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Session 1: Word List

editorial

adj. relating to the expression of opinions or interpretations in the media

synonym : comment, opinion, critique

(1) gain **editorial** help, (2) an **editorial** article

The newspaper published an **editorial** on the current state of the economy.

rejuvenate

v. to make someone or something look or feel younger, fresher, or more lively

synonym : revitalize, renew, refresh

(1) **rejuvenate** a downtown area, (2) **rejuvenate** energy

The spa treatment promised to **rejuvenate** her skin and leave her feeling refreshed.

staid

adj. sedate, respectable, and unadventurous in style, character, or manner; exhibiting a calm and steady demeanor

synonym : sedate, serious, grave

(1) **staid** demeanor, (2) **staid** professionalism

The courtroom was filled with **staid** faces as the verdict was read.

institutionalize

v. to establish or make something a part of an institution (= a place such as a university, hospital, etc.)

synonym: formalize, establish, regularize

(1) **institutionalize** a system, (2) **institutionalize** customary laws

The new policy aims to **institutionalize** the use of renewable energy sources.

ivory

n. a hard, creamy-white substance that comes from the tusks of elephants, walruses, and some other animals and is used to make ornaments and other decorative items

synonym: elephant tusk, bone, tooth

(1) tower of **ivory**, (2) **ivory** carving

The intricate carvings on the **ivory** tusk were a work of art.

tower

n. a structure that is exceptionally high in proportion to its width and either forms part of a building or stands alone

synonym: building, belfry, edifice

(1) a bell **tower**, (2) the **tower** on a cliff

She is a **tower** of strength for our team in trouble.

engaging

adj. attracting, pleasant, or charming

synonym: alluring, interesting, engrossing

(1) **engaging** story, (2) an **engaging** smile

She was disbarred for her **engaging** in fraud.

captivate

v. to attract and hold the attention or interest of

synonym: enchant, charm, fascinate

(1) **captivate** public sentiment, (2) **captivate** the mind

The magician **captivated** the audience with his illusions.

torrent

n. a sudden and violent stream, as of water, lava, or mud

synonym: flood, deluge, downpour

(1) **torrent** of words, (2) stem a **torrent**

The rain fell in a **torrent**, flooding the streets in minutes.

capture

v. to catch a person or an animal and confine them in an area which they cannot escape

synonym : catch, arrest, imprison

(1) **capture** a glimpse, (2) **capture** customers' hearts

I was able to **capture** the moment on film.

crystallize

v. to form crystals from a liquid or solution; to become clear or definite in form or structure; to solidify

synonym : solidify, freeze, shape up

(1) **crystallize** a concept, (2) **crystallize** into reality

As the sugar water cools, it will slowly **crystallize** into rock candy.

trend

n. a general direction in which something is changing or developing

synonym : direction, movement, tendency

(1) an international **trend**, (2) the **trend** away from television

The oil price continued their downward **trend**.

complexity

n. the state or quality of being complicated or intricate and difficult to understand

synonym : intricacy, sophistication, elaboration

(1) cognitive **complexity**, (2) **complexity** theory

The project's **complexity** made it difficult for the team to complete it on time.

essence

n. the basic or most important part or quality of something that makes it what it is

synonym : core, nature, disposition

(1) vanilla **essence**, (2) universal **essence**

University teaches the art of understanding the **essence** of the matter.

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.

dandy

n. a man who is excessively fastidious in his dress and manner; (adjective) very good

synonym: fop, dapper, (adjective) excellent

(1) in a **dandy** manner, (2) fine and **dandy**

He was a positive **dandy** and always dressed in the finest clothing.

butterfly

n. a diurnal insect typically has a slender body with knobbed antennae and broad, colorful wings

(1) **butterfly** effect, (2) the life cycle of a **butterfly**

He enjoys collecting **butterfly** specimens.

monocle

n. a single eyeglass lens, typically a convex lens that is held in place by the muscles around the eye socket rather than by frames, traditionally associated with a specific upper-class or intellectual aesthetic in the past

synonym: eyeglass, eyepiece

(1) **monocle** wearer, (2) antique **monocle**

The gentleman adjusted his **monocle** and glanced around the room with sophistication.

depth

n. the distance between the top and bottom of something; between the top surface and a distance below it

synonym: deepness, profoundness, extent

(1) **depth** camera, (2) the **depth** of the water

The pond's **depth** was around five feet.

humor

n. the quality of being amusing or funny; the liquid parts of the body

synonym: comedy, funniness, liquid substance

(1) sardonic **humor**, (2) vitreous **humor**

My wife seems to be in ill **humor**.

haughty

adj. having or showing an exaggerated sense of superiority, often expressed through an arrogant or disdainful

attitude; excessively proud and snobbish

synonym : arrogant, proud, disdainful

(1) **haughty** aristocrat, (2) **haughty** remark

His **haughty** attitude and condescending remarks offended those around him.

amuse

v. to entertain or divert the mind; to make someone laugh

synonym : entertain, delight, divert

(1) **amuse** a baby with a rattle, (2) **amuse** guests

He **amused** himself by playing video games during his free time.

flap

n. a piece of material attached to a garment, sail, or aircraft which flaps in the wind; (verb) to move in a wavy pattern or with an up-and-down motion

synonym : winged object, cover, (verb) flutter

(1) the **flap** of wings, (2) **flap** out a candle

The **flap** of the tent was open, letting in the fresh air.

