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Session 1: Word List

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**.

fascinate

v. to attract and hold the attention of someone deeply and irresistibly

synonym: captivate, intrigue, mesmerize

(1) **fascinate** the public, (2) **fascinate** the young

The magic tricks **fascinated** the children.

dot

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

synonym: drop, dab, fleck

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

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

movement

n. a group of people working together to achieve a shared goal, especially a political, social, or artistic one; the process of moving or being moved, physically or figuratively

synonym: motion, progression, action

(1) a circular **movement**, (2) **movement** of troops

The **movement** of the dancers on stage was graceful and elegant.

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.

incredibly

adv. in a way that is very difficult to believe; exceedingly or extremely

synonym: enormously, exceptionally, extraordinarily

(1) **incredibly** cheerful character, (2) get **incredibly** insecure

Several cities are experiencing **incredibly** high unemployment rates.

capture

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

synonym: catch, arrest, imprison

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

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

app

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

synonym: application, software

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

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

instrument

n. an object used to make musical sounds, such as a piano, guitar, or drum; a tool or device used for a specific activity, particularly in specialist or scientific work

synonym : apparatus, tool, device

(1) musical **instruments**, (2) surgical **instruments**

This electronic **instrument** is required to undergo periodic inspections to ensure precision.

stadium

n. a large, usually roofless building with tiers of seats for spectators at sports or other events

synonym : arena, field, park

(1) **stadium** seating, (2) **stadium** capacity

The baseball **stadium** was filled with excited fans eagerly awaiting the start of the game.

fraction

n. a small part or item forming a piece of a whole; the quotient of two rational numbers

synonym : piece, part, fragment

(1) a **fractional** share of the vote, (2) a numerator in a **fraction**

He spent only a **fraction** of his earnings.

athlete

n. a person who competes in one or more sports that involve physical strength, speed, or endurance

synonym : player, contestant, jock

(1) become a professional **athlete**, (2) high school **athletes**

His dream is to become an Olympic **athlete**.

process

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

synonym : procedure, method, system

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

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

rebound

v. to spring back into a former shape or position after being compressed or stretched

synonym : spring back, resile, recover

(1) **rebound** from a setback, (2) **rebound** back into positive growth

The basketball bounced off the rim and **rebounded** to the player.

casual

adj. relaxed and informal in manner or dress, not planned or expected; not involving commitment or seriousness

synonym : informal, relaxed, offhand

(1) **casual** dress, (2) take a **casual** glance

They had a **casual** conversation over coffee at the local cafe.

fan

n. a person who admires and supports a person, group, sport, sports team, etc.; a device for creating a current of air by the movement of a surface or surfaces

synonym : lover, devotee, blade

(1) a film **fan**, (2) engine cooling **fan**

I'm a big **fan** of French food.

slightly

adv. in a small degree or extent; a little

synonym : barely, narrowly, scarcely

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

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

complicated

adj. involving a lot of different things or parts in a way that is difficult to understand or analyze

synonym : complex, convoluted, intricate

(1) a **complicated** process, (2) become increasingly **complicated**

He did **complicated** pen-and-ink drawings in just a few days.

isolation

n. the condition of being alone or lonely; the act or state of separation between persons or groups

synonym : aloneness, seclusion, separateness

(1) **isolation** booth, (2) the country's **isolation**

That incident led to his **isolation**.

complexity

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

synonym: intricacy, sophistication, elaboration

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

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

roll

v. to move in a particular direction by turning over and over or from side to side

synonym: spin, swirl, wheel

(1) **roll** a ball, (2) **roll** down his cheeks

He was exhausted and **rolled** into bed as soon as he got home.

encode

v. to convert information into a code or format suitable for storage or transmission

synonym: transcribe, convert

(1) **encode** data, (2) **encode** information

The software can **encode** and decode encrypted messages.

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.

offense

n. an illegal act; a feeling of anger caused by a perceived insult to or disregard for oneself; the action of attacking an enemy

synonym: crime, violation, insult

(1) minor traffic **offenses**, (2) a first **offense**

Parental indifference to their children leads to juvenile **offenses**.

defend

v. to protect someone or something from attack, criticism, danger, etc.

synonym : protect, guard, support

(1) **defend** my country, (2) **defend** against a threat

International law allows each nation to **defend** itself when its rights and interests are illegally violated.

interfere

v. to get involved in and prevent a process or activity from continuing

synonym : interpose, interrupt, hamper

(1) **interfere** in another country's affairs, (2) **interfere** with DNA synthesis

Your talking **interferes** with my work.

screening

n. the process of evaluating or testing individuals or objects to determine their suitability or potential problems; a showing of a film or movie for a select group of viewers before its general release

synonym : evaluation, assessment, appraisal

(1) **screening** tool, (2) health **screening**

His company requires employees to undergo a **screening** process.

distance

n. the amount of space between two points, measured in units such as miles, meters, or kilometers; the extent, scope, or range between two things, such as distance or emotional distance

synonym : space, gap, span

(1) driving **distance**, (2) social **distance**

The marathon runner covered a long **distance** in a short amount of time.

locate

v. to specify or determine the exact position of someone or something

synonym : discover, find, place

(1) **locate** a missing pet, (2) **locate** a tumor

The robot can accurately **locate** construction material.

