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Session 1: Word List

subtitle

n. a secondary title or alternate title that is displayed below the primary title often used to provide additional information or translation for a movie or video; a text that appears at the bottom of a movie, TV show, or video to provide a written translation or transcription of the spoken dialogue in another language

synonym: caption, heading, inscription

(1) chart **subtitle**, (2) foreign-language **subtitle**

Make sure to turn on **subtitles** so you can understand the foreign film.

studio

n. a room or building where creative or artistic work is produced; a television or radio production company

synonym: workshop, atelier, room

(1) a photo **studio**, (2) music **studio**

She works at a recording **studio** in Los Angeles.

architecture

n. the art and science of designing and constructing buildings

synonym: design, structure, layout

(1) **architecture** design, (2) classic **architecture**

The city is known for its impressive **architecture** and beautiful old buildings.

prefabricated

adj. constructed or made in advance, often in sections or components, before being assembled on-site; manufactured or built in a factory rather than on-site

synonym : prebuilt, prefab, factory-made

(1) **prefabricated** building, (2) **prefabricated** home

The new office building was constructed with **prefabricated** materials, which helped save time and money.

improve

v. to make or become better

synonym : enhance, ameliorate, enrich

(1) **improve** a process, (2) **improve** the test score

We want to **improve** ties between our two countries.

affordable

adj. not expensive and able to pay

synonym : cheap, reasonable, inexpensive

(1) **affordable** housing, (2) **affordable** solution

The automaker has been providing **affordable** car financing options since last year.

manifesto

n. a public declaration or statement of policy and aims, usually issued by a political party or government; a written statement or proclamation of one's beliefs or intentions

synonym : declaration, proclamation, statement

(1) **manifesto** statement, (2) environmental **manifesto**

The political party issued a **manifesto** outlining its plans for the country's future.

engineer

n. a person whose job is designing, building, or maintaining something such as machines, structures, or software

synonym : architect, creator, builder

(1) a civil **engineer**, (2) **engineer** shortage

The **engineer** will repair my telephone tomorrow morning.

assemble

v. to collect in one place as a single group

synonym : gather, congregate, collect

(1) **assemble** your colleagues, (2) **assemble** a jigsaw

puzzle

The president began to **assemble** an army.

balanced

adj. taking all sides or opinions into account equally; being in a state of proper equilibrium

synonym: equitable, congruous, flat

(1) a **balanced** diet, (2) a well-**balanced** mind

We conducted a **balanced** assessment of intellectual and cultural history.

demonstrate

v. to display something or give an exhibition to an interested audience

synonym: show, illustrate, display

(1) **demonstrate** a difference, (2) **demonstrate** mastery

How can you **demonstrate** that the earth is a sphere?

amazing

adj. extremely surprising, especially in a way that you like or admire

synonym: exceptional, extraordinary, wonderful

(1) **amazing** advances, (2) the most **amazing** feeling

The golfer recorded an **amazing** distance.

inspiring

adj. stimulating and motivating you to want to do something

synonym: exhilarating, encouraging, heartening

(1) **inspiring** stories, (2) awe-**inspiring** sight

An **inspiring** teacher might spark students' motivation to succeed.

consonance

n. agreement or compatibility between opinions, actions, or characters; the repetition of similar sounds, especially consonants, in a phrase or verse, especially to create a pleasing effect

synonym: harmony, agreement, concord

(1) imperfect **consonance**, (2) bring into **consonance**

The **consonance** between the speaker's words and their body language made it clear that they were being sincere.

harmony

n. the combination of simultaneous musical notes to produce a pleasing effect; an attractive combination of related things and their properties

synonym : balance, accord, congruence

(1) a **harmony** of colors, (2) break a **harmony**

We worked in perfect **harmony**.

equilibrium

n. a state in which opposing forces or influences are balanced

synonym : balance, stability, harmony

(1) **equilibrium** point, (2) political **equilibrium**

The company struggled to maintain an **equilibrium** between its profits and social responsibilities.

granite

n. a tough, durable, and coarse-grained igneous rock often used in construction for buildings, monuments, and sculptures

synonym : stone, rock, boulder

(1) black **granite**, (2) solid **granite**

The countertop was polished **granite**, giving it a sleek and modern look.

structure

n. the way of construction of something and the arrangement of its parts, or a complex thing constructed of many parts

synonym : construction, architecture, establishment

(1) the **structure** of a machine, (2) **structure** and function of the brain

The organizational **structure** of start-ups is often flat and straightforward.

defer

v. to delay or hold back something until a later time; to refer to another source of authority

synonym : postpone, delay, hold off

(1) **defer** decision, (2) **defer** payment

I have to **defer** the meeting until next week.

conspiracy

n. a secret agreement between two or more people to perform something harmful or illegal

synonym : plot, collaboration, scheme

(1) political **conspiracy**, (2) **conspiracy** theory

There was a **conspiracy** of silence about illegal police interrogation.

