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Session 1: Word List

stick

v. to put something, usually a sharp object, into something; to restrict yourself to doing or using one certain thing and not change; (noun) a thin piece of wood or other material

synonym : pierce, adhere, stay

(1) **stick** a key in a lock, (2) fire **stick**

You **stick** a bill in the change machine, and the coins pop out.

injustice

n. a violation of the rights of others or the laws of a society
synonym : unfairness, bias, discrimination

(1) gross **injustice**, (2) **injustice** system

The **injustice** of the court's decision angered many people and led to protests.

documentary

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

synonym : film, broadcast, doco

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

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

journalist

n. a person who collects and writes news stories or articles for newspapers, magazines, radio, television, or other online media

synonym : reporter, newsperson, press

(1) a China-based **journalist**, (2) **journalist** on a magazine
Foreign TV crews and **journalists** can go as they please in various locations during the Olympics.

upside

n. the positive aspect or potential of something; the upper side of something

synonym : advantage, benefit, top

(1) have no **upside**, (2) market **upside**

Many people see the **upside** of traveling as an opportunity to experience new cultures and broaden their horizons.

refugee

n. a displaced person who has crossed national borders and who cannot or is unwilling to return home due to political, religious, or economic reasons or because of a war

synonym : emigrant, evacuee, exile

(1) global **refugee** crisis, (2) the **refugee** camp

The community warmly welcomed the **refugees**.

fence

n. a structure, usually made of wood or metal, that encloses an area, typically for protection or to keep animals or people in or out; a dealer in stolen property

synonym : barrier, wall, hedge

(1) **fence** post, (2) a brushwood **fence**

She planted a hedge to serve as a natural **fence** around her garden.

defect

n. an imperfection, shortcoming, or lack of something or someone

synonym : fault, blemish, flaw

(1) visual **defects**, (2) **defects** of character

Defects in the design could cause much worse issues.

environment

n. the natural world such as air, water, and land in which humans, animals, and plants live

synonym : atmosphere, surroundings, climate

(1) **environment** affairs, (2) chaotic **environment**

Every human is responsible for taking care of the Earth's **environment**.

suddenly

adv. quickly and unexpectedly

synonym : abruptly, unexpectedly, unawares

(1) **suddenly** attacked by an enemy, (2) die **suddenly**

Who answers **suddenly** knows little.

uniform

adj. always the same; showing a single form or character in all occurrences; (noun) the special set of clothes worn by members of a particular group as a means of identification

synonym : livery, outfit

(1) at a **uniform** temperature, (2) our school **uniform**

This country has a nationally **uniform** culture.

rifle

n. a long-barreled firearm designed to be fired from the shoulder, typically with a rifled bore for accuracy

synonym : gun, firearm, weapon

(1) **rifle** barrel, (2) hunting **rifle**

The police discovered a **rifle** case in the suspect's car during their investigation.

chase

v. to pursue something or someone to catch or capture them; to go after something vigorously or with determination; (noun) a pursuit or a hunt; a narrow groove or channel cut into a surface, often used for decorative purposes

synonym : pursue, hunt, track

(1) **chase** a dream, (2) wild goose **chase**

The police officer **chased** the suspect through the crowded streets until they finally caught him.

pray

v. to make a request or petition to a higher power, especially in the form of a respectful or humble request

synonym: implore, supplicate, entreat

(1) **pray** devoutly, (2) **pray** for rain

She closed her eyes and **prayed** for strength to overcome difficult times.

soil

n. the top layer of Earth in which plants grow

synonym: earth, ground, mud

(1) **soils** retentive of moisture, (2) parched **soil**

Soil moisture is another significant component controlling soil respiration.

colleague

n. one of a group of a coworker, especially in a profession or a business

synonym: coworker, associate, fellow

(1) collaborate with **colleagues**, (2) former **colleague**

I decided to seek counseling on the advice of my **colleague**.

flash

n. a sudden intense burst of radiant energy; a momentary brightness

synonym: sparkle, gleam, glimmer

(1) a **flash** of lightning, (2) brilliant **flash**

These heavy rains caused **flash** floods on several islands.

surround

v. to be all around something or somebody

synonym: encircle, encompass, envelop

(1) **surround** a town, (2) a stone wall **surrounds** the palace

On three sides, mountains **surround** the settlement.

determinant

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

synonym: cause, factor, element

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

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

beg v. to ask for something urgently or earnestly; to appeal to someone to do something
synonym: plead, implore, entreat
(1) **beg** the question, (2) **beg** for help
She **begged** her parents to let her go to the concert.

yell v. to shout in a sudden and loud way
synonym: shout, scream, cry
(1) **yell** for help, (2) **yell** as loud as we can
When I asked my father for more money, he became furious and **yelled** at me.

stubborn *adj.* refusing to change one's mind or behavior despite persuasion or evidence to the contrary; unyielding; difficult to move or change
synonym: persistent, obstinate, determined
(1) **stubborn** attitude, (2) **stubborn** stains
He was so **stubborn** about his beliefs that he refused to listen to any other points of view.