- 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.
- 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.
- navigate** *v.* to plan and direct the way that a ship, plane, etc. will travel, often by using a map
synonym: guide, helm, voyage
(1) **navigate** the Pacific, (2) **navigate** through a document
Our knowledge helps **navigate** our clients successfully.
- relation** *n.* the way two persons or groups of people feel and act toward one another
synonym: association, linkage, connection
(1) **relation** between cause and effect, (2) **relation** of inclusion
The industrial **relations** laws were passed with little to no alteration.
- relative** *adj.* considered and evaluated through comparison with something else
synonym: comparative, proximate, congeneric
(1) a remote **relative**, (2) **relative** factors
Most countries prohibit sexual activity between certain close **relatives**.

absolute

adj. perfect or complete or to the most considerable degree possible

synonym : complete, infrangible, indisputable

(1) **absolute** loyalty, (2) an **absolute** must

Gandhi had an **absolute** zeal for nonviolence.

velocity

n. the rate of change of an object's position with respect to time, often measured in meters per second (m/s)

synonym : speed, rapidity, swiftness

(1) initial **velocity**, (2) high **velocity**

The **velocity** of the car was too fast for the road conditions.

spatiotemporal

adj. relating to space and time, involving the dimensions of physical space and time in its analysis or understanding, often used in scientific and academic contexts

synonym : space-time

(1) **spatiotemporal** data, (2) **spatiotemporal** dynamics

The scientist conducted a **spatiotemporal** analysis of climate patterns over the past century.

recognition

n. the action or process of recognizing or being recognized, especially by remembering; an agreement that something is true or legal

synonym : acknowledgement, identification, credit

(1) **recognition** award, (2) joint **recognition**

He was given **recognition** for his outstanding work in the field of medicine.

academic

adj. associated with schools, colleges, and universities, especially studying and thinking, not with practical skills

synonym : educational, scholarly, theoretical

(1) **academic** probation, (2) an **academic** discussion

An excellent historian must possess an **academic** mentality.

vernacular

n. a language or dialect spoken by the ordinary people in a particular country or region

synonym : dialect, idiom, lingo

(1) **vernacular** language, (2) native **vernacular**
The poet wrote in the **vernacular** of ordinary people.

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.

variation

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

(1) **variation** of temperature, (2) gene **variation**
There is a lot of **variation** in the colors of flowers in the garden.

identify

v. to recognize someone or something and say or prove who or what they are
synonym: determine, specify, recognize

(1) **identify** handwriting, (2) **identify** gene sequences
I will introduce you to how to **identify** the leading causes of the malfunction.

offensive

adj. rude in a way that causes someone to feel anger, annoyance, or resentment; for the purpose of attack rather than defense
synonym: disrespectful, abusive, attacking

(1) assume the **offensive**, (2) an **offensive** smell
His **offensive** philosophy in business led to many hostile takeovers.

defensive

adj. used or intended to protect someone or something against attack or aggression
synonym: protective, watchful, opposing

(1) assume the **defensive**, (2) **defensive** weapons
Boxing fans often criticize his **defensive** stance.

reject

v. to refuse to accept, consider, or use something or someone

synonym: decline, turn down, repudiate

(1) **reject** the proposal, (2) **reject** all imperfect merchandise

The company **rejected** the job candidate's application due to a lack of experience.

blitz

n. a sudden and intensive military attack designed to achieve a quick victory; a sudden and intense effort to accomplish a task or objective, often involving a rapid and concerted action

synonym: onslaught, assault, attack

(1) marketing **blitz**, (2) snowstorm **blitz**

The football team used the **blitz** strategy to overwhelm their opponents quickly.

arrow

n. a thin, pointed projectile designed to be shot from a bow; a symbol or pointer that is shaped like an arrow

synonym: shaft, dart, projectile

(1) **arrow** pointing, (2) **arrow** diagram

The archer aimed his **arrow** carefully at the target.

messy

adj. disorganized and untidy

synonym: cluttered, disorganized, untidy

(1) **messy** data, (2) **messy** handling

His **messy** bedroom is always a source of frustration for his mother.

wiggle

v. to move or cause to move up and down or from side to side in short and quick movements

synonym: wiggle, jiggle, squirm

(1) **wiggle** her lips, (2) **wiggle** with excitement

Her hips **wiggle** as she walks.

accuracy

n. the state or degree of being exact or correct; the ability to perform something with proficiency and without mistake

synonym : precision, exactness, truthfulness

(1) degree of **accuracy**, (2) the **accuracy** of his compass
To assure **accuracy**, I recommend investing in high-quality test kits.

precision

n. the quality or condition of being exact and accurate
synonym : accuracy, exactness, rigor

(1) a **precision** instrument, (2) speak with **precision**
This operation requires both patience and **precision**.

recall

v. to remember something
synonym : remember, retrieve, recollect

(1) **recall** the incident, (2) **recall** his name
She vividly **recalls** getting laid off several years ago.

difficulty

n. a condition or state that causes problems
synonym : hardship, complication, problem