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.

outdoors

adv. in or into the open air; outside a building or structure

synonym : outside, al fresco, in the open air

(1) exhausted **outdoors**, (2) sleep **outdoors**

She loves to hike **outdoors** and explore nature.

intimate

adj. having a very close friendship, personal

synonym : close, tight, friendly

(1) my **intimate** affairs, (2) **intimate** relationship

He has an **intimate** knowledge of American history.

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.

struggle

v. to make a great effort to do something when it is difficult, or there are a lot of problems; to use force or violence to break away from restraint or constriction

synonym : toil, strive, compete

(1) **struggle** against discrimination, (2) **struggle** to get the job

He could not **struggle** against temptation.

discovery

n. the act or process of finding information, a place, or an object, or learning about something that was previously not known

synonym: finding, uncovering, detection

(1) a scientific **discovery**, (2) the great **discovery** of the century

Her research team made an important **discovery**.

insane

adj. extremely stupid, crazy, or dangerous; mentally ill

synonym: crazy, mad, foolish

(1) go **insane** with pleasure, (2) an **insane** scheme

Her excessive demands drove me **insane**.

specialize

v. to become an expert in a specific career field, study, or business

synonym: narrow down, particularize

(1) **specialize** in child care, (2) **specialize** in market research

The restaurant has chefs who **specialize** in beef.

migrant

n. a traveler who moves from one region or country to another, especially to find work or better living conditions; a bird or an animal that moves from one place to another

synonym: immigrant, itinerant, transient

(1) **migrant** worker, (2) the movement of **migrant** birds

The government revoked his license to employ **migrant** labor crews.

statistics

n. the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data

(1) **statistics** for cancer, (2) official **statistics**

The **statistics** demonstrate that poverty and unemployment are genuine problems.

browse

v. to shop around in a leisurely and casual way; to look through a book, magazine, Internet, etc., casually and randomly, without seeking anything in particular; (of an animal) to feed on plants

synonym: look around, look through, scan

(1) **browse** a website, (2) **browse** through the text

We **browsed** in a souvenir shop.

garage

n. a building or part of a building used to store a vehicle or vehicles, typically a car

synonym: carport, shed, barn

(1) electrical **garage** door, (2) **garage** repair

He parked his car in the private **garage**.

recruit

v. to persuade someone to work for a company; to find new members for an organization, the armed forces, etc.

synonym: raise, enroll, enlist

(1) **recruit** a good worker, (2) **recruit** a new hire

The colonial government **recruited** militia support when civil war broke out.

architect

n. a person whose job is to design plans to be used in making something, such as buildings

synonym: creator, designer, planner

(1) landscape **architect**, (2) **architect** of the peace accord

The building **architect** tried to build the house above the tree.

lift

v. to raise something to a higher position or level; to pick up something or somebody and move them to a different position

synonym: raise, elevate, move up

(1) **lift** sagging skin, (2) **lift** a ban on alcohol

The drought **lifted** the prices of grain globally.

transport

n. a system for moving people or products from one location to another using automobiles, roads, and so on

synonym: shipment, transit, conveyance

(1) **transport** facilities, (2) access to public **transport**

Enhanced rail **transportation** is crucial for our business.

estranged

adj. separated or alienated from someone or something that was once familiar or close; emotionally detached or distant due to a breakdown in a relationship or connection

synonym: alienated, distant, estrous

(1) **estranged** relationship, (2) become **estranged**

After years of not speaking to each other, the **estranged** family members finally reunited.

insulate

v. to protect something by interposing material that prevents heat, noise, electricity, etc.

synonym: isolate, protect, seclude

(1) **insulate** the room from sound, (2) **insulate** electricity

We had our bedroom **insulated** before winter came.

craft

n. an activity that requires a particular skill in making things with one's hands

synonym: art, skill, workmanship

(1) **craft** arts of Japan, (2) **craft** manufacture

His hometown was where he first acquired the **craft** of wood carving.

