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### All Words

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## Session 1: Word List

### spacecraft

*n.* a vehicle designed to travel through space, typically carrying astronauts or scientific instruments

*synonym* : spaceship, satellite, probe

(1) **spacecraft** launch, (2) alien **spacecraft**

The human-crewed **spacecraft** successfully landed on the moon, fulfilling its mission.

### mar

*v.* to damage or spoil the appearance or surface of something

*synonym* : damage, deface, disfigure

(1) **mar** a proper relationship, (2) **mar** the reputation

The scratches on the car **marred** its otherwise perfect appearance.

### transmit

*v.* to send or forward an electronic signal; to pass something from one person or thing to another

*synonym* : convey, share, dispatch

(1) **transmit** the disease, (2) **transmit** information

Parents often **transmit** their characteristics to their children.

### incredible

*adj.* unbelievable; enormous

*synonym* : unbelievable, fantastical, inconceivable

(1) **incredible** amount, (2) at **incredible** speed  
Her response revealed **incredible** idiocy.

## icon

*n.* a picture or statue of a holy person considered to be a sacred thing; a little icon on the screen of a computer or smartphone that denotes an application or a file

*synonym*: figure, hero, idol

(1) **icon** for young people, (2) television **icon**  
Some comic book characters are considered gay **icons**.

## terribly

*adv.* very badly; to a great extent or very much

*synonym*: awfully, abominably, badly

(1) suffer **terribly**, (2) I am **terribly** sorry  
His arm was swollen and **terribly** red.

## transmission

*n.* the act or process of sending something from one person or place to another; the process of broadcasting over the airwaves, as in radio or television

*synonym*: transportation, communication, broadcast

(1) **transmission** speed, (2) the **transmission** gears of a car  
Education is the **transmission** of civilization.

## procrastinate

*v.* to postpone doing what you should do, often because it is unpleasant or boring

*synonym*: delay, dawdle, hesitate

(1) **procrastinate** about a big challenge, (2) **procrastinate** on my homework  
He **procrastinated** the matter until it was almost too late.

## occupy

*v.* to consume all of someone's space, attention, or time

*synonym*: inhabit, settle, populate

(1) **occupy** his time, (2) **occupy** a position  
The young prince will soon **occupy** the throne.

## bug

*n.* any tiny insect; a fault or defect in a computer program, system, or machine

*synonym* : insect, bacterium, microbe

(1) **bug** bites, (2) number of **bug** fixes

I found a stink **bug** crawling across the ceiling.

## schedule

*n.* a list of planned activities, tasks, or things that must be completed showing when they are intended to happen or be done

*synonym* : agenda, program, itinerary

(1) a heavy **schedule**, (2) arrange my **schedule**

So far, the meeting is going according to **schedule**.

## fluid

*n.* a substance that can flow and is not solid

*synonym* : liquid, aqua, sap

(1) plenty of **fluids**, (2) **fluid** assets

She was diagnosed with a **fluid** buildup in her lungs.

## responsible

*adj.* answerable or accountable for something within one's power, control, or management

*synonym* : accountable, answerable, liable

(1) **responsible** action, (2) **responsible** for a customer service

She's a **responsible** pet owner who ensures her dog gets enough exercise and a healthy diet.

## 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.

## simultaneously

*adv.* at the same time

*synonym* : concurrently, coincidentally, together

(1) **simultaneously** affected, (2) take several inputs **simultaneously**

Two students answered the teacher's question

## simultaneously.

### consolation

*n.* the comfort received by a person after misfortune or disappointment

*synonym*: comfort, condolence, solacing

(1) a letter of **consolation**, (2) ask for **consolation** money

Your company has been a great **consolation** to me.

### overwhelm

*v.* to defeat someone or something by using a great deal of force; to have a strong emotional effect on somebody

*synonym*: conquer, crush, dominate

(1) he was **overwhelmed** with gratitude, (2) **overwhelm** opponents by numbers

Too much variety may **overwhelm** and confuse viewers.

### struggle

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

*synonym*: toil, strive, compete

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

He could not **struggle** against temptation.

### insight

*n.* the ability to gain an accurate and deep understanding of people or situations; an accurate and deep understanding of what something is like

*synonym*: wisdom, discernment, understanding

(1) a profound **insight**, (2) share my **insights**

We gained various **insights** by analyzing the vast amount of data owned by the company.

### prioritize

*v.* to assign a higher level of importance to something compared to other things

*synonym*: rank, order, arrange

(1) **prioritize** tasks, (2) **prioritize** people over cars

The organization **prioritized** the needs of the community in its decision-making.

## instance

*n.* a particular example or single occurrence of something  
*synonym*: example, sample, illustration

(1) for **instance**, (2) notable **instance**

These articles cite five **instances** of climate change.