hesitate v. to pause decision before saying or doing something
synonym: waver, pause, waffle
(1) **hesitate** for a moment, (2) **hesitate** to ask for help
Please do not **hesitate** to call us.

spinning *n.* the act of rotating rapidly around an axis; in the context of textiles, the process of twisting fibers together to form thread or yarn
synonym: whirling, rotating, spinning wheel
(1) **spinning** machine, (2) **spinning** wheel
She took a **spinning** class at the gym to improve her cardiovascular fitness.

scenario

n. a description of possible actions or events in the future;
a written outline of a play, film, or literary work

synonym: plan, scheme, procedure

(1) the worst case **scenario**, (2) number of different

scenarios

The president prepared several possible **scenarios** for an enemy attack.

suppose

v. to think that something is likely to be actual or possible

synonym: guess, assume, presume

(1) **suppose** you're right, (2) **suppose** beforehand

What do you **suppose** the culprit's motive was?

frightening

adj. causing fear or alarm, or very surprising and alarming

synonym: scary, terrifying, alarming

(1) cast **frightening** eyes, (2) **frightening** experience

The news of the pandemic was a **frightening** reminder of the fragility of human health.

odd

adj. strange or unexpected; not divisible by two

synonym: strange, bizarre, abnormal

(1) in an **odd** way, (2) **odd** behavior

His grandfather was an **odd** man.

propaganda

n. information, ideas, or claims spread to influence public opinion or promote a particular cause or ideology

synonym: disinformation, misinformation, publicity

(1) **propaganda** campaign, (2) self-serving **propaganda**

The government used **propaganda** pictures to spread its message of national unity.

graphic

adj. relating to visual art or involving the use of diagrams or illustrations; very clear and powerful

synonym: illustrative, picturesque, visual

(1) **graphic** design, (2) a **graphic** description of an accident

The **graphic** novel was a masterpiece with stunning

illustrations that brought the story to life.

brutal

adj. harsh or cruel

synonym : harsh, cruel, barbarous

(1) **brutal** bully, (2) **brutal** honesty

The **brutal** attack left the victim with serious injuries.

spy

n. a person who is employed or trained to observe or gather information in secret, often for military or political purposes; a person who secretly or illegally gathers information about a private individual or organization

synonym : agent, undercover operative

(1) **spy** cameras, (2) digital **spy** tools

The government recruited a **spy** to gather information on a suspected terrorist cell

communist

adj. relating to or supporting the political ideology of communism (= a form of socialism that abolishes private ownership)

synonym : socialist, marxist, leninist

(1) **communist** party, (2) **communist** activist

During the Cold War, many countries feared the spread of **communist** ideology.

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.

defeat

v. to win against somebody in a fight, war, or attempt

synonym : conquer, beat, overpower

(1) **defeat** a global power, (2) **defeat** body odor

Despite his best efforts, he was unable to **defeat** the enemy.

represent

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

synonym: depict, express, describe

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

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

horrible

adj. extremely unpleasant or bad; causing fear or disgust

synonym: dreadful, terrible, awful

(1) **horrible** accident, (2) **horrible** smell

The experience was **horrible** and left a lasting impression.

instill

v. to impart, introduce, or cause to be absorbed gradually

synonym: implant, ingrain, inculcate

(1) **instill** confidence, (2) **instill** medication into my eye

The teacher attempted to **instill** the importance of hard work in her students.

humanize

v. to make something or someone more humane or compassionate; to make something more relatable or understandable to humans

synonym: civilize, personalize

(1) **humanize** my pet, (2) **humanize** a room

The charity event aims to **humanize** the homeless rather than treat them as mere statistics.

equate

v. to consider or describe one thing as similar, equal, or analogous

synonym: associate, liken, relate

(1) **equate** mistakes with failure, (2) **equate** to legal responsibility

It isn't very reasonable to **equate** money with happiness.

government

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

synonym: administration, regime, state

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

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

detention

n. the act of holding someone in custody, especially as a punishment for a crime they are suspected of having committed

synonym: confinement, imprisonment, custody

(1) **detention** center, (2) immigration **detention**

The government is criticized for the prolonged **detention** of political activists without trial.

strength

n. the quality or state of being physically, or sometimes mentally, strong

synonym: resilience, power, muscles

(1) **strength** of the economy, (2) muscular **strength**

Health and **strength** are, above all, gold.

nervous

adj. worried and anxious about something; relating to the nerves

synonym: neural, anxious, uneasy

(1) development of the **nervous** system, (2) get **nervous**

He suffers from **nervous** breakdowns.

refer

v. to direct someone's attention, thoughts, or questions to another source or person; to mention, cite, or allude to something as evidence or support

synonym: cite, allude, mention

(1) **refer** to a book, (2) **refer** to a map

Please **refer** to the instruction manual for further assistance.

psychology

n. the scientific study of mind and behavior

(1) **psychology** experiment, (2) **psychology** of crowd

She had a master's degree in **psychology**.