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.

frame

n. a strong border or structure of the wood, metal, etc. that surrounds something such as a picture, door, or window

synonym : body, skeleton, scaffolding

(1) a picture **frame**, (2) the **frame** of the policy

The detective looked for fingerprints on the window **frame**.

steel

n. a strong metal alloy made up of iron with typically a few tenths of a percent of carbon used for making things that need a strong structure

synonym : iron

(1) magnetic **steel**, (2) **steel** beam

This bridge is the third largest **steel** bridge in the world.

clad

adj. dressed or covered in a particular way; provided or protected with a particular material or substance

synonym : dressed, covered, attired

(1) **clad** completely in black, (2) **clad** in armor

The athlete was **clad** in a tight-fitting suit designed to reduce drag and improve performance.

cement

v. make fast as if with cement; (noun) a building material that is a powder made of a mixture of calcined limestone and clay, used with water, sand, and small stones to make concrete

synonym : adhesive, glue

(1) **cement** a close relationship, (2) **cement** blend

They are eager to **cement** a positive reputation.

lightweight

adj. composed of thinner and lighter material than average; not severe or impressive

(1) **lightweight** aircraft, (2) **lightweight** structure

Powder coating protects the **lightweight** aluminum alloy components.

furnish

v. to provide a room or building with furniture and fittings; to provide something useful or necessary

synonym : equip, provide, fit out

(1) **furnish** a suitable occasion, (2) **furnish** the information
The new homeowners decided to **furnish** the living room with new furniture.

closet

n. a small room or cabinet with a door used for storing things, especially clothes

synonym: cabinet, cupboard, locker

(1) **closet** full of suits, (2) walk-in **closets**

He brushed the suit before hanging it back into the **closet**.

embedded

adj. fixed firmly into the surface of something

synonym: ingrained, implanted, inserted

(1) **embedded** systems, (2) LED- **embedded** glass

The **embedded** chip in my credit card allows me to make contactless payments.

precision

n. the quality or condition of being exact and accurate

synonym: accuracy, exactness, rigor

(1) a **precision** instrument, (2) speak with **precision**

This operation requires both patience and **precision**.

balance

n. a condition in which everything has the same weight or force; something left after other parts have been taken away

synonym: equilibrium, counterpoise, remainder

(1) the **balance** of power, (2) asset on the company's **balance** sheet

Try to keep a **balance** between work and off.

technological

adj. based on scientific and industrial progress

synonym: specialized, technical

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

Technological advances have disrupted many industries.

exciting

adj. causing a lot of interest or excitement

synonym: exhilarating, stimulating, thrilling

(1) **exciting** football player, (2) **exciting** news

The findings of the experiment were both **exciting** and unexpected.

inspire

v. to make somebody fill with the desire, confidence, or enthusiasm, especially to do something creative

synonym: boost, encourage, enlighten

(1) **inspire** a feeling of curiosity, (2) **inspire** him to write a novel

The unique style of this martial arts **inspired** many action film producers.

construct

v. to build or create something; to assemble or combine different parts to form something whole

synonym: build, assemble, create

(1) **construct** a 3D image, (2) **construct** a dam

He **constructs** hypotheses that no mathematician has ever imagined before.

vegetation

n. plants in general, particularly those indigenous to a particular region or spot

synonym: flora, leafage, foliage

(1) tropical **vegetation**, (2) dense **vegetation**

The **vegetation** in the area is quite diverse.

recycle

v. to sort and collect things to process them and produce valuable materials that can be used again

synonym: reclaim, reuse, reprocess

(1) **recycle** the cardboard boxes, (2) **recycle** milk packaging into new paper

We largely **recycle** the circuit board of cell phones because they contain a lot of valuable metals.

separate

v. to force, take, or pull apart; mark as different

synonym: disunite, isolate, ramify

(1) **separate** video into chapter, (2) **separate** cream from

milk

We need to **separate** the aspect of his personality from the part of his competence when making an investment decision.

vista

n. a pleasing or expansive view, most often of a landscape or a cityscape; a broad and extensive view or outlook

synonym: panorama, view, prospect

(1) **vista** point, (2) unobstructed **vista**

The hike to the top of the mountain offered a breathtaking **vista** of the surrounding valley.

transform

v. to change in outward structure or looks;

synonym: alter, convert, change

(1) **transform** an education system, (2) **transform** heat into power

My father's death **transformed** my life completely.

fantastic

adj. extremely good; excellent

synonym: incredible, unbelievable, marvelous

(1) a **fantastic** dress, (2) absolutely **fantastic** event

The new amusement park ride was **fantastic**, with twists, turns, and drops that left riders screaming with excitement.

Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. de__r decision | v. | to delay or hold back something until a later time; to refer to another source of authority |
| 2. re____t a good worker | v. | to persuade someone to work for a company; to find new members for an organization, the armed forces, etc. |
| 3. dem____te a difference | v. | to display something or give an exhibition to an interested audience |
| 4. br___e a website | v. | to shop around in a leisurely and casual way; to look through a book, magazine, Internet, etc., casually and randomly, without seeking anything in particular; (of an animal) to feed on plants |
| 5. a ba____ed diet | <i>adj.</i> | taking all sides or opinions into account equally; being in a state of proper equilibrium |
| 6. st____le against discrimination | v. | to make a great effort to do something when it is difficult, or there are a lot of problems; to use force or violence to break away from restraint or constriction |
| 7. music st___o | <i>n.</i> | a room or building where creative or artistic work is produced; a television or radio production company |
| 8. re____t a new hire | v. | to persuade someone to work for a company; to find new members for an organization, the armed forces, etc. |
| 9. in____te the room from sound | v. | to protect something by interposing material that prevents heat, noise, electricity, etc. |

ANSWERS: 1. defer, 2. recruit, 3. demonstrate, 4. browse, 5. balanced, 6. struggle, 7. studio, 8. recruit, 9. insulate

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| 10. the ba_____e of power | <i>n.</i> a condition in which everything has the same weight or force; something left after other parts have been taken away |
| 11. the st_____re of a machine | <i>n.</i> the way of construction of something and the arrangement of its parts, or a complex thing constructed of many parts |
| 12. a ha_____y of colors | <i>n.</i> the combination of simultaneous musical notes to produce a pleasing effect; an attractive combination of related things and their properties |
| 13. the fr__e of the policy | <i>n.</i> a strong border or structure of the wood, metal, etc. that surrounds something such as a picture, door, or window |
| 14. lig_____ht aircraft | <i>adj.</i> composed of thinner and lighter material than average; not severe or impressive |
| 15. LED-em_____ed glass | <i>adj.</i> fixed firmly into the surface of something |
| 16. equ_____um point | <i>n.</i> a state in which opposing forces or influences are balanced |
| 17. asset on the company's ba_____e sheet | <i>n.</i> a condition in which everything has the same weight or force; something left after other parts have been taken away |
| 18. my in_____te affairs | <i>adj.</i> having a very close friendship, personal |
| 19. em_____ed systems | <i>adj.</i> fixed firmly into the surface of something |
| 20. a pr_____on instrument | <i>n.</i> the quality or condition of being exact and accurate |

ANSWERS: 10. balance, 11. structure, 12. harmony, 13. frame, 14. lightweight, 15. embedded, 16. equilibrium, 17. balance, 18. intimate, 19. embedded, 20. precision

21. the movement of mi_____t birds *n.* a traveler who moves from one region or country to another, especially to find work or better living conditions; a bird or an animal that moves from one place to another
22. in_____ng stories *adj.* stimulating and motivating you to want to do something
23. 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
24. tec_____cal advancement *adj.* based on scientific and industrial progress
25. st_____le to get the job *v.* to make a great effort to do something when it is difficult, or there are a lot of problems; to use force or violence to break away from restraint or constriction
26. imperfect con_____ce *n.* agreement or compatibility between opinions, actions, or characters; the repetition of similar sounds, especially consonants, in a phrase or verse, especially to create a pleasing effect
27. become es_____ed *adj.* separated or alienated from someone or something that was once familiar or close; emotionally detached or distant due to a breakdown in a relationship or connection
28. sleep ou_____rs *adv.* in or into the open air; outside a building or structure
29. spe_____ze in child care *v.* to become an expert in a specific career field, study, or business

ANSWERS: 21. migrant, 22. inspiring, 23. tradition, 24. technological, 25. struggle, 26. consonance, 27. estranged, 28. outdoors, 29. specialize

30. se____te video into chapter *v.* to force, take, or pull apart; mark as different
31. st__l beam *n.* a strong metal alloy made up of iron with typically a few tenths of a percent of carbon used for making things that need a strong structure
32. absolutely fa_____ic event *adj.* extremely good; excellent
33. co_____ct a 3D image *v.* to build or create something; to assemble or combine different parts to form something whole
34. awe-in_____ng sight *adj.* stimulating and motivating you to want to do something
35. cl____t full of suits *n.* a small room or cabinet with a door used for storing things, especially clothes
36. ce____t a close relationship *v.* make fast as if with cement; (noun) a building material that is a powder made of a mixture of calcined limestone and clay, used with water, sand, and small stones to make concrete
37. l__t a ban on alcohol *v.* to raise something to a higher position or level; to pick up something or somebody and move them to a different position
38. re_____on of inclusion *n.* the way two persons or groups of people feel and act toward one another
39. co_____al combination of funds *adj.* belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use
40. a scientific di_____ry *n.* the act or process of finding information, a place, or an object, or learning about something that was previously not known

