasion; to make something neat
55. ar_____e the meeting *v.* to plan, prepare for, and carry out something
56. child of il_____l immigrants *adj.* not allowed by law
57. foreordained de_____y *n.* the events that will inevitably happen to a particular person or thing in the future
58. em_____al health *adj.* relating to people's feelings
59. il_____l drugs *adj.* not allowed by law
60. trembling with tre_____on *n.* a feeling of fear, anxiety, or apprehension about something uncertain or unknown; a state of alarm or nervousness that results from anticipating something frightening or dangerous
61. b__d as a family *n.* a close emotional connection between two or more people; a certificate of debt that a government or corporation issues to raise money
62. gr__m a horse *v.* to clean, brush, and care for the fur or feathers of an animal; to prepare oneself or someone else for a special event or occasion; to make something neat
63. service f_e *n.* a sum of money charged for a particular service

ANSWERS: 54. groom, 55. arrange, 56. illegal, 57. destiny, 58. emotional, 59. illegal, 60. trepidation, 61. bond, 62. groom, 63. fee

64. re___t the proposal *v.* to refuse to accept, consider, or use something or someone
65. ne_____te the price of the house *v.* to have formal discussions with someone to reach an agreement
66. simmering fl__e *n.* a bright, visible light and heat source caused by combustion; a strong, intense feeling typically associated with passion, aggression, or anger
67. take up an app_____nt *n.* a formal arrangement to meet someone at a particular time and place, especially for a reason connected with their work; the act of putting a person into a job or position of responsibility
68. co_____al swimming pool *adj.* belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use
69. pr_____s improvement *n.* a series of actions or operations performed to achieve a particular outcome or goal; a systematic procedure or approach used to accomplish a specific task or objective; a method of treating milk to make it suitable for consumption or use in other dairy products
70. bl_____il scheme *n.* the act of demanding money or something else in return for not revealing embarrassing or damaging information
71. sa_____ce anything to get ahead *n.* the act of killing an animal or person or surrendering a possession as an offering to a deity; (verb) to give up something important or valuable to help another person or get or do something that seems more important

ANSWERS: 64. reject, 65. negotiate, 66. flame, 67. appointment, 68. communal, 69. process, 70. blackmail, 71. sacrifice

72. app_____nt calendar *n.* a formal arrangement to meet someone at a particular time and place, especially for a reason connected with their work; the act of putting a person into a job or position of responsibility
73. pat_____al society *adj.* relating to or characteristic of a society or system in which men hold the dominant roles and positions of power; male-dominated
74. ch__f accountant *adj.* most important or primary; (noun) a person who is in charge
75. di_____y artwork *v.* to exhibit or show something to others, often to attract attention or demonstrate its features, properties, or value
76. the su_____e commander *adj.* highest in rank, level, or importance
77. under a cu___e *n.* a rude or offensive word or an expression that is not polite and shows that you are very angry
78. an associate ju___e *n.* a person who makes decisions in a court of law; (verb) to determine the result of or form a critical opinion of something
79. ap_____t members *v.* to give someone a job or role, especially as a public official or member of an organization; to arrange or decide on a time or a place
80. immune fu_____on *n.* the purpose or use of an object, system, or process; a particular activity or operation that is designed to serve a specific purpose; a mathematical concept that describes a relationship between two sets of values, called the input and output sets; (verb) to operate or work in a specific way, or to perform a particular task or purpose

ANSWERS: 72. appointment, 73. patriarchal, 74. chief, 75. display, 76. supreme, 77. curse, 78. judge, 79. appoint, 80. function

81. 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
82. re___t being kissed *v.* to refuse to accept something and attempt to prevent it from happening
83. do___y payment *n.* property or money brought by a bride to her husband on their marriage, traditionally in some cultures
84. score an ad_____ge *n.* a condition or circumstance that puts one in a favorable or superior position; a beneficial feature or asset that someone or something has
85. security in_____nt *n.* an event or occurrence, often unexpected or unplanned; something that happens
86. a tr_____on of a culture *n.* a belief, custom, or way of doing something that has been passed down from generation to generation within a group or society
87. financially ba_____pt *adj.* unable to pay one's debts; having been reduced to a state of financial ruin; lacking in something essential or fundamental
88. fl___e of passion *n.* a bright, visible light and heat source caused by combustion; a strong, intense feeling typically associated with passion, aggression, or anger

ANSWERS: 81. gender, 82. resist, 83. dowry, 84. advantage, 85. incident, 86. tradition, 87. bankrupt, 88. flame