roar

v. to make a loud, deep sound, like a lion or a car engine

synonym : bellow, yell, shout

(1) **roar** with laughter, (2) **roar** for more

The lion **roared** loudly, signaling its dominance over the other animals.

zeitgeist

n. the spirit or general outlook of a particular period of time, especially as it is reflected in the beliefs and attitudes of that time; the cultural, intellectual, or moral climate of a society or era

synonym : spirit of the time, trend, fashion

(1) the **zeitgeist** of the era, (2) cultural **zeitgeist**

The political speech resonated with the **zeitgeist** of national unity and cooperation.

depression

n. a mental condition in which a person feels very unhappy and without hope for the future; a severe recession in an

economy or market

synonym : recession, slump, despair

(1) the Great **Depression**, (2) the root problem of her **depression**

Depression symptoms might include a decrease in appetite and weight loss.

prejudice

n. a thought or feeling that is unfair and makes no sense, mainly when it is formed without enough thought or knowledge

synonym : bias, preconception, predisposition

(1) deep-rooted **prejudice**, (2) color **prejudice**

This community is free of social **prejudice**.

contemporary

adj. belonging to the same or present time

synonym : modern, stylish, coetaneous

(1) field of **contemporary** art, (2) **contemporary** leaders

Contemporary music has gained different followers from existing music.

narrative

n. a story or a description of a series of events or process of telling a story

synonym : the tale, chronology, annals

(1) **narrative** poetry, (2) personal **narrative**

The **narrative** handles multiple plot lines and has unpredictable ends.

subway

n. an underground railway system, typically in a city

synonym : underground, metro, tube

(1) **subway** train, (2) rapid transit **subway**

He took the **subway** to work every day to avoid traffic congestion.

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.

approve

v. to think that someone or something is favorable, acceptable, or appropriate; to officially accept a plan, request, etc.

synonym: accept, authorize, agree

(1) **approve** a measures, (2) unanimously **approve** a resolution

My boss wouldn't **approve** of the plan.

puzzle

n. a situation that is difficult to follow or solve; a game, problem, or toy that tests a person's ingenuity or knowledge; (verb) to cause someone to feel confused because of something difficult to understand

synonym: plight, maze, (verb) perplex

(1) crossword **puzzle**, (2) mathematical **puzzle**

This jigsaw **puzzle** is challenging because there are no pictures.

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.

spot

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

synonym: dot, mark, place

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

This remote **spot** is rarely visited.

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.

engagement

n. a mutual promise to marry someone; an agreement to do something, especially at a particular time

synonym: betrothal, promise, commitment

(1) a prior **engagement**, (2) break off an **engagement**

They selected a gorgeous diamond **engagement** ring.

stereotype

n. a fixed and unvarying idea or image that people have about what someone or something is like, but which is often not true in reality and may cause hurt and offense

(1) avoid **stereotype**, (2) negative **stereotypes**

Changing **stereotypes** about LGBTQ requires considerable effort.

rearrange

v. to change the order or position of things already made; to change the time, date, or place of an event already planned

synonym: readjust, reorganize, reconstruct

(1) **rearrange** the furniture, (2) **rearrange** his schedule

Please **rearrange** these files as we start a new project tomorrow.

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.

propose

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

synonym: suggest, offer, recommend

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

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

silhouette

n. an outline of a solid object that you see against a light background; a drawing of the outline of an object filled in with some uniform color

synonym: outline, contour, shape

(1) a person's **silhouette**, (2) the **silhouette** of a garment
After the war, the **silhouette** of the country appears.

twin

n. either of two children born at the same time from the same mother

(1) a **twin-lens** camera, (2) a **twin** room

Its **twin** brothers are difficult to tell apart except for their parents.

shiver

v. to shake or quiver with cold, fear, or excitement; to tremble or vibrate rapidly

synonym: quiver, tremble, shake

(1) **shiver** with delight, (2) **shiver** in fear

I **shiver** in the cold winter air as I wait for the train.

spine

n. the series of bones running down the center of the back that protect the spinal cord and support the body; the backbone or vertebral column

synonym: backbone, vertebra, column

(1) the **spine** of a book, (2) a cervical **spine** injury

She has a minor curved **spine** due to desk work for many years.

refusal

n. the act of showing or saying that one is not willing to do or accept something

synonym: denial, rejection, turndown

(1) meet with a **refusal**, (2) **refusal** of inspection

She gave a firm **refusal**.

mourning

n. the act or expression of sorrow or grief for someone who has died; a period of time set aside for such grieving

synonym: grieving, sorrow, lamentation

(1) **mourning** period, (2) **mourning** ritual

She wore black clothing as a symbol of **mourning** for her grandmother.

absence

n. the fact or condition of being away from a place where they are typically anticipated to be

synonym : dearth, scarcity, lack

(1) **absence** from work, (2) a leave of **absence**

Another critical factor of child poverty is the father's **absence**.

profound

adj. extremely great; sensed or experienced very strongly; displaying a high level of knowledge or comprehension

synonym : deep, unsounded, far-reaching

(1) a **profound** book, (2) the **profound** depths of the sea

My mother's illness had a **profound** impact on us all.

