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Session 1: Word List

microscopic

adj. tiny; exceedingly precise and detail-oriented; of or used in microscopy

synonym : infinitesimal, tiny, atomic

(1) **microscopic** inquiry, (2) **microscopic** analysis

Inspectors noticed **microscopic** cracks in the submarine's hull.

brain

n. the organ inside the head that is responsible for one's movement, thought, memory, and feeling

synonym : intellect, mind, encephalon

(1) basic **brain** function, (2) permanent **brain** damage

X-rays revealed a small tumor in his **brain**.

label

n. a small piece of paper, fabric, or other material attached to an object and giving information about it; (verb) to assign to a category

synonym : tag, mark, identifier

(1) a mailing **label**, (2) **label** a bag with my name

The **label** on the food package lists the ingredients and nutritional information.

subconscious

adj. relating to or concerning the part of the mind that is not fully conscious but still influences thoughts, feelings, and behavior

synonym: unconscious, latent, hidden

(1) **subconscious** influence, (2) **subconscious** behavior

The **subconscious** mind is said to hold our deepest desires and fears.

inference

n. a conclusion reached based on evidence and reasoning; a deduction or assumption

synonym: deduction, conclusion, assumption

(1) make an **inference**, (2) logical **inference**

Based on ice core samples, scientists can draw **inferences** about the Earth's past climate.

propose

v. to make a proposal, declare a plan for something

synonym: suggest, offer, recommend

(1) **propose** the amendment, (2) **propose** changes

I want to **propose** a toast in honor of our longstanding relationship.

basis

n. the most important facts, ideas, or events from which something is developed; the way how things are organized or arranged

synonym: foundation, base, ground

(1) on an equal **basis**, (2) **basis** for calculation

This evidence will form the **basis** for our discussion.

interact

v. to communicate or react with somebody

synonym: cooperate, combine, collaborate

(1) **interact** directly with customers, (2) **interact** with one another

He should **interact** more with his colleagues.

zip

n. a fastener made of interlocking teeth or ridges that is used to join two edges or pieces of fabric; a sound or motion that resembles the sound made by a zipper when it is pulled; (of a computer) a popular file compression and archiving format; (short for Zone Improvement Plan) a system of postal codes used in the

United States to help facilitate mail delivery more efficiently

synonym : fastener, postcode, slide

(1) **zip** code, (2) **zip** file

She put her phone in the **zip** pocket of her backpack.

blink

v. to shut and open the eyes quickly; to gleam or glow in a regular or intermittent way

synonym : twinkle, flash, flicker

(1) **blink** his eyes, (2) **blink** in astonishment

He **blinked** in the dazzling sunlight.

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.

observation

n. the act or activity of carefully examining or monitoring something or someone

synonym : watching, notice, reflection

(1) class **observation** day, (2) **observation** instrument

In the hospital, she will remain under constant **observation**.

moving

adj. causing strong emotions or feelings, especially sadness or sympathy

synonym : emotional, poignant, touching

(1) **moving** experience, (2) **moving** ceremony

His **moving** speech about his struggles with addiction brought tears to the audience's eyes.

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.

specific

adj. clearly defined or particular to a certain thing or situation; distinct, explicit, and precise

synonym : particular, definite, distinct

(1) **specific** instructions, (2) industry- **specific** regulations

The scientist conducted a study that provided **specific** details about the species' behavior.

preference

n. a stronger liking or interest for something or someone than another thing or person

synonym : taste, choice, affection

(1) his meal **preferences**, (2) a particular **preference** for Chinese art

Her **preference** is comfortable clothing over fashionable ones.

aspect

n. one part or feature of a situation, problem, subject, etc.

synonym : characteristic, element, factor

(1) nontechnical **aspects** of the job, (2) **aspects** of social, political, and economic life

His professional experience includes all **aspects** of media production.

assign

v. to give a specific job or piece of work to a someone

synonym : entrust, delegate, designate

(1) **assign** projects, (2) **assign** top priority

Please **assign** a different color to each other kind of item.

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.

crucial

adj. extremely vital or necessary

synonym: essential, pivotal, vital

(1) **crucial** information, (2) a **crucial** issue for women
The revitalization of technology companies is **crucial** to the country's growth.

develop

v. to grow or expand; to improve or refine through a process of progress and refinement, often to achieve greater sophistication or complexity; to elaborate or add detail to something that is in the process of being created

synonym: evolve, progress, advance

(1) **develop** a strategy, (2) **develop** a skill

We must **develop** a new system to streamline our workflow and increase efficiency.

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.

blur

n. a faint or indistinct image or sound; something that is not clear or distinct; (verb) to become unclear; to lose clear vision

synonym: smudge, smear, fuzz

(1) **blur** image, (2) motion **blur**

The camera's focus was off, and the image was a **blur** of colors and shapes.

distinction

n. a difference or contrast between similar things or people
synonym: eminence, noteworthiness, excellence

(1) important **distinction**, (2) draw a **distinction**

I can't see any **distinction** between these two concepts.

conclude

v. to come to an end or close; to reach a judgment or opinion by reasoning

synonym: complete, finish, decide

(1) **conclude** a meeting, (2) **conclude** that he is healthy

We **concluded** a cease-fire.

