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Session 1: Word List

kindergarten

n. a school or class for young children, usually between the ages of four and six

synonym: preschool, nursery school, daycare

(1) **kindergarten** class, (2) **kindergarten** teacher

The **kindergarten** students were having a good time playing with toys.

endless

adj. having no end or conclusion; infinitely very large in size or amount

synonym: infinite, ceaseless, boundless

(1) **endless** possibilities, (2) **endless** hours

He looked out the window at the **endless** stream of people.

circulation

n. the movement of blood through the body or of a fluid through a system; the number of copies of a newspaper or magazine that are sold

synonym: flow, movement, dissemination

(1) lymphatic **circulation**, (2) **circulation** of money

The **circulation** of the magazine has been steadily declining.

rooftop

n. the upper surface or cover of a building's roof, often used for recreational or other purposes

synonym: roof, terrace, deck

(1) **rooftop** live, (2) **rooftop** deck

They held the dinner party on the **rooftop** terrace, enjoying the beautiful view of the city.

principal

adj. most important, main, or chief

synonym: main, leading, chief

(1) **principal** actor, (2) **principal** responsible

The **principal** reason for the company's success is its innovative products.

rail

n. a long, thin piece of metal or wood that is used to make fences or as a support for something; (verb) to complain bitterly

synonym: bar, beam, (verb) criticize

(1) **rail** system, (2) **rail** against his enemies

The children leaned over the bridge **rail** to watch the fish swimming below.

insist

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

synonym: demand, assert, claim

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

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

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.

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.

branch

n. a division of a tree or woody shrub that grows out from the trunk or a main stem; a division of some larger or more complex organization

synonym: limb, twig, bough

(1) **branch** office, (2) a **branch** pipe

The **branch** of the tree had fallen and blocked the road.

underneath

adv. under or below something else

synonym: below, under, beneath

(1) **underneath** the surface of the water, (2) **underneath** the laughter

The penny fell **underneath** the piano.

ceiling

n. a room's top interior surface

synonym: canopy, awning, shelter

(1) **ceiling** board, (2) **ceiling** light

There was a crack in the **ceiling** that I found.

tap

v. to hit someone or something quickly, gently, and often repeatedly; to use existing resources, such as energy, knowledge, etc.

synonym: knock, exploit, use

(1) **tap** a new market, (2) **tap** keyboard with an index finger

To expand the company, we must **tap** new human resources.

flexible

adj. able to change or be changed to suit new conditions or situations; able to bend easily

synonym: adaptable, elastic, pliable

(1) **flexible** schedules, (2) a **flexible** wire

You can be more **flexible** and creative in your approach.

tube

n. a cylindrical container of metal, plastic, glass, etc., usually sealed and used as a means of preserving food

or chemicals; a hollow cylindrical shape

synonym : pipe, hose, duct

(1) a capillary **tube**, (2) a glass **tube**

The **tube** train was packed with commuters during rush hour.

spray

n. a fine mist of liquid that is dispersed into the air; flower arrangement consisting of a single branch or shoot bearing flowers and foliage

synonym : mist, aerosol, atomizer

(1) a **spray** of mist, (2) an insect **spray**

The artist used a **spray** paint can to create a graffiti mural on the wall.

norm

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

synonym : criterion, mean, standard

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

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

boundary

n. a real or imaginary line that marks the limit or extent of something and separates it from other things or places

synonym : border, frontier, limitation

(1) geographical **boundary**, (2) the **boundary** between reality and fantasy

He wandered the **boundary** between life and death by gunfire.

architecture

n. the art and science of designing and constructing buildings

synonym : design, structure, layout

(1) **architecture** design, (2) classic **architecture**

The city is known for its impressive **architecture** and beautiful old buildings.

acoustic

adj. relating to sound or the sense of hearing

synonym : aural, hearing, acoustical

(1) **acoustic** properties of a hall, (2) **acoustic** guitar
The ground acts as an **acoustic** barrier against outside sounds.

barrier

n. a fence or other obstruction that makes it hard to move or get in; any condition that makes it difficult to make progress or to achieve an objective

synonym : border, barricade, fence

(1) cost **barrier**, (2) information **barrier**

The police placed a **barrier** across the street to halt traffic.