(1) the degree of **difficulty**, (2) **difficulty** in breathing
He has **difficulty** exercising because of a back injury sustained in an accident.

contender

n. the contestant you hope to defeat
synonym : rival, competitor, challenger

(1) championship **contender**, (2) presidential **contender**
We were looking at a severe **contender** indeed.

championship

n. a contest to decide who is the best player or team in a particular sport; the act of providing approval and support

synonym : crown, title, contest

(1) a world **championship**, (2) **championship** flag
His team won the **championship** for three years running.

software

n. a set of computer programs and associated documentation and data for doing particular computational jobs

synonym :

program, system, operating system

(1) **software** architect, (2) copyrighted **software**

The company specializes in both hardware and **software**.

strategy

n. a detailed plan of action designed to achieve a long-term or overall goal.

synonym: approach, procedure, scenario

(1) military **strategy**, (2) develop a **strategy**

Our plan includes a comprehensive marketing **strategy**.

exciting

adj. causing a lot of interest or excitement

synonym: exhilarating, stimulating, thrilling

(1) **exciting** football player, (2) **exciting** news

The findings of the experiment were both **exciting** and unexpected.

league

n. an association of sports teams who compete against each other; an obsolete unit of distance of variable length, equal to about 3 miles or 4,000 meters

synonym: association, organization, alliance

(1) **league** championship, (2) a baseball **league**

He was recruited to play in the professional **league**.

frank

adj. honest and sincere; open and candid in expression

synonym: candid, direct, freehearted

(1) **frank** and open discussion, (2) make a **frank** apology

Full involvement means **frank** and prompt responses.

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.

quantitative

adj. relating to, measuring, or expressing in terms of quantity; involving numerical or statistical data

synonym: numerical, measurable

(1) **quantitative** tightening, (2) **quantitative** analysis
The **quantitative** research provided statistical evidence to support the hypothesis.

predict

v. to state beforehand that something will happen in the future, mainly based on knowledge or experience
synonym: forecast, anticipate, foresee

(1) **predict** the future, (2) **predict** when she will arrive
It's notoriously challenging to **predict** birth rates.

likelihood

n. the probability or chance that something will happen or be the case

synonym: probability, chance, possibility

(1) **likelihood** of the success, (2) improve the **likelihood** of a cure

The **likelihood** of the project being completed on time is uncertain.

circumstance

n. the specific conditions or events that surround a particular situation or occurrence

synonym: condition, context, environment

(1) **circumstance** of birth, (2) **circumstance** of injury

She explained the **circumstances** surrounding the accident.

bubble

n. a thin, round, and often transparent mass of gas that is surrounded by a thin layer of liquid; a state of economic or social prosperity that is unsustainable and eventually collapses

synonym: blob, balloon, mania

(1) **bubble** in the champagne glass, (2) economic **bubble**

Many people worry that the current real estate market is a **bubble** that could burst soon.

chart

n. a visual display of information such as a diagram, lists of figures, etc.; a map designed to assist navigation by air or sea

synonym: diagram, graph, map

(1) a weather **chart**, (2) a statistical **chart**

This pie **chart** represents our market share.

axis

n. a real or imaginary straight line through a body or figure around which the object turns; a group of countries in special alliance

synonym: central, core, pole

(1) vertical **axis**, (2) a coordinate **axis**

The earth's **axis** of rotation is tilted 66.5 degrees to the ecliptic plane.

probable

adj. likely to happen or likely to be true

synonym: likely, possible, potential

(1) **probable** outcome, (2) **probable** cause of a fire

It seems **probable** that he has forgotten our scheduled meeting.

ray

n. a narrow line of light, heat, or another form of energy

synonym: beam, light, glimmer

(1) opaque to X- **rays**, (2) effect of cosmic **rays**

Gamma **rays** penetrate body tissues and cause cell damage.

sink

v. to submerge or go down below the surface of a liquid or substance; to decline or deteriorate; to cause something to go down into a liquid substance or sink into something else

synonym: descend, drop, plummet

(1) **sink** a lot of capital, (2) **sink** a buzzer-beater

The abandoned ship slowly began to **sink** into the murky waters of the harbor.

overtime

n. time worked beyond the regular or agreed-upon hours of work, often resulting in additional pay or compensation for the employee

synonym: overtime pay, time and a half, extra pay

(1) **overtime** hours, (2) **overtime** work

The company's policy on **overtime** states that employees will be compensated for any additional hours worked.

illuminate

v. to light something or to make something lighter or brighter; to make something free from confusion or ambiguity

synonym : brighten, light, adorn

(1) **illuminate** a dark hall, (2) **illuminate** my understanding
That biologist **illuminated** the mechanism of heredity.

unfortunately

adv. by bad luck; unluckily

synonym : regrettably, unluckily, alas

(1) **unfortunately** caught in a shower, (2) even more **unfortunately**

The treatments were done but, **unfortunately**, were unsuccessful.

recreate

v. to make something that existed previously happen or appear to exist again

synonym : renovate, vivify, revive

(1) **recreate** a single country, (2) **recreate** the feeling of the 1920s

She **recreated** the atmosphere of the pre-war age with her stage setting.