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.

reaction

n. a response that reveals a person's feelings or attitude;
(in chemistry) a process in which one or more substances are changed into others

synonym: response, reply, answer

(1) chemical **reaction**, (2) trigger a **reaction**

There was a chemical **reaction** of the lime with the groundwater.

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.

involve

v. to include or affect someone or something as a necessary part of something else

synonym: implicate, include, engage

(1) **involve** a lot of paperwork, (2) **involve** a high degree of risk

The investigation **involves** several government agencies and is expected to take several months.

steer

v. to control the direction or movement of a vehicle; to direct a course of action; to guide or motivate someone
synonym: guide, direct, control

(1) **steer** a steady course, (2) **steer** a conversation

The captain told him to **steer** the ship north.

covet

v. to strongly desire or crave something, particularly something that belongs to someone else; to have an excessive or envious desire for

synonym: desire, yearn, crave

(1) **covet** wealth, (2) **covet** fame

She couldn't help but **covet** her friend's designer handbag.

spot

n. a particular location or place; a small round or roundish area, differing in color or feels from the surface around it

synonym: dot, mark, place

(1) beauty **spot**, (2) a **spot** on his honor

This remote **spot** is rarely visited.

slam

v. to shut a door or window noisily; to strike something violently or noisily

synonym: bang, crash, shut

(1) **slam** the door, (2) **slam** the book against a wall

She **slammed** the door shut, angry at the person on the other side.

brake

n. a device used to slow or stop a moving vehicle, typically by applying pressure to the wheels

synonym: damper, restraint, check

(1) apply the **brake**, (2) **brake** pedal

The results of that election put a **brake** on political reform.

chirp

n. a short, sharp sound that is made by birds or insects or by electronic devices such as alarms or beepers

synonym : tweet, chirrup, peep

(1) the **chirp** of a bird, (2) the **chirp** of a cricket

The sound of the **chirp** woke me up early in the morning.

meaningless

adj. having no meaning, direction, or purpose

synonym : pointless, absurd, senseless

(1) a **meaningless** endeavor, (2) do a **meaningless** task

This experiment's results are **meaningless** because the other conditions are not identical.

grip

n. the act of holding onto something firmly with your hands, or the ability to do so; (verb) to hold fast or firmly

synonym : grasp, clasp, (verb) hold

(1) **grip** of fear, (2) lose my **grip**

He had a firm **grip** on the rope as he climbed the mountain.

tight

adj. fixed, fastened, or kept together firmly or closely

synonym : closed, secured, cramped

(1) a **tight** game, (2) student on a **tight** budget

The national election was held amid **tight** security.

squeal

v. to make a high-pitched, shrill sound, usually as a result of pain, excitement, or surprise; to reveal something secret or incriminating to an authority figure

synonym : scream, shriek, yelp

(1) **squeal** with delight, (2) **squeal** in agony

The children were playing and **squealing** with excitement in the park.

importance

n. the quality of being important and worthy of note

synonym : significance, primacy, matter

(1) a man of **importance**, (2) high **importance**

I stopped by the branch though I have no business of **importance**.

- jerk**
- v. to make a sudden, sharp movement, or cause something to do this
synonym: wrench, jolt, twitch
(1) **jerk** her head back, (2) **jerk** the rope
The driver suddenly **jerked** the steering wheel to the left to avoid hitting the deer.
- inconsiderate**
- adj.* not showing concern or care for the feelings, needs, or well-being of others; thoughtless; lacking consideration for others
synonym: thoughtless, selfish, rude
(1) **inconsiderate** remarks, (2) **inconsiderate** actions
It was incredibly **inconsiderate** of him to cancel plans at the last minute without giving any notice.
- frustrate**
- v. to hinder or prevent efforts, plans, or desires from doing, succeeding, or being fulfilled; to make someone feel upset or annoyed because they are unable to change or achieve something
synonym: hinder, thwart, dishearten
(1) **frustrate** the advancement, (2) **frustrate** other team members
The coach explained a strategy to **frustrate** the opponent's schemes to the players.
- vindictive**
- adj.* showing or motivated by a desire to seek revenge or cause harm to someone, often in response to perceived wrongdoing or mistreatment
synonym: vengeful, retaliatory, spiteful
(1) **vindictive** disposition, (2) **vindictive** comments
Her **vindictive** attitude towards her ex is causing unnecessary drama.
- tire**
- v. to become weary or fatigued, often due to physical or mental exertion; to cause someone to feel weary or fatigued; (noun) a rubber covering that is placed around the rim of a wheel, which provides traction and absorbs

shock while driving

synonym : exhaust, weary, fatigue

(1) **tire** my patience, (2) **tire** pressure

I need to **tire** out my dog with a long walk so that he will sleep through the night.