89. ba____pt business *adj.* unable to pay one's debts; having been reduced to a state of financial ruin; lacking in something essential or fundamental
90. majority of his we____h *n.* a large amount of money, property, or other things that someone or an organization owns
91. against tr____on *n.* a belief, custom, or way of doing something that has been passed down from generation to generation within a group or society
92. nu____e his talents *v.* to take care of, feed, and protect someone or something while they are growing and developing
93. e__h a metal plate *v.* to carve, cut, or engrave (a design or text) into a hard surface; to corrode, erode or eat away at a metal surface using acid or another chemical substance to create a design or pattern
94. bl____il extortion *n.* the act of demanding money or something else in return for not revealing embarrassing or damaging information
95. a fe__t for the eyes *n.* a large meal, typically one served on a special occasion
96. boost my con____ce *n.* the feeling or attitude that one can trust or rely on the abilities or good qualities of someone or something
97. rel____sh all hope *v.* to give up power, control, or possession

ANSWERS: 89. bankrupt, 90. wealth, 91. tradition, 92. nurture, 93. etch, 94. blackmail, 95. feast, 96. confidence, 97. relinquish

98. ce_____te Christmas *v.* to acknowledge a memorable or good day or event with a social gathering or enjoyable activity
99. inh_____ce tax *n.* the money, property, etc., that someone gives you when they die; (genetics) attributes acquired via biological heredity from ancestors
100. do good d__ds *n.* something that people do or cause to happen; a legal document signed and sealed and delivered to effect a transfer of property and to show the legal right to possess it
101. not up to p_r *n.* a state of being equal to someone or something
102. paternal inh_____ce *n.* the money, property, etc., that someone gives you when they die; (genetics) attributes acquired via biological heredity from ancestors
103. draw out your ap___l *n.* a serious, earnest, or urgent request for money, information, or help; a quality that makes somebody or something attractive or interest
104. play with my si_____gs *n.* a brother or sister; member of a family born to the same parents
105. in___t over and over *v.* to say something clearly or demand something forcefully, especially when other people disagree with or oppose what you say
106. ost_____ous jewelry *adj.* characterized by a display of wealth, knowledge, or possessions meant to impress or attract attention; intended to be showy or flashy

ANSWERS: 98. celebrate, 99. inheritance, 100. deed, 101. par, 102. inheritance, 103. appeal, 104. sibling, 105. insist, 106. ostentatious

107. a sch_____ip association *n.* a grant or payment made to support a student's education usually awarded based on academic or other achievements
108. d__d of assignment *n.* something that people do or cause to happen; a legal document signed and sealed and delivered to effect a transfer of property and to show the legal right to possess it
109. nu_____e love *v.* to take care of, feed, and protect someone or something while they are growing and developing
110. flat ab__k *adv.* to be very surprised or shocked by somebody or something
111. ce_____ny location *n.* a formal event or ritual, often religious or solemn
112. driving pro_____on *n.* the act of not allowing something, or an order that does so, especially by law or authority
113. decision-making pr_____s *n.* a series of actions or operations performed to achieve a particular outcome or goal; a systematic procedure or approach used to accomplish a specific task or objective; a method of treating milk to make it suitable for consumption or use in other dairy products
114. roasted ca___ws *n.* a type of nut that grows on trees native to Brazil, with a creamy texture and mild, sweet flavor, often used in cooking and snacking

ANSWERS: 107. scholarship, 108. deed, 109. nurture, 110. aback, 111. ceremony, 112. prohibition, 113. process, 114. cashew

115. fe____de laws *n.* the act of causing the death of a fetus, either intentionally or unintentionally, often used to refer to a criminal act of causing the death of an unborn child
116. ca___w butter *n.* a type of nut that grows on trees native to Brazil, with a creamy texture and mild, sweet flavor, often used in cooking and snacking
117. me____n in a report *v.* to speak or write about something or someone briefly
118. hold a pr____t *n.* a strong expression of disagreement, disapproval, or opposition
119. a charm against e__l *adj.* profoundly immoral, cruel, and wicked; having or exerting a harmful effect on people
120. f_e calculation *n.* a sum of money charged for a particular service
121. co____al combination of funds *adj.* belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use
122. chemical pr____ty *n.* a thing or things that belong to someone
123. su____d academically *v.* to accomplish or achieve a desired or intended result or goal; to prosper or attain success in a given field or endeavor
124. sp__l a person's sport *v.* to ruin the taste, appearance, or quality of something; to become or cause something to become rotten or bad
125. e__l ways *adj.* profoundly immoral, cruel, and wicked; having or exerting a harmful effect on people