interrogate

v. to examine someone with questions over a lengthy period, especially in an aggressive manner

synonym: question, examine, probe

(1) **interrogate** an enemy soldier, (2) **interrogated** by police
The lawyer spent considerable time to adequately **interrogate** the witness.

confession

n. a formal statement in which one admits that they have done something wrong or illegal

synonym: admission, avowal, acknowledgment

(1) a **confession** of guilt, (2) a **confession** of faith

The prisoner made a full **confession** and admitted to his crime.

labor

n. productive work, especially physical work done for wages; the people who do manual or physical work in a country or company for wage; (verb) to work hard or to strive and make an effort to reach a goal

synonym: toil, moil, donkeywork

(1) seasonal **labor**, (2) manual **labor**

In several countries, child **labor** is a serious social problem.

transfer

v. to move, pass, or change from one person, place, or situation to another

synonym: move, relocate, shift

(1) **transfer** a file, (2) **transfer** power

She **transferred** the money from her savings account to her checking account.

affluent

adj. rich and wealthy; having a lot of money and material wealth

synonym: wealthy, rich, prosperous

(1) **affluent** society, (2) live in **affluent** circumstances

She lived in an **affluent** neighborhood surrounded by wealth and luxury.

torture

n. the act of causing intense pain or suffering to someone to punish them, extract information from them, or for some other reason

synonym: torment, abuse, mistreatment

(1) a **torture** chamber, (2) an instrument of **torture**

The use of **torture** is strictly prohibited under international law.

makeup

n. colored substances used on someone's face to improve or change their appearance

synonym: maquillage, composition, cosmetic

(1) **makeup** artist, (2) take the **makeup** off her face

Her beauty resulted from a good night's sleep rather than **makeup**.

drama

n. a play in a theatre, television, or radio, or performance on a stage

synonym: acting, play, theater

(1) secular **drama**, (2) upcoming crime **drama**

She had an audition for **drama** school.

scold

v. to reprimand or criticize someone severely or angrily

synonym: reprimand, rebuke, chastise

(1) **scold** him for being late, (2) **scold** in a loud voice

He **scolded** his employees for not meeting their deadlines.

degrade

v. to make something worse, especially in quality; to show or treat someone in a way that makes them seem no value and do not have the respect or reasonable opinion of others

synonym: demean, disgrace, impair

(1) **degrade** his public image, (2) **degrade** environmental quality

You should not **degrade** yourself by allowing them to use you.

invite

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

synonym: ask, request, summon

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

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

shyness

n. the quality or state of being worried or embarrassed about meeting and speaking to other people

synonym: bashfulness, timidity, modesty

(1) lose some of my **shyness**, (2) **shyness** barrier

He finally overcame his **shyness**.

gig

n. a performance by a musician or group of musicians, especially playing modern or pop music or jazz; a work that someone undertakes on a temporary basis

synonym: show, concert, engagement

(1) **gig** economy, (2) have a **gig** at the stadium

We are planning a speaking **gig** by a well-known author at a community center in a neighboring town.

ideology

n. a set of beliefs or philosophies that an economic or political system is based on

synonym: credo, doctrine, principles

(1) the **ideology** of the left, (2) political **ideology**

Racial equality is an integral part of democratic **ideology**.

separate

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

synonym: disunite, isolate, ramify

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

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

reaction

n. a response that reveals a person's feelings or attitude; (in chemistry) a process in which one or more substances are changed into others

synonym: response, reply, answer

(1) chemical **reaction**, (2) trigger a **reaction**

There was a chemical **reaction** of the lime with the groundwater.

syndrome

n. a group of signs and symptoms that occur together and are characteristic of a particular condition or disorder

synonym: disorder, condition, complication

(1) **syndrome** of dementia, (2) acute **syndrome**

The patient was diagnosed with a rare genetic **syndrome**.

threaten

v. to utter intentions of injury or punishment against someone

synonym: endanger, terrorize, intimidate

(1) **threaten** a healthy relationship, (2) **threaten** national security

Various artificially induced causes are **threatening** our ecosystem.

definitely

adv. without any question and beyond doubt; clearly

synonym: absolutely, certainly, indeed

(1) **definitely** become a problem, (2) say **definitely**

The paper is **definitely** worth reading thoroughly.

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**.

ambassador

n. a diplomatic representative of a country who is sent to another country or international organization

synonym: envoy, diplomat, representative

(1) **ambassador** for football, (2) send an **ambassador** abroad

The **ambassador** of peace met with government officials to discuss bilateral relations.

blur

n. a faint or indistinct image or sound; something that is not clear or distinct; (verb) to become unclear; to lose clear vision

synonym: smudge, smear, fuzz

(1) **blur** image, (2) motion **blur**

The camera's focus was off, and the image was a **blur** of colors and shapes.

provoke

v. to stimulate or give rise to a particular reaction or have a particular effect

synonym: stimulate, incite, encourage

(1) **provoke** a disease, (2) **provoke** a reaction

Her behavior **provoked** a quarrel between the couple.