associate

v. to mentally connect someone or something with someone or something else

synonym : tie in, link, consociate

(1) **associate** alcohol with gambling, (2) **associate** with people widely

The majority of consumers **associate** this brand with quality.

announcer

n. a person who introduces and speaks on television or radio programs or provides commentary or information at a live event

synonym : emcee, broadcaster, commentator

(1) public address **announcer**, (2) radio **announcer**

The sports **announcer** provided live commentary during the game.

bang

v. to hit or cause to hit something in a way that makes a loud noise

synonym: crash, hit, smash

(1) **bang** his fist on a desk, (2) **bang** a phone down

My father tried to **bang** mathematics into my head since childhood.

roughly

adv. approximately but not precisely; with a violent manner

synonym: approximately, more or less, around

(1) **roughly** explain my idea, (2) **roughly** speaking

Five miles is **roughly** similar to eight kilometers.

develop

v. to grow or expand; to improve or refine through a process of progress and refinement, often to achieve greater sophistication or complexity; to elaborate or add detail to something that is in the process of being created

synonym: evolve, progress, advance

(1) **develop** a strategy, (2) **develop** a skill

We must **develop** a new system to streamline our workflow and increase efficiency.

Session 2: Spelling

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18. re____t the proposal *v.* to refuse to accept, consider, or use something or someone
19. re____d from a setback *v.* to spring back into a former shape or position after being compressed or stretched

ANSWERS: 10. predict, 11. ray, 12. strategy, 13. defend, 14. league, 15. arrow, 16. develop, 17. likelihood, 18. reject, 19. rebound

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37. sl_____ly alkaline soils *adv.* in a small degree or extent; a little
38. copyrighted so_____re *n.* a set of computer programs and associated documentation and data for doing particular computational jobs

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57. ac_____ic probation *adj.* associated with schools, colleges, and universities, especially studying and thinking, not with practical skills

ANSWERS: 48. defensive, 49. variation, 50. casual, 51. rebound, 52. feat, 53. sink, 54. incredibly, 55. surround, 56. chart, 57. academic

58. 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
59. ro_____y explain my idea *adv.* approximately but not precisely; with a violent manner
60. gene va_____on *n.* the act or state of changing; a difference or change in the way something is done, made or said
61. take a ca____l glance *adj.* relaxed and informal in manner or dress, not planned or expected; not involving commitment or seriousness
62. a world cha_____hip *n.* a contest to decide who is the best player or team in a particular sport; the act of providing approval and support
63. st_____m capacity *n.* a large, usually roofless building with tiers of seats for spectators at sports or other events
64. rec_____on award *n.* the action or process of recognizing or being recognized, especially by remembering; an agreement that something is true or legal
65. ro_____y speaking *adv.* approximately but not precisely; with a violent manner
66. ca_____e customers' hearts *v.* to catch a person or an animal and confine them in an area which they cannot escape
67. develop a st_____gy *n.* a detailed plan of action designed to achieve a long-term or overall goal.

ANSWERS: 58. insight, 59. roughly, 60. variation, 61. casual, 62. championship, 63. stadium, 64. recognition, 65. roughly, 66. capture, 67. strategy

68. become a professional at_____e *n.* a person who competes in one or more sports that involve physical strength, speed, or endurance
69. de____d my country *v.* to protect someone or something from attack, criticism, danger, etc.
70. sc_____ng tool *n.* the process of evaluating or testing individuals or objects to determine their suitability or potential problems; a showing of a film or movie for a select group of viewers before its general release
71. former co_____ue *n.* one of a group of a coworker, especially in a profession or a business
72. a film f_n *n.* a person who admires and supports a person, group, sport, sports team, etc.; a device for creating a current of air by the movement of a surface or surfaces
73. initial ve_____ty *n.* the rate of change of an object's position with respect to time, often measured in meters per second (m/s)
74. re_____on between cause and effect *n.* the way two persons or groups of people feel and act toward one another
75. en____e data *v.* to convert information into a code or format suitable for storage or transmission
76. pr_____t when she will arrive *v.* to state beforehand that something will happen in the future, mainly based on knowledge or experience
77. s__k a lot of capital *v.* to submerge or go down below the surface of a liquid or substance; to decline or deteriorate; to cause something to go down into a liquid substance or sink into something else

ANSWERS: 68. athlete, 69. defend, 70. screening, 71. colleague, 72. fan, 73. velocity, 74. relation, 75. encode, 76. predict, 77. sink

78. killer a_p *n.* (abbreviation for application) software designed to run on smartphones and other mobile devices or inside a web browser on a PC
79. the country's is _____ on *n.* the condition of being alone or lonely; the act or state of separation between persons or groups
80. ab_____te loyalty *adj.* perfect or complete or to the most considerable degree possible
81. a com_____ed process *adj.* involving a lot of different things or parts in a way that is difficult to understand or analyze
82. b__g his fist on a desk *v.* to hit or cause to hit something in a way that makes a loud noise
83. re_____ve factors *adj.* considered and evaluated through comparison with something else
84. as_____te alcohol with gambling *v.* to mentally connect someone or something with someone or something else
85. pr_____le cause of a fire *adj.* likely to happen or likely to be true
86. high ve_____ty *n.* the rate of change of an object's position with respect to time, often measured in meters per second (m/s)
87. en_____e information *v.* to convert information into a code or format suitable for storage or transmission
88. health sc_____ng *n.* the process of evaluating or testing individuals or objects to determine their suitability or potential problems; a showing of a film or movie for a select group of viewers before its general release