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.

eventually

adv. finally, particularly after a long time or a lot of struggle, complications, and so on

synonym : finally, someday, ultimately

(1) **eventually** become obsolete, (2) **eventually** succeed

The corporation **eventually** dominated the entire tobacco business.

occasion

n. a time or event that is suitable or appropriate for something to happen or be done; a particular event or circumstance that requires or allows for something to be done

synonym : event, time, occurrence

(1) a glad **occasion**, (2) as **occasion** demands

She wore her best dress for the special **occasion**.

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.

amazing

adj. extremely surprising, especially in a way that you like or admire

synonym: exceptional, extraordinary, wonderful

(1) **amazing** advances, (2) the most **amazing** feeling

The golfer recorded an **amazing** distance.

concentration

n. the ability to focus all your time and energy on one thing without thinking about anything else.

synonym: attention, engagement, assiduity

(1) **concentration** of armaments, (2) his research area of **concentration**

This exam requires excellent **concentration** to pass.

jungle

n. an area of tropical forest where in which trees and plants grow very thickly

synonym: wilderness, forest

(1) middle of the **jungle**, (2) **jungle** exploration

This village is still in a dense **jungle**.

noisy

adj. making a lot of sounds, especially loud or disruptive sound

synonym: loud, cacophonous, clamorous

(1) **noisy** neighbor, (2) **noisy** party

The construction outside was creating a **noisy** distraction from my work.

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?

silent

adj. without any or little sound

synonym : quiet, hushed, mute

(1) **silent** reading, (2) give **silent** consent

The politician remained **silent** despite intense media scrutiny.

degree

n. a unit of measurement for angles, temperature, or level of proficiency or achievement; a rank or level of academic or professional attainment

synonym : level, qualification, diploma

(1) bachelor's **degree**, (2) **degree** centigrade

She received her **degree** in psychology from the university.

sand

n. finely granulated particles of rock or mineral material typically found along beaches, deserts, or riverbeds; used in construction, landscaping, and other applications requiring drainage or abrasive action

synonym : grit, dust, powder

(1) **sand** dunes, (2) **sand** castle

The **sand** on the beach was warm and golden.

waterproof

adj. not permitting the passage of water

synonym : watertight, impervious, rainproof

(1) the **waterproof** coat, (2) **waterproof** packing

My mother gave me a **waterproof** watch.

melt

v. to turn from something solid into something soft or liquid as a result of heating

synonym : disintegrate, soften, disappear

(1) **melt** the ice, (2) **melt** down gold

Her resistance **melted** under his persuasion.

divide

v. to separate or cause to separate into parts or groups

synonym : separate, disconnect, split

(1) **divide** the cake into two pieces, (2) **divide** money equally

Can you **divide** 123321 by eleven?

basin

n. a natural depression or valley that is circular or oval on the surface of the earth, especially one that has water in it; a container with a bowl form that is typically used to hold food or liquids

synonym : watershed, bowl

(1) inland **basin**, (2) the **basin** of the Great Salt Lake

Many of the lakes and marshes in the **basin** are mildly salty.

skylight

n. a window or opening in a roof or ceiling that allows natural light to enter a room or space from above

synonym : roof window, light well

(1) **skylight** window, (2) dome **skylight**

The **skylight** in the room added natural light and a beautiful view of the stars at night.

annex

v. to add territory to a country, state, or region, typically by conquest; (noun) an addition that extends a main building

synonym : add, take over, (noun) appendix

(1) **annex** notes, (2) hotel **annex**

The government **annexed** the territory from the neighboring country.

oval

adj. having the shape of an egg, rounded at one end and pointed at the other, or having the general outline of an egg

synonym : elliptical, rounded, circular

(1) an **oval** astronomical orbit, (2) an **oval-shaped** object

The **oval** shape of the table made it easier for everyone to see each other.

skull

n. a bone framework that surrounds the brain and gives the head its shape

synonym : cranium, scalp, brain

(1) **skull** fracture, (2) have a thick **skull**

Archaeologists found a Neanderthal **skull** at that historic site.

resilient

adj. able to withstand or recover quickly from difficult conditions

synonym : robust, sturdy, tough

(1) a hard and **resilient** steel, (2) **resilient** population

She is a **resilient** person and has always bounced back from setbacks.

traffic

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

synonym : congestion, jam, flow

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

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

jam

n. a situation in which something becomes stuck because of a dense crowd of people, vehicles, etc.; a preserve of crushed fruit

synonym : difficulty, mess, preserve

(1) a traffic **jam**, (2) a jar of **jam**

The shredder in the print room often has paper **jams**.

opportune

adj. suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose

synonym : suitable, timely, practical

(1) **opportune** occasion, (2) an **opportune** remark

The phone rang at the most **opportune** time.