Session 2: Spelling

1. our school un____m *adj.* always the same; showing a single form or character in all occurrences; (noun) the special set of clothes worn by members of a particular group as a means of identification
2. political id____gy *n.* a set of beliefs or philosophies that an economic or political system is based on
3. have no up____e *n.* the positive aspect or potential of something; the upper side of something
4. hunting ri__e *n.* a long-barreled firearm designed to be fired from the shoulder, typically with a rifled bore for accuracy
5. fe__e post *n.* a structure, usually made of wood or metal, that encloses an area, typically for protection or to keep animals or people in or out; a dealer in stolen property
6. the id____gy of the left *n.* a set of beliefs or philosophies that an economic or political system is based on
7. a stone wall su____nds the palace *v.* to be all around something or somebody
8. a fl__h of lightning *n.* a sudden intense burst of radiant energy; a momentary brightness
9. development of the ne____s system *adj.* worried and anxious about something; relating to the nerves

ANSWERS: 1. uniform, 2. ideology, 3. upside, 4. rifle, 5. fence, 6. ideology, 7. surround, 8. flash, 9. nervous

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| 10. tr_____er power | <i>v.</i> | to move, pass, or change from one person, place, or situation to another |
| 11. gross in_____ce | <i>n.</i> | a violation of the rights of others or the laws of a society |
| 12. sp_____ng machine | <i>n.</i> | the act of rotating rapidly around an axis; in the context of textiles, the process of twisting fibers together to form thread or yarn |
| 13. number of different sc_____ios | <i>n.</i> | a description of possible actions or events in the future; a written outline of a play, film, or literary work |
| 14. env_____nt affairs | <i>n.</i> | the natural world such as air, water, and land in which humans, animals, and plants live |
| 15. doc_____ry proof | <i>n.</i> | a film or a radio or television program that gives facts and information about a subject; of or derived from official documents |
| 16. ca_____n industry | <i>n.</i> | a simple drawing depicting a humorous or critical situation, often accompanied by a caption |
| 17. sp_____ng wheel | <i>n.</i> | the act of rotating rapidly around an axis; in the context of textiles, the process of twisting fibers together to form thread or yarn |
| 18. motion b____r | <i>n.</i> | a faint or indistinct image or sound; something that is not clear or distinct; (verb) to become unclear; to lose clear vision |

ANSWERS: 10. transfer, 11. injustice, 12. spinning, 13. scenario, 14. environment, 15. documentary, 16. cartoon, 17. spinning, 18. blur

19. live in af____nt circumstances *adj.* rich and wealthy; having a lot of money and material wealth
20. say def_____ly *adv.* without any question and beyond doubt; clearly
21. int_____ted by police *v.* to examine someone with questions over a lengthy period, especially in an aggressive manner
22. an instrument of to_____e *n.* the act of causing intense pain or suffering to someone to punish them, extract information from them, or for some other reason
23. he_____te to ask for help *v.* to pause decision before saying or doing something
24. seasonal la__r *n.* productive work, especially physical work done for wages; the people who do manual or physical work in a country or company for wage; (verb) to work hard or to strive and make an effort to reach a goal
25. gr_____c design *adj.* relating to visual art or involving the use of diagrams or illustrations; very clear and powerful
26. brilliant fl__h *n.* a sudden intense burst of radiant energy; a momentary brightness
27. have a g_g at the stadium *n.* a performance by a musician or group of musicians, especially playing modern or pop music or jazz; a work that someone undertakes on a temporary basis

ANSWERS: 19. affluent, 20. definitely, 21. interrogate, 22. torture, 23. hesitate, 24. labor, 25. graphic, 26. flash, 27. gig

28. a man of imp_____ce *n.* the quality of being important and worthy of note
29. ri__e barrel *n.* a long-barreled firearm designed to be fired from the shoulder, typically with a rifled bore for accuracy
30. in an o_d way *adj.* strange or unexpected; not divisible by two
31. ho_____le accident *adj.* extremely unpleasant or bad; causing fear or disgust
32. sh_____s barrier *n.* the quality or state of being worried or embarrassed about meeting and speaking to other people
33. high imp_____ce *n.* the quality of being important and worthy of note
34. fri_____ng experience *adj.* causing fear or alarm, or very surprising and alarming
35. a con_____on of guilt *n.* a formal statement in which one admits that they have done something wrong or illegal
36. int_____te an enemy soldier *v.* to examine someone with questions over a lengthy period, especially in an aggressive manner
37. visual de____ts *n.* an imperfection, shortcoming, or lack of something or someone
38. collaborate with co_____ues *n.* one of a group of a coworker, especially in a profession or a business
39. y__l for help *v.* to shout in a sudden and loud way
40. amb_____or for football *n.* a diplomatic representative of a country who is sent to another country or international organization

ANSWERS: 28. importance, 29. rifle, 30. odd, 31. horrible, 32. shyness, 33. importance, 34. frightening, 35. confession, 36. interrogate, 37. defect, 38. colleague, 39. yell, 40. ambassador