ANSWERS: 30. separate, 31. steel, 32. fantastic, 33. construct, 34. inspiring, 35. closet, 36. cement, 37. lift, 38. relation, 39. communal, 40. discovery

41. re____e milk packaging into new paper
v. to sort and collect things to process them and produce valuable materials that can be used again
42. im____e a process
v. to make or become better
43. landscape ar____ct
n. a person whose job is to design plans to be used in making something, such as buildings
44. br___e through the text
v. to shop around in a leisurely and casual way; to look through a book, magazine, Internet, etc., casually and randomly, without seeking anything in particular; (of an animal) to feed on plants
45. ma_____to statement
n. a public declaration or statement of policy and aims, usually issued by a political party or government; a written statement or proclamation of one's beliefs or intentions
46. political con_____cy
n. a secret agreement between two or more people to perform something harmful or illegal
47. re____e the cardboard boxes
v. to sort and collect things to process them and produce valuable materials that can be used again
48. environmental ma_____to
n. a public declaration or statement of policy and aims, usually issued by a political party or government; a written statement or proclamation of one's beliefs or intentions
49. ex____ng football player
adj. causing a lot of interest or excitement

ANSWERS: 41. recycle, 42. improve, 43. architect, 44. browse, 45. manifesto, 46. conspiracy, 47. recycle, 48. manifesto, 49. exciting

50. speak with pr_____on *n.* the quality or condition of being exact and accurate
51. in_____te relationship *adj.* having a very close friendship, personal
52. cr__t manufacture *n.* an activity that requires a particular skill in making things with one's hands
53. tr_____rm an education system *v.* to change in outward structure or looks;
54. as_____le a jigsaw puzzle *v.* to collect in one place as a single group
55. magnetic st__l *n.* a strong metal alloy made up of iron with typically a few tenths of a percent of carbon used for making things that need a strong structure
56. walk-in cl____ts *n.* a small room or cabinet with a door used for storing things, especially clothes
57. in_____e him to write a novel *v.* to make somebody fill with the desire, confidence, or enthusiasm, especially to do something creative
58. vi__a point *n.* a pleasing or expansive view, most often of a landscape or a cityscape; a broad and extensive view or outlook
59. go in_____e with pleasure *adj.* extremely stupid, crazy, or dangerous; mentally ill
60. ga_____e repair *n.* a building or part of a building used to store a vehicle or vehicles, typically a car
61. de__r payment *v.* to delay or hold back something until a later time; to refer to another source of authority

ANSWERS: 50. precision, 51. intimate, 52. craft, 53. transform, 54. assemble, 55. steel, 56. closet, 57. inspire, 58. vista, 59. insane, 60. garage, 61. defer

62. exhausted ou____rs *adv.* in or into the open air; outside a building or structure
63. dense veg_____on *n.* plants in general, particularly those indigenous to a particular region or spot
64. aff_____le housing *adj.* not expensive and able to pay
65. chart su_____le *n.* a secondary title or alternate title that is displayed below the primary title often used to provide additional information or translation for a movie or video; a text that appears at the bottom of a movie, TV show, or video to provide a written translation or transcription of the spoken dialogue in another language
66. break a ha_____y *n.* the combination of simultaneous musical notes to produce a pleasing effect; an attractive combination of related things and their properties
67. c__d in armor *adj.* dressed or covered in a particular way; provided or protected with a particular material or substance
68. pre_____ted home *adj.* constructed or made in advance, often in sections or components, before being assembled on-site; manufactured or built in a factory rather than on-site
69. as_____le your colleagues *v.* to collect in one place as a single group
70. in_____e a feeling of curiosity *v.* to make somebody fill with the desire, confidence, or enthusiasm, especially to do something creative
71. im_____e the test score *v.* to make or become better

ANSWERS: 62. outdoors, 63. vegetation, 64. affordable, 65. subtitle, 66. harmony, 67. clad, 68. prefabricated, 69. assemble, 70. inspire, 71. improve