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.

circumference

n. the distance around the outside of a circular or curved object or area

synonym : perimeter, edge, outer boundary

(1) angle of **circumference**, (2) chest **circumference**

The **circumference** of the earth is approximately 24,901 miles.

athletics

n. the physical activities or sports that involve physical exertion and competition, such as running, jumping, throwing, or walking

synonym : sports, physical activity, exercise

(1) high school **athletics**, (2) professional **athletics**

She excelled in **athletics** during high school and went on to compete at the collegiate level.

tumble

v. to fall suddenly, often uncontrollably; to topple or turn over; to decline sharply and quickly in value, quality, or performance

synonym : fall, stumble, plummet

(1) **tumble** down the hill, (2) confidence **tumbles** as unemployment rates rose

The value of the currency **tumbled** against major international currencies.

injury

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

synonym : wound, damage, hurt

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

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

attempt

n. an act or effort of trying to do something, especially something difficult

synonym : endeavor, effort, try

(1) the **attempt** to rescue the hostages, (2) a reckless **attempt**

The third **attempt** was far more successful.

Session 2: Spelling

1. hotel an__x
v. to add territory to a country, state, or region, typically by conquest; (noun) an addition that extends a main building
2. en____s possibilities
adj. having no end or conclusion; infinitely very large in size or amount
3. give si__t consent
adj. without any or little sound
4. a reckless at____t
n. an act or effort of trying to do something, especially something difficult
5. de___e centigrade
n. a unit of measurement for angles, temperature, or level of proficiency or achievement; a rank or level of academic or professional attainment
6. ce____g light
n. a room's top interior surface
7. pr____al actor
adj. most important, main, or chief
8. 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
9. ac____ic guitar
adj. relating to sound or the sense of hearing
10. s__d dunes
n. finely granulated particles of rock or mineral material typically found along beaches, deserts, or riverbeds; used in construction, landscaping, and other applications requiring drainage or abrasive action

ANSWERS: 1. annex, 2. endless, 3. silent, 4. attempt, 5. degree, 6. ceiling, 7. principal, 8. stick, 9. acoustic, 10. sand

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| 11. middle of the ju___e | <i>n.</i> an area of tropical forest where in which trees and plants grow very thickly |
| 12. his research area of con_____ion | <i>n.</i> the ability to focus all your time and energy on one thing without thinking about anything else. |
| 13. dome sk_____ht | <i>n.</i> a window or opening in a roof or ceiling that allows natural light to enter a room or space from above |
| 14. ro_____p deck | <i>n.</i> the upper surface or cover of a building's roof, often used for recreational or other purposes |
| 15. a hard and re_____nt steel | <i>adj.</i> able to withstand or recover quickly from difficult conditions |
| 16. si___t reading | <i>adj.</i> without any or little sound |
| 17. su_____e beforehand | <i>v.</i> to think that something is likely to be actual or possible |
| 18. t_p keyboard with an index finger | <i>v.</i> to hit someone or something quickly, gently, and often repeatedly; to use existing resources, such as energy, knowledge, etc. |
| 19. no__y party | <i>adj.</i> making a lot of sounds, especially loud or disruptive sound |
| 20. und_____th the laughter | <i>adv.</i> under or below something else |
| 21. confidence tu___es as unemployment rates rose | <i>v.</i> to fall suddenly, often uncontrollably; to topple or turn over; to decline sharply and quickly in value, quality, or performance |
| 22. the bo_____ry between reality and fantasy | <i>n.</i> a real or imaginary line that marks the limit or extent of something and separates it from other things or places |

ANSWERS: 11. jungle, 12. concentration, 13. skylight, 14. rooftop, 15. resilient, 16. silent, 17. suppose, 18. tap, 19. noisy, 20. underneath, 21. tumble, 22. boundary

23. a fatal in___y *n.* harm done to a person's or an animal's body caused by an accident or an attack
24. s__d castle *n.* finely granulated particles of rock or mineral material typically found along beaches, deserts, or riverbeds; used in construction, landscaping, and other applications requiring drainage or abrasive action
25. su_____e you're right *v.* to think that something is likely to be actual or possible
26. m__t the ice *v.* to turn from something solid into something soft or liquid as a result of heating
27. re_____nt population *adj.* able to withstand or recover quickly from difficult conditions
28. t_p a new market *v.* to hit someone or something quickly, gently, and often repeatedly; to use existing resources, such as energy, knowledge, etc.
29. ju___e exploration *n.* an area of tropical forest where in which trees and plants grow very thickly
30. geographical bo_____ry *n.* a real or imaginary line that marks the limit or extent of something and separates it from other things or places
31. eve_____ly succeed *adv.* finally, particularly after a long time or a lot of struggle, complications, and so on
32. bachelor's de___e *n.* a unit of measurement for angles, temperature, or level of proficiency or achievement; a rank or level of academic or professional attainment

ANSWERS: 23. injury, 24. sand, 25. suppose, 26. melt, 27. resilient, 28. tap, 29. jungle, 30. boundary, 31. eventually, 32. degree

33. pr____s improvement *n.* a series of actions or operations performed to achieve a particular outcome or goal; a systematic procedure or approach used to accomplish a specific task or objective; a method of treating milk to make it suitable for consumption or use in other dairy products
34. fl____le schedules *adj.* able to change or be changed to suit new conditions or situations; able to bend easily
35. an o__l-shaped object *adj.* having the shape of an egg, rounded at one end and pointed at the other, or having the general outline of an egg
36. chest cir_____nce *n.* the distance around the outside of a circular or curved object or area
37. di___e money equally *v.* to separate or cause to separate into parts or groups
38. sk__l fracture *n.* a bone framework that surrounds the brain and gives the head its shape
39. a capillary t__e *n.* a cylindrical container of metal, plastic, glass, etc., usually sealed and used as a means of preserving food or chemicals; a hollow cylindrical shape
40. cost ba_____r *n.* a fence or other obstruction that makes it hard to move or get in; any condition that makes it difficult to make progress or to achieve an objective
41. information ba_____r *n.* a fence or other obstruction that makes it hard to move or get in; any condition that makes it difficult to make progress or to achieve an objective

ANSWERS: 33. process, 34. flexible, 35. oval, 36. circumference, 37. divide, 38. skull, 39. tube, 40. barrier, 41. barrier

42. a fl_____le wire *adj.* able to change or be changed to suit new conditions or situations; able to bend easily
43. en_____s hours *adj.* having no end or conclusion; infinitely very large in size or amount
44. an__x notes *v.* to add territory to a country, state, or region, typically by conquest; (noun) an addition that extends a main building
45. 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
46. high school at_____cs *n.* the physical activities or sports that involve physical exertion and competition, such as running, jumping, throwing, or walking
47. a br___h pipe *n.* a division of a tree or woody shrub that grows out from the trunk or a main stem; a division of some larger or more complex organization
48. arc_____ure design *n.* the art and science of designing and constructing buildings
49. gov_____nt funding *n.* the group of people with authority to control a country or state
50. a sp__y of mist *n.* a fine mist of liquid that is dispersed into the air; flower arrangement consisting of a single branch or shoot bearing flowers and foliage

ANSWERS: 42. flexible, 43. endless, 44. annex, 45. movement, 46. athletics, 47. branch, 48. architecture, 49. government, 50. spray

51. gov_____nt bureaucracy *n.* the group of people with authority to control a country or state
52. r__l against his enemies *n.* a long, thin piece of metal or wood that is used to make fences or as a support for something; (verb) to complain bitterly
53. inland ba__n *n.* a natural depression or valley that is circular or oval on the surface of the earth, especially one that has water in it; a container with a bowl form that is typically used to hold food or liquids
54. kin_____ten class *n.* a school or class for young children, usually between the ages of four and six
55. in___t over and over *v.* to say something clearly or demand something forcefully, especially when other people disagree with or oppose what you say
56. ro_____p live *n.* the upper surface or cover of a building's roof, often used for recreational or other purposes
57. am_____g advances *adj.* extremely surprising, especially in a way that you like or admire
58. lymphatic cir_____on *n.* the movement of blood through the body or of a fluid through a system; the number of copies of a newspaper or magazine that are sold
59. the wat_____of coat *adj.* not permitting the passage of water
60. ac_____ic properties of a hall *adj.* relating to sound or the sense of hearing

ANSWERS: 51. government, 52. rail, 53. basin, 54. kindergarten, 55. insist, 56. rooftop, 57. amazing, 58. circulation, 59. waterproof, 60. acoustic

61. eve_____ly become obsolete *adv.* finally, particularly after a long time or a lot of struggle, complications, and so on
62. no__y neighbor *adj.* making a lot of sounds, especially loud or disruptive sound
63. kin_____ten teacher *n.* a school or class for young children, usually between the ages of four and six
64. m__t down gold *v.* to turn from something solid into something soft or liquid as a result of heating
65. sk_____ht window *n.* a window or opening in a roof or ceiling that allows natural light to enter a room or space from above
66. in___t on a clear answer *v.* to say something clearly or demand something forcefully, especially when other people disagree with or oppose what you say
67. angle of cir_____nce *n.* the distance around the outside of a circular or curved object or area
68. without in___y *n.* harm done to a person's or an animal's body caused by an accident or an attack
69. pr_____al responsible *adj.* most important, main, or chief
70. have a thick sk__l *n.* a bone framework that surrounds the brain and gives the head its shape
71. a traffic j_m *n.* a situation in which something becomes stuck because of a dense crowd of people, vehicles, etc.; a preserve of crushed fruit

ANSWERS: 61. eventually, 62. noisy, 63. kindergarten, 64. melt, 65. skylight, 66. insist, 67. circumference, 68. injury, 69. principal, 70. skull, 71. jam

72. a glad oc_____on *n.* a time or event that is suitable or appropriate for something to happen or be done; a particular event or circumstance that requires or allows for something to be done
73. op_____ne occasion *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
74. an insect sp__y *n.* a fine mist of liquid that is dispersed into the air; flower arrangement consisting of a single branch or shoot bearing flowers and foliage
75. the most am_____g feeling *adj.* extremely surprising, especially in a way that you like or admire
76. development of the ne_____s system *adj.* worried and anxious about something; relating to the nerves
77. br___h office *n.* a division of a tree or woody shrub that grows out from the trunk or a main stem; a division of some larger or more complex organization
78. 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
79. an o__l astronomical orbit *adj.* having the shape of an egg, rounded at one end and pointed at the other, or having the general outline of an egg
80. 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

ANSWERS: 72. occasion, 73. opportune, 74. spray, 75. amazing, 76. nervous, 77.

branch, 78. stick, 79. oval, 80. process

81. cir_____on of money *n.* the movement of blood through the body or of a fluid through a system; the number of copies of a newspaper or magazine that are sold
82. con_____ion of armaments *n.* the ability to focus all your time and energy on one thing without thinking about anything else.
83. classic arc_____ure *n.* the art and science of designing and constructing buildings
84. cultural n__m *n.* something that is regarded as usual, typical, or standard
85. a jar of j_m *n.* a situation in which something becomes stuck because of a dense crowd of people, vehicles, etc.; a preserve of crushed fruit
86. tr_____c jam *n.* the movement of vehicles, people, or goods along a route or through a transport system; the amount of such movement in a particular place or at a particular time
87. the at_____t to rescue the hostages *n.* an act or effort of trying to do something, especially something difficult
88. tu___e down the hill *v.* to fall suddenly, often uncontrollably; to topple or turn over; to decline sharply and quickly in value, quality, or performance
89. the ba__n of the Great Salt Lake *n.* a natural depression or valley that is circular or oval on the surface of the earth, especially one that has water in it; a container with a bowl form that is typically used to hold food or liquids

ANSWERS: 81. circulation, 82. concentration, 83. architecture, 84. norm, 85. jam, 86. traffic, 87. attempt, 88. tumble, 89. basin

90. ce____g board *n.* a room's top interior surface
91. di___e the cake into two pieces *v.* to separate or cause to separate into parts or groups
92. professional at____cs *n.* the physical activities or sports that involve physical exertion and competition, such as running, jumping, throwing, or walking
93. a glass t__e *n.* a cylindrical container of metal, plastic, glass, etc., usually sealed and used as a means of preserving food or chemicals; a hollow cylindrical shape
94. und____th the surface of the water *adv.* under or below something else
95. r__l system *n.* a long, thin piece of metal or wood that is used to make fences or as a support for something; (verb) to complain bitterly
96. get ne____s *adj.* worried and anxious about something; relating to the nerves
97. mo____nt of troops *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
98. heavy tr____c *n.* the movement of vehicles, people, or goods along a route or through a transport system; the amount of such movement in a particular place or at a particular time

ANSWERS: 90. ceiling, 91. divide, 92. athletics, 93. tube, 94. underneath, 95. rail, 96. nervous, 97. movement, 98. traffic

99. as oc_____on demands *n.* a time or event that is suitable or appropriate for something to happen or be done; a particular event or circumstance that requires or allows for something to be done
100. n__m of action *n.* something that is regarded as usual, typical, or standard
101. an op_____ne remark *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
102. wat_____of packing *adj.* not permitting the passage of water

ANSWERS: 99. occasion, 100. norm, 101. opportune, 102. waterproof

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The third _____ was far more successful.
n. an act or effort of trying to do something, especially something difficult
2. 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
3. The _____ of the tree had fallen and blocked the road.
n. a division of a tree or woody shrub that grows out from the trunk or a main stem; a division of some larger or more complex organization
4. The phone rang at the most _____ time.
adj. suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
5. The shredder in the print room often has paper _____.
n. a situation in which something becomes stuck because of a dense crowd of people, vehicles, etc.; a preserve of crushed fruit
6. The penny fell _____ the piano.
adv. under or below something else
7. Many of the lakes and marshes in the _____ are mildly salty.
n. a natural depression or valley that is circular or oval on the surface of the earth, especially one that has water in it; a container with a bowl form that is typically used to hold food or liquids

ANSWERS: 1. attempt, 2. stick, 3. branch, 4. opportune, 5. jams, 6. underneath, 7. basin

8. 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
9. He looked out the window at the _____ stream of people.
adj. having no end or conclusion; infinitely very large in size or amount
10. 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
11. The _____ of the magazine has been steadily declining.
n. the movement of blood through the body or of a fluid through a system; the number of copies of a newspaper or magazine that are sold
12. The corporation _____ dominated the entire tobacco business.
adv. finally, particularly after a long time or a lot of struggle, complications, and so on
13. The government _____ the territory from the neighboring country.
v. to add territory to a country, state, or region, typically by conquest; (noun) an addition that extends a main building
14. The city is known for its impressive _____ and beautiful old buildings.
n. the art and science of designing and constructing buildings
15. He _____ that she pay her debt to the last penny.
v. to say something clearly or demand something forcefully, especially when other people disagree with or oppose what you say

ANSWERS: 8. movement, 9. endless, 10. government, 11. circulation, 12. eventually, 13. annexed, 14. architecture, 15. insisted

16. What do you _____ the culprit's motive was?
v. to think that something is likely to be actual or possible
17. Archaeologists found a Neanderthal _____ at that historic site.
n. a bone framework that surrounds the brain and gives the head its shape
18. This exam requires excellent _____ to pass.
n. the ability to focus all your time and energy on one thing without thinking about anything else.
19. This village is still in a dense _____.
n. an area of tropical forest where in which trees and plants grow very thickly
20. She wore her best dress for the special _____.
n. a time or event that is suitable or appropriate for something to happen or be done; a particular event or circumstance that requires or allows for something to be done
21. He wandered the _____ between life and death by gunfire.
n. a real or imaginary line that marks the limit or extent of something and separates it from other things or places
22. The _____ of the earth is approximately 24,901 miles.
n. the distance around the outside of a circular or curved object or area
23. The golfer recorded an _____ distance.
adj. extremely surprising, especially in a way that you like or admire
24. The construction outside was creating a _____ distraction from my work.
adj. making a lot of sounds, especially loud or disruptive sound

ANSWERS: 16. suppose, 17. skull, 18. concentration, 19. jungle, 20. occasion, 21. boundary, 22. circumference, 23. amazing, 24. noisy

25. To expand the company, we must ____ new human resources.
v. to hit someone or something quickly, gently, and often repeatedly; to use existing resources, such as energy, knowledge, etc.
26. She is a _____ person and has always bounced back from setbacks.
adj. able to withstand or recover quickly from difficult conditions
27. The police placed a _____ across the street to halt traffic.
n. a fence or other obstruction that makes it hard to move or get in; any condition that makes it difficult to make progress or to achieve an objective
28. 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
29. The _____ reason for the company's success is its innovative products.
adj. most important, main, or chief
30. The children leaned over the bridge ____ to watch the fish swimming below.
n. a long, thin piece of metal or wood that is used to make fences or as a support for something; (verb) to complain bitterly
31. Her resistance _____ under his persuasion.
v. to turn from something solid into something soft or liquid as a result of heating
32. We decided to take a detour to avoid the construction _____ on the main road.
n. the movement of vehicles, people, or goods along a route or through a transport system; the amount of such movement in a particular place or at a particular time

ANSWERS: 25. tap, 26. resilient, 27. barrier, 28. process, 29. principal, 30. rail, 31. melted, 32. traffic

33. The artist used a _____ paint can to create a graffiti mural on the wall.
n. a fine mist of liquid that is dispersed into the air; flower arrangement consisting of a single branch or shoot bearing flowers and foliage
34. The _____ in the room added natural light and a beautiful view of the stars at night.
n. a window or opening in a roof or ceiling that allows natural light to enter a room or space from above
35. The systems we have developed has accepted as industry _____.
n. something that is regarded as usual, typical, or standard
36. The politician remained _____ despite intense media scrutiny.
adj. without any or little sound
37. You can be more _____ and creative in your approach.
adj. able to change or be changed to suit new conditions or situations; able to bend easily
38. The _____ on the beach was warm and golden.
n. finely granulated particles of rock or mineral material typically found along beaches, deserts, or riverbeds; used in construction, landscaping, and other applications requiring drainage or abrasive action
39. The _____ shape of the table made it easier for everyone to see each other.
adj. having the shape of an egg, rounded at one end and pointed at the other, or having the general outline of an egg
40. The ground acts as an _____ barrier against outside sounds.
adj. relating to sound or the sense of hearing

ANSWERS: 33. spray, 34. skylight, 35. norms, 36. silent, 37. flexible, 38. sand, 39. oval, 40. acoustic

41. He suffers from _____ breakdowns.

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

42. Can you _____ 123321 by eleven?

v. to separate or cause to separate into parts or groups

43. The value of the currency _____ against major international currencies.

v. to fall suddenly, often uncontrollably; to topple or turn over; to decline sharply and quickly in value, quality, or performance

44. The _____ students were having a good time playing with toys.

n. a school or class for young children, usually between the ages of four and six

45. My mother gave me a _____ watch.

adj. not permitting the passage of water

46. There was a crack in the _____ that I found.

n. a room's top interior surface

47. She excelled in _____ during high school and went on to compete at the collegiate level.

n. the physical activities or sports that involve physical exertion and competition, such as running, jumping, throwing, or walking

48. She received her _____ in psychology from the university.

n. a unit of measurement for angles, temperature, or level of proficiency or achievement; a rank or level of academic or professional attainment

49. My accidental _____ got better right away.

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

ANSWERS: 41. nervous, 42. divide, 43. tumbled, 44. kindergarten, 45. waterproof, 46. ceiling, 47. athletics, 48. degree, 49. injury

50. The _____ train was packed with commuters during rush hour.

- n.* a cylindrical container of metal, plastic, glass, etc., usually sealed and used as a means of preserving food or chemicals; a hollow cylindrical shape

51. They held the dinner party on the _____ terrace, enjoying the beautiful view of the city.

- n.* the upper surface or cover of a building's roof, often used for recreational or other purposes

ANSWERS: 50. tube, 51. rooftop