41. st____th of the economy *n.* the quality or state of being physically, or sometimes mentally, strong
42. chemical re____on *n.* a response that reveals a person's feelings or attitude; (in chemistry) a process in which one or more substances are changed into others
43. ma____p artist *n.* colored substances used on someone's face to improve or change their appearance
44. parched s__l *n.* the top layer of Earth in which plants grow
45. immigration de____on *n.* the act of holding someone in custody, especially as a punishment for a crime they are suspected of having committed
46. environmental det____nt *n.* a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result
47. br____l bully *adj.* harsh or cruel
48. digital s_y tools *n.* a person who is employed or trained to observe or gather information in secret, often for military or political purposes; a person who secretly or illegally gathers information about a private individual or organization
49. jou____st on a magazine *n.* a person who collects and writes news stories or articles for newspapers, magazines, radio, television, or other online media

ANSWERS: 41. strength, 42. reaction, 43. makeup, 44. soil, 45. detention, 46. determinant, 47. brutal, 48. spy, 49. journalist

50. in_____l medication into my eye *v.* to impart, introduce, or cause to be absorbed gradually
51. de____t a global power *v.* to win against somebody in a fight, war, or attempt
52. market up____e *n.* the positive aspect or potential of something; the upper side of something
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54. in____e criticism *v.* to ask someone to come or join; to offer an opportunity or possibility for something to happen or take place
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65. su_____e beforehand *v.* to think that something is likely to be actual or possible
66. a con_____on of faith *n.* a formal statement in which one admits that they have done something wrong or illegal
67. the characters that re_____nt numbers *v.* to speak, act, or be present on behalf of another person or group; to form or constitute
68. die su_____ly *adv.* quickly and unexpectedly
69. st__k a key in a lock *v.* to put something, usually a sharp object, into something; to restrict yourself to doing or using one certain thing and not change; (noun) a thin piece of wood or other material
70. secular dr__a *n.* a play in a theatre, television, or radio, or performance on a stage
71. se_____te cream from milk *v.* to force, take, or pull apart; mark as different

ANSWERS: 61. detention, 62. affluent, 63. stubborn, 64. defect, 65. suppose, 66. confession, 67. represent, 68. suddenly, 69. stick, 70. drama, 71. separate

72. su_____e you're right *v.* to think that something is likely to be actual or possible
73. muscular st_____th *n.* the quality or state of being physically, or sometimes mentally, strong
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82. def_____ly become a problem *adv.* without any question and beyond doubt; clearly
83. th_____en a healthy relationship *v.* to utter intentions of injury or punishment against someone

ANSWERS: 72. suppose, 73. strength, 74. brutal, 75. represent, 76. graphic, 77. determinant, 78. injustice, 79. frightening, 80. odd, 81. blur, 82. definitely, 83. threaten

84. sy____me of dementia *n.* a group of signs and symptoms that occur together and are characteristic of a particular condition or disorder
85. acute sy____me *n.* a group of signs and symptoms that occur together and are characteristic of a particular condition or disorder
86. eq___e mistakes with failure *v.* to consider or describe one thing as similar, equal, or analogous
87. get ne____s *adj.* worried and anxious about something; relating to the nerves
88. s_y cameras *n.* a person who is employed or trained to observe or gather information in secret, often for military or political purposes; a person who secretly or illegally gathers information about a private individual or organization
89. a China-based jou____st *n.* a person who collects and writes news stories or articles for newspapers, magazines, radio, television, or other online media
90. p__y devoutly *v.* to make a request or petition to a higher power, especially in the form of a respectful or humble request
91. sc__d in a loud voice *v.* to reprimand or criticize someone severely or angrily
92. former co____ue *n.* one of a group of a coworker, especially in a profession or a business
93. he____te for a moment *v.* to pause decision before saying or doing something

ANSWERS: 84. syndrome, 85. syndrome, 86. equate, 87. nervous, 88. spy, 89. journalist, 90. pray, 91. scold, 92. colleague, 93. hesitate

94. ch__e a dream *v.* to pursue something or someone to catch or capture them; to go after something vigorously or with determination; (noun) a pursuit or a hunt; a narrow groove or channel cut into a surface, often used for decorative purposes
95. re__r to a book *v.* to direct someone's attention, thoughts, or questions to another source or person; to mention, cite, or allude to something as evidence or support
96. b_g for help *v.* to ask for something urgently or earnestly; to appeal to someone to do something
97. pr____e a disease *v.* to stimulate or give rise to a particular reaction or have a particular effect
98. manual la__r *n.* productive work, especially physical work done for wages; the people who do manual or physical work in a country or company for wage; (verb) to work hard or to strive and make an effort to reach a goal
99. global re____e crisis *n.* a displaced person who has crossed national borders and who cannot or is unwilling to return home due to political, religious, or economic reasons or because of a war
100. upcoming crime dr__a *n.* a play in a theatre, television, or radio, or performance on a stage
101. re__r to a map *v.* to direct someone's attention, thoughts, or questions to another source or person; to mention, cite, or allude to something as evidence or support