72. tr_____m heat into power *v.* to change in outward structure or looks;
73. ex_____ng news *adj.* causing a lot of interest or excitement
74. mi_____t worker *n.* a traveler who moves from one region or country to another, especially to find work or better living conditions; a bird or an animal that moves from one place to another
75. a fa_____ic dress *adj.* extremely good; excellent
76. fu_____h the information *v.* to provide a room or building with furniture and fittings; to provide something useful or necessary
77. an in_____e scheme *adj.* extremely stupid, crazy, or dangerous; mentally ill
78. pre_____ted building *adj.* constructed or made in advance, often in sections or components, before being assembled on-site; manufactured or built in a factory rather than on-site
79. tr_____rt facilities *n.* a system for moving people or products from one location to another using automobiles, roads, and so on
80. re_____on between cause and effect *n.* the way two persons or groups of people feel and act toward one another
81. access to public tr_____rt *n.* a system for moving people or products from one location to another using automobiles, roads, and so on
82. dem_____te mastery *v.* to display something or give an exhibition to an interested audience
83. political equ_____um *n.* a state in which opposing forces or influences are balanced

ANSWERS: 72. transform, 73. exciting, 74. migrant, 75. fantastic, 76. furnish, 77. insane, 78. prefabricated, 79. transport, 80. relation, 81. transport, 82. demonstrate, 83. equilibrium

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87. 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
88. se_____te cream from milk *v.* to force, take, or pull apart; mark as different
89. solid gr_____e *n.* a tough, durable, and coarse-grained igneous rock often used in construction for buildings, monuments, and sculptures
90. cr__t arts of Japan *n.* an activity that requires a particular skill in making things with one's hands
91. a well-ba_____ed mind *adj.* taking all sides or opinions into account equally; being in a state of proper equilibrium
92. the most am_____g feeling *adj.* extremely surprising, especially in a way that you like or admire
93. black gr_____e *n.* a tough, durable, and coarse-grained igneous rock often used in construction for buildings, monuments, and sculptures

ANSWERS: 84. discovery, 85. statistics, 86. structure, 87. tradition, 88. separate, 89. granite, 90. craft, 91. balanced, 92. amazing, 93. granite

94. co_____ct a dam *v.* to build or create something; to assemble or combine different parts to form something whole
95. arc_____ure design *n.* the art and science of designing and constructing buildings
96. bring into con_____ce *n.* agreement or compatibility between opinions, actions, or characters; the repetition of similar sounds, especially consonants, in a phrase or verse, especially to create a pleasing effect
97. en_____er shortage *n.* a person whose job is designing, building, or maintaining something such as machines, structures, or software
98. tec_____cal policy *adj.* based on scientific and industrial progress
99. l__t sagging skin *v.* to raise something to a higher position or level; to pick up something or somebody and move them to a different position
100. a photo st___o *n.* a room or building where creative or artistic work is produced; a television or radio production company
101. tropical veg_____on *n.* plants in general, particularly those indigenous to a particular region or spot
102. co_____al swimming pool *adj.* belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use
103. spe_____ze in market research *v.* to become an expert in a specific career field, study, or business
104. c__d completely in black *adj.* dressed or covered in a particular way; provided or protected with a particular material or substance

ANSWERS: 94. construct, 95. architecture, 96. consonance, 97. engineer, 98. technological, 99. lift, 100. studio, 101. vegetation, 102. communal, 103. specialize, 104. clad

105. in_____te electricity *v.* to protect something by interposing material that prevents heat, noise, electricity, etc.
106. a picture fr__e *n.* a strong border or structure of the wood, metal, etc. that surrounds something such as a picture, door, or window
107. sta_____cs for cancer *n.* the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data
108. aff_____le solution *adj.* not expensive and able to pay
109. unobstructed vi__a *n.* a pleasing or expansive view, most often of a landscape or a cityscape; a broad and extensive view or outlook
110. ce___t blend *v.* make fast as if with cement; (noun) a building material that is a powder made of a mixture of calcined limestone and clay, used with water, sand, and small stones to make concrete
111. classic arc_____ure *n.* the art and science of designing and constructing buildings
112. am_____g advances *adj.* extremely surprising, especially in a way that you like or admire
113. lig_____ht structure *adj.* composed of thinner and lighter material than average; not severe or impressive
114. foreign-language su_____le *n.* a secondary title or alternate title that is displayed below the primary title often used to provide additional information or translation for a movie or video; a text that appears at the bottom of a movie, TV show, or video to provide a written translation or transcription of the spoken dialogue in another language

ANSWERS: 105. insulate, 106. frame, 107. statistics, 108. affordable, 109. vista, 110. cement, 111. architecture, 112. amazing, 113. lightweight, 114. subtitle