## inbox

*n.* an electronic folder on a computer or phone where new emails, text messages, etc., that are sent to you are kept

(1) **inbox** full of emails, (2) **inbox** folder

After you register, you will receive an email with a coupon shortly in your **inbox**.

## scan

*v.* to examine something hastily, with the eyes or with a machine, to get information

*synonym*: look over, scrutinize, browse

(1) **scan** the face of the man, (2) **scan** a document into PDF

She stood on the podium and **scanned** an audience.

## quadrate

*n.* a square-shaped object or area

*synonym*: square, rectangle, block

(1) **quadrate** shape, (2) **quadrate** ligament

The scientist examined the **quadrate** bone to determine the species of dinosaur it came from.

## algorithm

*n.* a set of rules or rigorous instructions typically used to solve a specific problem or to perform a computation

*synonym*: logic, method, rule

(1) the RSA **algorithm**, (2) **algorithm** for image processing

We can evaluate the performance of an **algorithm** in terms of computation time.

## encounter

*v.* to face something, particularly something unpleasant or difficult, while attempting to do something else; to meet, especially unexpectedly

*synonym*: meet, run into, come across

(1) **encounter** a crisis, (2) **encounter** a storm

I'm prepared to **encounter** challenges throughout this

adventure.

## rank

*n.* a position in a hierarchy of status or authority; (verb) to take or have a position relative to others

*synonym*: position, status, standing

(1) **rank** amateur, (2) high **rank**

He was promoted to the **rank** of captain in the military.

## importance

*n.* the quality of being important and worthy of note

*synonym*: significance, primacy, matter

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

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

## counterintuitive

*adj.* contrary to what common sense would suggest

*synonym*: unreasonable, paradoxical, nonsensical

(1) **counterintuitive** results, (2) **counterintuitive** behavior

The **counterintuitive** nature of quantum physics has been a source of confusion for scientists for decades.

## replace

*v.* to take the place of something

*synonym*: substitute, supersede, displace

(1) **replace** one word with another, (2) **replace** a phone

Eventually, the new design will **replace** all older models.

## 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.

## bucket

*n.* an open container with a handle made of metal or plastic, often used for carrying liquids

*synonym*: pail, tub, can

(1) **bucket** list, (2) **bucket** of golf balls

She filled a **bucket** with water and carried it back to the

house.

## precise

*adj.* sharply exact or accurate or delimited

*synonym* : accurate, exact, distinct

(1) **precise** analyses, (2) estimate **precise** costs

The content is **precise** and informative for me.

## progression

*n.* the act or process of changing to the next stage or phase or moving forward

*synonym* : advancement, development, evolution

(1) **progression** of civilization, (2) **progression** of disease

The company has made great strides in its **progression** toward sustainability.

## insist

*v.* to say something clearly or demand something forcefully, especially when other people disagree with or oppose what you say

*synonym* : demand, assert, claim

(1) **insist** on a clear answer, (2) **insist** over and over

He **insisted** that she pay her debt to the last penny.

## meltdown

*n.* a severe overheating of the core of a nuclear reactor resulting in the core melting and radiation escaping; a situation in which something fails or weakens suddenly or dramatically

*synonym* : collapse, disaster, failure

(1) **meltdown** disaster, (2) economic **meltdown**

The nuclear **meltdown** in the country was a disaster with far-reaching consequences.

## norm

*n.* something that is regarded as usual, typical, or standard

*synonym* : criterion, mean, standard

(1) **norm** of action, (2) cultural **norm**

The systems we have developed has accepted as industry **norms**.

## chronological

*adj.* arranged in the order in which events occurred

*synonym* : sequential, linear, temporal

(1) **chronological** progression, (2) sorted in **chronological** order

He presented the timeline of the project in a **chronological** sequence.

## random

*adj.* made, done, or happening without method, conscious decision, or any regular pattern

*synonym* : incidental, arbitrary, unanticipated

(1) a **random** choice, (2) bombs fell at **random**

To find drunk drivers, police conduct **random** tests.

## surprisingly

*adv.* in a way that causes amazement or wonder

*synonym* : exceptionally, notably, unusually

(1) **surprisingly** advanced culture, (2) have **surprisingly** little effect

The exam was **surprisingly** tricky for everyone.

## emerge

*v.* to move out of or away from something and become visible

*synonym* : arise, occur, appear

(1) **emerge** as a butterfly, (2) **emerge** from poverty

During colonial eras, new migratory patterns **emerged**.

## prevalent

*adj.* existing very commonly in a particular area or in a specific time

*synonym* : common, ubiquitous, rampant

(1) **prevalent** in Japan, (2) **prevalent** belief

This virus is **prevalent** in many tropical nations.

## feat

*n.* a notable or impressive achievement, especially one that requires great skill or bravery

*synonym* : achievement, accomplishment, exploit

(1) intellectual **feat**, (2) **feat** accomplishment

It is an incredible **feat** to climb Mount Everest, the highest



mountain in the world.

## modern

*adj.* of or belonging to the present time or recent times

*synonym* : contemporary, stylish, current

(1) **modern** poetry, (2) pre- **modern** agricultural society

Their headquarters are in a **modern** skyscraper.

## interrupt

*v.* to say or do something that causes someone to stop in their speech or action

*synonym* : disturb, hinder, break in

(1) **interrupt** a call, (2) abruptly **interrupt**

Her sleep was **interrupted** by recurring pain.

## context

*n.* the circumstances, facts, or conditions that surround a particular event, situation, or statement and that give it meaning

*synonym* : background, setting, environment

(1) historical **context**, (2) legal **context**

It's important to understand the **context** of a situation before making a decision.

## bookmark

*n.* a physical or digital placeholder used to mark a specific page or location in a book, document, or website; a reference point for quick access or later use

*synonym* : marker, flag

(1) **bookmark** folder, (2) mobile **bookmark**

I have a lot of **bookmarks** on my web browser because I constantly search for new information.

## fundamental

*adj.* forming an essential base or core from which everything else develops or is affected

*synonym* : basic, essential, entire

(1) **fundamental** education, (2) **fundamental** rights

Human behavior has **fundamental** characteristics.

## trade-off

*n.* a balance achieved between two desirable but incompatible features; an exchange that occurs as a

### compromise

*synonym* : compromise, balance, exchange

(1) **trade-off** problem, (2) environmental **trade-off**

There was a **trade-off** between speed and accuracy in the task.

### minimize

v. to make something, especially something bad, small or less serious

*synonym* : diminish, mitigate, belittle

(1) **minimize** a loss, (2) way to **minimize** conflict

I bought a gadget before my trip to help **minimize** stress during the flight.

### react

v. to take action in response to something

*synonym* : respond, reply, oppose

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

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

### principle

n. a fundamental law or truth that explains or controls how something happens or works

*synonym* : rule, creed, code

(1) **principle** of treatment, (2) **principle** in business

Efficiency isn't an essential **principle** here; fairness is.

### 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.

### 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.

## strike

*v.* to wallop somebody or something with the hand, fist, or weapon; to have an emotional or cognitive impact upon  
*synonym*: hit, impact, influence

(1) **strike** up a conversation, (2) **strike** a blow

We **strike** to achieve more wages and safer working conditions.

## balance

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

*synonym*: equilibrium, counterpoise, remainder

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

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

## obvious

*adj.* easy to see, discover or understand

*synonym*: apparent, conspicuous, evident

(1) **obvious** reasons, (2) his conclusion was **obvious**

There are **obvious** differences between the two wine-producing regions.

## urgently

*adv.* in a way that requires immediate action or attention, especially before anything else, because of being very important

*synonym*: promptly, immediately, swiftly

(1) tackle the problem **urgently**, (2) **urgently** required  
I need to send this email **urgently**.

## coalesce

*v.* to come together or merge into a single group, mass, or whole; to blend or combine elements or ideas into a unified whole

*synonym*: merge, combine, unite

(1) **coalesce** ideas, (2) **coalesce** with the other

The various departments of the company will **coalesce** into

one cohesive unit.

## download

v. to transfer data or files from the Internet or computer network to a user's computer or device; (noun) the process of transferring data or information from a remote or central computer to a local computer or device

*synonym*: load, save, transfer

(1) **download** files from the Internet, (2) **download** the assignment from the website

I need to **download** the latest update for my computer's operating system.

## afford

v. to have enough money or time to be able to buy or do something

(1) **afford** to buy a new car, (2) **afford** a high travel cost  
He cannot **afford** a holiday.

## trigger

v. to make something happen suddenly; to cause something such as a device, machine, etc. to function

*synonym*: activate, spark, drive

(1) **trigger** a biochemical response, (2) **trigger** inflation  
The incident **triggered** a political controversy.

## massive

*adj.* enormous amount; very heavy and solid

*synonym*: enormous, giant, immense

(1) **massive** amounts, (2) **massive** stars

The recent economic downturn has resulted in **massive** layoffs.

## improve

v. to make or become better

*synonym*: enhance, ameliorate, enrich

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

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

## laptop

n. a portable computer that is small enough to be carried around easily and used on your lap

(1) bring my **laptop**, (2) thin-and-light **laptop**

I need to finish this report by tonight, so I'll be working on my **laptop** all day.

## **battery**

*n.* a device that is placed inside a car, gadget, equipment, etc. and that provides electrical power to them

*synonym*: electric cell, array, batch

(1) a dry **battery**, (2) **battery** charging

The engine did not start because the **battery** was flat.

## **defer**

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

*synonym*: postpone, delay, hold off

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

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

## **adopt**

*v.* to choose to follow something; to legally take a child from another family and care for them as if they were one's own

*synonym*: accept, assume, take on

(1) **adopt** a child, (2) **adopt** a bill

The national assembly has **adopted** the budget.

## **reclaim**

*v.* to take back something previously lost, given, or paid, or ask to have it back

*synonym*: recoup, regain, retake

(1) **reclaim** a competitive position, (2) **reclaim** land from the sea

You may be entitled to **reclaim** some tax.

## Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. f__t accomplishment          | <i>n.</i> a notable or impressive achievement, especially one that requires great skill or bravery   |
| 2. pr____ty seating for elderly | <i>n.</i> something that is more important than other things and should be dealt with first  |
| 3. arrange my sc____le          | <i>n.</i> a list of planned activities, tasks, or things that must be completed showing when they are intended to happen or be done                    |
| 4. tr_____ff problem            | <i>n.</i> a balance achieved between two desirable but incompatible features; an exchange that occurs as a compromise                                  |
| 5. pro_____on of civilization   | <i>n.</i> the act or process of changing to the next stage or phase or moving forward  |
| 6. pri_____ze people over cars  | <i>v.</i> to assign a higher level of importance to something compared to other things   |
| 7. a profound in_____t          | <i>n.</i> the ability to gain an accurate and deep understanding of people or situations; an accurate and deep understanding of what something is like |
| 8. a dry ba_____y               | <i>n.</i> a device that is placed inside a car, gadget, equipment, etc. and that provides electrical power to them                                     |
| 9. plenty of fl__ds             | <i>n.</i> a substance that can flow and is not solid   |

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| 11. pr_____le of treatment          | <i>n.</i> a fundamental law or truth that explains or controls how something happens or works   |
| 12. alien spa_____ft                | <i>n.</i> a vehicle designed to travel through space, typically carrying astronauts or scientific instruments   |
| 13. mi_____ze a loss                | <i>v.</i> to make something, especially something bad, small or less serious  |
| 14. re_____e a phone                | <i>v.</i> to take the place of something  |
| 15. in_____pt a call                | <i>v.</i> to say or do something that causes someone to stop in their speech or action  |
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| 19. have sur_____gly little effect  | <i>adv.</i> in a way that causes amazement or wonder  |
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| 21. pr_____e analyses               | <i>adj.</i> sharply exact or accurate or delimited  |
| 22. the tra_____ion gears of a car  | <i>n.</i> the act or process of sending something from one person or place to another; the process of broadcasting over the airwaves, as in radio or television |

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26. suffer te\_\_\_\_ly *adv.* very badly; to a great extent or very much
27. qu\_\_\_\_te ligament *n.* a square-shaped object or area
28. high r\_\_k *n.* a position in a hierarchy of status or authority; (verb) to take or have a position relative to others
29. cou\_\_\_\_\_ive results *adj.* contrary to what common sense would suggest
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31. ask for con\_\_\_\_\_on money *n.* the comfort received by a person after misfortune or disappointment
32. ma\_\_\_\_e stars *adj.* enormous amount; very heavy and solid
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36. pr\_\_\_\_\_nt in Japan *adj.* existing very commonly in a particular area or in a specific time
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44. co\_\_\_\_\_ce with the other *v.* to come together or merge into a single group, mass, or whole; to blend or combine elements or ideas into a unified whole

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66. sim\_\_\_\_\_sly affected *adv.* at the same time

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72. pr\_\_\_\_\_ty call      *n.* something that is more important than other things and should be dealt with first
73. television i\_\_n      *n.* a picture or statue of a holy person considered to be a sacred thing; a little icon on the screen of a computer or smartphone that denotes an application or a file
74. tr\_\_\_\_\_it information      *v.* to send or forward an electronic signal; to pass something from one person or thing to another
75. thin-and-light la\_\_\_p      *n.* a portable computer that is small enough to be carried around easily and used on your lap
76. en\_\_\_\_\_er a crisis      *v.* to face something, particularly something unpleasant or difficult, while attempting to do something else; to meet, especially unexpectedly

ANSWERS: 67. fundamental, 68. spacecraft, 69. recognize, 70. prioritize, 71. progression, 72. priority, 73. icon, 74. transmit, 75. laptop, 76. encounter

77. qu\_\_\_\_te shape *n.* a square-shaped object or area
78. way to mi\_\_\_\_ze conflict *v.* to make something, especially something bad, small or less serious
79. 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
80. pro\_\_\_\_\_ate on my homework *v.* to postpone doing what you should do, often because it is unpleasant or boring
81. bo\_\_\_\_\_rk folder *n.* a physical or digital placeholder used to mark a specific page or location in a book, document, or website; a reference point for quick access or later use
82. tr\_\_\_\_\_it the disease *v.* to send or forward an electronic signal; to pass something from one person or thing to another
83. fun\_\_\_\_\_al education *adj.* forming an essential base or core from which everything else develops or is affected
84. en\_\_\_\_\_er a storm *v.* to face something, particularly something unpleasant or difficult, while attempting to do something else; to meet, especially unexpectedly
85. st\_\_\_\_\_le to get the job *v.* to make a great effort to do something when it is difficult, or there are a lot of problems; to use force or violence to break away from restraint or constriction
86. co\_\_\_\_\_ce ideas *v.* to come together or merge into a single group, mass, or whole; to blend or combine elements or ideas into a unified whole

ANSWERS: 77. quadrate, 78. minimize, 79. recognize, 80. procrastinate, 81. bookmark, 82. transmit, 83. fundamental, 84. encounter, 85. struggle, 86. coalesce

87. do\_\_\_\_ad the assignment from the website  
v. to transfer data or files from the Internet or computer network to a user's computer or device; (noun) the process of transferring data or information from a remote or central computer to a local computer or device
88. tr\_\_\_\_r a biochemical response  
v. to make something happen suddenly; to cause something such as a device, machine, etc. to function
89. he was ov\_\_\_\_\_lmed with gratitude  
v. to defeat someone or something by using a great deal of force; to have a strong emotional effect on somebody
90. m\_r the reputation  
v. to damage or spoil the appearance or surface of something
91. m\_r a proper relationship  
v. to damage or spoil the appearance or surface of something
92. at inc\_\_\_\_\_le speed  
*adj.* unbelievable; enormous
93. st\_\_\_e a blow  
v. to wallop somebody or something with the hand, fist, or weapon; to have an emotional or cognitive impact upon
94. de\_\_r payment  
v. to delay or hold back something until a later time; to refer to another source of authority
95. historical co\_\_\_\_t  
*n.* the circumstances, facts, or conditions that surround a particular event, situation, or statement and that give it meaning
96. re\_\_\_\_m land from the sea  
v. to take back something previously lost, given, or paid, or ask to have it back

ANSWERS: 87. download, 88. trigger, 89. overwhelm, 90. mar, 91. mar, 92. incredible, 93. strike, 94. defer, 95. context, 96. reclaim

97. bombs fell at ra\_\_\_m *adj.* made, done, or happening without method, conscious decision, or any regular pattern
98. ba\_\_\_\_\_y charging *n.* a device that is placed inside a car, gadget, equipment, etc. and that provides electrical power to them
99. af\_\_\_d a high travel cost *v.* to have enough money or time to be able to buy or do something
100. st\_\_\_e up a conversation *v.* to wallop somebody or something with the hand, fist, or weapon; to have an emotional or cognitive impact upon
101. bu\_\_\_t list *n.* an open container with a handle made of metal or plastic, often used for carrying liquids
102. ma\_\_\_\_\_e amounts *adj.* enormous amount; very heavy and solid
103. tr\_\_\_\_\_r inflation *v.* to make something happen suddenly; to cause something such as a device, machine, etc. to function
104. a man of imp\_\_\_\_\_ce *n.* the quality of being important and worthy of note
105. de\_\_\_e a question *v.* to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options
106. n\_\_m of action *n.* something that is regarded as usual, typical, or standard
107. estimate pr\_\_\_\_\_e costs *adj.* sharply exact or accurate or delimited
108. asset on the company's ba\_\_\_\_\_e sheet *n.* a condition in which everything has the same weight or force; something left after other parts have been taken away

ANSWERS: 97. random, 98. battery, 99. afford, 100. strike, 101. bucket, 102. massive, 103. trigger, 104. importance, 105. decide, 106. norm, 107. precise, 108. balance

109. chr_____cal progression	<i>adj.</i> arranged in the order in which events occurred
110. for in_____ce	<i>n.</i> a particular example or single occurrence of something
111. re__t at a high temperature	<i>v.</i> to take action in response to something
112. cou_____ive behavior	<i>adj.</i> contrary to what common sense would suggest
113. bring my la___p	<i>n.</i> a portable computer that is small enough to be carried around easily and used on your lap
114. abruptly in_____pt	<i>v.</i> to say or do something that causes someone to stop in their speech or action
115. sorted in chr_____cal order	<i>adj.</i> arranged in the order in which events occurred
116. re__t against his way of thinking	<i>v.</i> to take action in response to something
117. his conclusion was ob_____s	<i>adj.</i> easy to see, discover or understand
118. in___t over and over	<i>v.</i> to say something clearly or demand something forcefully, especially when other people disagree with or oppose what you say
119. cultural n__m	<i>n.</i> something that is regarded as usual, typical, or standard
120. take several inputs sim_____sly	<i>adv.</i> at the same time
121. I am te_____ly sorry	<i>adv.</i> very badly; to a great extent or very much
122. ov_____lm opponents by numbers	<i>v.</i> to defeat someone or something by using a great deal of force; to have a strong emotional effect on somebody

ANSWERS: 109. chronological, 110. instance, 111. react, 112. counterintuitive, 113. laptop, 114. interrupt, 115. chronological, 116. react, 117. obvious, 118. insist, 119. norm, 120. simultaneously, 121. terribly, 122. overwhelm



123. s\_\_n the face of the man      *v.* to examine something hastily, with the eyes or with a machine, to get information
124. the RSA al\_\_\_\_\_hm      *n.* a set of rules or rigorous instructions typically used to solve a specific problem or to perform a computation
125. do\_\_\_\_\_ad files from the Internet      *v.* to transfer data or files from the Internet or computer network to a user's computer or device; (*noun*) the process of transferring data or information from a remote or central computer to a local computer or device
126. the ba\_\_\_\_\_e of power      *n.* a condition in which everything has the same weight or force; something left after other parts have been taken away
127. high imp\_\_\_\_\_ce      *n.* the quality of being important and worthy of note
128. mobile bo\_\_\_\_\_rk      *n.* a physical or digital placeholder used to mark a specific page or location in a book, document, or website; a reference point for quick access or later use
129. intellectual f\_\_t      *n.* a notable or impressive achievement, especially one that requires great skill or bravery
130. number of b\_g fixes      *n.* any tiny insect; a fault or defect in a computer program, system, or machine
131. oc\_\_\_y his time      *v.* to consume all of someone's space, attention, or time

ANSWERS: 123. scan, 124. algorithm, 125. download, 126. balance, 127. importance, 128. bookmark, 129. feat, 130. bug, 131. occupy

132. economic me\_\_\_\_wn *n.* a severe overheating of the core of a nuclear reactor resulting in the core melting and radiation escaping; a situation in which something fails or weakens suddenly or dramatically
133. b\_g bites *n.* any tiny insect; a fault or defect in a computer program, system, or machine
134. share my in\_\_\_\_ts *n.* the ability to gain an accurate and deep understanding of people or situations; an accurate and deep understanding of what something is like
135. sur\_\_\_\_gly advanced culture *adv.* in a way that causes amazement or wonder
136. oc\_\_\_y a position *v.* to consume all of someone's space, attention, or time
137. s\_\_n a document into PDF *v.* to examine something hastily, with the eyes or with a machine, to get information
138. re\_\_\_\_m a competitive position *v.* to take back something previously lost, given, or paid, or ask to have it back

ANSWERS: 132. meltdown, 133. bug, 134. insight, 135. surprisingly, 136. occupy, 137. scan, 138. reclaim

## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. Efficiency isn't an essential \_\_\_\_\_ here; fairness is.  
*n.* a fundamental law or truth that explains or controls how something happens or works
  
2. He could no longer tell the difference between \_\_\_\_\_ and reality.  
*n.* a false idea or belief, especially about somebody or about a situation
  
3. 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
  
4. Eventually, the new design will \_\_\_\_\_ all older models.  
*v.* to take the place of something
  
5. He was promoted to the \_\_\_\_\_ of captain in the military.  
*n.* a position in a hierarchy of status or authority; (verb) to take or have a position relative to others
  
6. The recent economic downturn has resulted in \_\_\_\_\_ layoffs.  
*adj.* enormous amount; very heavy and solid
  
7. During colonial eras, new migratory patterns \_\_\_\_\_.  
*v.* to move out of or away from something and become visible
  
8. He could not \_\_\_\_\_ against temptation.  
*v.* to make a great effort to do something when it is difficult, or there are a lot of problems; to use force or violence to break away from restraint or constriction

ANSWERS: 1. principle, 2. illusion, 3. decide, 4. replace, 5. rank, 6. massive, 7. emerged, 8. struggle

9. I need to \_\_\_\_\_ the latest update for my computer's operating system.
- v. to transfer data or files from the Internet or computer network to a user's computer or device; (noun) the process of transferring data or information from a remote or central computer to a local computer or device
10. The company has made great strides in its \_\_\_\_\_ toward sustainability.
- n. the act or process of changing to the next stage or phase or moving forward
11. He \_\_\_\_\_ the matter until it was almost too late.
- v. to postpone doing what you should do, often because it is unpleasant or boring
12. Parents often \_\_\_\_\_ their characteristics to their children.
- v. to send or forward an electronic signal; to pass something from one person or thing to another
13. The incident \_\_\_\_\_ a political controversy.
- v. to make something happen suddenly; to cause something such as a device, machine, etc. to function
14. The human-crewed \_\_\_\_\_ successfully landed on the moon, fulfilling its mission.
- n. a vehicle designed to travel through space, typically carrying astronauts or scientific instruments
15. I bought a gadget before my trip to help \_\_\_\_\_ stress during the flight.
- v. to make something, especially something bad, small or less serious
16. Their headquarters are in a \_\_\_\_\_ skyscraper.
- adj. of or belonging to the present time or recent times

ANSWERS: 9. download, 10. progression, 11. procrastinated, 12. transmit, 13. triggered, 14. spacecraft, 15. minimize, 16. modern

17. You may be entitled to \_\_\_\_\_ some tax.
- v.* to take back something previously lost, given, or paid, or ask to have it back
18. We gained various \_\_\_\_\_ by analyzing the vast amount of data owned by the company.
- n.* the ability to gain an accurate and deep understanding of people or situations; an accurate and deep understanding of what something is like
19. I have to \_\_\_\_\_ the meeting until next week.
- v.* to delay or hold back something until a later time; to refer to another source of authority
20. We can evaluate the performance of an \_\_\_\_\_ in terms of computation time.
- n.* a set of rules or rigorous instructions typically used to solve a specific problem or to perform a computation
21. Try to keep a \_\_\_\_\_ between work and off.
- n.* a condition in which everything has the same weight or force; something left after other parts have been taken away
22. The \_\_\_\_\_ nature of quantum physics has been a source of confusion for scientists for decades.
- adj.* contrary to what common sense would suggest
23. The young prince will soon \_\_\_\_\_ the throne.
- v.* to consume all of someone's space, attention, or time
24. The nuclear \_\_\_\_\_ in the country was a disaster with far-reaching consequences.
- n.* a severe overheating of the core of a nuclear reactor resulting in the core melting and radiation escaping; a situation in which something fails or weakens suddenly or dramatically

ANSWERS: 17. reclaim, 18. insights, 19. defer, 20. algorithm, 21. balance, 22. counterintuitive, 23. occupy, 24. meltdown

25. It's important to understand the \_\_\_\_\_ of a situation before making a decision.  
*n.* the circumstances, facts, or conditions that surround a particular event, situation, or statement and that give it meaning
26. Your company has been a great \_\_\_\_\_ to me.  
*n.* the comfort received by a person after misfortune or disappointment
27. She filled a \_\_\_\_\_ with water and carried it back to the house.  
*n.* an open container with a handle made of metal or plastic, often used for carrying liquids
28. To find drunk drivers, police conduct \_\_\_\_\_ tests.  
*adj.* made, done, or happening without method, conscious decision, or any regular pattern
29. He \_\_\_\_\_ that she pay her debt to the last penny.  
*v.* to say something clearly or demand something forcefully, especially when other people disagree with or oppose what you say
30. These articles cite five \_\_\_\_\_ of climate change.  
*n.* a particular example or single occurrence of something
31. Human behavior has \_\_\_\_\_ characteristics.  
*adj.* forming an essential base or core from which everything else develops or is affected
32. He presented the timeline of the project in a \_\_\_\_\_ sequence.  
*adj.* arranged in the order in which events occurred

ANSWERS: 25. context, 26. consolation, 27. bucket, 28. random, 29. insisted, 30. instances, 31. fundamental, 32. chronological

33. We \_\_\_\_\_ to achieve more wages and safer working conditions.

- v.* to wallop somebody or something with the hand, fist, or weapon; to have an emotional or cognitive impact upon

34. I found a stink \_\_\_\_ crawling across the ceiling.

- n.* any tiny insect; a fault or defect in a computer program, system, or machine

35. The systems we have developed has accepted as industry \_\_\_\_\_.

- n.* something that is regarded as usual, typical, or standard

36. The national assembly has \_\_\_\_\_ the budget.

- v.* to choose to follow something; to legally take a child from another family and care for them as if they were one's own

37. How did he \_\_\_\_\_ to your idea?

- v.* to take action in response to something

38. He cannot \_\_\_\_\_ a holiday.

- v.* to have enough money or time to be able to buy or do something

39. The engine did not start because the \_\_\_\_\_ was flat.

- n.* a device that is placed inside a car, gadget, equipment, etc. and that provides electrical power to them

40. I have a lot of \_\_\_\_\_ on my web browser because I constantly search for new information.

- n.* a physical or digital placeholder used to mark a specific page or location in a book, document, or website; a reference point for quick access or later use

ANSWERS: 33. strike, 34. bug, 35. norms, 36. adopted, 37. react, 38. afford, 39. battery, 40. bookmarks

41. There was a \_\_\_\_\_ between speed and accuracy in the task.  
*n.* a balance achieved between two desirable but incompatible features; an exchange that occurs as a compromise
42. The scientist examined the \_\_\_\_\_ bone to determine the species of dinosaur it came from.  
*n.* a square-shaped object or area
43. Her \_\_\_\_\_ is to be a mother.  
*n.* something that is more important than other things and should be dealt with first
44. I need to finish this report by tonight, so I'll be working on my \_\_\_\_\_ all day.  
*n.* a portable computer that is small enough to be carried around easily and used on your lap
45. The exam was \_\_\_\_\_ tricky for everyone.  
*adv.* in a way that causes amazement or wonder
46. So far, the meeting is going according to \_\_\_\_\_.  
*n.* a list of planned activities, tasks, or things that must be completed showing when they are intended to happen or be done
47. Her sleep was \_\_\_\_\_ by recurring pain.  
*v.* to say or do something that causes someone to stop in their speech or action
48. There are \_\_\_\_\_ differences between the two wine-producing regions.  
*adj.* easy to see, discover or understand

ANSWERS: 41. trade-off, 42. quadrate, 43. priority, 44. laptop, 45. surprisingly, 46. schedule, 47. interrupted, 48. obvious



49. Education is the \_\_\_\_\_ of civilization.

- n.* the act or process of sending something from one person or place to another; the process of broadcasting over the airwaves, as in radio or television

50. She was diagnosed with a \_\_\_\_\_ buildup in her lungs.

- n.* a substance that can flow and is not solid

51. Her response revealed \_\_\_\_\_ idiocy.

- adj.* unbelievable; enormous

52. This virus is \_\_\_\_\_ in many tropical nations.

- adj.* existing very commonly in a particular area or in a specific time

53. 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

54. Two students answered the teacher's question \_\_\_\_\_.

- adv.* at the same time

55. After you register, you will receive an email with a coupon shortly in your \_\_\_\_\_.

- n.* an electronic folder on a computer or phone where new emails, text messages, etc., that are sent to you are kept

56. Too much variety may \_\_\_\_\_ and confuse viewers.

- v.* to defeat someone or something by using a great deal of force; to have a strong emotional effect on somebody

57. The organization \_\_\_\_\_ the needs of the community in its decision-making.

- v.* to assign a higher level of importance to something compared to other things

ANSWERS: 49. transmission, 50. fluid, 51. incredible, 52. prevalent, 53. recognize, 54. simultaneously, 55. inbox, 56. overwhelm, 57. prioritized

58. Some comic book characters are considered gay \_\_\_\_\_.
- n.* a picture or statue of a holy person considered to be a sacred thing; a little icon on the screen of a computer or smartphone that denotes an application or a file
59. I stopped by the branch though I have no business of \_\_\_\_\_.
- n.* the quality of being important and worthy of note
60. She's a \_\_\_\_\_ pet owner who ensures her dog gets enough exercise and a healthy diet.
- adj.* answerable or accountable for something within one's power, control, or management
61. She stood on the podium and \_\_\_\_\_ an audience.
- v.* to examine something hastily, with the eyes or with a machine, to get information
62. The scratches on the car \_\_\_\_\_ its otherwise perfect appearance.
- v.* to damage or spoil the appearance or surface of something
63. We want to \_\_\_\_\_ ties between our two countries.
- v.* to make or become better
64. I'm prepared to \_\_\_\_\_ challenges throughout this adventure.
- v.* to face something, particularly something unpleasant or difficult, while attempting to do something else; to meet, especially unexpectedly
65. It is an incredible \_\_\_\_\_ to climb Mount Everest, the highest mountain in the world.
- n.* a notable or impressive achievement, especially one that requires great skill or bravery

ANSWERS: 58. icons, 59. importance, 60. responsible, 61. scanned, 62. marred, 63. improve, 64. encounter, 65. feat

66. The various departments of the company will \_\_\_\_\_ into one cohesive unit.

*v.* to come together or merge into a single group, mass, or whole; to blend or combine elements or ideas into a unified whole

67. His arm was swollen and \_\_\_\_\_ red.

*adv.* very badly; to a great extent or very much

68. The content is \_\_\_\_\_ and informative for me.

*adj.* sharply exact or accurate or delimited

69. I need to send this email \_\_\_\_\_.

*adv.* in a way that requires immediate action or attention, especially before anything else, because of being very important

ANSWERS: 66. coalesce, 67. terribly, 68. precise, 69. urgently