pave

v. to cover something with a hard, flat material such as stones, bricks, or concrete, to make it suitable for travel or use

synonym : surface, coat, cover

(1) **pave** a new path, (2) **pave** a smoother road

They **paved** the courtyard with bricks, giving it a more polished appearance.

honk

n. a loud, harsh sound made by a vehicle's horn to signal a warning or attract attention

synonym : beep, toot, blare

(1) **honk** sound, (2) **honk** for attention

The incessant **honk** of the car's horn woke me from sleep.

horn

n. a hard, pointed, often curved part that grows on the top of the heads of some animals, such as sheep and cows; a noisemaker or musical instrument that makes a loud noise when you blow through it

synonym : cornet, funnel, alarm

(1) a handle of **horn**, (2) **horn** of a vehicle

He enjoyed hearing the tootles of their **horns** with beer.

roll

v. to move in a particular direction by turning over and over or from side to side

synonym : spin, swirl, wheel

(1) **roll** a ball, (2) **roll** down his cheeks

He was exhausted and **rolled** into bed as soon as he got home.

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.

apologize

v. to express regret for committing wrongdoing or causing a problem

synonym : excuse, justify, atone

(1) **apologize** for being late, (2) **apologize** ahead of time
I **apologize** for neglecting your email.

labor

n. productive work, especially physical work done for wages; the people who do manual or physical work in a country or company for wage; (verb) to work hard or to strive and make an effort to reach a goal

synonym : toil, toil, donkeywork

(1) seasonal **labor**, (2) manual **labor**

In several countries, child **labor** is a serious social problem.

immediately

adv. now or without delay

synonym : directly, instantly, promptly

(1) **immediately** recall a product, (2) write him an answer
immediately

A suspension order from the court is effective **immediately**.

shock

n. a strong feeling or physical reaction to a sudden and unexpected event or experience, especially something unpleasant

synonym : amazement, surprise, stunner

(1) death from **shock**, (2) **shock-resistant**

He got an electric **shock** at work.

profuse

adj. abundant or plentiful in quantity or degree; excessive or extravagant; exhibiting a great amount of something

synonym : abundant, plentiful, excessive

(1) **profuse** growth, (2) **profuse** apologies

The flu caused a **profuse** amount of sweating and fever.

short-circuited

adj. describing an electrical circuit that has malfunctioned due to a sudden, unintended connection between two points of differing voltage or polarity; describing a plan, process, or scheme that has failed due to a critical flaw or oversight

synonym : malfunctioning

(1) **short-circuited** wire, (2) **short-circuited** device

Due to a **short-circuited** battery, the electronic device stopped functioning.

individual

n. a single person or thing, as distinct from a group

synonym : person, being, self

(1) a private **individual**, (2) **individual** freedom

As an **individual**, he had the right to make his own decisions and live his life as he saw fit.

circuit

n. (in electrical engineering) an electrical device that provides a path for electrical current to flow; a journey or route around a particular place or area

synonym : route, course, rotation

(1) **circuit** breaker, (2) federal **circuit** courts

An intelligent battery has a voltage monitoring **circuit**.

proactive

adj. acting in advance to deal with an expected difficulty or to take advantage of an opportunity.

synonym : gung-ho, anticipatory, forward-thinking

(1) **proactive** approach, (2) **proactive** about doing the task

The company implemented **proactive** measures to prevent future issues.

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**.

react

v. to take action in response to something

synonym : respond, reply, oppose

(1) **react** at a high temperature, (2) **react** against his way of thinking

How did he **react** to your idea?

valid

adj. having a reasonable basis in logic or fact; still legally or officially acceptable

synonym : proper, reasonable, useful

(1) a **valid** contract, (2) a ticket **valid** for two days

Your credit card is no longer **valid**.

Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. nontechnical as ___ts of the job | <i>n.</i> one part or feature of a situation, problem, subject, etc. |
| 2. his meal pre _____ces | <i>n.</i> a stronger liking or interest for something or someone than another thing or person |
| 3. sq___l in agony | <i>v.</i> to make a high-pitched, shrill sound, usually as a result of pain, excitement, or surprise; to reveal something secret or incriminating to an authority figure |
| 4. federal ci_____t courts | <i>n.</i> (in electrical engineering) an electrical device that provides a path for electrical current to flow; a journey or route around a particular place or area |
| 5. z_p file | <i>n.</i> a fastener made of interlocking teeth or ridges that is used to join two edges or pieces of fabric; a sound or motion that resembles the sound made by a zipper when it is pulled; (of a computer) a popular file compression and archiving format; (short for Zone Improvement Plan) a system of postal codes used in the United States to help facilitate mail delivery more efficiently |
| 6. logical in _____ce | <i>n.</i> a conclusion reached based on evidence and reasoning; a deduction or assumption |
| 7. as___n projects | <i>v.</i> to give a specific job or piece of work to a someone |