process

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

synonym : procedure, method, system

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

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

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.

volume

n. the amount of space occupied by an object or substance; the magnitude of sound

synonym : capacity, amount, intensity

(1) **volume** of work, (2) high **volume**

This container has a **volume** of 10 cubic meters.

bob

v. to move up and down quickly and repeatedly, often in a short, jerky motion; to cut, trim, or shorten hair, especially by repeatedly snipping with scissors; (noun) a

hairstyle in which the hair is cut short and even all around, usually above the shoulders

synonym : bobble, bounce, wag

(1) **bob** a quick curtsy, (2) **bob** on the surface of the water
I need to **bob** my head to the beat of the music.

elect

v. to choose someone for a specific position by voting for them; to decide or choose to do something

synonym : select, choose, prefer

(1) **elect** the school board, (2) **elect** death
Every five years, the provincial governors are **elected**.

historic

adj. famous or significant in history, or potentially so

synonym : memorable, momentous, historical

(1) **historic** accomplishment, (2) achieve the **historic** feat
The Chinese people have accomplished several **historic** feats.

emotion

n. a strong feeling such as love, anger, etc. deriving from one's situation, mood, or relationships with others

synonym : feeling, sentiment, passion

(1) control my **emotion**, (2) afraid to show **emotion**
Some **emotions** are common across cultures and backgrounds.

announce

v. to make something known or officially inform people about something

synonym : disclose, declare, broadcast

(1) **announce** candidacy, (2) **announce** the award winners
The third season of the anime show has been **announced**.

chord

n. a straight line connecting two points on a curve; a combination of three or more musical notes played or sung at the same time

synonym : harmony, concord, consonance

(1) **chord** transition, (2) his vocal **chords**

The pianist played a **chord** that filled the room with a rich, harmonious sound.

trump

n. a playing card with a picture of a trumpeter on it, used in certain card games

(1) **trump** card, (2) choose **trump**

The **trump** suit in the game of bridge is determined at the beginning of each hand.

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.

diversity

n. the quality or fact of many different types of things or people being included in something; a range of different things or people

synonym: variety, multiplicity, variousness

(1) the **diversity** policy of the university, (2) lingual **diversity**

He was impressed by the range and **diversity** of the collection.

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.

render

v. to bring someone or something into a particular state; to provide something such as service, help, etc.

synonym: deliver, give, provide

(1) **render** an assessment, (2) **render** the contract void

The jury must **render** a decision on this complex case.

flabbergasted

adj. greatly surprised or astonished; shocked or bewildered
synonym : astonished, amazed, stunned

(1) **flabbergasted** expression, (2) **flabbergasted** reaction
I was **flabbergasted** to learn that I had won the scholarship.

fame

n. the condition of being well-known and discussed by a large number of people as a result of one's accomplishments, abilities, and so on
synonym : celebrity, renown, stardom

(1) leap into **fame**, (2) his undying **fame**

Good **fame** is better than a good face.

logo

n. a symbol or design that represents a company, organization, or product used on packaging, advertisements, and other materials
synonym : emblem, symbol, crest

(1) **logo** design, (2) brand **logo**

The company's **logo** was on the side of the building.

excite

v. to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager
synonym : thrill, exhilarate, animate

(1) **excite** the crowd, (2) **excite** rebellion

The news of her promotion **excited** her.

essential

adj. indispensable; fundamental
synonym : critical, crucial, basic

(1) **essential** amino acid, (2) **essential** commodities of life

Trial and error is an **essential** part of education.

democracy

n. a form of government in which the people have the authority to deliberate and decide legislation, or to choose governing officials to do so

synonym : self-government, republic, commonwealth

(1) **democracy** advocate, (2) principles of **democracy**

Democracy often entails inclusive capitalism as well.

sublime

adj. of such excellence, grandeur, or beauty as to inspire great admiration or awe

synonym: magnificent, majestic, grand

(1) **sublime** ignorance, (2) **sublime** beauty

The view from the mountaintop was genuinely **sublime**.

ridiculous

adj. very silly or unreasonable and deserving to be laughed at

synonym: absurd, fatuous, foolish

(1) a **ridiculous** amount of money, (2) a **ridiculous** suggestion

Everyone regarded the theory he advocated as **ridiculous** but was later proven correct.

watercolor

n. a painting method in which pigments are mixed with water and a binder and then applied to paper or another support

synonym: painting, wash, aquarelle

(1) framed **watercolor**, (2) **watercolor** landscape

The **watercolor** painting had a soft, dreamy quality to it.

dialogue

n. a conversation in a book, play, or film

synonym: conversation, discussion, talk

(1) Platonic **dialogues**, (2) the form of a **dialogue**

He recorded the **dialogue** at the time of the incident.