ANSWERS: 78. app, 79. isolation, 80. absolute, 81. complicated, 82. bang, 83. relative, 84. associate, 85. probable, 86. velocity, 87. encode, 88. screening

89. a remote re____ve *adj.* considered and evaluated through comparison with something else
90. marketing bl__z *n.* a sudden and intensive military attack designed to achieve a quick victory; a sudden and intense effort to accomplish a task or objective, often involving a rapid and concerted action
91. bu___e in the champagne glass *n.* a thin, round, and often transparent mass of gas that is surrounded by a thin layer of liquid; a state of economic or social prosperity that is unsustainable and eventually collapses
92. ver____ar language *n.* a language or dialect spoken by the ordinary people in a particular country or region
93. wi___e with excitement *v.* to move or cause to move up and down or from side to side in short and quick movements
94. b__g a phone down *v.* to hit or cause to hit something in a way that makes a loud noise
95. spa_____ral data *adj.* relating to space and time, involving the dimensions of physical space and time in its analysis or understanding, often used in scientific and academic contexts
96. wi___e her lips *v.* to move or cause to move up and down or from side to side in short and quick movements
97. a numerator in a fr____on *n.* a small part or item forming a piece of a whole; the quotient of two rational numbers

ANSWERS: 89. relative, 90. blitz, 91. bubble, 92. vernacular, 93. wiggle, 94. bang, 95. spatiotemporal, 96. wiggle, 97. fraction

98. fa_____te the young *v.* to attract and hold the attention of someone deeply and irresistibly
99. dif_____ty in breathing *n.* a condition or state that causes problems
100. surgical ins_____nts *n.* an object used to make musical sounds, such as a piano, guitar, or drum; a tool or device used for a specific activity, particularly in specialist or scientific work
101. cognitive com_____ty *n.* the state or quality of being complicated or intricate and difficult to understand
102. the degree of dif_____ty *n.* a condition or state that causes problems
103. na_____te through a document *v.* to plan and direct the way that a ship, plane, etc. will travel, often by using a map
104. musical ins_____nts *n.* an object used to make musical sounds, such as a piano, guitar, or drum; a tool or device used for a specific activity, particularly in specialist or scientific work
105. su_____nd a town *v.* to be all around something or somebody
106. social di_____ce *n.* the amount of space between two points, measured in units such as miles, meters, or kilometers; the extent, scope, or range between two things, such as distance or emotional distance
107. connecting the d_ts *n.* a very small circular mark, especially one that is printed

ANSWERS: 98. fascinate, 99. difficulty, 100. instrument, 101. complexity, 102. difficulty, 103. navigate, 104. instrument, 105. surround, 106. distance, 107. dot

108. re___l the incident *v.* to remember something
109. radio an_____er *n.* a person who introduces and speaks on television or radio programs or provides commentary or information at a live event
110. collaborate with co_____ues *n.* one of a group of a coworker, especially in a profession or a business
111. ill_____te a dark hall *v.* to light something or to make something lighter or brighter; to make something free from confusion or ambiguity
112. re___t all imperfect merchandise *v.* to refuse to accept, consider, or use something or someone
113. re_____te a single country *v.* to make something that existed previously happen or appear to exist again
114. na_____te the Pacific *v.* to plan and direct the way that a ship, plane, etc. will travel, often by using a map
115. d_t blot method *n.* a very small circular mark, especially one that is printed
116. become increasingly com_____ed *adj.* involving a lot of different things or parts in a way that is difficult to understand or analyze
117. even more unf_____ely *adv.* by bad luck; unluckily
118. se_____te video into chapter *v.* to force, take, or pull apart; mark as different
119. id_____fy handwriting *v.* to recognize someone or something and say or prove who or what they are

ANSWERS: 108. recall, 109. announcer, 110. colleague, 111. illuminate, 112. reject, 113. recreate, 114. navigate, 115. dot, 116. complicated, 117. unfortunately, 118. separate, 119. identify

120. increase sl_____ly *adv.* in a small degree or extent; a little
121. as_____te with people widely *v.* to mentally connect someone or something with someone or something else
122. id_____fy gene sequences *v.* to recognize someone or something and say or prove who or what they are
123. lik_____od of the success *n.* the probability or chance that something will happen or be the case
124. r__l down his cheeks *v.* to move in a particular direction by turning over and over or from side to side
125. cir_____nce of injury *n.* the specific conditions or events that surround a particular situation or occurrence
126. effect of cosmic r_ys *n.* a narrow line of light, heat, or another form of energy
127. a circular mo_____nt *n.* a group of people working together to achieve a shared goal, especially a political, social, or artistic one; the process of moving or being moved, physically or figuratively
128. assume the of_____ve *adj.* rude in a way that causes someone to feel anger, annoyance, or resentment; for the purpose of attack rather than defense
129. ov_____me hours *n.* time worked beyond the regular or agreed-upon hours of work, often resulting in additional pay or compensation for the employee