115. es_____ed relationship *adj.* separated or alienated from someone or something that was once familiar or close; emotionally detached or distant due to a breakdown in a relationship or connection
116. ar_____ct of the peace accord *n.* a person whose job is to design plans to be used in making something, such as buildings
117. a civil en_____er *n.* a person whose job is designing, building, or maintaining something such as machines, structures, or software
118. con_____cy theory *n.* a secret agreement between two or more people to perform something harmful or illegal
119. fu_____h a suitable occasion *v.* to provide a room or building with furniture and fittings; to provide something useful or necessary
120. electrical ga____e door *n.* a building or part of a building used to store a vehicle or vehicles, typically a car

ANSWERS: 115. estranged, 116. architect, 117. engineer, 118. conspiracy, 119. furnish, 120. garage

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The unique style of this martial arts _____ many action film producers.
v. to make somebody fill with the desire, confidence, or enthusiasm, especially to do something creative

2. _____ elections were held in several European countries.
adj. belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use

3. We need to _____ the aspect of his personality from the part of his competence when making an investment decision.
v. to force, take, or pull apart; mark as different

4. The organizational _____ of start-ups is often flat and straightforward.
n. the way of construction of something and the arrangement of its parts, or a complex thing constructed of many parts

5. We largely _____ the circuit board of cell phones because they contain a lot of valuable metals.
v. to sort and collect things to process them and produce valuable materials that can be used again

6. My father's death _____ my life completely.
v. to change in outward structure or looks;

7. 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

8. The restaurant has chefs who _____ in beef.
v. to become an expert in a specific career field, study, or business

ANSWERS: 1. inspired, 2. Communal, 3. separate, 4. structure, 5. recycle, 6. transformed, 7. relations, 8. specialize

9. The _____ chip in my credit card allows me to make contactless payments.

adj. fixed firmly into the surface of something

10. I have to _____ the meeting until next week.

v. to delay or hold back something until a later time; to refer to another source of authority

11. The automaker has been providing _____ car financing options since last year.

adj. not expensive and able to pay

12. They are eager to _____ a positive reputation.

v. make fast as if with cement; (noun) a building material that is a powder made of a mixture of calcined limestone and clay, used with water, sand, and small stones to make concrete

13. He could not _____ against temptation.

v. to make a great effort to do something when it is difficult, or there are a lot of problems; to use force or violence to break away from restraint or constriction

14. The _____ between the speaker's words and their body language made it clear that they were being sincere.

n. agreement or compatibility between opinions, actions, or characters; the repetition of similar sounds, especially consonants, in a phrase or verse, especially to create a pleasing effect

15. His hometown was where he first acquired the _____ of wood carving.

n. an activity that requires a particular skill in making things with one's hands

16. The new office building was constructed with _____ materials, which helped save time and money.

adj. constructed or made in advance, often in sections or components, before being assembled on-site; manufactured or built in a factory rather than on-site

ANSWERS: 9. embedded, 10. defer, 11. affordable, 12. cement, 13. struggle, 14. consonance, 15. craft, 16. prefabricated

17. The city is known for its impressive _____ and beautiful old buildings.
n. the art and science of designing and constructing buildings
18. How can you _____ that the earth is a sphere?
v. to display something or give an exhibition to an interested audience
19. Make sure to turn on _____ so you can understand the foreign film.
n. a secondary title or alternate title that is displayed below the primary title often used to provide additional information or translation for a movie or video; a text that appears at the bottom of a movie, TV show, or video to provide a written translation or transcription of the spoken dialogue in another language
20. After years of not speaking to each other, the _____ family members finally reunited.
adj. separated or alienated from someone or something that was once familiar or close; emotionally detached or distant due to a breakdown in a relationship or connection
21. Try to keep a _____ between work and off.
n. a condition in which everything has the same weight or force; something left after other parts have been taken away
22. The company struggled to maintain an _____ between its profits and social responsibilities.
n. a state in which opposing forces or influences are balanced
23. We conducted a _____ assessment of intellectual and cultural history.
adj. taking all sides or opinions into account equally; being in a state of proper equilibrium

ANSWERS: 17. architecture, 18. demonstrate, 19. subtitles, 20. estranged, 21. balance, 22. equilibrium, 23. balanced

24. He parked his car in the private _____.

n. a building or part of a building used to store a vehicle or vehicles, typically a car

25. We worked in perfect _____.

n. the combination of simultaneous musical notes to produce a pleasing effect; an attractive combination of related things and their properties

26. This bridge is the third largest _____ bridge in the world.

n. a strong metal alloy made up of iron with typically a few tenths of a percent of carbon used for making things that need a strong structure

27. The colonial government _____ militia support when civil war broke out.

v. to persuade someone to work for a company; to find new members for an organization, the armed forces, etc.

