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Session 1: Word List

talent

n. a natural ability to be good at something; someone who has a natural ability to be good at something

synonym: endowment, aptitude, capability

(1) a person of diverse **talents**, (2) raw **talent**

Numerous great professional sports **talents** have come from this city.

illusion

n. a false idea or belief, especially about somebody or about a situation

synonym: delusion, fallacy, magic trick

(1) optical **illusion**, (2) the **illusion** of being in the forest

He could no longer tell the difference between **illusion** and reality.

chapel

n. a place of worship, especially a non-conformist or dissenting place of worship

synonym: sanctuary, church, place of worship

(1) a **chapel** royal, (2) **chapel** bell

The spacious **chapel** was a peaceful sanctuary for the couple to exchange their vows.

ceiling

n. a room's top interior surface

synonym: canopy, awning, shelter

(1) **ceiling** board, (2) **ceiling** light

There was a crack in the **ceiling** that I found.

session

n. a formal meeting or series of meetings for the execution of a particular group's functions; a period spent doing a particular activity

synonym: conference, gathering

(1) the morning **session**, (2) the court **session**

Parliament is now in **session**.

murmur

v. to say something very quietly; to complain about somebody or something under one's breath

synonym: burble, gurgle, mutter

(1) **murmur** at low wages, (2) **murmur** a greeting

He always **murmurs** at the ill-treatment.

achieve

v. to successfully complete a task or goal, often through hard work, perseverance, and dedication; to attain or accomplish something that one has set out to do

synonym: accomplish, attain, reach

(1) **achieve** success, (2) **achieve** milestones

I will work hard to **achieve** my goals and realize my dreams.

grab

v. to take hold of something or someone suddenly with a hand, especially in a violent way

synonym: clutch, snatch, grasp

(1) **grab** an audience, (2) **grab** an opportunity

Shall we **grab** a bite to eat?

cartoon

n. a simple drawing depicting a humorous or critical situation, often accompanied by a caption

synonym: illustration, drawing, caricature

(1) **cartoon** character, (2) **cartoon** industry

He spent his afternoon watching **cartoon** movies on TV.

spike

n. a narrow, thin, pointed piece of metal, wood, etc.; a sudden large increase in the magnitude or concentration

of something

synonym : end, spindle, point

(1) to **spike**, (2) to prevent blood sugar **spikes**

The recent **spike** in grain prices is partly due to the war in the producing countries.

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.

sequence

n. a series of related events, actions, numbers, etc., which have a particular order

synonym : arrangement, succession, series

(1) the **sequence** of the seasons, (2) the DNA **sequence**

We do move forward with those tasks in **sequence** next week.

variation

n. the act or state of changing; a difference or change in the way something is done, made or said

synonym : fluctuation, change, variation

(1) **variation** of temperature, (2) gene **variation**

There is a lot of **variation** in the colors of flowers in the garden.

slightly

adv. in a small degree or extent; a little

synonym : barely, narrowly, scarcely

(1) increase **slightly**, (2) **slightly** alkaline soils

He moved his body **slightly** to the left.

dot

n. a very small circular mark, especially one that is printed

synonym : drop, dab, fleck

(1) connecting the **dots**, (2) **dot** blot method

The wallpaper had a pattern of pink **dots** on a white surface.

- curl**
- v. to form or make something form into a curved or spiral shape; (noun) a round shape formed by a series of concentric circles
- synonym* : coil, curve, spiral
- (1) **curl** around street corners, (2) a **curl** of smoke
- The cat **curled** into a ball and went to sleep.
- triangle**
- n. a three-sided polygon with three angles; something that has three sides or parts
- synonym* : trilateral, delta, triad
- (1) **triangle** shape, (2) love **triangle**
- The Pythagorean theorem is used to calculate the length of the sides of a right **triangle**.
- bow**
- v. to bend your knee or body, or lower your head; (noun) a weapon made of a curved piece of wood or other flexible material, strung with a cord and used to shoot arrows
- synonym* : bend, curve, arch
- (1) **bow** and greet, (2) a **bow** wave
- She **bowed** to the audience after her performance.
- 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?
- experiment**
- n. the scientific test conducted to observe what happens and gain new knowledge
- synonym* : experimentation, investigation
- (1) **experiment** design, (2) series of **experiments**
- His **experiments** showed highly positive results.
- straight**
- adj. extending or moving in one direction without bending or curving; having no deviations
- synonym* : linear, honest, consecutive
- (1) a **straight** line, (2) **straight** for two months

He was sick for five **straight** days.

squiggle

n. a curly or wavy line or mark, especially one that is irregular or difficult to follow; (verb) to draw or write something in a wavy or irregular manner, often with a series of small curves or loops

synonym: squiggle, doodle, scribble

(1) **squiggle** line, (2) wavy **squiggle**

My signature always has a little **squiggle** at the end.

technique

n. a particular way or art of doing something that needs skill

synonym: approach, procedure, strategy

(1) a **technique** in martial arts, (2) the **technique** applied to construction

Jockey's superior **technique** brought him victory.