ANSWERS: 1. aspect, 2. preference, 3. squeal, 4. circuit, 5. zip, 6. inference, 7. assign

8. death from sh__k *n.* a strong feeling or physical reaction to a sudden and unexpected event or experience, especially something unpleasant
9. apply the br__e *n.* a device used to slow or stop a moving vehicle, typically by applying pressure to the wheels
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. t__e pressure *v.* to become weary or fatigued, often due to physical or mental exertion; to cause someone to feel weary or fatigued; (noun) a rubber covering that is placed around the rim of a wheel, which provides traction and absorbs shock while driving
12. class obs_____on day *n.* the act or activity of carefully examining or monitoring something or someone
13. cr_____l information *adj.* extremely vital or necessary
14. sub_____ous behavior *adj.* relating to or concerning the part of the mind that is not fully conscious but still influences thoughts, feelings, and behavior
15. a s__t on his honor *n.* a particular location or place; a small round or roundish area, differing in color or feels from the surface around it
16. b__r image *n.* a faint or indistinct image or sound; something that is not clear or distinct; (verb) to become unclear; to lose clear vision

ANSWERS: 8. shock, 9. brake, 10. scream, 11. tire, 12. observation, 13. crucial, 14. subconscious, 15. spot, 16. blur

17. in____ct with one another *v.* to communicate or react with somebody
18. a mailing la__l *n.* a small piece of paper, fabric, or other material attached to an object and giving information about it; (verb) to assign to a category
19. industry-sp____ic regulations *adj.* clearly defined or particular to a certain thing or situation; distinct, explicit, and precise
20. a private ind____al *n.* a single person or thing, as distinct from a group
21. a cr____l issue for women *adj.* extremely vital or necessary
22. a handle of h__n *n.* a hard, pointed, often curved part that grows on the top of the heads of some animals, such as sheep and cows; a noisemaker or musical instrument that makes a loud noise when you blow through it
23. r__l down his cheeks *v.* to move in a particular direction by turning over and over or from side to side
24. ci____t breaker *n.* (in electrical engineering) an electrical device that provides a path for electrical current to flow; a journey or route around a particular place or area
25. clogged fi____r *n.* any of several types of equipment or systems used to separate particles from liquids or gases or to remove specific forms of light
26. la__l a bag with my name *n.* a small piece of paper, fabric, or other material attached to an object and giving information about it; (verb) to assign to a category

ANSWERS: 17. interact, 18. label, 19. specific, 20. individual, 21. crucial, 22. horn, 23. roll, 24. circuit, 25. filter, 26. label

27. the ch__p of a bird *n.* a short, sharp sound that is made by birds or insects or by electronic devices such as alarms or beepers
28. h__n of a vehicle *n.* a hard, pointed, often curved part that grows on the top of the heads of some animals, such as sheep and cows; a noisemaker or musical instrument that makes a loud noise when you blow through it
29. r__l a ball *v.* to move in a particular direction by turning over and over or from side to side
30. chemical re____on *n.* a response that reveals a person's feelings or attitude; (in chemistry) a process in which one or more substances are changed into others
31. in_____et the question *v.* to explain or assign the meaning of information, actions, etc.
32. p__e a smoother road *v.* to cover something with a hard, flat material such as stones, bricks, or concrete, to make it suitable for travel or use
33. 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.
34. the ch__p of a cricket *n.* a short, sharp sound that is made by birds or insects or by electronic devices such as alarms or beepers
35. a mea_____ss endeavor *adj.* having no meaning, direction, or purpose

ANSWERS: 27. chirp, 28. horn, 29. roll, 30. reaction, 31. interpret, 32. pave, 33. adjust, 34. chirp, 35. meaningless

36. co__t wealth *v.* to strongly desire or crave something, particularly something that belongs to someone else; to have an excessive or envious desire for
37. mo___g ceremony *adj.* causing strong emotions or feelings, especially sadness or sympathy
38. in_____et a graph *v.* to explain or assign the meaning of information, actions, etc.
39. gas fi___r *n.* any of several types of equipment or systems used to separate particles from liquids or gases or to remove specific forms of light
40. s__m the door *v.* to shut a door or window noisily; to strike something violently or noisily
41. st__r a steady course *v.* to control the direction or movement of a vehicle; to direct a course of action; to guide or motivate someone
42. sho_____ted device *adj.* describing an electrical circuit that has malfunctioned due to a sudden, unintended connection between two points of differing voltage or polarity; describing a plan, process, or scheme that has failed due to a critical flaw or oversight
43. beauty s__t *n.* a particular location or place; a small round or roundish area, differing in color or feels from the surface around it
44. basic br__n function *n.* the organ inside the head that is responsible for one's movement, thought, memory, and feeling

ANSWERS: 36. covet, 37. moving, 38. interpret, 39. filter, 40. slam, 41. steer, 42. short-circuited, 43. spot, 44. brain

45. as__ts of social, political, and economic life *n.* one part or feature of a situation, problem, subject, etc.
46. 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.
47. a ti__t game *adj.* fixed, fastened, or kept together firmly or closely
48. ind_____al freedom *n.* a single person or thing, as distinct from a group
49. 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
50. ba__s for calculation *n.* the most important facts, ideas, or events from which something is developed; the way how things are organized or arranged
51. 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
52. lose my g__p *n.* the act of holding onto something firmly with your hands, or the ability to do so; (verb) to hold fast or firmly

ANSWERS: 45. aspect, 46. adjust, 47. tight, 48. individual, 49. assume, 50. basis, 51. function, 52. grip

53. permanent br__n damage *n.* the organ inside the head that is responsible for one's movement, thought, memory, and feeling
54. on an equal ba__s *n.* the most important facts, ideas, or events from which something is developed; the way how things are organized or arranged
55. em_____al distress *adj.* relating to people's feelings
56. imm_____ly recall a product *adv.* now or without delay
57. em_____al health *adj.* relating to people's feelings
58. inc_____ate remarks *adj.* not showing concern or care for the feelings, needs, or well-being of others; thoughtless; lacking consideration for others
59. vin_____ve disposition *adj.* showing or motivated by a desire to seek revenge or cause harm to someone, often in response to perceived wrongdoing or mistreatment
60. de_____p a strategy *v.* to grow or expand; to improve or refine through a process of progress and refinement, often to achieve greater sophistication or complexity; to elaborate or add detail to something that is in the process of being created
61. sh__k-resistant *n.* a strong feeling or physical reaction to a sudden and unexpected event or experience, especially something unpleasant

ANSWERS: 53. brain, 54. basis, 55. emotional, 56. immediately, 57. emotional, 58. inconsiderate, 59. vindictive, 60. develop, 61. shock

62. pr____e apologies *adj.* abundant or plentiful in quantity or degree; excessive or extravagant; exhibiting a great amount of something
63. student on a ti__t budget *adj.* fixed, fastened, or kept together firmly or closely
64. sp____ic instructions *adj.* clearly defined or particular to a certain thing or situation; distinct, explicit, and precise
65. st__r a conversation *v.* to control the direction or movement of a vehicle; to direct a course of action; to guide or motivate someone
66. sq____l with delight *v.* to make a high-pitched, shrill sound, usually as a result of pain, excitement, or surprise; to reveal something secret or incriminating to an authority figure
67. g__p of fear *n.* the act of holding onto something firmly with your hands, or the ability to do so; (verb) to hold fast or firmly
68. draw a dis_____on *n.* a difference or contrast between similar things or people
69. important dis_____on *n.* a difference or contrast between similar things or people
70. sub_____ous influence *adj.* relating to or concerning the part of the mind that is not fully conscious but still influences thoughts, feelings, and behavior
71. h__k for attention *n.* a loud, harsh sound made by a vehicle's horn to signal a warning or attract attention

ANSWERS: 62. profuse, 63. tight, 64. specific, 65. steer, 66. squeal, 67. grip, 68. distinction, 69. distinction, 70. subconscious, 71. honk

72. make an in_____ce *n.* a conclusion reached based on evidence and reasoning; a deduction or assumption
73. vin_____ve comments *adj.* showing or motivated by a desire to seek revenge or cause harm to someone, often in response to perceived wrongdoing or mistreatment
74. write him an answer imm_____ly *adv.* now or without delay
75. ap_____ze ahead of time *v.* to express regret for committing wrongdoing or causing a problem
76. pr_____ve approach *adj.* acting in advance to deal with an expected difficulty or to take advantage of an opportunity.
77. h__k sound *n.* a loud, harsh sound made by a vehicle's horn to signal a warning or attract attention
78. bl__k in astonishment *v.* to shut and open the eyes quickly; to gleam or glow in a regular or intermittent way
79. a man of imp_____ce *n.* the quality of being important and worthy of note
80. inc_____ate actions *adj.* not showing concern or care for the feelings, needs, or well-being of others; thoughtless; lacking consideration for others
81. a particular pre_____ce for Chinese art *n.* a stronger liking or interest for something or someone than another thing or person
82. s__m the book against a wall *v.* to shut a door or window noisily; to strike something violently or noisily

ANSWERS: 72. inference, 73. vindictive, 74. immediately, 75. apologize, 76. proactive, 77. honk, 78. blink, 79. importance, 80. inconsiderate, 81. preference, 82. slam

83. mic_____ic analysis *adj.* tiny; exceedingly precise and detail-oriented; of or used in microscopy
84. ap_____ze for being late *v.* to express regret for committing wrongdoing or causing a problem
85. in_____ct directly with customers *v.* to communicate or react with somebody
86. trigger a re_____on *n.* a response that reveals a person's feelings or attitude; (in chemistry) a process in which one or more substances are changed into others
87. in_____e a lot of paperwork *v.* to include or affect someone or something as a necessary part of something else
88. fr_____te the advancement *v.* to hinder or prevent efforts, plans, or desires from doing, succeeding, or being fulfilled; to make someone feel upset or annoyed because they are unable to change or achieve something
89. seasonal la___r *n.* productive work, especially physical work done for wages; the people who do manual or physical work in a country or company for wage; (verb) to work hard or to strive and make an effort to reach a goal
90. br___e pedal *n.* a device used to slow or stop a moving vehicle, typically by applying pressure to the wheels
91. pr_____e growth *adj.* abundant or plentiful in quantity or degree; excessive or extravagant; exhibiting a great amount of something

ANSWERS: 83. microscopic, 84. apologize, 85. interact, 86. reaction, 87. involve, 88. frustrate, 89. labor, 90. brake, 91. profuse

92. a ticket va__d for two days *adj.* having a reasonable basis in logic or fact; still legally or officially acceptable
93. manual la__r *n.* productive work, especially physical work done for wages; the people who do manual or physical work in a country or company for wage; (verb) to work hard or to strive and make an effort to reach a goal
94. obs_____on instrument *n.* the act or activity of carefully examining or monitoring something or someone
95. a va__d contract *adj.* having a reasonable basis in logic or fact; still legally or officially acceptable
96. do a mea_____ss task *adj.* having no meaning, direction, or purpose
97. 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
98. re__t against his way of thinking *v.* to take action in response to something
99. as___n top priority *v.* to give a specific job or piece of work to a someone
100. sho_____ted wire *adj.* describing an electrical circuit that has malfunctioned due to a sudden, unintended connection between two points of differing voltage or polarity; describing a plan, process, or scheme that has failed due to a critical flaw or oversight

ANSWERS: 92. valid, 93. labor, 94. observation, 95. valid, 96. meaningless, 97. function, 98. react, 99. assign, 100. short-circuited

101. high imp_____ce *n.* the quality of being important and worthy of note
102. 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
103. in_____e a high degree of risk *v.* to include or affect someone or something as a necessary part of something else
104. 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
105. p__e a new path *v.* to cover something with a hard, flat material such as stones, bricks, or concrete, to make it suitable for travel or use
106. pr_____e the amendment *v.* to make a proposal, declare a plan for something
107. mo_____g experience *adj.* causing strong emotions or feelings, especially sadness or sympathy
108. pr_____e changes *v.* to make a proposal, declare a plan for something

ANSWERS: 101. importance, 102. process, 103. involve, 104. process, 105. pave, 106. propose, 107. moving, 108. propose

109. re__t at a high temperature *v.* to take action in response to something
110. co_____de a meeting *v.* to come to an end or close; to reach a judgment or opinion by reasoning
111. mic_____ic inquiry *adj.* tiny; exceedingly precise and detail-oriented; of or used in microscopy
112. co__t fame *v.* to strongly desire or crave something, particularly something that belongs to someone else; to have an excessive or envious desire for
113. j__k the rope *v.* to make a sudden, sharp movement, or cause something to do this
114. j__k her head back *v.* to make a sudden, sharp movement, or cause something to do this
115. t__e my patience *v.* to become weary or fatigued, often due to physical or mental exertion; to cause someone to feel weary or fatigued;
(noun) a rubber covering that is placed around the rim of a wheel, which provides traction and absorbs shock while driving
116. z_p code *n.* a fastener made of interlocking teeth or ridges that is used to join two edges or pieces of fabric; a sound or motion that resembles the sound made by a zipper when it is pulled; (of a computer) a popular file compression and archiving format; (short for Zone Improvement Plan) a system of postal codes used in the United States to help facilitate mail delivery more efficiently

ANSWERS: 109. react, 110. conclude, 111. microscopic, 112. covet, 113. jerk, 114. jerk, 115. tire, 116. zip

117. fr_____te other team members *v.* to hinder or prevent efforts, plans, or desires from doing, succeeding, or being fulfilled; to make someone feel upset or annoyed because they are unable to change or achieve something
118. 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
119. pr_____ve about doing the task *adj.* acting in advance to deal with an expected difficulty or to take advantage of an opportunity.
120. de_____p a skill *v.* to grow or expand; to improve or refine through a process of progress and refinement, often to achieve greater sophistication or complexity; to elaborate or add detail to something that is in the process of being created
121. co_____de that he is healthy *v.* to come to an end or close; to reach a judgment or opinion by reasoning
122. motion b__r *n.* a faint or indistinct image or sound; something that is not clear or distinct; *(verb)* to become unclear; to lose clear vision
123. bl__k his eyes *v.* to shut and open the eyes quickly; to gleam or glow in a regular or intermittent way
124. 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

ANSWERS: 117. frustrate, 118. scream, 119. proactive, 120. develop, 121. conclude, 122. blur, 123. blink, 124. assume

ANSWERS:

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The company implemented _____ measures to prevent future issues.
adj. acting in advance to deal with an expected difficulty or to take advantage of an opportunity.
2. 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
3. His _____ speech about his struggles with addiction brought tears to the audience's eyes.
adj. causing strong emotions or feelings, especially sadness or sympathy
4. Due to a _____ battery, the electronic device stopped functioning.
adj. describing an electrical circuit that has malfunctioned due to a sudden, unintended connection between two points of differing voltage or polarity; describing a plan, process, or scheme that has failed due to a critical flaw or oversight
5. The national election was held amid _____ security.
adj. fixed, fastened, or kept together firmly or closely
6. The results of that election put a _____ on political reform.
n. a device used to slow or stop a moving vehicle, typically by applying pressure to the wheels
7. Her _____ attitude towards her ex is causing unnecessary drama.
adj. showing or motivated by a desire to seek revenge or cause harm to someone, often in response to perceived wrongdoing or mistreatment

ANSWERS: 1. proactive, 2. assumes, 3. moving, 4. short-circuited, 5. tight, 6. brake, 7. vindictive

8. Human _____ responses vary widely depending on the society to which they belong.
adj. relating to people's feelings
9. He enjoyed hearing the tootles of their _____ with beer.
n. a hard, pointed, often curved part that grows on the top of the heads of some animals, such as sheep and cows; a noisemaker or musical instrument that makes a loud noise when you blow through it
10. An intelligent battery has a voltage monitoring _____.
n. (in electrical engineering) an electrical device that provides a path for electrical current to flow; a journey or route around a particular place or area
11. The _____ mind is said to hold our deepest desires and fears.
adj. relating to or concerning the part of the mind that is not fully conscious but still influences thoughts, feelings, and behavior
12. This evidence will form the _____ for our discussion.
n. the most important facts, ideas, or events from which something is developed; the way how things are organized or arranged
13. The _____ on the food package lists the ingredients and nutritional information.
n. a small piece of paper, fabric, or other material attached to an object and giving information about it; (verb) to assign to a category
14. Inspectors noticed _____ cracks in the submarine's hull.
adj. tiny; exceedingly precise and detail-oriented; of or used in microscopy
15. The flu caused a _____ amount of sweating and fever.
adj. abundant or plentiful in quantity or degree; excessive or extravagant; exhibiting a great amount of something

ANSWERS: 8. emotional, 9. horns, 10. circuit, 11. subconscious, 12. basis, 13. label, 14. microscopic, 15. profuse

16. The camera's focus was off, and the image was a _____ of colors and shapes.
n. a faint or indistinct image or sound; something that is not clear or distinct; (verb) to become unclear; to lose clear vision
17. The scientist conducted a study that provided _____ details about the species' behavior.
adj. clearly defined or particular to a certain thing or situation; distinct, explicit, and precise
18. The revitalization of technology companies is _____ to the country's growth.
adj. extremely vital or necessary
19. This experiment's results are _____ because the other conditions are not identical.
adj. having no meaning, direction, or purpose
20. 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
21. He was exhausted and _____ into bed as soon as he got home.
v. to move in a particular direction by turning over and over or from side to side
22. The sound of the _____ woke me up early in the morning.
n. a short, sharp sound that is made by birds or insects or by electronic devices such as alarms or beepers
23. I _____ for neglecting your email.
v. to express regret for committing wrongdoing or causing a problem

ANSWERS: 16. blur, 17. specific, 18. crucial, 19. meaningless, 20. screaming, 21. rolled, 22. chirp, 23. apologize

24. She _____ the door shut, angry at the person on the other side.
v. to shut a door or window noisily; to strike something violently or noisily
25. As an _____ he had the right to make his own decisions and live his life as he saw fit.
n. a single person or thing, as distinct from a group
26. In several countries, child _____ is a serious social problem.
n. productive work, especially physical work done for wages; the people who do manual or physical work in a country or company for wage; (verb) to work hard or to strive and make an effort to reach a goal
27. He got an electric _____ at work.
n. a strong feeling or physical reaction to a sudden and unexpected event or experience, especially something unpleasant
28. How did he _____ to your idea?
v. to take action in response to something
29. In the hospital, she will remain under constant _____.
n. the act or activity of carefully examining or monitoring something or someone
30. 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.
31. I stopped by the branch though I have no business of _____.
n. the quality of being important and worthy of note

ANSWERS: 24. slammed, 25. individual, 26. labor, 27. shock, 28. react, 29. observation, 30. adjust, 31. importance