Session 2: Spelling

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| 4. stem a to_____t | n. | a sudden and violent stream, as of water, lava, or mud |
| 5. r__r for more | v. | to make a loud, deep sound, like a lion or a car engine |
| 6. iv__y carving | n. | a hard, creamy-white substance that comes from the tusks of elephants, walruses, and some other animals and is used to make ornaments and other decorative items |
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| 9. ca_____e a glimpse | v. | to catch a person or an animal and confine them in an area which they cannot escape |

ANSWERS: 1. contribute, 2. approve, 3. elect, 4. torrent, 5. roar, 6. ivory, 7. excite, 8. spare, 9. capture

10. de_____cy advocate *n.* a form of government in which the people have the authority to deliberate and decide legislation, or to choose governing officials to do so
11. ca_____n industry *n.* a simple drawing depicting a humorous or critical situation, often accompanied by a caption
12. rej_____te energy *v.* to make someone or something look or feel younger, fresher, or more lively
13. a t__n-lens camera *n.* either of two children born at the same time from the same mother
14. crossword pu___e *n.* a situation that is difficult to follow or solve; a game, problem, or toy that tests a person's ingenuity or knowledge; (verb) to cause someone to feel confused because of something difficult to understand
15. fine and da__y *n.* a man who is excessively fastidious in his dress and manner; (adjective) very good
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ANSWERS: 10. democracy, 11. cartoon, 12. rejuvenate, 13. twin, 14. puzzle, 15. dandy, 16. contemporary, 17. twin, 18. prejudice, 19. haughty

20. fla_____ted reaction *adj.* greatly surprised or astonished; shocked or bewildered
21. ins_____ize customary laws *v.* to establish or make something a part of an institution (= a place such as a university, hospital, etc.)
22. ca_____te public sentiment *v.* to attract and hold the attention or interest of
23. deep-rooted pr_____ce *n.* a thought or feeling that is unfair and makes no sense, mainly when it is formed without enough thought or knowledge
24. bu_____ly effect *n.* a diurnal insect typically has a slender body with knobbed antennae and broad, colorful wings
25. mo_____ng ritual *n.* the act or expression of sorrow or grief for someone who has died; a period of time set aside for such grieving
26. re___r the contract void *v.* to bring someone or something into a particular state; to provide something such as service, help, etc.
27. high vo___e *n.* the amount of space occupied by an object or substance; the magnitude of sound
28. st__d demeanor *adj.* sedate, respectable, and unadventurous in style, character, or manner; exhibiting a calm and steady demeanor
29. avoid ste_____pe *n.* a fixed and unvarying idea or image that people have about what someone or something is like, but which is often not true in reality and may cause hurt and offense

ANSWERS: 20. flabbergasted, 21. institutionalize, 22. captivate, 23. prejudice, 24. butterfly, 25. mourning, 26. render, 27. volume, 28. staid, 29. stereotype

30. rej_____te a downtown area *v.* to make someone or something look or feel younger, fresher, or more lively
31. a bell to__r *n.* a structure that is exceptionally high in proportion to its width and either forms part of a building or stands alone
32. am__e guests *v.* to entertain or divert the mind; to make someone laugh
33. sardonic hu__r *n.* the quality of being amusing or funny; the liquid parts of the body
34. the Great Dep_____on *n.* a mental condition in which a person feels very unhappy and without hope for the future; a severe recession in an economy or market
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37. the ze_____st of the era *n.* the spirit or general outlook of a particular period of time, especially as it is reflected in the beliefs and attitudes of that time; the cultural, intellectual, or moral climate of a society or era
38. the f__p of wings *n.* a piece of material attached to a garment, sail, or aircraft which flaps in the wind; (verb) to move in a wavy pattern or with an up-and-down motion

ANSWERS: 30. rejuvenate, 31. tower, 32. amuse, 33. humor, 34. depression, 35. propose, 36. monocle, 37. zeitgeist, 38. flap

39. r__r with laughter *v.* to make a loud, deep sound, like a lion or a car engine
40. cultural ze_____st *n.* the spirit or general outlook of a particular period of time, especially as it is reflected in the beliefs and attitudes of that time; the cultural, intellectual, or moral climate of a society or era
41. principles of de_____cy *n.* a form of government in which the people have the authority to deliberate and decide legislation, or to choose governing officials to do so
42. b_b a quick curtsy *v.* to move up and down quickly and repeatedly, often in a short, jerky motion; to cut, trim, or shorten hair, especially by repeatedly snipping with scissors; (noun) a hairstyle in which the hair is cut short and even all around, usually above the shoulders
43. an ed_____al article *adj.* relating to the expression of opinions or interpretations in the media
44. the form of a di_____ue *n.* a conversation in a book, play, or film
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49. negative ste_____pes *n.* a fixed and unvarying idea or image that people have about what someone or something is like, but which is often not true in reality and may cause hurt and offense
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51. rapid transit su____y *n.* an underground railway system, typically in a city
52. pr_____e the amendment *v.* to make a proposal, declare a plan for something
53. Platonic di_____ues *n.* a conversation in a book, play, or film
54. a person's sil_____te *n.* an outline of a solid object that you see against a light background; a drawing of the outline of an object filled in with some uniform color
55. his undying f__e *n.* the condition of being well-known and discussed by a large number of people as a result of one's accomplishments, abilities, and so on
56. achieve the hi_____ic feat *adj.* famous or significant in history, or potentially so
57. an en_____ng smile *adj.* attracting, pleasant, or charming

ANSWERS: 48. announce, 49. stereotype, 50. puzzle, 51. subway, 52. propose, 53. dialogue, 54. silhouette, 55. fame, 56. historic, 57. engaging