28. He brushed the suit before hanging it back into the _____.

n. a small room or cabinet with a door used for storing things, especially clothes

29. An _____ teacher might spark students' motivation to succeed.

adj. stimulating and motivating you to want to do something

30. She works at a recording _____ in Los Angeles.

n. a room or building where creative or artistic work is produced; a television or radio production company

31. The building _____ tried to build the house above the tree.

n. a person whose job is to design plans to be used in making something, such as buildings

ANSWERS: 24. garage, 25. harmony, 26. steel, 27. recruited, 28. closet, 29. inspiring, 30. studio, 31. architect

32. The _____ demonstrate that poverty and unemployment are genuine problems.
- n.* the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data
33. Enhanced rail _____ is crucial for our business.
- n.* a system for moving people or products from one location to another using automobiles, roads, and so on
34. The athlete was _____ in a tight-fitting suit designed to reduce drag and improve performance.
- adj.* dressed or covered in a particular way; provided or protected with a particular material or substance
35. The countertop was polished _____ giving it a sleek and modern look.
- n.* a tough, durable, and coarse-grained igneous rock often used in construction for buildings, monuments, and sculptures
36. The new homeowners decided to _____ the living room with new furniture.
- v.* to provide a room or building with furniture and fittings; to provide something useful or necessary
37. Powder coating protects the _____ aluminum alloy components.
- adj.* composed of thinner and lighter material than average; not severe or impressive
38. He has an _____ knowledge of American history.
- adj.* having a very close friendship, personal
39. The political party issued a _____ outlining its plans for the country's future.
- n.* a public declaration or statement of policy and aims, usually issued by a political party or government; a written statement or proclamation of one's beliefs or intentions

ANSWERS: 32. statistics, 33. transportation, 34. clad, 35. granite, 36. furnish, 37. lightweight, 38. intimate, 39. manifesto

40. The drought _____ the prices of grain globally.

- v. to raise something to a higher position or level; to pick up something or somebody and move them to a different position

41. We had our bedroom _____ before winter came.

- v. to protect something by interposing material that prevents heat, noise, electricity, etc.

42. The new amusement park ride was _____ with twists, turns, and drops that left riders screaming with excitement.

- adj. extremely good; excellent

43. _____ advances have disrupted many industries.

- adj. based on scientific and industrial progress

44. 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

45. The findings of the experiment were both _____ and unexpected.

- adj. causing a lot of interest or excitement

46. The president began to _____ an army.

- v. to collect in one place as a single group

47. Her excessive demands drove me _____.

- adj. extremely stupid, crazy, or dangerous; mentally ill

ANSWERS: 40. lifted, 41. insulated, 42. fantastic, 43. Technological, 44. tradition, 45. exciting, 46. assemble, 47. insane

48. We _____ in a souvenir shop.

- v.* to shop around in a leisurely and casual way; to look through a book, magazine, Internet, etc., casually and randomly, without seeking anything in particular; (of an animal) to feed on plants

49. We want to _____ ties between our two countries.

- v.* to make or become better

50. The golfer recorded an _____ distance.

- adj.* extremely surprising, especially in a way that you like or admire

51. Her research team made an important _____.

- n.* the act or process of finding information, a place, or an object, or learning about something that was previously not known

52. This operation requires both patience and _____.

- n.* the quality or condition of being exact and accurate

53. She loves to hike _____ and explore nature.

- adv.* in or into the open air; outside a building or structure

54. There was a _____ of silence about illegal police interrogation.

- n.* a secret agreement between two or more people to perform something harmful or illegal

55. The hike to the top of the mountain offered a breathtaking _____ of the surrounding valley.

- n.* a pleasing or expansive view, most often of a landscape or a cityscape; a broad and extensive view or outlook

ANSWERS: 48. browsed, 49. improve, 50. amazing, 51. discovery, 52. precision, 53. outdoors, 54. conspiracy, 55. vista

56. The _____ in the area is quite diverse.

- n.* plants in general, particularly those indigenous to a particular region or spot

57. The detective looked for fingerprints on the window _____.

- n.* a strong border or structure of the wood, metal, etc. that surrounds something such as a picture, door, or window

58. The _____ will repair my telephone tomorrow morning.

- n.* a person whose job is designing, building, or maintaining something such as machines, structures, or software

59. He _____ hypothesizes that no mathematician has ever imagined before.

- v.* to build or create something; to assemble or combine different parts to form something whole

60. The government revoked his license to employ _____ labor crews.

- n.* a traveler who moves from one region or country to another, especially to find work or better living conditions; a bird or an animal that moves from one place to another

ANSWERS: 56. vegetation, 57. frame, 58. engineer, 59. constructs, 60. migrant