ANSWERS: 115. feticide, 116. cashew, 117. mention, 118. protest, 119. evil, 120. fee, 121. communal, 122. property, 123. succeed, 124. spoil, 125. evil

126. take ad_____ge of his weak points *n.* a condition or circumstance that puts one in a favorable or superior position; a beneficial feature or asset that someone or something has
127. donate a do__y *n.* property or money brought by a bride to her husband on their marriage, traditionally in some cultures
128. the list was ar_____ed alphabetically *v.* to plan, prepare for, and carry out something
129. chicken br__h *n.* a liquid in which meat, fish, or vegetables have been cooked, used as a base for soups and stews
130. aw_____ss of my ignorance *n.* the fact or state of knowing something exists and is important
131. an_____al roots *adj.* related to or connected with members of your family from the past
132. fu_____on properly *n.* the purpose or use of an object, system, or process; a particular activity or operation that is designed to serve a specific purpose; a mathematical concept that describes a relationship between two sets of values, called the input and output sets; (verb) to operate or work in a specific way, or to perform a particular task or purpose
133. fas_____ard to the good part *v.* to advance or move forward in time or progress, particularly in a rapid or accelerated manner; to increase the playback speed of a recording
134. in direct su_____ht *n.* the light emitted by the sun; the rays of the sun

ANSWERS: 126. advantage, 127. dowry, 128. arrange, 129. broth, 130. awareness, 131. ancestral, 132. function, 133. fast-forward, 134. sunlight

135. di____de him from committing the crime
v. to persuade someone not to do something; to discourage or deter someone from a course of action
136. va____a extract
n. a tropical climbing orchid of the genus *Vanilla*, particularly *vanilla planifolia* native to Mexico and Central America; a flavor derived from the vanilla bean, often used as a sweetening agent or condiment in desserts and beverages
137. a man of pr____ty
n. a thing or things that belong to someone
138. the lower ch____r
n. a large room used for a formal, public, or particular purpose; one of the parts of a parliament
139. wi__n a narrowed heart valve
v. to become or make something broader, wider, more extensive
140. per____nt data
adj. continuing firmly or obstinately in the course of action despite difficulty or opposition; lasting or enduring without fading or being lost over time
141. wi____aw from public life
v. to remove or take back something; to stop participating in something
142. in____ce system
n. a violation of the rights of others or the laws of a society
143. d__e to take risks
v. to have the courage to do something
144. gross in____ce
n. a violation of the rights of others or the laws of a society
145. traffic in____nt
n. an event or occurrence, often unexpected or unplanned; something that happens

ANSWERS: 135. dissuade, 136. vanilla, 137. property, 138. chamber, 139. widen, 140. persistent, 141. withdraw, 142. injustice, 143. dare, 144. injustice, 145. incident

146. de____e respect *v.* to be worthy of or entitled to something, especially something good or valuable
147. healthcare pro_____on *n.* an occupation or vocation requiring advanced education or specialized training
148. de_____y of the individual *n.* the events that will inevitably happen to a particular person or thing in the future
149. de___e a question *v.* to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options
150. above p_r performance *n.* a state of being equal to someone or something
151. d__e not go *v.* to have the courage to do something
152. co___e obedience *v.* to force, pressure, or compel someone to do something against their will or better judgment; to use threatening or intimidating tactics to persuade someone to comply with one's demands
153. ce_____te his election *v.* to acknowledge a memorable or good day or event with a social gathering or enjoyable activity
154. em_____al distress *adj.* relating to people's feelings
155. tr___a care *n.* an emotional wound or shock often has long-lasting effects caused by a highly upsetting or shocking experience
156. dis_____ate between different things *v.* to treat a person or particular group of people worse or better than another, especially in an unfair way; to recognize or perceive the difference between people or things

ANSWERS: 146. deserve, 147. profession, 148. destiny, 149. decide, 150. par, 151. dare, 152. coerce, 153. celebrate, 154. emotional, 155. trauma, 156. discriminate

157. ex_____on letter *n.* the act of obtaining something, often money, through force, threats, or coercion
158. chant the ma___a of structural reform *n.* a word or phrase, often repeated, that is used as a focus for the mind during meditation
159. co_____t mainly of cells *v.* to be composed or made up of
160. no_____h hope *v.* to provide a person, an animal, or plant with food to make them grow and stay healthy
161. sp___l the surprise *v.* to ruin the taste, appearance, or quality of something; to become or cause something to become rotten or bad
162. ost_____ous spending *adj.* characterized by a display of wealth, knowledge, or possessions meant to impress or attract attention; intended to be showy or flashy
163. per_____nt cough *adj.* continuing firmly or obstinately in the course of action despite difficulty or opposition; lasting or enduring without fading or being lost over time
164. co___e him to follow an order *v.* to force, pressure, or compel someone to do something against their will or better judgment; to use threatening or intimidating tactics to persuade someone to comply with one's demands
165. re___t temptation *v.* to refuse to accept something and attempt to prevent it from happening
166. re___t all imperfect merchandise *v.* to refuse to accept, consider, or use something or someone

ANSWERS: 157. extortion, 158. mantra, 159. consist, 160. nourish, 161. spoil, 162. ostentatious, 163. persistent, 164. coerce, 165. resist, 166. reject

167. re_____te in a like fashion *v.* to respond to an action or attack with a similar action, especially one that is intended to harm or punish the other person
168. a gas ch_____r *n.* a large room used for a formal, public, or particular purpose; one of the parts of a parliament
169. remains of br__h *n.* a liquid in which meat, fish, or vegetables have been cooked, used as a base for soups and stews
170. college sch_____ip *n.* a grant or payment made to support a student's education usually awarded based on academic or other achievements
171. ac_____e knowledge *v.* to buy or obtain something such as an asset, object, knowledge, etc., for oneself
172. con_____ce as a teacher *n.* the feeling or attitude that one can trust or rely on the abilities or good qualities of someone or something
173. co_____t only in knowing facts *v.* to be composed or made up of
174. high pre_____ce of a diabetes *n.* the state or condition of being widespread or common; the extent or frequency of occurrence of a disease or condition in a given population at a specific time
175. in____t daughter *n.* a baby or very young child
176. small sa_____ce for a great cause *n.* the act of killing an animal or person or surrendering a possession as an offering to a deity; (verb) to give up something important or valuable to help another person or get or do something that seems more important

ANSWERS: 167. retaliate, 168. chamber, 169. broth, 170. scholarship, 171. acquire, 172. confidence, 173. consist, 174. prevalence, 175. infant, 176. sacrifice

177. at____de toward mistakes *n.* the way you think and feel about someone or something
178. di___e money equally *v.* to separate or cause to separate into parts or groups
179. campaign ma___a *n.* a word or phrase, often repeated, that is used as a focus for the mind during meditation
180. ex__l at communication *v.* to be extremely good at or proficient in doing something
181. pat____al government *adj.* relating to or characteristic of a society or system in which men hold the dominant roles and positions of power; male-dominated
182. as___t a free society *v.* to state something firmly and confidently, often in a way that is intended to convince others that it is true
183. wi__n in excitement *v.* to become or make something broader, wider, more extensive
184. material we___h *n.* a large amount of money, property, or other things that someone or an organization owns
185. precious je____y *n.* decorative ornaments made of precious metals, gemstones, or other materials, worn as personal adornment, which can include items such as necklaces, bracelets, rings, earrings, and brooches
186. pre____ce rate *n.* the state or condition of being widespread or common; the extent or frequency of occurrence of a disease or condition in a given population at a specific time

ANSWERS: 177. attitude, 178. divide, 179. mantra, 180. excel, 181. patriarchal, 182. assert, 183. widen, 184. wealth, 185. jewelry, 186. prevalence

187. psychic tr___a *n.* an emotional wound or shock often has long-lasting effects caused by a highly upsetting or shocking experience
188. br__e decision *adj.* showing courage or fearlessness in the face of danger, difficulty, or adversity
189. ac_____e a new company *v.* to buy or obtain something such as an asset, object, knowledge, etc., for oneself
190. few cu__e words *n.* a rude or offensive word or an expression that is not polite and shows that you are very angry
191. dis_____ate against women employees *v.* to treat a person or particular group of people worse or better than another, especially in an unfair way; to recognize or perceive the difference between people or things
192. re_____on between cause and effect *n.* the way two persons or groups of people feel and act toward one another
193. flexible mi_____t *n.* the established set of attitudes or fixed ideas held by someone
194. June br__e *n.* a woman on her wedding day; a woman who is about to be married or has recently been married
195. 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

ANSWERS: 187. trauma, 188. brave, 189. acquire, 190. curse, 191. discriminate, 192. relation, 193. mindset, 194. bride, 195. gender

196. no_____h damaged skin *v.* to provide a person, an animal, or plant with food to make them grow and stay healthy
197. the mi_____t in an education system *n.* the established set of attitudes or fixed ideas held by someone
198. meeting in_____ws *n.* a relative by marriage, such as a mother-in-law, brother-in-law, or sister-in-law
199. re_____te for the blow *v.* to respond to an action or attack with a similar action, especially one that is intended to harm or punish the other person
200. at_____de control *n.* the way you think and feel about someone or something
201. di_____y merchandise *v.* to exhibit or show something to others, often to attract attention or demonstrate its features, properties, or value
202. na__l clinic *adj.* relating to birth or the place of one's birth; connected with the beginning or origin of something
203. de_____e this prize *v.* to be worthy of or entitled to something, especially something good or valuable
204. je_____y designer *n.* decorative ornaments made of precious metals, gemstones, or other materials, worn as personal adornment, which can include items such as necklaces, bracelets, rings, earrings, and brooches
205. sense of tre_____on *n.* a feeling of fear, anxiety, or apprehension about something uncertain or unknown; a state of alarm or nervousness that results from anticipating something frightening or dangerous

ANSWERS: 196. nourish, 197. mindset, 198. in-law, 199. retaliate, 200. attitude, 201. display, 202. natal, 203. deserve, 204. jewelry, 205. trepidation

206. future in___w *n.* a relative by marriage, such as a mother-in-law, brother-in-law, or sister-in-law
207. na__l chart *adj.* relating to birth or the place of one's birth; connected with the beginning or origin of something
208. an an_____al graveyard *adj.* related to or connected with members of your family from the past
209. su_____zes the main ideas *v.* to give a brief statement of the most important facts or ideas about something
210. fi___e visa *n.* a person who is engaged to be married
211. fas_____ard 10 seconds *v.* to advance or move forward in time or progress, particularly in a rapid or accelerated manner; to increase the playback speed of a recording
212. su_____ze text *v.* to give a brief statement of the most important facts or ideas about something

ANSWERS: 206. in-law, 207. natal, 208. ancestral, 209. summarize, 210. fiance, 211. fast-forward, 212. summarize

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. He threatened to reveal the secret, using it as _____.
n. the act of demanding money or something else in return for not revealing embarrassing or damaging information

2. There was a significant difference between word and _____.
n. something that people do or cause to happen; a legal document signed and sealed and delivered to effect a transfer of property and to show the legal right to possess it

3. The mother-to-be attended _____ classes to prepare for the birth of her first child.
adj. relating to birth or the place of one's birth; connected with the beginning or origin of something

4. Mozart was an _____ prodigy.
n. a baby or very young child

5. Traditionally, a bride's _____ consisted of money, property, or other valuable possessions given to the groom's family.
n. property or money brought by a bride to her husband on their marriage, traditionally in some cultures

6. I always add a bit of _____ to my soup to give it more flavor.
n. a liquid in which meat, fish, or vegetables have been cooked, used as a base for soups and stews

7. 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.

ANSWERS: 1. blackmail, 2. deed, 3. natal, 4. infant, 5. dowry, 6. broth, 7. educate

8. It is a _____ in many families to have a big Thanksgiving dinner with all their relatives.
- n.* a belief, custom, or way of doing something that has been passed down from generation to generation within a group or society
9. The _____ for applying for a visa can be lengthy and complicated.
- n.* a series of actions or operations performed to achieve a particular outcome or goal; a systematic procedure or approach used to accomplish a specific task or objective; a method of treating milk to make it suitable for consumption or use in other dairy products
10. Shares in the company finally fell below their ____ value.
- n.* a state of being equal to someone or something
11. He was _____ of his freedom when sentenced to life in prison.
- v.* to take away something from someone
12. We had to reschedule the dentist's _____.
- n.* a formal arrangement to meet someone at a particular time and place, especially for a reason connected with their work; the act of putting a person into a job or position of responsibility
13. Many civilians have suffered _____ as a result of the war.
- n.* an emotional wound or shock often has long-lasting effects caused by a highly upsetting or shocking experience
14. Activists protested against female _____ a disturbing practice reflecting deep-rooted gender biases.
- n.* the act of causing the death of a fetus, either intentionally or unintentionally, often used to refer to a criminal act of causing the death of an unborn child

ANSWERS: 8. tradition, 9. process, 10. par, 11. deprived, 12. appointment, 13. trauma, 14. feticide,

15. She _____ that she was innocent, despite the evidence against her.
v. to state something firmly and confidently, often in a way that is intended to convince others that it is true
16. The lawyer's ____ for the case was \$10,000.
n. a sum of money charged for a particular service
17. She was _____ about not changing her mind.
adj. having a very strong determination to do something and refusing to be influenced or persuaded; (noun) a legendary rock that is very hard and impossible to crush
18. We need to _____ our products in an attractive way to attract customers.
v. to exhibit or show something to others, often to attract attention or demonstrate its features, properties, or value
19. That car has a low environmental _____.
n. a duty, responsibility, etc. that is oppressive or worrisome; a load, typically a heavy one that is difficult to carry
20. 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
21. _____ nuts are a good source of healthy fats and protein.
n. a type of nut that grows on trees native to Brazil, with a creamy texture and mild, sweet flavor, often used in cooking and snacking
22. The employee _____ the promotion for their hard work and dedication.
v. to be worthy of or entitled to something, especially something good or valuable

ANSWERS: 15. asserted, 16. fee, 17. adamant, 18. display, 19. burden, 20. relations, 21. Cashew, 22. deserved

23. Despite the setbacks, he remained _____ in his pursuit of his dreams.

adj. continuing firmly or obstinately in the course of action despite difficulty or opposition; lasting or enduring without fading or being lost over time

24. _____ elections were held in several European countries.

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

25. Human _____ responses vary widely depending on the society to which they belong.

adj. relating to people's feelings

26. The customs agents seized the _____ shipment.

adj. not allowed by law

27. Many autocratic policies became a _____ for that country's economy.

n. a rude or offensive word or an expression that is not polite and shows that you are very angry

28. You should not _____ against minorities.

v. to treat a person or particular group of people worse or better than another, especially in an unfair way; to recognize or perceive the difference between people or things

29. The court _____ a guardian for the child.

v. to give someone a job or role, especially as a public official or member of an organization; to arrange or decide on a time or a place

30. The wedding _____ was a beautiful and emotional event.

n. a formal event or ritual, often religious or solemn

ANSWERS: 23. persistent, 24. Communal, 25. emotional, 26. illegal, 27. curse, 28. discriminate, 29. appointed, 30. ceremony

31. The _____ firefighter rescued the family from the burning building.
adj. showing courage or fearlessness in the face of danger, difficulty, or adversity
32. Being a doctor is considered a highly respected _____.
n. an occupation or vocation requiring advanced education or specialized training
33. He has _____ exercising because of a back injury sustained in an accident.
n. a condition or state that causes problems
34. The mother used her breast milk to _____ the baby.
v. to provide a person, an animal, or plant with food to make them grow and stay healthy
35. My _____ and I are looking for a new apartment after our wedding.
n. a person who is engaged to be married
36. She received a full _____ to study abroad.
n. a grant or payment made to support a student's education usually awarded based on academic or other achievements
37. I hope to _____ in my career and live a happy life.
v. to accomplish or achieve a desired or intended result or goal; to prosper or attain success in a given field or endeavor
38. Skill and _____ are an unconquered army.
n. the feeling or attitude that one can trust or rely on the abilities or good qualities of someone or something

ANSWERS: 31. brave, 32. profession, 33. difficulty, 34. nourish, 35. fiancée, 36. scholarship, 37. succeed, 38. confidence

39. He left the party in _____ at its radical political stance.
n. a strong expression of disagreement, disapproval, or opposition
40. He stood to inherit a million-dollar _____.
n. a thing or things that belong to someone
41. Mining is a _____ source of income for the country.
adj. most important or primary; (noun) a person who is in charge
42. This examination _____ of five problems to solve.
v. to be composed or made up of
43. She felt _____ as she approached the podium to give her speech.
n. a feeling of fear, anxiety, or apprehension about something uncertain or unknown; a state of alarm or nervousness that results from anticipating something frightening or dangerous
44. She kept _____ for an ambulance.
v. to give a loud, high shout suddenly, especially because of fear, anger, excitement, etc.; to utter or declare in a very loud voice
45. The _____ display of wealth was unnecessary and distasteful.
adj. characterized by a display of wealth, knowledge, or possessions meant to impress or attract attention; intended to be showy or flashy
46. The company _____ in customer service.
v. to be extremely good at or proficient in doing something
47. My sister-in-law _____ is a pediatrician who works in a children's hospital.
n. a relative by marriage, such as a mother-in-law, brother-in-law, or sister-in-law

ANSWERS: 39. protest, 40. property, 41. chief, 42. consists, 43. trepidation, 44. screaming, 45. ostentatious, 46. excels, 47. in-law

48. She couldn't _____ whether to order the pizza or the pasta for dinner.
- v.* to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options
49. Children often copy their parents or elder _____.
- n.* a brother or sister; member of a family born to the same parents
50. The _____ inequality was unavoidable.
- n.* a large amount of money, property, or other things that someone or an organization owns
51. The boss tried to _____ the employees into working overtime by threatening to fire them.
- v.* to force, pressure, or compel someone to do something against their will or better judgment; to use threatening or intimidating tactics to persuade someone to comply with one's demands
52. Radiation from _____ has a different wavelength.
- n.* the light emitted by the sun; the rays of the sun
53. She repeated her personal _____ to herself to stay motivated.
- n.* a word or phrase, often repeated, that is used as a focus for the mind during meditation
54. I like to _____ through commercials when watching TV shows.
- v.* to advance or move forward in time or progress, particularly in a rapid or accelerated manner; to increase the playback speed of a recording
55. The company _____ the job candidate's application due to a lack of experience.
- v.* to refuse to accept, consider, or use something or someone

ANSWERS: 48. decide, 49. siblings, 50. wealth, 51. coerce, 52. sunlight, 53. mantra, 54. fast-forward, 55. rejected

56. I _____ to him that I had seen his sister at the grocery store earlier that day.
v. to speak or write about something or someone briefly
57. There has been a gradual but steady rise in environmental _____.
n. the fact or state of knowing something exists and is important
58. Schools should _____ children's mutual interest spirit.
v. to take care of, feed, and protect someone or something while they are growing and developing
59. They had formed a friendship _____.
n. a close emotional connection between two or more people; a certificate of debt that a government or corporation issues to raise money
60. In this era of cybercrime, digital _____ is becoming increasingly common, with hackers demanding ransoms to unlock encrypted files.
n. the act of obtaining something, often money, through force, threats, or coercion
61. I wouldn't _____ to speak to him like that.
v. to have the courage to do something
62. Public political demonstrations are considered _____ rights for citizens.
adj. accordant with or allowed by law; lawful
63. There were no _____ against excessive overtime.
n. the act of not allowing something, or an order that does so, especially by law or authority
64. I need to _____ my dog before his fur gets too long.
v. to clean, brush, and care for the fur or feathers of an animal; to prepare oneself or someone else for a special event or occasion; to make something neat

ANSWERS: 56. mentioned, 57. awareness, 58. nurture, 59. bond, 60. extortion, 61. dare, 62. legitimate, 63. prohibitions, 64. groom

65. One of the main _____ of the new product is its increased efficiency.
n. a condition or circumstance that puts one in a favorable or superior position; a beneficial feature or asset that someone or something has
66. It is said that our _____ is written in the stars.
n. the events that will inevitably happen to a particular person or thing in the future
67. She had the _____ that work was fun.
n. the way you think and feel about someone or something
68. I chose to _____ cancer by trying every possible treatment.
v. to refuse to accept something and attempt to prevent it from happening
69. The sudden news of the merger took me _____.
adv. to be very surprised or shocked by somebody or something
70. His vast _____ was equitably divided among the brothers.
n. the money, property, etc., that someone gives you when they die; (genetics) attributes acquired via biological heredity from ancestors
71. The strict _____ ruled in favor of the plaintiff in the case.
n. a person who makes decisions in a court of law; (verb) to determine the result of or form a critical opinion of something
72. Can you _____ 123321 by eleven?
v. to separate or cause to separate into parts or groups
73. You cannot accomplish great things without a _____ of your time or money.
n. the act of killing an animal or person or surrendering a possession as an offering to a deity; (verb) to give up something important or valuable to help another person or get or do something that seems more important

ANSWERS: 65. advantages, 66. destiny, 67. attitude, 68. resist, 69. aback, 70. inheritance, 71. judge, 72. divide, 73. sacrifice

74. He used a sharp tool to _____ his initials onto the metal.

- v. to carve, cut, or engrave (a design or text) into a hard surface; to corrode, erode or eat away at a metal surface using acid or another chemical substance to create a design or pattern

75. The company decided to _____ its proposal due to public opposition.

- v. to remove or take back something; to stop participating in something

76. If you leave the milk out of the refrigerator for too long, it will _____.

- v. to ruin the taste, appearance, or quality of something; to become or cause something to become rotten or bad

77. Unfortunately, the company went _____ and had to close its doors permanently.

- adj. unable to pay one's debts; having been reduced to a state of financial ruin; lacking in something essential or fundamental

78. The _____ of the candle flickered in the darkness of the room.

- n. a bright, visible light and heat source caused by combustion; a strong, intense feeling typically associated with passion, aggression, or anger

79. The brain is an incredibly complex organ that controls the body's _____.

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

80. He _____ his investigation into a medical clinic.

- v. to become or make something broader, wider, more extensive

ANSWERS: 74. etch, 75. withdraw, 76. spoil, 77. bankrupt, 78. flame, 79. function, 80. widened

81. He _____ that she pay her debt to the last penny.

- v.* to say something clearly or demand something forcefully, especially when other people disagree with or oppose what you say

82. The _____ at the airport caused a delay in my flight.

- n.* an event or occurrence, often unexpected or unplanned; something that happens

83. The _____ pleasure of life is the conviction that we are loved.

- adj.* highest in rank, level, or importance

84. Each chapter _____ the most critical issues.

- v.* to give a brief statement of the most important facts or ideas about something

85. Children _____ language at a fantastic rate.

- v.* to buy or obtain something such as an asset, object, knowledge, etc., for oneself

86. We are always happy to _____ a discount.

- v.* to have formal discussions with someone to reach an agreement

87. Countries whose goal is economic development often focus on fostering an entrepreneurial _____ in each individual.

- n.* the established set of attitudes or fixed ideas held by someone

88. The surgeon made an incision in the _____ of the patient's heart.

- n.* a large room used for a formal, public, or particular purpose; one of the parts of a parliament

ANSWERS: 81. insisted, 82. incident, 83. supreme, 84. summarizes, 85. acquire, 86. negotiate, 87. mindset, 88. chambers

89. I received a beautiful piece of _____ from my partner for our anniversary.
- n.* decorative ornaments made of precious metals, gemstones, or other materials, worn as personal adornment, which can include items such as necklaces, bracelets, rings, earrings, and brooches
90. He needed to resolve the problem as soon as possible, so he made an _____ directly.
- n.* a serious, earnest, or urgent request for money, information, or help; a quality that makes somebody or something attractive or interest
91. The young _____ looked stunning in her wedding gown.
- n.* a woman on her wedding day; a woman who is about to be married or has recently been married
92. The _____ system that many societies have is outdated and unfair to women.
- adj.* relating to or characteristic of a society or system in which men hold the dominant roles and positions of power; male-dominated
93. I love the taste of _____ ice cream.
- n.* a tropical climbing orchid of the genus *Vanilla*, particularly *vanilla planifolia* native to Mexico and Central America; a flavor derived from the vanilla bean, often used as a sweetening agent or condiment in desserts and beverages
94. The dress was _____ for the formal occasion.
- adj.* fit or appropriate; proper; adapted
95. Corruption is an _____ act for any reason.
- adj.* profoundly immoral, cruel, and wicked; having or exerting a harmful effect on people

ANSWERS: 89. jewelry, 90. appeal, 91. bride, 92. patriarchal, 93. vanilla, 94. suitable, 95. evil

96. The _____ home has been in the family for generations.

adj. related to or connected with members of your family from the past

97. The _____ of allergies has increased in recent years.

n. the state or condition of being widespread or common; the extent or frequency of occurrence of a disease or condition in a given population at a specific time

98. He tried to _____ her from quitting her job.

v. to persuade someone not to do something; to discourage or deter someone from a course of action

99. The royal _____ celebrated the harvest, and the community enjoyed it.

n. a large meal, typically one served on a special occasion

100. I need to _____ plans with him for the celebration.

v. to plan, prepare for, and carry out something

101. After the other team scored, we _____ by playing even harder and scoring two quick goals.

v. to respond to an action or attack with a similar action, especially one that is intended to harm or punish the other person

102. The _____ of the court's decision angered many people and led to protests.

n. a violation of the rights of others or the laws of a society

103. She decided to _____ her role as the leader of the group.

v. to give up power, control, or possession

104. He _____ the 10th anniversary of his tenure.

v. to acknowledge a memorable or good day or event with a social gathering or enjoyable activity

ANSWERS: 96. ancestral, 97. prevalence, 98. dissuade, 99. feast, 100. arrange, 101. retaliated, 102. injustice, 103. relinquish, 104. celebrated

105. If both countries _____ to nuclear deterrence, the consequence could be mutual destruction.

- n.* a place where many people go for rest, sport, or another stated purpose; (verb) to turn to or take a course of action, especially an extreme or undesirable one, to resolve a difficult circumstance

106. 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: 105. resort, 106. gender