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**.

mustache

n. an unshaved growth of hair on the upper lip

synonym: whisker

(1) a gray **mustache**, (2) big **mustache**

The actor's **mustache** has become an icon.

hop

v. to jump lightly and quickly on one foot or both feet; to move rapidly from one place to another; to travel using an aircraft, bus, etc.

synonym: jump, bounce, skip

(1) **hop** on one foot, (2) **hop** from one place to another

The rabbit **hopped** over the fence.

convince

v. to persuade someone or make someone believe that something is true

synonym : persuade, win over, convert

(1) **convince** her to go with us, (2) **convince** an opponent
I am considering what I should do to **convince** him.

oxygen

n. the chemical element with the symbol O that is present in air and water and is necessary for people, animals, and plants to live

(1) the hydrogen binds the **oxygen**, (2) lack of **oxygen**
The passenger grabbed for the **oxygen** mask.

memorable

adj. worth remembering or likely to be remembered, especially because of being very important or remarkable

synonym : extraordinary, noteworthy, unforgettable

(1) create **memorable** experiences, (2) least **memorable** song

His passionate speech makes a **memorable** impression.

sketch

n. a simple, quickly-made picture that does not have many details; a short descriptive summary of something

synonym : drawing, outline, blueprint

(1) a penciled **sketch**, (2) first design **sketches**

Yesterday, I created a rough **sketch** of the plan.

wavy

adj. characterized by a series of curves, undulations, or bends that create a rippled or serpentine appearance; not straight or flat

synonym : curly, undulating, rippled

(1) **wavy** pattern, (2) **wavy** sea

The model's hair was long and **wavy**, cascading down her back in soft waves.

metaphor

n. a figure of speech in which an expression is used to refer to something that it does not denote to suggest a similarity

synonym : conceit, analogy, symbol

(1) **metaphor** for death, (2) visual **metaphor**

She expressed her thought in an artful choice of **metaphors**.

represent

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

synonym: depict, express, describe

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

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

skeptical

adj. doubting that something is accurate or useful

synonym: doubtful, distrustful, suspicious

(1) a **skeptical** attitude, (2) **skeptical** scientists

His religious and philosophical beliefs were utterly **skeptical**.

volunteer

n. a person who performs or offers to perform a job or service without being paid for or forced to do

synonym: unpaid worker, draftee, enlistee

(1) seek **volunteers**, (2) my **volunteer** work

The teachers make full use of **volunteer** assistance.

suffer

v. to experience pain, distress, or hardship; to undergo or endure something painful or unpleasant

synonym: endure, undergo, tolerate

(1) **suffer** a setback, (2) **suffer** bad grades

The older man **suffers** from arthritis and finds it difficult to move around.

stroke

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

synonym: blow

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

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

spare

adj. additional to what is necessary for ordinary use; (verb) to give time, money, space, etc. to someone

synonym: extra, excess, (verb) afford

(1) **spare** parts, (2) **spare** cost

I made plans to spend my **spare** time beneficially.

apprehensive

adj. anxious, worried, or uneasy about something that may happen in the future; having concerns or doubts about something

synonym: anxious, uneasy, nervous

(1) **apprehensive** of danger, (2) **apprehensive** mood

She was **apprehensive** about speaking in front of a large crowd.

charity

n. an organization that helps people in need, especially by providing food, shelter, or money; a kindly and sympathetic attitude toward people

synonym: philanthropy, benevolence, generosity

(1) **charity** work, (2) ask **charity**

She volunteers at a local **charity** every weekend to help those in need.

aphasia

n. a language disorder that affects a person's ability to use or understand words, often caused by brain damage, such as stroke, brain injury, or neurological condition, which can result in difficulty speaking, writing, reading, or comprehending language

synonym: dysphasia, speech impairment, language disorder

(1) global **aphasia**, (2) amnesic **aphasia**

After her stroke, my grandmother suffered from expressive **aphasia**, making it difficult for her to articulate her thoughts.