ANSWERS: 120. slightly, 121. associate, 122. identify, 123. likelihood, 124. roll, 125. circumstance, 126. ray, 127. movement, 128. offensive, 129. overtime

130. ov_____me work *n.* time worked beyond the regular or agreed-upon hours of work, often resulting in additional pay or compensation for the employee
131. re_____te the feeling of the 1920s *v.* to make something that existed previously happen or appear to exist again
132. decision-making pr_____s *n.* a series of actions or operations performed to achieve a particular outcome or goal; a systematic procedure or approach used to accomplish a specific task or objective; a method of treating milk to make it suitable for consumption or use in other dairy products
133. a first of_____e *n.* an illegal act; a feeling of anger caused by a perceived insult to or disregard for oneself; the action of attacking an enemy
134. a coordinate a____s *n.* a real or imaginary straight line through a body or figure around which the object turns; a group of countries in special alliance
135. lo____e a tumor *v.* to specify or determine the exact position of someone or something
136. engine cooling f_n *n.* a person who admires and supports a person, group, sport, sports team, etc.; a device for creating a current of air by the movement of a surface or surfaces
137. native ver_____ar *n.* a language or dialect spoken by the ordinary people in a particular country or region

ANSWERS: 130. overtime, 131. recreate, 132. process, 133. offense, 134. axis, 135. locate, 136. fan, 137. vernacular

138. me__y handling *adj.* disorganized and untidy
139. pre-mo___n agricultural society *adj.* of or belonging to the present time or recent times
140. me__y data *adj.* disorganized and untidy
141. snowstorm bl__z *n.* a sudden and intensive military attack designed to achieve a quick victory; a sudden and intense effort to accomplish a task or objective, often involving a rapid and concerted action
142. speak with pr_____on *n.* the quality or condition of being exact and accurate
143. public address an_____er *n.* a person who introduces and speaks on television or radio programs or provides commentary or information at a live event
144. an of_____ve smell *adj.* rude in a way that causes someone to feel anger, annoyance, or resentment; for the purpose of attack rather than defense
145. ex_____ng news *adj.* causing a lot of interest or excitement
146. a statistical ch__t *n.* a visual display of information such as a diagram, lists of figures, etc.; a map designed to assist navigation by air or sea
147. fr__k and open discussion *adj.* honest and sincere; open and candid in expression
148. cha_____hip flag *n.* a contest to decide who is the best player or team in a particular sport; the act of providing approval and support

ANSWERS: 138. messy, 139. modern, 140. messy, 141. blitz, 142. precision, 143. announcer, 144. offensive, 145. exciting, 146. chart, 147. frank, 148. championship

149. a profound in_____t *n.* the ability to gain an accurate and deep understanding of people or situations; an accurate and deep understanding of what something is like
150. pr_____le outcome *adj.* likely to happen or likely to be true
151. de_____p a skill *v.* to grow or expand; to improve or refine through a process of progress and refinement, often to achieve greater sophistication or complexity; to elaborate or add detail to something that is in the process of being created
152. a pr_____on instrument *n.* the quality or condition of being exact and accurate
153. in_____re with DNA synthesis *v.* to get involved in and prevent a process or activity from continuing
154. ill_____te my understanding *v.* to light something or to make something lighter or brighter; to make something free from confusion or ambiguity
155. in_____re in another country's affairs *v.* to get involved in and prevent a process or activity from continuing
156. lo_____e a missing pet *v.* to specify or determine the exact position of someone or something
157. se_____te cream from milk *v.* to force, take, or pull apart; mark as different
158. an ab_____te must *adj.* perfect or complete or to the most considerable degree possible
159. re_____on of inclusion *n.* the way two persons or groups of people feel and act toward one another

ANSWERS: 149. insight, 150. probable, 151. develop, 152. precision, 153. interfere, 154. illuminate, 155. interfere, 156. locate, 157. separate, 158. absolute, 159. relation

160. vertical a__s *n.* a real or imaginary straight line through a body or figure around which the object turns; a group of countries in special alliance
161. championship co_____er *n.* the contestant you hope to defeat
162. a fr_____onal share of the vote *n.* a small part or item forming a piece of a whole; the quotient of two rational numbers

ANSWERS: 160. axis, 161. contender, 162. fraction

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The company _____ the job candidate's application due to a lack of experience.
v. to refuse to accept, consider, or use something or someone

2. Her hips _____ as she walks.
v. to move or cause to move up and down or from side to side in short and quick movements

3. The findings of the experiment were both _____ and unexpected.
adj. causing a lot of interest or excitement

4. He was exhausted and _____ into bed as soon as he got home.
v. to move in a particular direction by turning over and over or from side to side

5. The archer aimed his _____ carefully at the target.
n. a thin, pointed projectile designed to be shot from a bow; a symbol or pointer that is shaped like an arrow

6. I'm a big ____ of French food.
n. a person who admires and supports a person, group, sport, sports team, etc.; a device for creating a current of air by the movement of a surface or surfaces

7. That incident led to his _____.
n. the condition of being alone or lonely; the act or state of separation between persons or groups

8. The magic tricks _____ the children.
v. to attract and hold the attention of someone deeply and irresistibly

ANSWERS: 1. rejected, 2. wiggle, 3. exciting, 4. rolled, 5. arrow, 6. fan, 7. isolation, 8. fascinated

9. The _____ of the car was too fast for the road conditions.
n. the rate of change of an object's position with respect to time, often measured in meters per second (m/s)
10. This operation requires both patience and _____.
n. the quality or condition of being exact and accurate
11. 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
12. The majority of consumers _____ this brand with quality.
v. to mentally connect someone or something with someone or something else
13. Full involvement means _____ and prompt responses.
adj. honest and sincere; open and candid in expression
14. Gandhi had an _____ zeal for nonviolence.
adj. perfect or complete or to the most considerable degree possible
15. She _____ the atmosphere of the pre-war age with her stage setting.
v. to make something that existed previously happen or appear to exist again
16. The discovery of a critical bug caused the company to delay the _____ release.
n. (abbreviation for application) software designed to run on smartphones and other mobile devices or inside a web browser on a PC
17. It seems _____ that he has forgotten our scheduled meeting.
adj. likely to happen or likely to be true

ANSWERS: 9. velocity, 10. precision, 11. algorithm, 12. associate, 13. frank, 14. absolute, 15. recreated, 16. app's, 17. probable

18. The software can _____ and decode encrypted messages.

v. to convert information into a code or format suitable for storage or transmission

19. The company specializes in both hardware and _____.

n. a set of computer programs and associated documentation and data for doing particular computational jobs

20. He moved his body _____ to the left.

adv. in a small degree or extent; a little

21. The _____ of the dancers on stage was graceful and elegant.

n. a group of people working together to achieve a shared goal, especially a political, social, or artistic one; the process of moving or being moved, physically or figuratively

22. Their headquarters are in a _____ skyscraper.

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

23. His team won the _____ for three years running.

n. a contest to decide who is the best player or team in a particular sport; the act of providing approval and support

24. On three sides, mountains _____ the settlement.

v. to be all around something or somebody

25. His dream is to become an Olympic _____.

n. a person who competes in one or more sports that involve physical strength, speed, or endurance

ANSWERS: 18. encode, 19. software, 20. slightly, 21. movement, 22. modern, 23. championship, 24. surround, 25. athlete

26. The robot can accurately _____ construction material.
- v.* to specify or determine the exact position of someone or something
27. He has _____ exercising because of a back injury sustained in an accident.
- n.* a condition or state that causes problems
28. Many people worry that the current real estate market is a _____ that could burst soon.
- n.* a thin, round, and often transparent mass of gas that is surrounded by a thin layer of liquid; a state of economic or social prosperity that is unsustainable and eventually collapses
29. I will introduce you to how to _____ the leading causes of the malfunction.
- v.* to recognize someone or something and say or prove who or what they are
30. My father tried to _____ mathematics into my head since childhood.
- v.* to hit or cause to hit something in a way that makes a loud noise
31. 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
32. We were looking at a severe _____ indeed.
- n.* the contestant you hope to defeat
33. 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

ANSWERS: 26. locate, 27. difficulty, 28. bubble, 29. identify, 30. bang, 31. insights, 32. contender, 33. separate

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

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

35. Your talking _____ with my work.

v. to get involved in and prevent a process or activity from continuing

36. The _____ research provided statistical evidence to support the hypothesis.

adj. relating to, measuring, or expressing in terms of quantity; involving numerical or statistical data

37. He was given _____ for his outstanding work in the field of medicine.

n. the action or process of recognizing or being recognized, especially by remembering; an agreement that something is true or legal

38. That biologist _____ the mechanism of heredity.

v. to light something or to make something lighter or brighter; to make something free from confusion or ambiguity

39. Most countries prohibit sexual activity between certain close _____.

adj. considered and evaluated through comparison with something else

40. Our knowledge helps _____ our clients successfully.

v. to plan and direct the way that a ship, plane, etc. will travel, often by using a map

41. This electronic _____ is required to undergo periodic inspections to ensure precision.

n. an object used to make musical sounds, such as a piano, guitar, or drum; a tool or device used for a specific activity, particularly in specialist or scientific work

ANSWERS: 34. dots, 35. interferes, 36. quantitative, 37. recognition, 38. illuminated, 39. relatives, 40. navigate, 41. instrument

42. The baseball _____ was filled with excited fans eagerly awaiting the start of the game.
- n.* a large, usually roofless building with tiers of seats for spectators at sports or other events
43. His company requires employees to undergo a _____ process.
- n.* the process of evaluating or testing individuals or objects to determine their suitability or potential problems; a showing of a film or movie for a select group of viewers before its general release
44. The poet wrote in the _____ of ordinary people.
- n.* a language or dialect spoken by the ordinary people in a particular country or region
45. She vividly _____ getting laid off several years ago.
- v.* to remember something
46. Our plan includes a comprehensive marketing _____.
- n.* a detailed plan of action designed to achieve a long-term or overall goal.
47. The marathon runner covered a long _____ in a short amount of time.
- n.* the amount of space between two points, measured in units such as miles, meters, or kilometers; the extent, scope, or range between two things, such as distance or emotional distance
48. The company's policy on _____ states that employees will be compensated for any additional hours worked.
- n.* time worked beyond the regular or agreed-upon hours of work, often resulting in additional pay or compensation for the employee

ANSWERS: 42. stadium, 43. screening, 44. vernacular, 45. recalls, 46. strategy, 47. distance, 48. overtime

49. We must _____ a new system to streamline our workflow and increase efficiency.

- v.* to grow or expand; to improve or refine through a process of progress and refinement, often to achieve greater sophistication or complexity; to elaborate or add detail to something that is in the process of being created

50. International law allows each nation to _____ itself when its rights and interests are illegally violated.

- v.* to protect someone or something from attack, criticism, danger, etc.

51. An excellent historian must possess an _____ mentality.

- adj.* associated with schools, colleges, and universities, especially studying and thinking, not with practical skills

52. Gamma _____ penetrate body tissues and cause cell damage.

- n.* a narrow line of light, heat, or another form of energy

53. 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

54. The project's _____ made it difficult for the team to complete it on time.

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

55. Several cities are experiencing _____ high unemployment rates.

- adv.* in a way that is very difficult to believe; exceedingly or extremely

56. The _____ of the project being completed on time is uncertain.

- n.* the probability or chance that something will happen or be the case

ANSWERS: 49. develop, 50. defend, 51. academic, 52. rays, 53. feat, 54. complexity, 55. incredibly, 56. likelihood

57. They had a _____ conversation over coffee at the local cafe.

adj. relaxed and informal in manner or dress, not planned or expected; not involving commitment or seriousness

58. The basketball bounced off the rim and _____ to the player.

v. to spring back into a former shape or position after being compressed or stretched

59. 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

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

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

61. He did _____ pen-and-ink drawings in just a few days.

adj. involving a lot of different things or parts in a way that is difficult to understand or analyze

62. The sports _____ provided live commentary during the game.

n. a person who introduces and speaks on television or radio programs or provides commentary or information at a live event

63. Boxing fans often criticize his _____ stance.

adj. used or intended to protect someone or something against attack or aggression

64. To assure _____ I recommend investing in high-quality test kits.

n. the state or degree of being exact or correct; the ability to perform something with proficiency and without mistake

ANSWERS: 57. casual, 58. rebounded, 59. colleague, 60. process, 61. complicated, 62. announcer, 63. defensive, 64. accuracy,

65. The treatments were done but, _____ were unsuccessful.

adv. by bad luck; unluckily

66. His _____ bedroom is always a source of frustration for his mother.

adj. disorganized and untidy

67. It's notoriously challenging to _____ birth rates.

v. to state beforehand that something will happen in the future, mainly based on knowledge or experience

68. This pie _____ represents our market share.

n. a visual display of information such as a diagram, lists of figures, etc.; a map designed to assist navigation by air or sea

69. Five miles is _____ similar to eight kilometers.

adv. approximately but not precisely; with a violent manner

70. Parental indifference to their children leads to juvenile _____.

n. an illegal act; a feeling of anger caused by a perceived insult to or disregard for oneself; the action of attacking an enemy

71. The scientist conducted a _____ analysis of climate patterns over the past century.

adj. relating to space and time, involving the dimensions of physical space and time in its analysis or understanding, often used in scientific and academic contexts

72. He was recruited to play in the professional _____.

n. an association of sports teams who compete against each other; an obsolete unit of distance of variable length, equal to about 3 miles or 4,000 meters

ANSWERS: 65. unfortunately, 66. messy, 67. predict, 68. chart, 69. roughly, 70. offenses, 71. spatiotemporal, 72. league

73. The industrial _____ laws were passed with little to no alteration.
n. the way two persons or groups of people feel and act toward one another
74. The football team used the _____ strategy to overwhelm their opponents quickly.
n. a sudden and intensive military attack designed to achieve a quick victory; a sudden and intense effort to accomplish a task or objective, often involving a rapid and concerted action
75. The abandoned ship slowly began to _____ into the murky waters of the harbor.
v. to submerge or go down below the surface of a liquid or substance; to decline or deteriorate; to cause something to go down into a liquid substance or sink into something else
76. The earth's _____ of rotation is tilted 66.5 degrees to the ecliptic plane.
n. a real or imaginary straight line through a body or figure around which the object turns; a group of countries in special alliance
77. There is a lot of _____ in the colors of flowers in the garden.
n. the act or state of changing; a difference or change in the way something is done, made or said
78. She explained the _____ surrounding the accident.
n. the specific conditions or events that surround a particular situation or occurrence
79. I was able to _____ the moment on film.
v. to catch a person or an animal and confine them in an area which they cannot escape
80. He spent only a _____ of his earnings.
n. a small part or item forming a piece of a whole; the quotient of two rational numbers

ANSWERS: 73. relations, 74. blitz, 75. sink, 76. axis, 77. variation, 78. circumstances, 79. capture, 80. fraction

81. His _____ philosophy in business led to many hostile takeovers.

adj. rude in a way that causes someone to feel anger, annoyance, or resentment;
for the purpose of attack rather than defense

ANSWERS: 81. offensive