32. The driver suddenly _____ the steering wheel to the left to avoid hitting the deer.
- v.* to make a sudden, sharp movement, or cause something to do this
33. The investigation _____ several government agencies and is expected to take several months.
- v.* to include or affect someone or something as a necessary part of something else
34. The coach explained a strategy to _____ the opponent's schemes to the players.
- v.* to hinder or prevent efforts, plans, or desires from doing, succeeding, or being fulfilled; to make someone feel upset or annoyed because they are unable to change or achieve something
35. Based on ice core samples, scientists can draw _____ about the Earth's past climate.
- n.* a conclusion reached based on evidence and reasoning; a deduction or assumption
36. His professional experience includes all _____ of media production.
- n.* one part or feature of a situation, problem, subject, etc.
37. This remote _____ is rarely visited.
- n.* a particular location or place; a small round or roundish area, differing in color or feels from the surface around it
38. We _____ a cease-fire.
- v.* to come to an end or close; to reach a judgment or opinion by reasoning

ANSWERS: 32. jerked, 33. involves, 34. frustrate, 35. inferences, 36. aspects, 37. spot, 38. concluded

39. The children were playing and _____ with excitement in the park.
- v. to make a high-pitched, shrill sound, usually as a result of pain, excitement, or surprise; to reveal something secret or incriminating to an authority figure
40. Different people might _____ this news differently.
- v. to explain or assign the meaning of information, actions, etc.
41. 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
42. He _____ in the dazzling sunlight.
- v. to shut and open the eyes quickly; to gleam or glow in a regular or intermittent way
43. 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
44. Please _____ a different color to each other kind of item.
- v. to give a specific job or piece of work to a someone
45. The brain is an incredibly complex organ that controls the body's _____.
- n. the purpose or use of an object, system, or process; a particular activity or operation that is designed to serve a specific purpose; a mathematical concept that describes a relationship between two sets of values, called the input and output sets; (verb) to operate or work in a specific way, or to perform a particular task or purpose

ANSWERS: 39. squealing, 40. interpret, 41. process, 42. blinked, 43. filter, 44. assign, 45. function

46. He should _____ more with his colleagues.

v. to communicate or react with somebody

47. I need to _____ out my dog with a long walk so that he will sleep through the night.

v. to become weary or fatigued, often due to physical or mental exertion; to cause someone to feel weary or fatigued; (noun) a rubber covering that is placed around the rim of a wheel, which provides traction and absorbs shock while driving

48. She couldn't help but _____ her friend's designer handbag.

v. to strongly desire or crave something, particularly something that belongs to someone else; to have an excessive or envious desire for

49. There was a chemical _____ of the lime with the groundwater.

n. a response that reveals a person's feelings or attitude; (in chemistry) a process in which one or more substances are changed into others

50. He had a firm _____ on the rope as he climbed the mountain.

n. the act of holding onto something firmly with your hands, or the ability to do so; (verb) to hold fast or firmly

51. It was incredibly _____ of him to cancel plans at the last minute without giving any notice.

adj. not showing concern or care for the feelings, needs, or well-being of others; thoughtless; lacking consideration for others

52. X-rays revealed a small tumor in his _____.

n. the organ inside the head that is responsible for one's movement, thought, memory, and feeling

ANSWERS: 46. interact, 47. tire, 48. covet, 49. reaction, 50. grip, 51. inconsiderate, 52. brain

53. Your credit card is no longer _____.

adj. having a reasonable basis in logic or fact; still legally or officially acceptable

54. Her _____ is comfortable clothing over fashionable ones.

n. a stronger liking or interest for something or someone than another thing or person

55. The captain told him to _____ the ship north.

v. to control the direction or movement of a vehicle; to direct a course of action; to guide or motivate someone

56. They _____ the courtyard with bricks, giving it a more polished appearance.

v. to cover something with a hard, flat material such as stones, bricks, or concrete, to make it suitable for travel or use

57. The incessant _____ of the car's horn woke me from sleep.

n. a loud, harsh sound made by a vehicle's horn to signal a warning or attract attention

58. A suspension order from the court is effective _____.

adv. now or without delay

59. I can't see any _____ between these two concepts.

n. a difference or contrast between similar things or people

60. I want to _____ a toast in honor of our longstanding relationship.

v. to make a proposal, declare a plan for something

61. She put her phone in the _____ pocket of her backpack.

n. a fastener made of interlocking teeth or ridges that is used to join two edges or pieces of fabric; a sound or motion that resembles the sound made by a zipper when it is pulled; (of a computer) a popular file compression and archiving format; (short for Zone Improvement Plan) a system of postal codes used in the United States to help facilitate mail delivery more efficiently

ANSWERS: 53. valid, 54. preference, 55. steer, 56. paved, 57. honk, 58. immediately,

59. distinction, 60. propose, 61. zip

62. We must _____ a new system to streamline our workflow and increase efficiency.

- v. to grow or expand; to improve or refine through a process of progress and refinement, often to achieve greater sophistication or complexity; to elaborate or add detail to something that is in the process of being created

ANSWERS: 62. develop