dysphasia

n. a condition characterized by difficulty or impairment in understanding, formulating, or expressing language, often caused by damage or dysfunction in the brain

synonym: aphasia, language disorder, speech difficulty

(1) **dysphasia** symptoms, (2) acquired **dysphasia**

After the stroke, the patient experienced **dysphasia**, struggling to express themselves verbally.

communicate

v. to share or exchange information with others by speaking, writing, moving your body, or using other signals

synonym: convey, share, transmit

(1) **communicate** his anxieties to the psychiatrist,

(2) **communicate** well with my advisor

Dolphins use sound to **communicate** with each other.

isolate

v. to physically or socially separate someone or something from other people or things

synonym: separate, sequester, insulate

(1) **isolate** a compound, (2) **isolate** a patient

You should not **isolate** them from the community.

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.

confidence

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

synonym: self-trust, certainty, belief

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

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

slide

v. to move or cause to move smoothly along a surface without interruption

synonym: glide, drift, drop

(1) **slide** a card across the table, (2) **slide** a glance

If necessary, you can **slide** the front seats forward.

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.

recover

v. to return to a former condition, health, mind, or strength

synonym: come back, convalesce, heal

(1) **recover** a loss, (2) **recover** approval ratings

She is still **recovering** from a shot to her shoulder.

delight

n. a feeling of great pleasure or happiness

synonym: pleasure, joy, satisfaction

(1) a tremor of **delight**, (2) with **delight**

The **delight** on the child's faces when they received the toy was priceless.

mention

v. to speak or write about something or someone briefly

synonym: reference, allude, cite

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

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

complain

v. to say dissatisfaction or annoyance about something or somebody

synonym: gripe, claim, denounce

(1) **complain** about a job, (2) call and **complain** frequently

Our users are often **complaining** about the slow application.

inspiration

n. something that motivates or encourages someone to create or achieve something, or a feeling of excitement or creativity

synonym: motivation, drive, encouragement

(1) source of **inspiration**, (2) get **inspiration** from nature
He found **inspiration** in the works of his favorite authors.

humble

adj. having or showing a modest or low estimate of one's quality or importance

synonym: modest, unpretentious, abject

(1) a **humble** cottage, (2) **humble** opinion

The nobler, the more **humble**.

medical

adj. relating to the treatment of illness or injuries; relating to the practice of medicine

synonym: health, disease, treatment

(1) a **medical** opinion, (2) temporary **medical** treatment

The **medical** team worked quickly to save the patient's life.

quotation

n. a group of words taken from a text or speech and repeated by someone other than the original author or speaker

synonym: excerpt, passage, quote

(1) double **quotation** marks, (2) take a **quotation**

He included a **quotation** from the book in his essay.

invite

v. to ask someone to come or join; to offer an opportunity or possibility for something to happen or take place

synonym: ask, request, summon

(1) **invite** guests, (2) **invite** criticism

We want to **invite** you to our annual charity event.

fancy

v. to want to do or have something; (noun) something that many people believe but that is false, or that does not exist; imagination or fantasy

synonym: imagine, visualize, (noun) fantasy

(1) **fancy** a cup of coffee, (2) a flight of **fancy**

I don't **fancy** acting in such an important role.

recognize

v. to acknowledge or realize something or someone; to identify, remember, or become aware of something that

was previously known or encountered

synonym : acknowledge, identify, admit

(1) **recognize** talent, (2) **recognize** achievement

It's important to **recognize** your strengths and weaknesses.

Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. com_____te his anxieties to the psychiatrist | <i>v.</i> to share or exchange information with others by speaking, writing, moving your body, or using other signals |
| 2. to prevent blood sugar sp__es | <i>n.</i> a narrow, thin, pointed piece of metal, wood, etc.; a sudden large increase in the magnitude or concentration of something |
| 3. my vo_____er work | <i>n.</i> a person who performs or offers to perform a job or service without being paid for or forced to do |
| 4. sp__e cost | <i>adj.</i> additional to what is necessary for ordinary use; (verb) to give time, money, space, etc. to someone |
| 5. co_____in about a job | <i>v.</i> to say dissatisfaction or annoyance about something or somebody |
| 6. d_t blot method | <i>n.</i> a very small circular mark, especially one that is printed |
| 7. g__b an audience | <i>v.</i> to take hold of something or someone suddenly with a hand, especially in a violent way |
| 8. least me_____le song | <i>adj.</i> worth remembering or likely to be remembered, especially because of being very important or remarkable |
| 9. exp_____nt design | <i>n.</i> the scientific test conducted to observe what happens and gain new knowledge |
| 10. 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 |

ANSWERS: 1. communicate, 2. spike, 3. volunteer, 4. spare, 5. complain, 6. dot, 7. grab, 8. memorable, 9. experiment, 10. frame

11. 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
12. gene va_____on *n.* the act or state of changing; a difference or change in the way something is done, made or said
13. mu___r at low wages *v.* to say something very quietly; to complain about somebody or something under one's breath
14. raw ta___t *n.* a natural ability to be good at something; someone who has a natural ability to be good at something
15. is_____e a compound *v.* to physically or socially separate someone or something from other people or things
16. big mu_____he *n.* an unshaved growth of hair on the upper lip
17. a fa_____ic dress *adj.* extremely good; excellent
18. me_____n name *v.* to speak or write about something or someone briefly
19. co_____ce an opponent *v.* to persuade someone or make someone believe that something is true
20. app_____ive of danger *adj.* anxious, worried, or uneasy about something that may happen in the future; having concerns or doubts about something
21. take a qu_____on *n.* a group of words taken from a text or speech and repeated by someone other than the original author or speaker

ANSWERS: 11. frame, 12. variation, 13. murmur, 14. talent, 15. isolate, 16. mustache, 17. fantastic, 18. mention, 19. convince, 20. apprehensive, 21. quotation

22. call and co_____in frequently *v.* to say dissatisfaction or annoyance about something or somebody
23. a gray mu_____he *n.* an unshaved growth of hair on the upper lip
24. optical il_____on *n.* a false idea or belief, especially about somebody or about a situation
25. first design sk____hes *n.* a simple, quickly-made picture that does not have many details; a short descriptive summary of something
26. lack of ox____n *n.* the chemical element with the symbol O that is present in air and water and is necessary for people, animals, and plants to live
27. the characters that re_____nt numbers *v.* to speak, act, or be present on behalf of another person or group; to form or constitute
28. acquired dy_____ia *n.* a condition characterized by difficulty or impairment in understanding, formulating, or expressing language, often caused by damage or dysfunction in the brain
29. fa__y a cup of coffee *v.* to want to do or have something; (noun) something that many people believe but that is false, or that does not exist; imagination or fantasy
30. sl_____ly alkaline soils *adv.* in a small degree or extent; a little
31. 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

ANSWERS: 22. complain, 23. mustache, 24. illusion, 25. sketch, 26. oxygen, 27. represent, 28. dysphasia, 29. fancy, 30. slightly, 31. frustrate

32. amnesic ap____a *n.* a language disorder that affects a person's ability to use or understand words, often caused by brain damage, such as stroke, brain injury, or neurological condition, which can result in difficulty speaking, writing, reading, or comprehending language
33. a penciled sk___h *n.* a simple, quickly-made picture that does not have many details; a short descriptive summary of something
34. ca_____n character *n.* a simple drawing depicting a humorous or critical situation, often accompanied by a caption
35. sp__e parts *adj.* additional to what is necessary for ordinary use; (verb) to give time, money, space, etc. to someone
36. re_____ze achievement *v.* to acknowledge or realize something or someone; to identify, remember, or become aware of something that was previously known or encountered
37. a sk_____al attitude *adj.* doubting that something is accurate or useful
38. a ch___l royal *n.* a place of worship, especially a non-conformist or dissenting place of worship
39. absolutely fa_____ic event *adj.* extremely good; excellent
40. the hydrogen binds the ox___n *n.* the chemical element with the symbol O that is present in air and water and is necessary for people, animals, and plants to live

ANSWERS: 32. aphasia, 33. sketch, 34. cartoon, 35. spare, 36. recognize, 37. skeptical, 38. chapel, 39. fantastic, 40. oxygen

41. dy_____ia symptoms *n.* a condition characterized by difficulty or impairment in understanding, formulating, or expressing language, often caused by damage or dysfunction in the brain
42. ask ch_____y *n.* an organization that helps people in need, especially by providing food, shelter, or money; a kindly and sympathetic attitude toward people
43. w__y sea *adj.* characterized by a series of curves, undulations, or bends that create a rippled or serpentine appearance; not straight or flat
44. com_____te well with my advisor *v.* to share or exchange information with others by speaking, writing, moving your body, or using other signals
45. a st_____ht line *adj.* extending or moving in one direction without bending or curving; having no deviations
46. in___e criticism *v.* to ask someone to come or join; to offer an opportunity or possibility for something to happen or take place
47. the DNA se_____ce *n.* a series of related events, actions, numbers, etc., which have a particular order
48. the morning se_____n *n.* a formal meeting or series of meetings for the execution of a particular group's functions; a period spent doing a particular activity
49. a flight of fa__y *v.* to want to do or have something; (noun) something that many people believe but that is false, or that does not exist; imagination or fantasy

ANSWERS: 41. dysphasia, 42. charity, 43. wavy, 44. communicate, 45. straight, 46. invite, 47. sequence, 48. session, 49. fancy

50. a b_w wave *v.* to bend your knee or body, or lower your head; (noun) a weapon made of a curved piece of wood or other flexible material, strung with a cord and used to shoot arrows
51. su___r bad grades *v.* to experience pain, distress, or hardship; to undergo or endure something painful or unpleasant
52. 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
53. re____r approval ratings *v.* to return to a former condition, health, mind, or strength
54. h_p on one foot *v.* to jump lightly and quickly on one foot or both feet; to move rapidly from one place to another; to travel using an aircraft, bus, etc.
55. a me____l opinion *adj.* relating to the treatment of illness or injuries; relating to the practice of medicine
56. a st___e of the putter *n.* a medical condition in which poor blood flow to the brain causes cell death; the act of swinging or striking at a ball with a club, racket, etc.
57. ac____e success *v.* to successfully complete a task or goal, often through hard work, perseverance, and dedication; to attain or accomplish something that one has set out to do
58. re____r a loss *v.* to return to a former condition, health, mind, or strength

ANSWERS: 50. bow, 51. suffer, 52. reaction, 53. recover, 54. hop, 55. medical, 56. stroke, 57. achieve, 58. recover

59. su___r a setback *v.* to experience pain, distress, or hardship; to undergo or endure something painful or unpleasant
60. connecting the d_ts *n.* a very small circular mark, especially one that is printed
61. dem_____te a difference *v.* to display something or give an exhibition to an interested audience
62. sl__e a card across the table *v.* to move or cause to move smoothly along a surface without interruption
63. create me_____le experiences *adj.* worth remembering or likely to be remembered, especially because of being very important or remarkable
64. suffer st___e *n.* a medical condition in which poor blood flow to the brain causes cell death; the act of swinging or striking at a ball with a club, racket, etc.
65. a hu___e cottage *adj.* having or showing a modest or low estimate of one's quality or importance
66. series of exp_____nts *n.* the scientific test conducted to observe what happens and gain new knowledge
67. global ap_____a *n.* a language disorder that affects a person's ability to use or understand words, often caused by brain damage, such as stroke, brain injury, or neurological condition, which can result in difficulty speaking, writing, reading, or comprehending language
68. the il_____on of being in the forest *n.* a false idea or belief, especially about somebody or about a situation

ANSWERS: 59. suffer, 60. dot, 61. demonstrate, 62. slide, 63. memorable, 64. stroke, 65. humble, 66. experiment, 67. aphasia, 68. illusion

69. the court se_____n
n. a formal meeting or series of meetings for the execution of a particular group's functions; a period spent doing a particular activity
70. boost my con_____ce
n. the feeling or attitude that one can trust or rely on the abilities or good qualities of someone or something
71. st_____ht for two months
adj. extending or moving in one direction without bending or curving; having no deviations
72. temporary me_____l treatment
adj. relating to the treatment of illness or injuries; relating to the practice of medicine
73. a te_____ue in martial arts
n. a particular way or art of doing something that needs skill
74. ac_____e milestones
v. to successfully complete a task or goal, often through hard work, perseverance, and dedication; to attain or accomplish something that one has set out to do
75. in___e guests
v. to ask someone to come or join; to offer an opportunity or possibility for something to happen or take place
76. is_____e a patient
v. to physically or socially separate someone or something from other people or things
77. app_____ive mood
adj. anxious, worried, or uneasy about something that may happen in the future; having concerns or doubts about something

ANSWERS: 69. session, 70. confidence, 71. straight, 72. medical, 73. technique, 74. achieve, 75. invite, 76. isolate, 77. apprehensive

78. dem_____te mastery *v.* to display something or give an exhibition to an interested audience
79. ch___l bell *n.* a place of worship, especially a non-conformist or dissenting place of worship
80. w___y pattern *adj.* characterized by a series of curves, undulations, or bends that create a rippled or serpentine appearance; not straight or flat
81. b_w and greet *v.* to bend your knee or body, or lower your head; (noun) a weapon made of a curved piece of wood or other flexible material, strung with a cord and used to shoot arrows
82. 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
83. c___l around street corners *v.* to form or make something form into a curved or spiral shape; (noun) a round shape formed by a series of concentric circles
84. ce_____g board *n.* a room's top interior surface
85. mu___r a greeting *v.* to say something very quietly; to complain about somebody or something under one's breath
86. ch_____y work *n.* an organization that helps people in need, especially by providing food, shelter, or money; a kindly and sympathetic attitude toward people

ANSWERS: 78. demonstrate, 79. chapel, 80. wavy, 81. bow, 82. frustrate, 83. curl, 84. ceiling, 85. murmur, 86. charity

87. ce_____g light *n.* a room's top interior surface
88. sk_____al scientists *adj.* doubting that something is accurate or useful
89. ca_____n industry *n.* a simple drawing depicting a humorous or critical situation, often accompanied by a caption
90. con_____ce as a teacher *n.* the feeling or attitude that one can trust or rely on the abilities or good qualities of someone or something
91. increase sl_____ly *adv.* in a small degree or extent; a little
92. re_____nt by a diagram *v.* to speak, act, or be present on behalf of another person or group; to form or constitute
93. the se_____ce of the seasons *n.* a series of related events, actions, numbers, etc., which have a particular order
94. va_____on of temperature *n.* the act or state of changing; a difference or change in the way something is done, made or said
95. to sp__e *n.* a narrow, thin, pointed piece of metal, wood, etc.; a sudden large increase in the magnitude or concentration of something
96. seek vo_____ers *n.* a person who performs or offers to perform a job or service without being paid for or forced to do
97. a tremor of de_____t *n.* a feeling of great pleasure or happiness
98. sl__e a glance *v.* to move or cause to move smoothly along a surface without interruption

ANSWERS: 87. ceiling, 88. skeptical, 89. cartoon, 90. confidence, 91. slightly, 92. represent, 93. sequence, 94. variation, 95. spike, 96. volunteer, 97. delight, 98. slide

99. double qu_____on marks *n.* a group of words taken from a text or speech and repeated by someone other than the original author or speaker
100. me_____n in a report *v.* to speak or write about something or someone briefly
101. tr_____le shape *n.* a three-sided polygon with three angles; something that has three sides or parts
102. g__b an opportunity *v.* to take hold of something or someone suddenly with a hand, especially in a violent way
103. a person of diverse ta____ts *n.* a natural ability to be good at something; someone who has a natural ability to be good at something
104. wavy sq_____le *n.* a curly or wavy line or mark, especially one that is irregular or difficult to follow; (verb) to draw or write something in a wavy or irregular manner, often with a series of small curves or loops
105. visual me_____or *n.* a figure of speech in which an expression is used to refer to something that it does not denote to suggest a similarity
106. me_____or for death *n.* a figure of speech in which an expression is used to refer to something that it does not denote to suggest a similarity
107. 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

ANSWERS: 99. quotation, 100. mention, 101. triangle, 102. grab, 103. talent, 104. squiggle, 105. metaphor, 106. metaphor, 107. reaction

108. with de____t *n.* a feeling of great pleasure or happiness
109. source of ins_____on *n.* something that motivates or encourages someone to create or achieve something, or a feeling of excitement or creativity
110. love tr____le *n.* a three-sided polygon with three angles; something that has three sides or parts
111. h_p from one place to another *v.* to jump lightly and quickly on one foot or both feet; to move rapidly from one place to another; to travel using an aircraft, bus, etc.
112. a c__l of smoke *v.* to form or make something form into a curved or spiral shape; (noun) a round shape formed by a series of concentric circles
113. hu___e opinion *adj.* having or showing a modest or low estimate of one's quality or importance
114. co_____ce her to go with us *v.* to persuade someone or make someone believe that something is true
115. re_____ze talent *v.* to acknowledge or realize something or someone; to identify, remember, or become aware of something that was previously known or encountered
116. the te_____ue applied to construction *n.* a particular way or art of doing something that needs skill
117. sq_____le line *n.* a curly or wavy line or mark, especially one that is irregular or difficult to follow; (verb) to draw or write something in a wavy or irregular manner, often with a series of small curves or loops

ANSWERS: 108. delight, 109. inspiration, 110. triangle, 111. hop, 112. curl, 113. humble, 114. convince, 115. recognize, 116. technique, 117. squiggle

118. get ins_____on from nature

n. something that motivates or encourages someone to create or achieve something, or a feeling of excitement or creativity

ANSWERS: 118. inspiration

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The passenger grabbed for the _____ mask.
 - n.* the chemical element with the symbol O that is present in air and water and is necessary for people, animals, and plants to live

2. This year's extreme heat has resulted in many heat _____ cases.
 - n.* a medical condition in which poor blood flow to the brain causes cell death; the act of swinging or striking at a ball with a club, racket, etc.

3. She _____ to the audience after her performance.
 - v.* to bend your knee or body, or lower your head; (noun) a weapon made of a curved piece of wood or other flexible material, strung with a cord and used to shoot arrows

4. I am considering what I should do to _____ him.
 - v.* to persuade someone or make someone believe that something is true

5. The teachers make full use of _____ assistance.
 - n.* a person who performs or offers to perform a job or service without being paid for or forced to do

6. He spent his afternoon watching _____ movies on TV.
 - n.* a simple drawing depicting a humorous or critical situation, often accompanied by a caption

7. He was sick for five _____ days.
 - adj.* extending or moving in one direction without bending or curving; having no deviations

ANSWERS: 1. oxygen, 2. stroke, 3. bowed, 4. convince, 5. volunteer, 6. cartoon, 7. straight

8. The _____ team worked quickly to save the patient's life.
adj. relating to the treatment of illness or injuries; relating to the practice of medicine
9. Parliament is now in _____.
n. a formal meeting or series of meetings for the execution of a particular group's functions; a period spent doing a particular activity
10. The _____ on the child's faces when they received the toy was priceless.
n. a feeling of great pleasure or happiness
11. The cat _____ into a ball and went to sleep.
v. to form or make something form into a curved or spiral shape; (noun) a round shape formed by a series of concentric circles
12. 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
13. The older man _____ from arthritis and finds it difficult to move around.
v. to experience pain, distress, or hardship; to undergo or endure something painful or unpleasant
14. We want to _____ you to our annual charity event.
v. to ask someone to come or join; to offer an opportunity or possibility for something to happen or take place
15. He included a _____ from the book in his essay.
n. a group of words taken from a text or speech and repeated by someone other than the original author or speaker

ANSWERS: 8. medical, 9. session, 10. delight, 11. curled, 12. frustrate, 13. suffers, 14. invite, 15. quotation

16. His passionate speech makes a _____ impression.

adj. worth remembering or likely to be remembered, especially because of being very important or remarkable

17. He moved his body _____ to the left.

adv. in a small degree or extent; a little

18. I will work hard to _____ my goals and realize my dreams.

v. to successfully complete a task or goal, often through hard work, perseverance, and dedication; to attain or accomplish something that one has set out to do

19. If necessary, you can _____ the front seats forward.

v. to move or cause to move smoothly along a surface without interruption

20. The nobler, the more _____.

adj. having or showing a modest or low estimate of one's quality or importance

21. She expressed her thought in an artful choice of _____.

n. a figure of speech in which an expression is used to refer to something that it does not denote to suggest a similarity

22. The wallpaper had a pattern of pink _____ on a white surface.

n. a very small circular mark, especially one that is printed

23. Numerous great professional sports _____ have come from this city.

n. a natural ability to be good at something; someone who has a natural ability to be good at something

24. There was a crack in the _____ that I found.

n. a room's top interior surface

ANSWERS: 16. memorable, 17. slightly, 18. achieve, 19. slide, 20. humble, 21. metaphors, 22. dots, 23. talents, 24. ceiling

25. He found _____ in the works of his favorite authors.
- n.* something that motivates or encourages someone to create or achieve something, or a feeling of excitement or creativity
26. There is a lot of _____ in the colors of flowers in the garden.
- n.* the act or state of changing; a difference or change in the way something is done, made or said
27. The rabbit _____ over the fence.
- v.* to jump lightly and quickly on one foot or both feet; to move rapidly from one place to another; to travel using an aircraft, bus, etc.
28. We do move forward with those tasks in _____ next week.
- n.* a series of related events, actions, numbers, etc., which have a particular order
29. His _____ showed highly positive results.
- n.* the scientific test conducted to observe what happens and gain new knowledge
30. I don't _____ acting in such an important role.
- v.* to want to do or have something; (noun) something that many people believe but that is false, or that does not exist; imagination or fantasy
31. My signature always has a little _____ at the end.
- n.* a curly or wavy line or mark, especially one that is irregular or difficult to follow; (verb) to draw or write something in a wavy or irregular manner, often with a series of small curves or loops
32. The model's hair was long and _____ cascading down her back in soft waves.
- adj.* characterized by a series of curves, undulations, or bends that create a rippled or serpentine appearance; not straight or flat

ANSWERS: 25. inspiration, 26. variation, 27. hopped, 28. sequence, 29. experiments, 30. fancy, 31. squiggle, 32. wavy,

33. After her stroke, my grandmother suffered from expressive _____ making it difficult for her to articulate her thoughts.
- n.* a language disorder that affects a person's ability to use or understand words, often caused by brain damage, such as stroke, brain injury, or neurological condition, which can result in difficulty speaking, writing, reading, or comprehending language
34. Our users are often _____ about the slow application.
- v.* to say dissatisfaction or annoyance about something or somebody
35. He could no longer tell the difference between _____ and reality.
- n.* a false idea or belief, especially about somebody or about a situation
36. The new amusement park ride was _____ with twists, turns, and drops that left riders screaming with excitement.
- adj.* extremely good; excellent
37. His religious and philosophical beliefs were utterly _____.
- adj.* doubting that something is accurate or useful
38. How can you _____ that the earth is a sphere?
- v.* to display something or give an exhibition to an interested audience
39. 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
40. 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

ANSWERS: 33. aphasia, 34. complaining, 35. illusion, 36. fantastic, 37. skeptical, 38. demonstrate, 39. reaction, 40. frame

41. After the stroke, the patient experienced _____ struggling to express themselves verbally.
- n.* a condition characterized by difficulty or impairment in understanding, formulating, or expressing language, often caused by damage or dysfunction in the brain
42. Skill and _____ are an unconquered army.
- n.* the feeling or attitude that one can trust or rely on the abilities or good qualities of someone or something
43. Shall we _____ a bite to eat?
- v.* to take hold of something or someone suddenly with a hand, especially in a violent way
44. Dolphins use sound to _____ with each other.
- v.* to share or exchange information with others by speaking, writing, moving your body, or using other signals
45. I _____ to him that I had seen his sister at the grocery store earlier that day.
- v.* to speak or write about something or someone briefly
46. Jockey's superior _____ brought him victory.
- n.* a particular way or art of doing something that needs skill
47. Yesterday, I created a rough _____ of the plan.
- n.* a simple, quickly-made picture that does not have many details; a short descriptive summary of something
48. She was _____ about speaking in front of a large crowd.
- adj.* anxious, worried, or uneasy about something that may happen in the future; having concerns or doubts about something

ANSWERS: 41. dysphasia, 42. confidence, 43. grab, 44. communicate, 45. mentioned, 46. technique, 47. sketch, 48. apprehensive

49. The actor's _____ has become an icon.

n. an unshaved growth of hair on the upper lip

50. She volunteers at a local _____ every weekend to help those in need.

n. an organization that helps people in need, especially by providing food, shelter, or money; a kindly and sympathetic attitude toward people

51. The Pythagorean theorem is used to calculate the length of the sides of a right _____.

n. a three-sided polygon with three angles; something that has three sides or parts

52. She is still _____ from a shot to her shoulder.

v. to return to a former condition, health, mind, or strength

53. He always _____ at the ill-treatment.

v. to say something very quietly; to complain about somebody or something under one's breath

54. The spacious _____ was a peaceful sanctuary for the couple to exchange their vows.

n. a place of worship, especially a non-conformist or dissenting place of worship

55. It's important to _____ your strengths and weaknesses.

v. to acknowledge or realize something or someone; to identify, remember, or become aware of something that was previously known or encountered

56. We elected him to _____ us at the international conference.

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

ANSWERS: 49. mustache, 50. charity, 51. triangle, 52. recovering, 53. murmurs, 54. chapel, 55. recognize, 56. represent

57. I made plans to spend my _____ time beneficially.

adj. additional to what is necessary for ordinary use; (verb) to give time, money, space, etc. to someone

58. You should not _____ them from the community.

v. to physically or socially separate someone or something from other people or things

59. The recent _____ in grain prices is partly due to the war in the producing countries.

n. a narrow, thin, pointed piece of metal, wood, etc.; a sudden large increase in the magnitude or concentration of something

ANSWERS: 57. spare, 58. isolate, 59. spike