ANSWERS: 94. chase, 95. refer, 96. beg, 97. provoke, 98. labor, 99. refugee, 100. drama, 101. refer

102. the re____e camp *n.* a displaced person who has crossed national borders and who cannot or is unwilling to return home due to political, religious, or economic reasons or because of a war
103. sc__d him for being late *v.* to reprimand or criticize someone severely or angrily
104. de____e environmental quality *v.* to make something worse, especially in quality; to show or treat someone in a way that makes them seem no value and do not have the respect or reasonable opinion of others
105. wild goose ch__e *v.* to pursue something or someone to catch or capture them; to go after something vigorously or with determination; (noun) a pursuit or a hunt; a narrow groove or channel cut into a surface, often used for decorative purposes
106. at a un____m temperature *adj.* always the same; showing a single form or character in all occurrences; (noun) the special set of clothes worn by members of a particular group as a means of identification
107. de____e his public image *v.* to make something worse, especially in quality; to show or treat someone in a way that makes them seem no value and do not have the respect or reasonable opinion of others
108. ca____n character *n.* a simple drawing depicting a humorous or critical situation, often accompanied by a caption

ANSWERS: 102. refugee, 103. scold, 104. degrade, 105. chase, 106. uniform, 107. degrade, 108. cartoon

109. y__l as loud as we can *v.* to shout in a sudden and loud way
110. a doc_____ry film *n.* a film or a radio or television program that gives facts and information about a subject; of or derived from official documents
111. chaotic env_____nt *n.* the natural world such as air, water, and land in which humans, animals, and plants live
112. su_____ly attacked by an enemy *adv.* quickly and unexpectedly
113. in___e guests *v.* to ask someone to come or join; to offer an opportunity or possibility for something to happen or take place
114. a to_____e chamber *n.* the act of causing intense pain or suffering to someone to punish them, extract information from them, or for some other reason
115. a brushwood fe__e *n.* a structure, usually made of wood or metal, that encloses an area, typically for protection or to keep animals or people in or out; a dealer in stolen property
116. fire st__k *v.* to put something, usually a sharp object, into something; to restrict yourself to doing or using one certain thing and not change; (noun) a thin piece of wood or other material
117. trigger a re_____on *n.* a response that reveals a person's feelings or attitude; (in chemistry) a process in which one or more substances are changed into others

ANSWERS: 109. yell, 110. documentary, 111. environment, 112. suddenly, 113. invite, 114. torture, 115. fence, 116. stick, 117. reaction

118. gov_____nt bureaucracy *n.* the group of people with authority to control a country or state
119. p__y for rain *v.* to make a request or petition to a higher power, especially in the form of a respectful or humble request
120. gov_____nt funding *n.* the group of people with authority to control a country or state
121. tr_____er a file *v.* to move, pass, or change from one person, place, or situation to another
122. co_____st activist *adj.* relating to or supporting the political ideology of communism (= a form of socialism that abolishes private ownership)
123. ho_____le smell *adj.* extremely unpleasant or bad; causing fear or disgust
124. pro_____da campaign *n.* information, ideas, or claims spread to influence public opinion or promote a particular cause or ideology
125. su_____nd a town *v.* to be all around something or somebody
126. co_____st party *adj.* relating to or supporting the political ideology of communism (= a form of socialism that abolishes private ownership)
127. s__ls retentive of moisture *n.* the top layer of Earth in which plants grow
128. th_____en national security *v.* to utter intentions of injury or punishment against someone
129. send an amb_____or abroad *n.* a diplomatic representative of a country who is sent to another country or international organization

ANSWERS: 118. government, 119. pray, 120. government, 121. transfer, 122. communist, 123. horrible, 124. propaganda, 125. surround, 126. communist, 127. soil, 128. threaten, 129. ambassador

130. hu____ze my pet *v.* to make something or someone more humane or compassionate; to make something more relatable or understandable to humans
131. lose some of my sh____s *n.* the quality or state of being worried or embarrassed about meeting and speaking to other people
132. de____t body odor *v.* to win against somebody in a fight, war, or attempt
133. psy____gy of crowd *n.* the scientific study of mind and behavior
134. se____te video into chapter *v.* to force, take, or pull apart; mark as different
135. take the ma____p off her face *n.* colored substances used on someone's face to improve or change their appearance
136. self-serving pro____da *n.* information, ideas, or claims spread to influence public opinion or promote a particular cause or ideology
137. pr____e a reaction *v.* to stimulate or give rise to a particular reaction or have a particular effect
138. b_g the question *v.* to ask for something urgently or earnestly; to appeal to someone to do something

ANSWERS: 130. humanize, 131. shyness, 132. defeat, 133. psychology, 134. separate, 135. makeup, 136. propaganda, 137. provoke, 138. beg

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The community warmly welcomed the _____.
n. a displaced person who has crossed national borders and who cannot or is unwilling to return home due to political, religious, or economic reasons or because of a war
2. The government used _____ pictures to spread its message of national unity.
n. information, ideas, or claims spread to influence public opinion or promote a particular cause or ideology
3. Health and _____ are, above all, gold.
n. the quality or state of being physically, or sometimes mentally, strong
4. The lawyer spent considerable time to adequately _____ the witness.
v. to examine someone with questions over a lengthy period, especially in an aggressive manner
5. It isn't very reasonable to _____ money with happiness.
v. to consider or describe one thing as similar, equal, or analogous
6. We are planning a speaking ____ by a well-known author at a community center in a neighboring town.
n. a performance by a musician or group of musicians, especially playing modern or pop music or jazz; a work that someone undertakes on a temporary basis
7. She had a master's degree in _____.
n. the scientific study of mind and behavior

ANSWERS: 1. refugees, 2. propaganda, 3. strength, 4. interrogate, 5. equate, 6. gig, 7. psychology

8. She _____ her parents to let her go to the concert.
v. to ask for something urgently or earnestly; to appeal to someone to do something
9. The paper is _____ worth reading thoroughly.
adv. without any question and beyond doubt; clearly
10. Please do not _____ to call us.
v. to pause decision before saying or doing something
11. The president prepared several possible _____ for an enemy attack.
n. a description of possible actions or events in the future; a written outline of a play, film, or literary work
12. We elected him to _____ us at the international conference.
v. to speak, act, or be present on behalf of another person or group; to form or constitute
13. Please _____ to the instruction manual for further assistance.
v. to direct someone's attention, thoughts, or questions to another source or person; to mention, cite, or allude to something as evidence or support
14. Her behavior _____ a quarrel between the couple.
v. to stimulate or give rise to a particular reaction or have a particular effect
15. _____ in the design could cause much worse issues.
n. an imperfection, shortcoming, or lack of something or someone
16. Her beauty resulted from a good night's sleep rather than _____.
n. colored substances used on someone's face to improve or change their appearance

ANSWERS: 8. begged, 9. definitely, 10. hesitate, 11. scenarios, 12. represent, 13. refer, 14. provoked, 15. Defects, 16. makeup

17. Many people see the _____ of traveling as an opportunity to experience new cultures and broaden their horizons.
n. the positive aspect or potential of something; the upper side of something
18. Every human is responsible for taking care of the Earth's _____.
n. the natural world such as air, water, and land in which humans, animals, and plants live
19. These heavy rains caused _____ floods on several islands.
n. a sudden intense burst of radiant energy; a momentary brightness
20. During the Cold War, many countries feared the spread of _____ ideology.
adj. relating to or supporting the political ideology of communism (= a form of socialism that abolishes private ownership)
21. One _____ of success is having a positive attitude and a strong work ethic.
n. a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result
22. I stopped by the branch though I have no business of _____.
n. the quality of being important and worthy of note
23. The police officer _____ the suspect through the crowded streets until they finally caught him.
v. to pursue something or someone to catch or capture them; to go after something vigorously or with determination; (noun) a pursuit or a hunt; a narrow groove or channel cut into a surface, often used for decorative purposes
24. The teacher attempted to _____ the importance of hard work in her students.
v. to impart, introduce, or cause to be absorbed gradually

ANSWERS: 17. upside, 18. environment, 19. flash, 20. communist, 21. determinant, 22. importance, 23. chased, 24. instill

25. Despite his best efforts, he was unable to _____ the enemy.
v. to win against somebody in a fight, war, or attempt
26. The experience was _____ and left a lasting impression.
adj. extremely unpleasant or bad; causing fear or disgust
27. When I asked my father for more money, he became furious and _____ at me.
v. to shout in a sudden and loud way
28. She _____ the money from her savings account to her checking account.
v. to move, pass, or change from one person, place, or situation to another
29. The federal _____ is planning to increase taxes for the next fiscal year.
n. the group of people with authority to control a country or state
30. There was a chemical _____ of the lime with the groundwater.
n. a response that reveals a person's feelings or attitude; (in chemistry) a process in which one or more substances are changed into others
31. Various artificially induced causes are _____ our ecosystem.
v. to utter intentions of injury or punishment against someone
32. She took a _____ class at the gym to improve her cardiovascular fitness.
n. the act of rotating rapidly around an axis; in the context of textiles, the process of twisting fibers together to form thread or yarn
33. The _____ novel was a masterpiece with stunning illustrations that brought the story to life.
adj. relating to visual art or involving the use of diagrams or illustrations; very clear and powerful

ANSWERS: 25. defeat, 26. horrible, 27. yelled, 28. transferred, 29. government, 30. reaction, 31. threatening, 32. spinning, 33. graphic

34. He spent his afternoon watching _____ movies on TV.
- n.* a simple drawing depicting a humorous or critical situation, often accompanied by a caption
35. She had an audition for _____ school.
- n.* a play in a theatre, television, or radio, or performance on a stage
36. You _____ a bill in the change machine, and the coins pop out.
- v.* to put something, usually a sharp object, into something; to restrict yourself to doing or using one certain thing and not change; (noun) a thin piece of wood or other material
37. The charity event aims to _____ the homeless rather than treat them as mere statistics.
- v.* to make something or someone more humane or compassionate; to make something more relatable or understandable to humans
38. Foreign TV crews and _____ can go as they please in various locations during the Olympics.
- n.* a person who collects and writes news stories or articles for newspapers, magazines, radio, television, or other online media
39. He was so _____ about his beliefs that he refused to listen to any other points of view.
- adj.* refusing to change one's mind or behavior despite persuasion or evidence to the contrary; unyielding; difficult to move or change
40. The use of _____ is strictly prohibited under international law.
- n.* the act of causing intense pain or suffering to someone to punish them, extract information from them, or for some other reason

ANSWERS: 34. cartoon, 35. drama, 36. stick, 37. humanize, 38. journalists, 39. stubborn, 40. torture

41. The government is criticized for the prolonged _____ of political activists without trial.
- n.* the act of holding someone in custody, especially as a punishment for a crime they are suspected of having committed
42. You should not _____ yourself by allowing them to use you.
- v.* to make something worse, especially in quality; to show or treat someone in a way that makes them seem no value and do not have the respect or reasonable opinion of others
43. Racial equality is an integral part of democratic _____.
- n.* a set of beliefs or philosophies that an economic or political system is based on
44. She planted a hedge to serve as a natural _____ around her garden.
- n.* a structure, usually made of wood or metal, that encloses an area, typically for protection or to keep animals or people in or out; a dealer in stolen property
45. He finally overcame his _____.
- n.* the quality or state of being worried or embarrassed about meeting and speaking to other people
46. The prisoner made a full _____ and admitted to his crime.
- n.* a formal statement in which one admits that they have done something wrong or illegal
47. She closed her eyes and _____ for strength to overcome difficult times.
- v.* to make a request or petition to a higher power, especially in the form of a respectful or humble request
48. The camera's focus was off, and the image was a _____ of colors and shapes.
- n.* a faint or indistinct image or sound; something that is not clear or distinct; (verb) to become unclear; to lose clear vision

ANSWERS: 41. detention, 42. degrade, 43. ideology, 44. fence, 45. shyness, 46. confession, 47. prayed, 48. blur

49. She lived in an _____ neighborhood surrounded by wealth and luxury.

adj. rich and wealthy; having a lot of money and material wealth

50. What do you _____ the culprit's motive was?

v. to think that something is likely to be actual or possible

51. This country has a nationally _____ culture.

adj. always the same; showing a single form or character in all occurrences; (noun) the special set of clothes worn by members of a particular group as a means of identification

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

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

53. The government recruited a ____ to gather information on a suspected terrorist cell

n. a person who is employed or trained to observe or gather information in secret, often for military or political purposes; a person who secretly or illegally gathers information about a private individual or organization

54. I decided to seek counseling on the advice of my _____.

n. one of a group of a coworker, especially in a profession or a business

55. His grandfather was an ____ man.

adj. strange or unexpected; not divisible by two

56. The police discovered a _____ case in the suspect's car during their investigation.

n. a long-barreled firearm designed to be fired from the shoulder, typically with a rifled bore for accuracy

ANSWERS: 49. affluent, 50. suppose, 51. uniform, 52. separate, 53. spy, 54. colleague, 55. odd, 56. rifle

57. He _____ his employees for not meeting their deadlines.
v. to reprimand or criticize someone severely or angrily
58. In several countries, child _____ is a serious social problem.
n. productive work, especially physical work done for wages; the people who do manual or physical work in a country or company for wage; (verb) to work hard or to strive and make an effort to reach a goal
59. The _____ of peace met with government officials to discuss bilateral relations.
n. a diplomatic representative of a country who is sent to another country or international organization
60. He suffers from _____ breakdowns.
adj. worried and anxious about something; relating to the nerves
61. _____ moisture is another significant component controlling soil respiration.
n. the top layer of Earth in which plants grow
62. The news of the pandemic was a _____ reminder of the fragility of human health.
adj. causing fear or alarm, or very surprising and alarming
63. On three sides, mountains _____ the settlement.
v. to be all around something or somebody
64. Who answers _____ knows little.
adv. quickly and unexpectedly

ANSWERS: 57. scolded, 58. labor, 59. ambassador, 60. nervous, 61. Soil, 62. frightening, 63. surround, 64. suddenly

65. He won an award for that short _____.

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

66. The _____ of the court's decision angered many people and led to protests.

- n.* a violation of the rights of others or the laws of a society

67. We want to _____ you to our annual charity event.

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

68. The _____ attack left the victim with serious injuries.

- adj.* harsh or cruel

69. The patient was diagnosed with a rare genetic _____.

- n.* a group of signs and symptoms that occur together and are characteristic of a particular condition or disorder

ANSWERS: 65. documentary, 66. injustice, 67. invite, 68. brutal, 69. syndrome