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60. pr_____s improvement *n.* a series of actions or operations performed to achieve a particular outcome or goal; a systematic procedure or approach used to accomplish a specific task or objective; a method of treating milk to make it suitable for consumption or use in other dairy products
61. the sil_____te of a garment *n.* an outline of a solid object that you see against a light background; a drawing of the outline of an object filled in with some uniform color
62. ab_____e from work *n.* the fact or condition of being away from a place where they are typically anticipated to be
63. tower of iv__y *n.* a hard, creamy-white substance that comes from the tusks of elephants, walruses, and some other animals and is used to make ornaments and other decorative items
64. ins_____ize a system *v.* to establish or make something a part of an institution (= a place such as a university, hospital, etc.)
65. framed wat_____or *n.* a painting method in which pigments are mixed with water and a binder and then applied to paper or another support

ANSWERS: 58. trump, 59. essence, 60. process, 61. silhouette, 62. absence, 63. ivory, 64. institutionalize, 65. watercolor

66. me_____n in a report *v.* to speak or write about something or someone briefly
67. beauty s__t *n.* a particular location or place; a small round or roundish area, differing in color or feels from the surface around it
68. a s__t on his honor *n.* a particular location or place; a small round or roundish area, differing in color or feels from the surface around it
69. the de__h of the water *n.* the distance between the top and bottom of something; between the top surface and a distance below it
70. de__h camera *n.* the distance between the top and bottom of something; between the top surface and a distance below it
71. the life cycle of a bu_____ly *n.* a diurnal insect typically has a slender body with knobbed antennae and broad, colorful wings
72. ha_____y aristocrat *adj.* having or showing an exaggerated sense of superiority, often expressed through an arrogant or disdainful attitude; excessively proud and snobbish
73. an international tr__d *n.* a general direction in which something is changing or developing
74. the di_____ty policy of the university *n.* the quality or fact of many different types of things or people being included in something; a range of different things or people
75. cry_____ze into reality *v.* to form crystals from a liquid or solution; to become clear or definite in form or structure; to solidify

ANSWERS: 66. mention, 67. spot, 68. spot, 69. depth, 70. depth, 71. butterfly, 72. haughty, 73. trend, 74. diversity, 75. crystallize

76. el__t the school board *v.* to choose someone for a specific position by voting for them; to decide or choose to do something
77. his vocal ch__ds *n.* a straight line connecting two points on a curve; a combination of three or more musical notes played or sung at the same time
78. ch__d transition *n.* a straight line connecting two points on a curve; a combination of three or more musical notes played or sung at the same time
79. decision-making pr____s *n.* a series of actions or operations performed to achieve a particular outcome or goal; a systematic procedure or approach used to accomplish a specific task or objective; a method of treating milk to make it suitable for consumption or use in other dairy products
80. a cervical sp__e injury *n.* the series of bones running down the center of the back that protect the spinal cord and support the body; the backbone or vertebral column
81. con____te to society *v.* to give something, especially money or goods, to provide or achieve something together with other people
82. a penciled sk__h *n.* a simple, quickly-made picture that does not have many details; a short descriptive summary of something
83. mo____ng period *n.* the act or expression of sorrow or grief for someone who has died; a period of time set aside for such grieving

ANSWERS: 76. elect, 77. chord, 78. chord, 79. process, 80. spine, 81. contribute, 82. sketch, 83. mourning

84. leap into f__e *n.* the condition of being well-known and discussed by a large number of people as a result of one's accomplishments, abilities, and so on
85. meet with a re____l *n.* the act of showing or saying that one is not willing to do or accept something
86. a prior eng____nt *n.* a mutual promise to marry someone; an agreement to do something, especially at a particular time
87. su____y train *n.* an underground railway system, typically in a city
88. re____ge his schedule *v.* to change the order or position of things already made; to change the time, date, or place of an event already planned
89. es____al amino acid *adj.* indispensable; fundamental
90. in a da__y manner *n.* a man who is excessively fastidious in his dress and manner; (adjective) very good
91. su____e beauty *adj.* of such excellence, grandeur, or beauty as to inspire great admiration or awe
92. vitreous hu__r *n.* the quality of being amusing or funny; the liquid parts of the body
93. to____t of words *n.* a sudden and violent stream, as of water, lava, or mud
94. mo____e wearer *n.* a single eyeglass lens, typically a convex lens that is held in place by the muscles around the eye socket rather than by frames, traditionally associated with a specific upper-class or intellectual aesthetic in the past

ANSWERS: 84. fame, 85. refusal, 86. engagement, 87. subway, 88. rearrange, 89. essential, 90. dandy, 91. sublime, 92. humor, 93. torrent, 94. monocle

95. unanimously ap_____e a resolution *v.* to think that someone or something is favorable, acceptable, or appropriate; to officially accept a plan, request, etc.
96. 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
97. the tr__d away from television *n.* a general direction in which something is changing or developing
98. cry_____ze a concept *v.* to form crystals from a liquid or solution; to become clear or definite in form or structure; to solidify
99. raw ta____t *n.* a natural ability to be good at something; someone who has a natural ability to be good at something
100. d_t blot method *n.* a very small circular mark, especially one that is printed
101. cognitive com_____ty *n.* the state or quality of being complicated or intricate and difficult to understand
102. ca_____n character *n.* a simple drawing depicting a humorous or critical situation, often accompanied by a caption
103. com_____ty theory *n.* the state or quality of being complicated or intricate and difficult to understand
104. am__e a baby with a rattle *v.* to entertain or divert the mind; to make someone laugh
105. fla_____ted expression *adj.* greatly surprised or astonished; shocked or bewildered
106. a rid_____us suggestion *adj.* very silly or unreasonable and deserving to be laughed at

ANSWERS: 95. approve, 96. talent, 97. trend, 98. crystallize, 99. talent, 100. dot, 101. complexity, 102. cartoon, 103. complexity, 104. amuse, 105. flabbergasted, 106. ridiculous

107. con_____ary leaders *adj.* belonging to the same or present time
108. vo___e of work *n.* the amount of space occupied by an object or substance; the magnitude of sound
109. a rid_____us amount of money *adj.* very silly or unreasonable and deserving to be laughed at
110. a pr_____nd book *adj.* extremely great; sensed or experienced very strongly; displaying a high level of knowledge or comprehension
111. me_____n name *v.* to speak or write about something or someone briefly
112. a leave of ab_____e *n.* the fact or condition of being away from a place where they are typically anticipated to be
113. re___r an assessment *v.* to bring someone or something into a particular state; to provide something such as service, help, etc.
114. brand l___o *n.* a symbol or design that represents a company, organization, or product used on packaging, advertisements, and other materials
115. control my em_____n *n.* a strong feeling such as love, anger, etc. deriving from one's situation, mood, or relationships with others
116. ex_____ng news *adj.* causing a lot of interest or excitement
117. first design sk___hes *n.* a simple, quickly-made picture that does not have many details; a short descriptive summary of something

ANSWERS: 107. contemporary, 108. volume, 109. ridiculous, 110. profound, 111. mention, 112. absence, 113. render, 114. logo, 115. emotion, 116. exciting, 117. sketch

118. wat_____or landscape *n.* a painting method in which pigments are mixed with water and a binder and then applied to paper or another support
119. sp__e cost *adj.* additional to what is necessary for ordinary use; (verb) to give time, money, space, etc. to someone
120. lingual di_____ty *n.* the quality or fact of many different types of things or people being included in something; a range of different things or people
121. universal es_____e *n.* the basic or most important part or quality of something that makes it what it is
122. hi_____ic accomplishment *adj.* famous or significant in history, or potentially so
123. ca_____te the mind *v.* to attract and hold the attention or interest of
124. ex_____ng football player *adj.* causing a lot of interest or excitement
125. re_____l of inspection *n.* the act of showing or saying that one is not willing to do or accept something
126. re_____ge the furniture *v.* to change the order or position of things already made; to change the time, date, or place of an event already planned
127. choose tr__p *n.* a playing card with a picture of a trumpeter on it, used in certain card games
128. the pr_____nd depths of the sea *adj.* extremely great; sensed or experienced very strongly; displaying a high level of knowledge or comprehension

ANSWERS: 118. watercolor, 119. spare, 120. diversity, 121. essence, 122. historic, 123. captivate, 124. exciting, 125. refusal, 126. rearrange, 127. trump, 128. profound

129. en____ng story *adj.* attracting, pleasant, or charming
130. personal na_____ve *n.* a story or a description of a series of events or process of telling a story
131. es_____al commodities of life *adj.* indispensable; fundamental
132. an_____ce the award winners *v.* to make something known or officially inform people about something
133. gain ed_____al help *adj.* relating to the expression of opinions or interpretations in the media
134. st__d professionalism *adj.* sedate, respectable, and unadventurous in style, character, or manner; exhibiting a calm and steady demeanor
135. the root problem of her dep_____on *n.* a mental condition in which a person feels very unhappy and without hope for the future; a severe recession in an economy or market
136. sh____r with delight *v.* to shake or quiver with cold, fear, or excitement; to tremble or vibrate rapidly
137. break off an eng_____nt *n.* a mutual promise to marry someone; an agreement to do something, especially at a particular time
138. ex____e the crowd *v.* to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager
139. su_____e ignorance *adj.* of such excellence, grandeur, or beauty as to inspire great admiration or awe
140. l__o design *n.* a symbol or design that represents a company, organization, or product used on packaging, advertisements, and other materials

ANSWERS: 129. engaging, 130. narrative, 131. essential, 132. announce, 133. editorial, 134. staid, 135. depression, 136. shiver, 137. engagement, 138. excite, 139. sublime, 140. logo

141. afraid to show em____n *n.* a strong feeling such as love, anger, etc. deriving from one's situation, mood, or relationships with others
142. sh____r in fear *v.* to shake or quiver with cold, fear, or excitement; to tremble or vibrate rapidly
143. b_b on the surface of the water *v.* to move up and down quickly and repeatedly, often in a short, jerky motion; to cut, trim, or shorten hair, especially by repeatedly snipping with scissors; (noun) a hairstyle in which the hair is cut short and even all around, usually above the shoulders
144. na____ve poetry *n.* a story or a description of a series of events or process of telling a story
145. ca____e customers' hearts *v.* to catch a person or an animal and confine them in an area which they cannot escape
146. the to__r on a cliff *n.* a structure that is exceptionally high in proportion to its width and either forms part of a building or stands alone

ANSWERS: 141. emotion, 142. shiver, 143. bob, 144. narrative, 145. capture, 146. tower

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The news of her promotion _____ her.
v. to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager
2. This remote _____ is rarely visited.
n. a particular location or place; a small round or roundish area, differing in color or feels from the surface around it
3. 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
4. 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
5. The intricate carvings on the _____ tusk were a work of art.
n. a hard, creamy-white substance that comes from the tusks of elephants, walruses, and some other animals and is used to make ornaments and other decorative items
6. He recorded the _____ at the time of the incident.
n. a conversation in a book, play, or film
7. I was able to _____ the moment on film.
v. to catch a person or an animal and confine them in an area which they cannot escape
8. _____ music has gained different followers from existing music.
adj. belonging to the same or present time

ANSWERS: 1. excited, 2. spot, 3. spare, 4. mentioned, 5. ivory, 6. dialogue, 7. capture, 8. Contemporary

9. The jury must _____ a decision on this complex case.
v. to bring someone or something into a particular state; to provide something such as service, help, etc.
10. Trial and error is an _____ part of education.
adj. indispensable; fundamental
11. She wore black clothing as a symbol of _____ for her grandmother.
n. the act or expression of sorrow or grief for someone who has died; a period of time set aside for such grieving
12. She has a minor curved _____ due to desk work for many years.
n. the series of bones running down the center of the back that protect the spinal cord and support the body; the backbone or vertebral column
13. The view from the mountaintop was genuinely _____.
adj. of such excellence, grandeur, or beauty as to inspire great admiration or awe
14. The project's _____ made it difficult for the team to complete it on time.
n. the state or quality of being complicated or intricate and difficult to understand
15. The spa treatment promised to _____ her skin and leave her feeling refreshed.
v. to make someone or something look or feel younger, fresher, or more lively
16. He was a positive _____ and always dressed in the finest clothing.
n. a man who is excessively fastidious in his dress and manner; (adjective) very good

ANSWERS: 9. render, 10. essential, 11. mourning, 12. spine, 13. sublime, 14. complexity, 15. rejuvenate, 16. dandy

17. My wife seems to be in ill _____.

n. the quality of being amusing or funny; the liquid parts of the body

18. Another critical factor of child poverty is the father's _____.

n. the fact or condition of being away from a place where they are typically anticipated to be

19. The pond's _____ was around five feet.

n. the distance between the top and bottom of something; between the top surface and a distance below it

20. The oil price continued their downward _____.

n. a general direction in which something is changing or developing

21. His _____ attitude and condescending remarks offended those around him.

adj. having or showing an exaggerated sense of superiority, often expressed through an arrogant or disdainful attitude; excessively proud and snobbish

22. Its _____ brothers are difficult to tell apart except for their parents.

n. either of two children born at the same time from the same mother

23. I was _____ to learn that I had won the scholarship.

adj. greatly surprised or astonished; shocked or bewildered

24. _____ often entails inclusive capitalism as well.

n. a form of government in which the people have the authority to deliberate and decide legislation, or to choose governing officials to do so

25. She is a _____ of strength for our team in trouble.

n. a structure that is exceptionally high in proportion to its width and either forms part of a building or stands alone

ANSWERS: 17. humor, 18. absence, 19. depth, 20. trend, 21. haughty, 22. twin, 23. flabbergasted, 24. Democracy, 25. tower

26. The _____ handles multiple plot lines and has unpredictable ends.
n. a story or a description of a series of events or process of telling a story
27. He was impressed by the range and _____ of the collection.
n. the quality or fact of many different types of things or people being included in something; a range of different things or people
28. My boss wouldn't _____ of the plan.
v. to think that someone or something is favorable, acceptable, or appropriate; to officially accept a plan, request, etc.
29. This jigsaw _____ is challenging because there are no pictures.
n. a situation that is difficult to follow or solve; a game, problem, or toy that tests a person's ingenuity or knowledge; (verb) to cause someone to feel confused because of something difficult to understand
30. Some _____ are common across cultures and backgrounds.
n. a strong feeling such as love, anger, etc. deriving from one's situation, mood, or relationships with others
31. The lion _____ loudly, signaling its dominance over the other animals.
v. to make a loud, deep sound, like a lion or a car engine
32. Government workers cannot _____ to political campaigns.
v. to give something, especially money or goods, to provide or achieve something together with other people
33. The newspaper published an _____ on the current state of the economy.
adj. relating to the expression of opinions or interpretations in the media

ANSWERS: 26. narrative, 27. diversity, 28. approve, 29. puzzle, 30. emotions, 31. roared, 32. contribute, 33. editorial

34. The third season of the anime show has been _____.
- v. to make something known or officially inform people about something
35. The _____ painting had a soft, dreamy quality to it.
- n. a painting method in which pigments are mixed with water and a binder and then applied to paper or another support
36. As the sugar water cools, it will slowly _____ into rock candy.
- v. to form crystals from a liquid or solution; to become clear or definite in form or structure; to solidify
37. Good _____ is better than a good face.
- n. the condition of being well-known and discussed by a large number of people as a result of one's accomplishments, abilities, and so on
38. Every five years, the provincial governors are _____.
- v. to choose someone for a specific position by voting for them; to decide or choose to do something
39. The courtroom was filled with _____ faces as the verdict was read.
- adj. sedate, respectable, and unadventurous in style, character, or manner; exhibiting a calm and steady demeanor
40. I _____ in the cold winter air as I wait for the train.
- v. to shake or quiver with cold, fear, or excitement; to tremble or vibrate rapidly
41. 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

ANSWERS: 34. announced, 35. watercolor, 36. crystallize, 37. fame, 38. elected, 39. staid, 40. shiver, 41. sketch

42. After the war, the _____ of the country appears.

- n.* an outline of a solid object that you see against a light background; a drawing of the outline of an object filled in with some uniform color

43. University teaches the art of understanding the _____ of the matter.

- n.* the basic or most important part or quality of something that makes it what it is

44. Please _____ these files as we start a new project tomorrow.

- v.* to change the order or position of things already made; to change the time, date, or place of an event already planned

45. The _____ for applying for a visa can be lengthy and complicated.

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

46. The company's _____ was on the side of the building.

- n.* a symbol or design that represents a company, organization, or product used on packaging, advertisements, and other materials

47. They selected a gorgeous diamond _____ ring.

- n.* a mutual promise to marry someone; an agreement to do something, especially at a particular time

48. This community is free of social _____.

- n.* a thought or feeling that is unfair and makes no sense, mainly when it is formed without enough thought or knowledge

49. She gave a firm _____.

- n.* the act of showing or saying that one is not willing to do or accept something

ANSWERS: 42. silhouette, 43. essence, 44. rearrange, 45. process, 46. logo, 47. engagement, 48. prejudice, 49. refusal

50. She was disbarred for her _____ in fraud.

adj. attracting, pleasant, or charming

51. He spent his afternoon watching _____ movies on TV.

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

52. The _____ suit in the game of bridge is determined at the beginning of each hand.

n. a playing card with a picture of a trumpeter on it, used in certain card games

53. _____ symptoms might include a decrease in appetite and weight loss.

n. a mental condition in which a person feels very unhappy and without hope for the future; a severe recession in an economy or market

54. He _____ himself by playing video games during his free time.

v. to entertain or divert the mind; to make someone laugh

55. He took the _____ to work every day to avoid traffic congestion.

n. an underground railway system, typically in a city

56. Changing _____ about LGBTQ requires considerable effort.

n. a fixed and unvarying idea or image that people have about what someone or something is like, but which is often not true in reality and may cause hurt and offense

57. I need to ___ my head to the beat of the music.

v. to move up and down quickly and repeatedly, often in a short, jerky motion; to cut, trim, or shorten hair, especially by repeatedly snipping with scissors; (noun) a hairstyle in which the hair is cut short and even all around, usually above the shoulders

ANSWERS: 50. engaging, 51. cartoon, 52. trump, 53. Depression, 54. amused, 55. subway, 56. stereotypes, 57. bob

58. The political speech resonated with the _____ of national unity and cooperation.
- n.* the spirit or general outlook of a particular period of time, especially as it is reflected in the beliefs and attitudes of that time; the cultural, intellectual, or moral climate of a society or era
59. My mother's illness had a _____ impact on us all.
- adj.* extremely great; sensed or experienced very strongly; displaying a high level of knowledge or comprehension
60. He enjoys collecting _____ specimens.
- n.* a diurnal insect typically has a slender body with knobbed antennae and broad, colorful wings
61. The wallpaper had a pattern of pink _____ on a white surface.
- n.* a very small circular mark, especially one that is printed
62. The gentleman adjusted his _____ and glanced around the room with sophistication.
- n.* a single eyeglass lens, typically a convex lens that is held in place by the muscles around the eye socket rather than by frames, traditionally associated with a specific upper-class or intellectual aesthetic in the past
63. The magician _____ the audience with his illusions.
- v.* to attract and hold the attention or interest of
64. The rain fell in a _____ flooding the streets in minutes.
- n.* a sudden and violent stream, as of water, lava, or mud
65. The pianist played a _____ that filled the room with a rich, harmonious sound.
- n.* a straight line connecting two points on a curve; a combination of three or more musical notes played or sung at the same time

ANSWERS: 58. zeitgeist, 59. profound, 60. butterfly, 61. dots, 62. monocle, 63. captivated, 64. torrent, 65. chord

66. Everyone regarded the theory he advocated as _____ but was later proven correct.

adj. very silly or unreasonable and deserving to be laughed at

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

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

68. The Chinese people have accomplished several _____ feats.

adj. famous or significant in history, or potentially so

69. The _____ of the tent was open, letting in the fresh air.

n. a piece of material attached to a garment, sail, or aircraft which flaps in the wind; (verb) to move in a wavy pattern or with an up-and-down motion

70. The new policy aims to _____ the use of renewable energy sources.

v. to establish or make something a part of an institution (= a place such as a university, hospital, etc.)

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

adj. causing a lot of interest or excitement

72. 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

73. This container has a _____ of 10 cubic meters.

n. the amount of space occupied by an object or substance; the magnitude of sound

ANSWERS: 66. ridiculous, 67. propose, 68. historic, 69. flap, 70. institutionalize, 71. exciting, 72. talents, 73. volume

ANSWERS: