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Session 1: Word List

bury

v. to place a dead body in the ground, grave, or tomb
synonym: entomb, sink, forget

(1) **bury** in the earth, (2) **bury** emotion

There is plenty of space to **bury** everyone.

scatter

v. to cause to separate and go in different directions
synonym: disperse, spread, bestrew

(1) **scatter** seeds, (2) **scatter** around the internet

The hunter's approach **scattered** the geese.

internal

adj. of or relating to the inside of something
synonym: interior, inner, domestic

(1) **internal** organs, (2) the **internal** economy

The prime minister canceled visits to other countries to resolve **internal** disputes.

conflict

n. a strong disagreement, argument, or a violent clash between two opposing groups or individuals
synonym: clash, discord, competition

(1) the **conflict** between good and evil, (2) the longstanding **conflict**

He and I often had **conflicts**, not only in personality but also in ideology.

undetermined

n. not yet resolved or concluded; not decided; indefinite; lacking clear limits or boundaries; (of mathematics) cannot be calculated because it is dependent on unknown factors

synonym : uncertain, undecided, unresolved

(1) fever of **undetermined** origin, (2) **undetermined** coefficient

The cause of the accident is **undetermined** at this time.

countryside

n. rural areas or regions outside of cities and urban centers often characterized by open fields, farmland, forests, and countryside scenery

synonym : rural, rustic, pastoral

(1) **countryside** scenery, (2) **countryside** lifestyle

The small village in the **countryside** was perfect for a quiet getaway.

personnel

n. a group of people who are employed in an organization or one of the armed forces; the department responsible for hiring, training, and placing employees

synonym : workforce, staff, labor force

(1) competent **personnel**, (2) **personnel** evaluation

Please forward the resumes to the **personnel** department.

maim

v. to injure or wound someone seriously, particularly by permanently disabling or disfiguring a body part

synonym : injure, incapacitate, wound

(1) **maim** a victim, (2) **maim** his hand

The reckless driver **maimed** several pedestrians after losing control of the vehicle.

logic

n. a way of thinking or reasoning conducted or evaluated by strict validity principles; the study of correct reasoning or good arguments

synonym : reasoning, reason, ratiocination

(1) an indisputable **logic**, (2) a demonstration in **logic**

There's no **logic** in his description.

awful

adj. causing fear, dread, or terror; very bad or unpleasant

synonym : terrible, appalling, horrible

(1) an **awful** error, (2) do **awful** damage

I regretted making an **awful** mistake in my final exam.

injury

n. harm done to a person's or an animal's body caused by an accident or an attack

synonym : wound, damage, hurt

(1) without **injury**, (2) a fatal **injury**

My accidental **injury** got better right away.

government

n. the group of people with authority to control a country or state

synonym : administration, regime, state

(1) **government** bureaucracy, (2) **government** funding

The federal **government** is planning to increase taxes for the next fiscal year.

documentary

n. a film or a radio or television program that gives facts and information about a subject; of or derived from official documents

synonym : film, broadcast, doco

(1) a **documentary** film, (2) **documentary** proof

He won an award for that short **documentary**.

filmmaker

n. a person who makes films, typically as a profession

synonym : director, producer, cinematographer

(1) non-fiction **filmmaker**, (2) a successful **filmmaker**

The renowned **filmmaker** won several awards for his latest film.

abandon

v. to leave a place, thing, or person with no intention of returning; (noun) a feeling of extreme emotional intensity

synonym : relinquish, leave behind, disregard

(1) **abandon** a friend, (2) **abandon** the practice

The castle was **abandoned** several years later.

detached

adj. no longer connected or joined; showing lack of emotional involvement

synonym : separated, isolated, impersonal

(1) a **detached** palace, (2) **detached** from reality

Their dream is to buy a **detached** house.

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.

decide

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

synonym : choose, determine, settle

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

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

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.

contribute

v. to give something, especially money or goods, to provide or achieve something together with other people

synonym : donate, devote, commit

(1) **contribute** a large sum of money to the fund,

(2) **contribute** to society

Government workers cannot **contribute** to political campaigns.

heal

v. to make a wound or injury to become well again

synonym: recover, bring around, mend

(1) **heal** a broken bone, (2) **heal** the hurt mind

It will take time for her mental scars to **heal**.

grad

n. (informal for graduate) a student who has recently graduated or is about to graduate from a school, college, or university

synonym: graduate, alumnus, alumni

(1) high school **grad**, (2) **grad** student

He was proud to be a **grad** of the prestigious university.

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.

augment

v. to increase the size, extent, quantity, etc. of something by adding something to it

synonym: boost, increase, expand

(1) **augment** the reality, (2) **augment** immunity

Economic factors and monetary policy **augmented** inflation.

broad

adj. very wide; general

synonym: wide, expansive, comprehensive

(1) attract **broad** attention, (2) a **broad** mind

He accumulated wealth across a **broad** spectrum of assets.

military

adj. relating to or characteristic of members of the armed forces; of or relating to war or warfare

synonym : armed, martial, warlike

(1) a **military** operation, (2) a **military** leader

The **military** academy was known for its strict discipline and training.

activate

v. make something start working, more active or dynamic

synonym : mobilize, stimulate, initiate

(1) **activate** a receptor, (2) **activate** a motor

You must **activate** the software with a 16-digit key before you can use it.

contaminate

v. to make something impure, unclean, or poisonous by contact or mixture

synonym : defile, pollute, adulterate

(1) **contaminate** with a disease, (2) **contaminate** his ego

We strive not to **contaminate** the environment when demolishing petroleum plants.

device

n. a piece of equipment, tool, or technology that serves a particular purpose or function, often mechanical or electronic

synonym : gadget, instrument, tool

(1) electronic **device**, (2) tracking **device**

I always carry a backup **device** in case my phone runs out of battery.

escalate

v. to increase in intensity, size, or severity; to make something greater, worse, or more serious

synonym : increase, intensify, expand

(1) **escalate** into a major international incident, (2) to **escalate**

The situation quickly **escalated** and turned violent.

casualty

n. a person who has been killed or injured in a war, accident, or other disasters; a victim

synonym : victim, injured, fatality

(1) civilian **casualty**, (2) military **casualty**

Unfortunately, the driver was the only **casualty** in the car accident.

rid

v. to make someone or something free of unwanted or unpleasant tasks, objects, or person

synonym : do away with, free, clear

(1) get **rid** of the rats, (2) **rid** the body of waste products

We must **rid** ourselves of pollution.

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.

consequence

n. the outcome of a particular action or event, especially relative to an individual

synonym : result, impact, outcome

(1) unintended **consequences**, (2) the **consequence** of an argument

These economic activities had disastrous environmental **consequences**.

displace

v. to force someone or something to leave their home or place of origin, especially as a result of conflict, natural disaster, or manipulation

synonym : evict, exile, remove

(1) **displace** workers, (2) **displace** the explosive power

The construction of the new dam will **displace** hundreds of families living downstream.

explode

v. to burst or break open violently and noisily; to cause something to burst or break open

synonym : detonate, blast, rupture

(1) **explode** in anger, (2) **explode** in popularity

The old building **exploded** in a fiery inferno.

app

n. (abbreviation for application) software designed to run on smartphones and other mobile devices or inside a web browser on a PC

synonym : application, software

(1) killer **app**, (2) cannot log in to the **app**

The discovery of a critical bug caused the company to delay the **app's** release.

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.

declare

v. to say, state, or announce something clearly, officially, or publicly

synonym : announce, state, affirm

(1) **declare** independence, (2) **declare** my love

Foreign goods from abroad must be **declared** to customs when entering a country.

transit

n. the act or process of passing through or across a place or state; transportation

synonym : transportation, passage, transfer

(1) a **transit** visa, (2) mass **transit**

Public **transit** is an essential service for many cities.

accident

n. an unfortunate event, especially one causing damage or injury

synonym : calamity, casualty, chance

(1) cause an **accident**, (2) injury in a car **accident**

The **accident** partially destroyed my vehicle.

incident

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

synonym : event, occurrence, accident

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

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

traffic

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

synonym : congestion, jam, flow

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

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

determinant

n. a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result

synonym : cause, factor, element

(1) environmental **determinant**, (2) a **determinant** of crop yields

One **determinant** of success is having a positive attitude and a strong work ethic.

priority

n. something that is more important than other things and should be dealt with first

synonym : importance, precedence, primacy

(1) **priority** call, (2) **priority** seating for elderly

Her **priority** is to be a mother.

zone

n. a specific area, region, or section that is marked off or defined in some way

synonym : area, region, territory

(1) time **zone**, (2) **zone** defense

He was reluctant to leave his comfort **zone** and try something new.

crowdsourcing

n. the practice of obtaining needed services, ideas, or content by enlisting the services of a large number of people, either paid or unpaid, typically via the internet

(1) **crowdsourcing** apps, (2) **crowdsourcing** in climate policy

The company used this **crowdsourcing** platform to gather ideas for its next product.

reliable

adj. worthy of being relied on; trustworthy

synonym: dependable, trustworthy, dedicated

(1) **reliable** access, (2) guarantee **reliable** delivery

Trains are **reliable**, inexpensive, and ideal for long-distance travel.

fertile

adj. capable of producing abundant vegetation or crops; intellectually productive

synonym: fruitful, productive, rich

(1) **fertile** ground, (2) **fertile** market

Herbs require **fertile** soil in a sunny, sheltered location.

partnership

n. the state of a cooperative relationship between people or groups, especially in business

synonym: alliance, participation, cooperation

(1) **partnership** across the Atlantic, (2) establish a **partnership**

The military **partnership** between the two countries created tension in the international community.

initial

adj. of or happening at the beginning; (noun) the first letter of a word, especially a person's name

synonym: basic, primary, beginning

(1) **initial** velocity, (2) an **initial** letter

They took the **initial** step toward reconciliation.

pilot

n. a person who flies an aircraft, especially as a job; a person qualified to guide ships through a difficult area of water

synonym : aviator, flyer, chief

(1) a test **pilot**, (2) **pilot** production

The **pilot** exercised great care in landing.

threat

n. a strong indication or likelihood of harm, danger, or adverse consequences; an expression of intent to inflict harm or injury on someone or something, often made as a means of coercion or intimidation

synonym : menace, danger, hazard

(1) economic **threat**, (2) environmental **threat**

The **threat** of severe weather prompted the city to issue an evacuation warning.

Session 2: Spelling

1. de___e a question
v. to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options
2. re_____le access
adj. worthy of being relied on; trustworthy
3. cou_____de lifestyle
n. rural areas or regions outside of cities and urban centers often characterized by open fields, farmland, forests, and countryside scenery
4. the in_____al economy
adj. of or relating to the inside of something
5. pe_____el evaluation
n. a group of people who are employed in an organization or one of the armed forces; the department responsible for hiring, training, and placing employees
6. do aw___l damage
adj. causing fear, dread, or terror; very bad or unpleasant
7. cause an ac_____nt
n. an unfortunate event, especially one causing damage or injury
8. ab_____n a friend
v. to leave a place, thing, or person with no intention of returning; (noun) a feeling of extreme emotional intensity
9. time z___e
n. a specific area, region, or section that is marked off or defined in some way
10. m___m a victim
v. to injure or wound someone seriously, particularly by permanently disabling or disfiguring a body part

ANSWERS: 1. decide, 2. reliable, 3. countryside, 4. internal, 5. personnel, 6. awful, 7. accident, 8. abandon, 9. zone, 10. maim

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| 11. par_____ip across the Atlantic | <i>n.</i> the state of a cooperative relationship between people or groups, especially in business |
| 12. a successful fi_____er | <i>n.</i> a person who makes films, typically as a profession |
| 13. a doc_____ry film | <i>n.</i> a film or a radio or television program that gives facts and information about a subject; of or derived from official documents |
| 14. und_____ned coefficient | <i>n.</i> not yet resolved or concluded; not decided; indefinite; lacking clear limits or boundaries; (of mathematics) cannot be calculated because it is dependent on unknown factors |
| 15. h__l the hurt mind | <i>v.</i> to make a wound or injury to become well again |
| 16. co_____al swimming pool | <i>adj.</i> belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use |
| 17. a de_____ed palace | <i>adj.</i> no longer connected or joined; showing lack of emotional involvement |
| 18. con_____te his ego | <i>v.</i> to make something impure, unclean, or poisonous by contact or mixture |
| 19. de_____e independence | <i>v.</i> to say, state, or announce something clearly, officially, or publicly |
| 20. r_d the body of waste products | <i>v.</i> to make someone or something free of unwanted or unpleasant tasks, objects, or person |
| 21. di_____ce the explosive power | <i>v.</i> to force someone or something to leave their home or place of origin, especially as a result of conflict, natural disaster, or manipulation |

ANSWERS: 11. partnership, 12. filmmaker, 13. documentary, 14. undetermined, 15. heal, 16. communal, 17. detached, 18. contaminate, 19. declare, 20. rid, 21. displace

22. the longstanding co_____ct *n.* a strong disagreement, argument, or a violent clash between two opposing groups or individuals
23. killer a_p *n.* (abbreviation for application) software designed to run on smartphones and other mobile devices or inside a web browser on a PC
24. mass tr_____t *n.* the act or process of passing through or across a place or state; transportation
25. get r_d of the rats *v.* to make someone or something free of unwanted or unpleasant tasks, objects, or person
26. pr_____ty call *n.* something that is more important than other things and should be dealt with first
27. m__m his hand *v.* to injure or wound someone seriously, particularly by permanently disabling or disfiguring a body part
28. in_____al organs *adj.* of or relating to the inside of something
29. injury in a car ac_____nt *n.* an unfortunate event, especially one causing damage or injury
30. a mi_____ry operation *adj.* relating to or characteristic of members of the armed forces; of or relating to war or warfare
31. a demonstration in lo__c *n.* a way of thinking or reasoning conducted or evaluated by strict validity principles; the study of correct reasoning or good arguments
32. gov_____nt funding *n.* the group of people with authority to control a country or state

ANSWERS: 22. conflict, 23. app, 24. transit, 25. rid, 26. priority, 27. maim, 28. internal, 29. accident, 30. military, 31. logic, 32. government

33. sc_____r around the internet *v.* to cause to separate and go in different directions
34. con_____te a large sum of money to the fund *v.* to give something, especially money or goods, to provide or achieve something together with other people
35. environmental th_____t *n.* a strong indication or likelihood of harm, danger, or adverse consequences; an expression of intent to inflict harm or injury on someone or something, often made as a means of coercion or intimidation
36. attract br____d attention *adj.* very wide; general
37. without in_____y *n.* harm done to a person's or an animal's body caused by an accident or an attack
38. sta_____cs for cancer *n.* the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data
39. an aw____l error *adj.* causing fear, dread, or terror; very bad or unpleasant
40. b____y emotion *v.* to place a dead body in the ground, grave, or tomb
41. guarantee re_____le delivery *adj.* worthy of being relied on; trustworthy
42. tr_____c jam *n.* the movement of vehicles, people, or goods along a route or through a transport system; the amount of such movement in a particular place or at a particular time

ANSWERS: 33. scatter, 34. contribute, 35. threat, 36. broad, 37. injury, 38. statistics, 39. awful, 40. bury, 41. reliable, 42. traffic

43. es____te into a major international incident *v.* to increase in intensity, size, or severity; to make something greater, worse, or more serious
44. an in_____l letter *adj.* of or happening at the beginning; (noun) the first letter of a word, especially a person's name
45. con_____te with a disease *v.* to make something impure, unclean, or poisonous by contact or mixture
46. fever of und_____ned origin *n.* not yet resolved or concluded; not decided; indefinite; lacking clear limits or boundaries; (of mathematics) cannot be calculated because it is dependent on unknown factors
47. ex_____e in popularity *v.* to burst or break open violently and noisily; to cause something to burst or break open
48. g__d student *n.* (informal for graduate) a student who has recently graduated or is about to graduate from a school, college, or university
49. to es_____te *v.* to increase in intensity, size, or severity; to make something greater, worse, or more serious
50. cro_____ing in climate policy *n.* the practice of obtaining needed services, ideas, or content by enlisting the services of a large number of people, either paid or unpaid, typically via the internet
51. su____r a setback *v.* to experience pain, distress, or hardship; to undergo or endure something painful or unpleasant

ANSWERS: 43. escalate, 44. initial, 45. contaminate, 46. undetermined, 47. explode, 48. grad, 49. escalate, 50. crowdsourcing, 51. suffer

52. au____t the reality *v.* to increase the size, extent, quantity, etc. of something by adding something to it
53. in____e a high degree of risk *v.* to include or affect someone or something as a necessary part of something else
54. a det____nt of crop yields *n.* a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result
55. z__e defense *n.* a specific area, region, or section that is marked off or defined in some way
56. a br__d mind *adj.* very wide; general
57. a fatal in____y *n.* harm done to a person's or an animal's body caused by an accident or an attack
58. au____t immunity *v.* to increase the size, extent, quantity, etc. of something by adding something to it
59. a tr____t visa *n.* the act or process of passing through or across a place or state; transportation
60. sc____r seeds *v.* to cause to separate and go in different directions
61. civilian ca____ty *n.* a person who has been killed or injured in a war, accident, or other disasters; a victim
62. economic th____t *n.* a strong indication or likelihood of harm, danger, or adverse consequences; an expression of intent to inflict harm or injury on someone or something, often made as a means of coercion or intimidation

ANSWERS: 52. augment, 53. involve, 54. determinant, 55. zone, 56. broad, 57. injury, 58. augment, 59. transit, 60. scatter, 61. casualty, 62. threat

63. con_____te to society *v.* to give something, especially money or goods, to provide or achieve something together with other people
64. cou_____de scenery *n.* rural areas or regions outside of cities and urban centers often characterized by open fields, farmland, forests, and countryside scenery
65. doc_____ry proof *n.* a film or a radio or television program that gives facts and information about a subject; of or derived from official documents
66. military ca_____ty *n.* a person who has been killed or injured in a war, accident, or other disasters; a victim
67. environmental det_____nt *n.* a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result
68. establish a par_____ip *n.* the state of a cooperative relationship between people or groups, especially in business
69. security in_____nt *n.* an event or occurrence, often unexpected or unplanned; something that happens
70. high school g__d *n.* (informal for graduate) a student who has recently graduated or is about to graduate from a school, college, or university
71. de_____ed from reality *adj.* no longer connected or joined; showing lack of emotional involvement

ANSWERS: 63. contribute, 64. countryside, 65. documentary, 66. casualty, 67. determinant, 68. partnership, 69. incident, 70. grad, 71. detached

72. co____al combination of funds *adj.* belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use
73. a mi____ry leader *adj.* relating to or characteristic of members of the armed forces; of or relating to war or warfare
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76. fe____e market *adj.* capable of producing abundant vegetation or crops; intellectually productive
77. 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
78. ac____te a receptor *v.* make something start working, more active or dynamic
79. su____r bad grades *v.* to experience pain, distress, or hardship; to undergo or endure something painful or unpleasant
80. de____e on a course of action *v.* to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options

ANSWERS: 72. communal, 73. military, 74. app, 75. priority, 76. fertile, 77. develop, 78. activate, 79. suffer, 80. decide

81. pi__t production *n.* a person who flies an aircraft, especially as a job; a person qualified to guide ships through a difficult area of water
82. gov_____nt bureaucracy *n.* the group of people with authority to control a country or state
83. a test pi__t *n.* a person who flies an aircraft, especially as a job; a person qualified to guide ships through a difficult area of water
84. cro_____ing apps *n.* the practice of obtaining needed services, ideas, or content by enlisting the services of a large number of people, either paid or unpaid, typically via the internet
85. ab_____n the practice *v.* to leave a place, thing, or person with no intention of returning; (noun) a feeling of extreme emotional intensity
86. ac_____te a motor *v.* make something start working, more active or dynamic
87. fe_____e ground *adj.* capable of producing abundant vegetation or crops; intellectually productive
88. de_____e my love *v.* to say, state, or announce something clearly, officially, or publicly
89. in_____l velocity *adj.* of or happening at the beginning; (noun) the first letter of a word, especially a person's name
90. traffic in_____nt *n.* an event or occurrence, often unexpected or unplanned; something that happens

ANSWERS: 81. pilot, 82. government, 83. pilot, 84. crowdsourcing, 85. abandon, 86. activate, 87. fertile, 88. declare, 89. initial, 90. incident

91. non-fiction fi_____er *n.* a person who makes films, typically as a profession
92. ex_____e in anger *v.* to burst or break open violently and noisily; to cause something to burst or break open
93. heavy tr_____c *n.* the movement of vehicles, people, or goods along a route or through a transport system; the amount of such movement in a particular place or at a particular time
94. h__l a broken bone *v.* to make a wound or injury to become well again
95. competent pe_____el *n.* a group of people who are employed in an organization or one of the armed forces; the department responsible for hiring, training, and placing employees
96. b__y in the earth *v.* to place a dead body in the ground, grave, or tomb
97. the con_____ce of an argument *n.* the outcome of a particular action or event, especially relative to an individual
98. an indisputable lo__c *n.* a way of thinking or reasoning conducted or evaluated by strict validity principles; the study of correct reasoning or good arguments
99. di_____ce workers *v.* to force someone or something to leave their home or place of origin, especially as a result of conflict, natural disaster, or manipulation

ANSWERS: 91. filmmaker, 92. explode, 93. traffic, 94. heal, 95. personnel, 96. bury, 97. consequence, 98. logic, 99. displace

100. 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
101. in____e a lot of paperwork *v.* to include or affect someone or something as a necessary part of something else
102. tracking de____e *n.* a piece of equipment, tool, or technology that serves a particular purpose or function, often mechanical or electronic
103. unintended con____ces *n.* the outcome of a particular action or event, especially relative to an individual
104. electronic de____e *n.* a piece of equipment, tool, or technology that serves a particular purpose or function, often mechanical or electronic
105. the co____ct between good and evil *n.* a strong disagreement, argument, or a violent clash between two opposing groups or individuals
106. official sta____cs *n.* the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data

ANSWERS: 100. develop, 101. involve, 102. device, 103. consequence, 104. device, 105. conflict, 106. statistics

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. One _____ of success is having a positive attitude and a strong work ethic.
 - n.* a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result
2. The _____ academy was known for its strict discipline and training.
 - adj.* relating to or characteristic of members of the armed forces; of or relating to war or warfare
3. Foreign goods from abroad must be _____ to customs when entering a country.
 - v.* to say, state, or announce something clearly, officially, or publicly
4. The prime minister canceled visits to other countries to resolve _____ disputes.
 - adj.* of or relating to the inside of something
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 - v.* to make a wound or injury to become well again
6. The _____ at the airport caused a delay in my flight.
 - n.* an event or occurrence, often unexpected or unplanned; something that happens
7. The old building _____ in a fiery inferno.
 - v.* to burst or break open violently and noisily; to cause something to burst or break open

ANSWERS: 1. determinant, 2. military, 3. declared, 4. internal, 5. heal, 6. incident, 7. exploded

8. _____ elections were held in several European countries.
adj. belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use
9. There is plenty of space to _____ everyone.
v. to place a dead body in the ground, grave, or tomb
10. She couldn't _____ whether to order the pizza or the pasta for dinner.
v. to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options
11. There's no _____ in his description.
n. a way of thinking or reasoning conducted or evaluated by strict validity principles; the study of correct reasoning or good arguments
12. Unfortunately, the driver was the only _____ in the car accident.
n. a person who has been killed or injured in a war, accident, or other disasters; a victim
13. The discovery of a critical bug caused the company to delay the _____ release.
n. (abbreviation for application) software designed to run on smartphones and other mobile devices or inside a web browser on a PC
14. The _____ partially destroyed my vehicle.
n. an unfortunate event, especially one causing damage or injury
15. He won an award for that short _____.
n. a film or a radio or television program that gives facts and information about a subject; of or derived from official documents

ANSWERS: 8. Communal, 9. bury, 10. decide, 11. logic, 12. casualty, 13. app's, 14. accident, 15. documentary

16. We decided to take a detour to avoid the construction _____ on the main road.
- n.* the movement of vehicles, people, or goods along a route or through a transport system; the amount of such movement in a particular place or at a particular time
17. The military _____ between the two countries created tension in the international community.
- n.* the state of a cooperative relationship between people or groups, especially in business
18. The hunter's approach _____ the geese.
- v.* to cause to separate and go in different directions
19. You must _____ the software with a 16-digit key before you can use it.
- v.* make something start working, more active or dynamic
20. Herbs require _____ soil in a sunny, sheltered location.
- adj.* capable of producing abundant vegetation or crops; intellectually productive
21. 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
22. The _____ of severe weather prompted the city to issue an evacuation warning.
- n.* a strong indication or likelihood of harm, danger, or adverse consequences; an expression of intent to inflict harm or injury on someone or something, often made as a means of coercion or intimidation

ANSWERS: 16. traffic, 17. partnership, 18. scattered, 19. activate, 20. fertile, 21. involves, 22. threat

23. Please forward the resumes to the _____ department.
- n.* a group of people who are employed in an organization or one of the armed forces; the department responsible for hiring, training, and placing employees
24. He and I often had _____ not only in personality but also in ideology.
- n.* a strong disagreement, argument, or a violent clash between two opposing groups or individuals
25. My accidental _____ got better right away.
- n.* harm done to a person's or an animal's body caused by an accident or an attack
26. The small village in the _____ was perfect for a quiet getaway.
- n.* rural areas or regions outside of cities and urban centers often characterized by open fields, farmland, forests, and countryside scenery
27. 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
28. He was proud to be a _____ of the prestigious university.
- n.* (informal for graduate) a student who has recently graduated or is about to graduate from a school, college, or university
29. We strive not to _____ the environment when demolishing petroleum plants.
- v.* to make something impure, unclean, or poisonous by contact or mixture

ANSWERS: 23. personnel, 24. conflicts, 25. injury, 26. countryside, 27. develop, 28. grad, 29. contaminate

30. I always carry a backup _____ in case my phone runs out of battery.
n. a piece of equipment, tool, or technology that serves a particular purpose or function, often mechanical or electronic
31. The _____ demonstrate that poverty and unemployment are genuine problems.
n. the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data
32. He accumulated wealth across a _____ spectrum of assets.
adj. very wide; general
33. They took the _____ step toward reconciliation.
adj. of or happening at the beginning; (noun) the first letter of a word, especially a person's name
34. 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
35. Their dream is to buy a _____ house.
adj. no longer connected or joined; showing lack of emotional involvement
36. The castle was _____ several years later.
v. to leave a place, thing, or person with no intention of returning; (noun) a feeling of extreme emotional intensity
37. I regretted making an _____ mistake in my final exam.
adj. causing fear, dread, or terror; very bad or unpleasant

ANSWERS: 30. device, 31. statistics, 32. broad, 33. initial, 34. suffers, 35. detached, 36. abandoned, 37. awful

38. The company used this _____ platform to gather ideas for its next product.
- n.* the practice of obtaining needed services, ideas, or content by enlisting the services of a large number of people, either paid or unpaid, typically via the internet
39. Her _____ is to be a mother.
- n.* something that is more important than other things and should be dealt with first
40. These economic activities had disastrous environmental _____.
- n.* the outcome of a particular action or event, especially relative to an individual
41. We must ___ ourselves of pollution.
- v.* to make someone or something free of unwanted or unpleasant tasks, objects, or person
42. The situation quickly _____ and turned violent.
- v.* to increase in intensity, size, or severity; to make something greater, worse, or more serious
43. Trains are _____ inexpensive, and ideal for long-distance travel.
- adj.* worthy of being relied on; trustworthy
44. Government workers cannot _____ to political campaigns.
- v.* to give something, especially money or goods, to provide or achieve something together with other people
45. The construction of the new dam will _____ hundreds of families living downstream.
- v.* to force someone or something to leave their home or place of origin, especially as a result of conflict, natural disaster, or manipulation

ANSWERS: 38. crowdsourcing, 39. priority, 40. consequences, 41. rid, 42. escalated, 43. reliable, 44. contribute, 45. displace

46. Economic factors and monetary policy _____ inflation.
- v.* to increase the size, extent, quantity, etc. of something by adding something to it
47. He was reluctant to leave his comfort _____ and try something new.
- n.* a specific area, region, or section that is marked off or defined in some way
48. The cause of the accident is _____ at this time.
- n.* not yet resolved or concluded; not decided; indefinite; lacking clear limits or boundaries; (of mathematics) cannot be calculated because it is dependent on unknown factors
49. Public _____ is an essential service for many cities.
- n.* the act or process of passing through or across a place or state; transportation
50. The reckless driver _____ several pedestrians after losing control of the vehicle.
- v.* to injure or wound someone seriously, particularly by permanently disabling or disfiguring a body part
51. The renowned _____ won several awards for his latest film.
- n.* a person who makes films, typically as a profession
52. The federal _____ is planning to increase taxes for the next fiscal year.
- n.* the group of people with authority to control a country or state
53. The _____ exercised great care in landing.
- n.* a person who flies an aircraft, especially as a job; a person qualified to guide ships through a difficult area of water

ANSWERS: 46. augmented, 47. zone, 48. undetermined, 49. transit, 50. maimed, 51. filmmaker, 52. government, 53. pilot

ANSWERS: