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Session 1: Word List

recover

v. to return to a former condition, health, mind, or strength
synonym: come back, convalesce, heal

(1) **recover** a loss, (2) **recover** approval ratings

She is still **recovering** from a shot to her shoulder.

conflict

n. a strong disagreement, argument, or a violent clash between two opposing groups or individuals

synonym: clash, discord, competition

(1) the **conflict** between good and evil, (2) the longstanding **conflict**

He and I often had **conflicts**, not only in personality but also in ideology.

insurgent

adj. rising against established authority or government; characterized by rebellion, dissent, or insurgency

synonym: subversive, rebellious, mutinous

(1) **insurgent** attack, (2) **insurgent** group

The government forces fought brutally against the **insurgent** rebels in the remote region.

devastating

adj. causing a great deal of destruction or damage

synonym: destructive, annihilative, disastrous

(1) have **devastating** effects, (2) treat this **devastating** disease

This typhoon was the most **devastating** in years.

victim

n. a person who has been harmed, injured, or otherwise negatively affected by a particular action, circumstance, or event

synonym: prey, target, sufferer

(1) **victim** support, (2) **victim** compensation

The **victim** of the crime deserves justice and support to recover from the trauma.

communal

adj. belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use

synonym: collaborative, combined, collective

(1) **communal** swimming pool, (2) **communal** combination of funds

Communal elections were held in several European countries.

elderly

adj. (a polite word for) old

synonym: aged, old, senior

(1) a home for the **elderly**, (2) **elderly** woman

The **elderly** woman is quite energetic.

descendant

n. children or offspring of a specific person, plant, or animal

synonym: child, offspring, heir

(1) **descendant** of a pioneer, (2) third-generation **descendant**

Those warriors' **descendants** are still skilled archers.

inhabitant

n. a person or an animal that lives in a particular place

synonym: dweller, occupant, resident

(1) the early **inhabitants** of Europe, (2) **inhabitant** tax

His family is the oldest **inhabitant** of the island.

descent

n. the act or process of moving downward; a person's family origins

synonym : fall, drop, family

(1) **descent** from nobility, (2) **descent** of family

The **descent** from the mountain was steep and rocky.

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?

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.

military

adj. relating to or characteristic of members of the armed forces; of or relating to war or warfare

synonym : armed, martial, warlike

(1) a **military** operation, (2) a **military** leader

The **military** academy was known for its strict discipline and training.

committed

adj. willing to put in a lot of effort, time, and energy into something; firmly believing in something

synonym : devoted, faithful, attached

(1) in a **committed** relationship, (2) strong and **committed** sales staff

Our company is strongly **committed** to meeting customers' needs.

threat

n. a strong indication or likelihood of harm, danger, or adverse consequences; an expression of intent to inflict harm or injury on someone or something, often made as a means of coercion or intimidation

synonym: menace, danger, hazard

(1) economic **threat**, (2) environmental **threat**

The **threat** of severe weather prompted the city to issue an evacuation warning.

graduated

adj. having received a degree from a school, college, or university; marked with or divided into levels or degrees

synonym: completed, finished, earned

(1) **graduated** taxation, (2) **graduated** flask

She was a **graduated** student of a prestigious university.

decide

v. to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options

synonym: choose, determine, settle

(1) **decide** a question, (2) **decide** on a course of action

She couldn't **decide** whether to order the pizza or the pasta for dinner.

essence

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

synonym: core, nature, disposition

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

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

skeleton

n. the structure of bones in a human or animal body, or a framework of bones or other material that supports a plant

synonym: bones, frame, structure

(1) the steel **skeleton** of a building, (2) **skeleton** hand

Scientists studied the ancient **skeleton** to learn more about the creature's anatomy.

grave

n. a place where a dead body is buried, typically marked by a headstone or other memorial; a very serious, solemn, or important matter; (verb) to carve, cut, or etch a design, inscription, or mark onto a hard surface, such

as stone or metal; (adjective) serious, solemn, or weighty in nature

synonym : tomb, crypt, sepulcher

(1) **grave** an image, (2) **grave** mistake

Many innocent civilians were killed and buried in mass **graves** outside the city during the war.

dirt

n. soil, dust, or any substance that makes a surface not clean; the part of the earth's surface consisting of humus and disintegrated rock

synonym : filth, grime, muck

(1) **dirt** road, (2) **dirt** track

The garden was filled with **dirt** and needed to be tilled before planting.

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.

exhume

v. to dig up or remove something, especially a corpse, from a grave or other burial place; to uncover or bring something hidden or forgotten to light

synonym : unearthing, disinter

(1) **exhume** remains, (2) **exhume** the past

The authorities had to **exhume** the body for further investigation into the cause of death.

lab

n. a workplace for the conduct of scientific research; a laboratory

synonym : workshop, laboratory, research chamber

(1) **lab** instrument, (2) medical **lab**

The Prime Minister will pay a courtesy visit to the Nobel laureate's **lab**.

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.

gunshot

n. the sound or act of firing a gun or other firearm, usually accompanied by a loud explosion and a projectile that is propelled toward the target

synonym: shot, blast, gunfire

(1) **gunshot** wound, (2) **gunshot** residue

The loud **gunshot** startled the wildlife in the nearby forest.

machete

n. a large, heavy knife with a broad blade used for cutting vegetation or, in some cultures, as a weapon

synonym: panga, chopper, sword

(1) sharp **machete**, (2) rusty **machete**

The farmer used a steel **machete** to clear away the dense underbrush in the field.

analyze

v. to think about in-depth and evaluate to discover essential features or meaning

synonym: explore, examine, investigate

(1) **analyze** a chemical compound, (2) **analyze** your real motives

The teacher attempted to **analyze** the root cause of our mistake.

fragment

n. a small piece or part broken off or detached

synonym: piece, shard, segment

(1) **fragment** of a text, (2) a broken **fragment**

The archaeologist carefully pieced together the tiny **fragments** of pottery found at the dig site.

extract

n. a short passage taken from a book, piece of music, etc.; a substance obtained from something through a specific process; (verb) to obtain from something or to remove something by effort or force

synonym : excerpt, quote, distillation

(1) a brief **extract** from the book, (2) botanical **extract**
Anesthetize the gum before **extracting** the teeth.

smuggle

v. to import or export something or someone without paying appropriate customs duties, often illegally

(1) **smuggle** drugs, (2) **smuggle** herself out of a country
He was able to **smuggle** a gun inside the prison.

individual

n. a single person or thing, as distinct from a group

synonym : person, being, self

(1) a private **individual**, (2) **individual** freedom
As an **individual**, he had the right to make his own decisions and live his life as he saw fit.

jot

v. to write quickly or briefly

synonym : note, scribble, write down

(1) **jot** off a letter, (2) **jot** down ideas
I'll **jot** down the address, so I don't forget it.

execute

v. to kill someone, especially as a legal punishment; to carry out or perform an action, duty, etc.

synonym : direct, conduct, enforce

(1) **execute** a bold strategy, (2) **execute** a double play
The mafioso who collaborated with the police was **executed**.

rectangle

n. a four-sided geometric shape with four right angles, where opposite sides are parallel and of equal length

synonym : oblong, square, quadrangle

(1) orthogonal **rectangle**, (2) **rectangle** box
The living room had a **rectangle-shaped** coffee table in the center of it.

conduct

v. to organize and carry out a particular activity

synonym: behave, lead, carry on

(1) **conduct** a background check, (2) **conduct** research
Police will **conduct** random breath testing for drunk driving.

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.

incredible

adj. unbelievable; enormous

synonym: unbelievable, fantastical, inconceivable

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

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.

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.

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.

acronym

n. a word formed from the first letter of each word in a phrase, such as NASA (National Aeronautics and Space)

Administration) or AIDS (Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome)

synonym: abbreviation, initialism, shortcut

(1) **acronym** definition, (2) use an **acronym**

RADAR is an **acronym** for radio detection and ranging.

command

n. authority, control, or mastery over something, often referring to military or leadership contexts; a directive, order, or instruction; expertise or confidence in a specific area; (verb) to give an authoritative order or instruction, or to be in charge or control of something

synonym: control, authority, leadership

(1) **command** and control, (2) **command** a battery

The general gave a **command** to his troops to prepare for battle.

peacekeeping

n. the act of maintaining peace, especially in conflict-prone regions or between hostile groups, usually through the deployment of a neutral military force or diplomatic initiatives

synonym: peacebuilding, peacemaking, reconciliation

(1) **peacekeeping** efforts, (2) **peacekeeping** force

The **peacekeeping** mission in the war-torn country was challenging but necessary.

testimony

n. a formal written or spoken statement that something is true, especially one given in court; something that serves as evidence

synonym: affirmant, evidence, proof

(1) **testimony** before Congress, (2) give his **testimony**

Witness **testimony** backed up the defendant's claims.

ironic

adj. using words to express something different from and often opposite to their literal or usual meaning, often for humorous or rhetorical effect

synonym: sarcastic, wry, sardonic

(1) **ironic** result, (2) an **ironic** turn of events

It was **ironic** that the heavy rain started just as they set up for an outdoor picnic.

blindfold

n. a covering for the eyes used to block out light, particularly one used as a means of sensory deprivation or as a form of punishment or revenge; (verb) to cover someone's eyes with a blindfold or similar material, often as a way of preventing them from seeing something or to make a game or activity more challenging

(1) **blindfold** game, (2) **blindfold** challenge

The doctor administered a **blindfold** test to evaluate the patient's sense of touch.

trauma

n. an emotional wound or shock often has long-lasting effects caused by a highly upsetting or shocking experience

synonym : agony, injury, ordeal

(1) psychic **trauma**, (2) **trauma** care

Many civilians have suffered **trauma** as a result of the war.

defenseless

adj. without protection or defense, vulnerable

synonym : vulnerable, helpless, powerless

(1) **defenseless** against crime, (2) a **defenseless** city

The small animal was **defenseless** against its predators, with no means of protection.

immediately

adv. now or without delay

synonym : directly, instantly, promptly

(1) **immediately** recall a product, (2) write him an answer **immediately**

A suspension order from the court is effective **immediately**.

massacre

n. the brutal and indiscriminate killing of a large number of people; a violent and bloody event that typically results in the death of many individuals

synonym : slaughter, bloodbath, butchery

(1) **massacre** in the village, (2) animal **massacre**

The **massacre** of innocent civilians in the war zone was a tragic event.

helicopter

n. a type of aircraft that is capable of hovering in place and moving vertically, as well as flying horizontally; often used for emergency medical services, military operations, and transport in areas with limited access

synonym: chopper, copter, whirlybird

(1) **helicopter** ride, (2) police **helicopter**

The company's CEO arrived at the meeting via **helicopter** to avoid traffic congestion

disappear

v. to cease to exist or be visible

synonym: fade, evaporate, vanish

(1) **disappear** without a trace, (2) **disappear** after a week

They watched the train **disappear** into the distance.

archaeology

n. the branch of anthropology that studies prehistoric people and their cultures

(1) the institute of **archaeology**, (2) prehistoric **archaeology**

She teaches **archaeology** at the local university.

anthropology

n. the scientific study of humanity, concerned with human behavior, human biology, cultures, societies, and linguistics in both the present and past, including past human species

(1) social **anthropology**, (2) **anthropology** of religion

The areas of **anthropology** and psychology are significantly related to one another.

genetics

n. the branch of biology that studies genes, genetic variation, and heredity in organisms

(1) the science of **genetics**, (2) **genetics** discrimination

He is a specialist in the **genetics** of aging.

voiceless

adj. without a voice or the ability to speak

synonym: mute, silent, speechless

(1) **voiceless** consonant, (2) **voiceless** minority

The **voiceless** screams of the victims could be heard in the distance.

genocide

n. the intentional killing of a large group of people, especially those of a particular ethnic group or nation

synonym: mass murder, extermination, annihilation

(1) **genocide** victims, (2) **genocide** resolution

The international community condemned the **genocide** in the country.

guilty

adj. feeling responsible for or having done something wrong or criminal

synonym: culpable, blameworthy, at fault

(1) feel a bit **guilty**, (2) **guilty** verdict

After much contemplation, the suspect decided to plead **guilty** to the theft charge.

Session 2: Spelling

1. fr_____nt of a text
n. a small piece or part broken off or detached
2. the institute of arc_____gy
n. the branch of anthropology that studies prehistoric people and their cultures
3. the science of ge_____cs
n. the branch of biology that studies genes, genetic variation, and heredity in organisms
4. bl_____ld game
n. a covering for the eyes used to block out light, particularly one used as a means of sensory deprivation or as a form of punishment or revenge; (verb) to cover someone's eyes with a blindfold or similar material, often as a way of preventing them from seeing something or to make a game or activity more challenging
5. sk_____on hand
n. the structure of bones in a human or animal body, or a framework of bones or other material that supports a plant
6. inc_____le amount
adj. unbelievable; enormous
7. ir____c result
adj. using words to express something different from and often opposite to their literal or usual meaning, often for humorous or rhetorical effect
8. a private ind_____al
n. a single person or thing, as distinct from a group

ANSWERS: 1. fragment, 2. archaeology, 3. genetics, 4. blindfold, 5. skeleton, 6. incredible, 7. ironic, 8. individual

9. id____fy gene sequences *v.* to recognize someone or something and say or prove who or what they are
10. orthogonal re_____le *n.* a four-sided geometric shape with four right angles, where opposite sides are parallel and of equal length
11. vo_____ss minority *adj.* without a voice or the ability to speak
12. psychic tr____a *n.* an emotional wound or shock often has long-lasting effects caused by a highly upsetting or shocking experience
13. the most am_____g feeling *adj.* extremely surprising, especially in a way that you like or admire
14. d__t road *n.* soil, dust, or any substance that makes a surface not clean; the part of the earth's surface consisting of humus and disintegrated rock
15. re_____le box *n.* a four-sided geometric shape with four right angles, where opposite sides are parallel and of equal length
16. su_____e you're right *v.* to think that something is likely to be actual or possible
17. prehistoric arc_____gy *n.* the branch of anthropology that studies prehistoric people and their cultures
18. give his te_____ny *n.* a formal written or spoken statement that something is true, especially one given in court; something that serves as evidence
19. vi____m compensation *n.* a person who has been harmed, injured, or otherwise negatively affected by a particular action, circumstance, or event

ANSWERS: 9. identify, 10. rectangle, 11. voiceless, 12. trauma, 13. amazing, 14. dirt, 15. rectangle, 16. suppose, 17. archaeology, 18. testimony, 19. victim

20. a def_____ss city *adj.* without protection or defense, vulnerable
21. vi___m support *n.* a person who has been harmed, injured, or otherwise negatively affected by a particular action, circumstance, or event
22. feel a bit gu___y *adj.* feeling responsible for or having done something wrong or criminal
23. ind_____al freedom *n.* a single person or thing, as distinct from a group
24. rusty ma_____e *n.* a large, heavy knife with a broad blade used for cutting vegetation or, in some cultures, as a weapon
25. environmental th___t *n.* a strong indication or likelihood of harm, danger, or adverse consequences; an expression of intent to inflict harm or injury on someone or something, often made as a means of coercion or intimidation
26. te_____ny before Congress *n.* a formal written or spoken statement that something is true, especially one given in court; something that serves as evidence
27. am_____g advances *adj.* extremely surprising, especially in a way that you like or admire
28. a brief ex_____t from the book *n.* a short passage taken from a book, piece of music, etc.; a substance obtained from something through a specific process; (verb) to obtain from something or to remove something by effort or force

ANSWERS: 20. defenseless, 21. victim, 22. guilty, 23. individual, 24. machete, 25. threat, 26. testimony, 27. amazing, 28. extract

29. gr_____ed flask *adj.* having received a degree from a school, college, or university; marked with or divided into levels or degrees
30. bl_____ld challenge *n.* a covering for the eyes used to block out light, particularly one used as a means of sensory deprivation or as a form of punishment or revenge; (verb) to cover someone's eyes with a blindfold or similar material, often as a way of preventing them from seeing something or to make a game or activity more challenging
31. de_____t of family *n.* the act or process of moving downward; a person's family origins
32. des_____nt of a pioneer *n.* children or offspring of a specific person, plant, or animal
33. pea_____ing efforts *n.* the act of maintaining peace, especially in conflict-prone regions or between hostile groups, usually through the deployment of a neutral military force or diplomatic initiatives
34. re_____r a loss *v.* to return to a former condition, health, mind, or strength
35. botanical ex_____t *n.* a short passage taken from a book, piece of music, etc.; a substance obtained from something through a specific process; (verb) to obtain from something or to remove something by effort or force
36. police hel_____er *n.* a type of aircraft that is capable of hovering in place and moving vertically, as well as flying horizontally; often used for emergency medical services, military operations, and transport in areas with limited access

ANSWERS: 29. graduated, 30. blindfold, 31. descent, 32. descendant, 33. peacekeeping, 34. recover, 35. extract, 36. helicopter

37. ex___e remains *v.* to dig up or remove something, especially a corpse, from a grave or other burial place; to uncover or bring something hidden or forgotten to light
38. re_____r approval ratings *v.* to return to a former condition, health, mind, or strength
39. j_t off a letter *v.* to write quickly or briefly
40. eve_____ly become obsolete *adv.* finally, particularly after a long time or a lot of struggle, complications, and so on
41. co_____t research *v.* to organize and carry out a particular activity
42. de___e on a course of action *v.* to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options
43. di_____ar after a week *v.* to cease to exist or be visible
44. gr__e mistake *n.* a place where a dead body is buried, typically marked by a headstone or other memorial; a very serious, solemn, or important matter; (verb) to carve, cut, or etch a design, inscription, or mark onto a hard surface, such as stone or metal; (adjective) serious, solemn, or weighty in nature
45. l_b instrument *n.* a workplace for the conduct of scientific research; a laboratory
46. 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: 37. exhume, 38. recover, 39. jot, 40. eventually, 41. conduct, 42. decide, 43. disappear, 44. grave, 45. lab, 46. process

47. hel_____er ride *n.* a type of aircraft that is capable of hovering in place and moving vertically, as well as flying horizontally; often used for emergency medical services, military operations, and transport in areas with limited access
48. j_t down ideas *v.* to write quickly or briefly
49. ex_____e a double play *v.* to kill someone, especially as a legal punishment; to carry out or perform an action, duty, etc.
50. ac_____m definition *n.* a word formed from the first letter of each word in a phrase, such as NASA (National Aeronautics and Space Administration) or AIDS (Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome)
51. d__t track *n.* soil, dust, or any substance that makes a surface not clean; the part of the earth's surface consisting of humus and disintegrated rock
52. use an ac_____m *n.* a word formed from the first letter of each word in a phrase, such as NASA (National Aeronautics and Space Administration) or AIDS (Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome)
53. pea_____ing force *n.* the act of maintaining peace, especially in conflict-prone regions or between hostile groups, usually through the deployment of a neutral military force or diplomatic initiatives
54. medical l_b *n.* a workplace for the conduct of scientific research; a laboratory

ANSWERS: 47. helicopter, 48. jot, 49. execute, 50. acronym, 51. dirt, 52. acronym, 53. peacekeeping, 54. lab

55. co____al swimming pool *adj.* belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use
56. sharp ma____e *n.* a large, heavy knife with a broad blade used for cutting vegetation or, in some cultures, as a weapon
57. def____ss against crime *adj.* without protection or defense, vulnerable
58. gu____t residue *n.* the sound or act of firing a gun or other firearm, usually accompanied by a loud explosion and a projectile that is propelled toward the target
59. el____y woman *adj.* (a polite word for) old
60. a mi____ry leader *adj.* relating to or characteristic of members of the armed forces; of or relating to war or warfare
61. eve____ly succeed *adv.* finally, particularly after a long time or a lot of struggle, complications, and so on
62. ex____e a bold strategy *v.* to kill someone, especially as a legal punishment; to carry out or perform an action, duty, etc.
63. have dev____ng effects *adj.* causing a great deal of destruction or damage
64. a mi____ry operation *adj.* relating to or characteristic of members of the armed forces; of or relating to war or warfare
65. id____fy handwriting *v.* to recognize someone or something and say or prove who or what they are
66. sm____e drugs *v.* to import or export something or someone without paying appropriate customs duties, often illegally

ANSWERS: 55. communal, 56. machete, 57. defenseless, 58. gunshot, 59. elderly, 60. military, 61. eventually, 62. execute, 63. devastating, 64. military, 65. identify, 66. smuggle

67. tr___a care *n.* an emotional wound or shock often has long-lasting effects caused by a highly upsetting or shocking experience
68. ca_____e a glimpse *v.* to catch a person or an animal and confine them in an area which they cannot escape
69. a home for the el_____y *adj.* (a polite word for) old
70. ge_____cs discrimination *n.* the branch of biology that studies genes, genetic variation, and heredity in organisms
71. third-generation des_____nt *n.* children or offspring of a specific person, plant, or animal
72. at inc_____le speed *adj.* unbelievable; enormous
73. sm_____e herself out of a country *v.* to import or export something or someone without paying appropriate customs duties, often illegally
74. co_____d a battery *n.* authority, control, or mastery over something, often referring to military or leadership contexts; a directive, order, or instruction; expertise or confidence in a specific area; (verb) to give an authoritative order or instruction, or to be in charge or control of something
75. de___e a question *v.* to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options
76. the early inh_____nts of Europe *n.* a person or an animal that lives in a particular place

ANSWERS: 67. trauma, 68. capture, 69. elderly, 70. genetics, 71. descendant, 72. incredible, 73. smuggle, 74. command, 75. decide, 76. inhabitant

77. de___d against a threat *v.* to protect someone or something from attack, criticism, danger, etc.
78. social ant_____ogy *n.* the scientific study of humanity, concerned with human behavior, human biology, cultures, societies, and linguistics in both the present and past, including past human species
79. ant_____ogy of religion *n.* the scientific study of humanity, concerned with human behavior, human biology, cultures, societies, and linguistics in both the present and past, including past human species
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82. 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
83. vo_____ss consonant *adj.* without a voice or the ability to speak

ANSWERS: 77. defend, 78. anthropology, 79. anthropology, 80. graduated, 81. threat, 82. process, 83. voiceless

84. imm_____ly recall a product *adv.* now or without delay
85. an_____e your real motives *v.* to think about in-depth and evaluate to discover essential features or meaning
86. de____d my country *v.* to protect someone or something from attack, criticism, danger, etc.
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91. vanilla es_____e *n.* the basic or most important part or quality of something that makes it what it is
92. lo____e a missing pet *v.* to specify or determine the exact position of someone or something
93. ex____e the past *v.* to dig up or remove something, especially a corpse, from a grave or other burial place; to uncover or bring something hidden or forgotten to light
94. an ir____c turn of events *adj.* using words to express something different from and often opposite to their literal or usual meaning, often for humorous or rhetorical effect

ANSWERS: 84. immediately, 85. analyze, 86. defend, 87. immediately, 88. massacre, 89. insurgent, 90. devastating, 91. essence, 92. locate, 93. exhume, 94. ironic

95. inh_____nt tax *n.* a person or an animal that lives in a particular place
96. co_____t a background check *v.* to organize and carry out a particular activity
97. universal es_____e *n.* the basic or most important part or quality of something that makes it what it is
98. co_____d and control *n.* authority, control, or mastery over something, often referring to military or leadership contexts; a directive, order, or instruction; expertise or confidence in a specific area; (verb) to give an authoritative order or instruction, or to be in charge or control of something
99. lo____e a tumor *v.* to specify or determine the exact position of someone or something
100. gr__e an image *n.* a place where a dead body is buried, typically marked by a headstone or other memorial; a very serious, solemn, or important matter; (verb) to carve, cut, or etch a design, inscription, or mark onto a hard surface, such as stone or metal; (adjective) serious, solemn, or weighty in nature
101. ge_____de resolution *n.* the intentional killing of a large group of people, especially those of a particular ethnic group or nation
102. de_____t from nobility *n.* the act or process of moving downward; a person's family origins
103. ma_____re in the village *n.* the brutal and indiscriminate killing of a large number of people; a violent and bloody event that typically results in the death of many individuals

ANSWERS: 95. inhabitant, 96. conduct, 97. essence, 98. command, 99. locate, 100. grave, 101. genocide, 102. descent, 103. massacre

104. di_____ar without a trace *v.* to cease to exist or be visible
105. the longstanding co_____ct *n.* a strong disagreement, argument, or a violent clash between two opposing groups or individuals
106. su_____e beforehand *v.* to think that something is likely to be actual or possible
107. strong and co_____ed sales staff *adj.* willing to put in a lot of effort, time, and energy into something; firmly believing in something
108. the co_____ct between good and evil *n.* a strong disagreement, argument, or a violent clash between two opposing groups or individuals
109. a broken fr_____nt *n.* a small piece or part broken off or detached
110. ge_____de victims *n.* the intentional killing of a large group of people, especially those of a particular ethnic group or nation
111. gu_____t wound *n.* the sound or act of firing a gun or other firearm, usually accompanied by a loud explosion and a projectile that is propelled toward the target
112. an_____e a chemical compound *v.* to think about in-depth and evaluate to discover essential features or meaning
113. in_____nt group *adj.* rising against established authority or government; characterized by rebellion, dissent, or insurgency
114. ca_____e customers' hearts *v.* to catch a person or an animal and confine them in an area which they cannot escape

ANSWERS: 104. disappear, 105. conflict, 106. suppose, 107. committed, 108. conflict, 109. fragment, 110. genocide, 111. gunshot, 112. analyze, 113. insurgent, 114. capture

115. co_____al combination of funds *adj.* belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use
116. in a co_____ed relationship *adj.* willing to put in a lot of effort, time, and energy into something; firmly believing in something
117. the steel sk_____on of a building *n.* the structure of bones in a human or animal body, or a framework of bones or other material that supports a plant
118. gu____y verdict *adj.* feeling responsible for or having done something wrong or criminal

ANSWERS: 115. communal, 116. committed, 117. skeleton, 118. guilty

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. After much contemplation, the suspect decided to plead _____ to the theft charge.
adj. feeling responsible for or having done something wrong or criminal
2. The _____ from the mountain was steep and rocky.
n. the act or process of moving downward; a person's family origins
3. Many civilians have suffered _____ as a result of the war.
n. an emotional wound or shock often has long-lasting effects caused by a highly upsetting or shocking experience
4. 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.
5. The international community condemned the _____ in the country.
n. the intentional killing of a large group of people, especially those of a particular ethnic group or nation
6. The authorities had to _____ the body for further investigation into the cause of death.
v. to dig up or remove something, especially a corpse, from a grave or other burial place; to uncover or bring something hidden or forgotten to light
7. I'll ___ down the address, so I don't forget it.
v. to write quickly or briefly

ANSWERS: 1. guilty, 2. descent, 3. trauma, 4. defend, 5. genocide, 6. exhume, 7. jot

8. The golfer recorded an _____ distance.

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

9. The general gave a _____ to his troops to prepare for battle.

n. authority, control, or mastery over something, often referring to military or leadership contexts; a directive, order, or instruction; expertise or confidence in a specific area; (verb) to give an authoritative order or instruction, or to be in charge or control of something

10. She teaches _____ at the local university.

n. the branch of anthropology that studies prehistoric people and their cultures

11. Anesthetize the gum before _____ the teeth.

n. a short passage taken from a book, piece of music, etc.; a substance obtained from something through a specific process; (verb) to obtain from something or to remove something by effort or force

12. 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

13. The _____ screams of the victims could be heard in the distance.

adj. without a voice or the ability to speak

14. RADAR is an _____ for radio detection and ranging.

n. a word formed from the first letter of each word in a phrase, such as NASA (National Aeronautics and Space Administration) or AIDS (Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome)

ANSWERS: 8. amazing, 9. command, 10. archaeology, 11. extracting, 12. process, 13. voiceless, 14. acronym

15. A suspension order from the court is effective _____.

adv. now or without delay

16. The areas of _____ and psychology are significantly related to one another.

n. the scientific study of humanity, concerned with human behavior, human biology, cultures, societies, and linguistics in both the present and past, including past human species

17. The _____ mission in the war-torn country was challenging but necessary.

n. the act of maintaining peace, especially in conflict-prone regions or between hostile groups, usually through the deployment of a neutral military force or diplomatic initiatives

18. She is still _____ from a shot to her shoulder.

v. to return to a former condition, health, mind, or strength

19. She was a _____ student of a prestigious university.

adj. having received a degree from a school, college, or university; marked with or divided into levels or degrees

20. The _____ academy was known for its strict discipline and training.

adj. relating to or characteristic of members of the armed forces; of or relating to war or warfare

21. Witness _____ backed up the defendant's claims.

n. a formal written or spoken statement that something is true, especially one given in court; something that serves as evidence

ANSWERS: 15. immediately, 16. anthropology, 17. peacekeeping, 18. recovering, 19. graduated, 20. military, 21. testimony

22. Police will _____ random breath testing for drunk driving.

v. to organize and carry out a particular activity

23. As an _____ he had the right to make his own decisions and live his life as he saw fit.

n. a single person or thing, as distinct from a group

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

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

25. His family is the oldest _____ of the island.

n. a person or an animal that lives in a particular place

26. The government forces fought brutally against the _____ rebels in the remote region.

adj. rising against established authority or government; characterized by rebellion, dissent, or insurgency

27. This typhoon was the most _____ in years.

adj. causing a great deal of destruction or damage

28. He was able to _____ a gun inside the prison.

v. to import or export something or someone without paying appropriate customs duties, often illegally

29. The _____ of the crime deserves justice and support to recover from the trauma.

n. a person who has been harmed, injured, or otherwise negatively affected by a particular action, circumstance, or event

ANSWERS: 22. conduct, 23. individual, 24. suppose, 25. inhabitant, 26. insurgent, 27. devastating, 28. smuggle, 29. victim

30. He and I often had _____ not only in personality but also in ideology.
- n.* a strong disagreement, argument, or a violent clash between two opposing groups or individuals
31. The doctor administered a _____ test to evaluate the patient's sense of touch.
- n.* a covering for the eyes used to block out light, particularly one used as a means of sensory deprivation or as a form of punishment or revenge; (verb) to cover someone's eyes with a blindfold or similar material, often as a way of preventing them from seeing something or to make a game or activity more challenging
32. He is a specialist in the _____ of aging.
- n.* the branch of biology that studies genes, genetic variation, and heredity in organisms
33. University teaches the art of understanding the _____ of the matter.
- n.* the basic or most important part or quality of something that makes it what it is
34. She couldn't _____ whether to order the pizza or the pasta for dinner.
- v.* to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options
35. The Prime Minister will pay a courtesy visit to the Nobel laureate's _____.
- n.* a workplace for the conduct of scientific research; a laboratory
36. Those warriors' _____ are still skilled archers.
- n.* children or offspring of a specific person, plant, or animal
37. The living room had a _____ coffee table in the center of it.
- n.* a four-sided geometric shape with four right angles, where opposite sides are parallel and of equal length

ANSWERS: 30. conflicts, 31. blindfold, 32. genetics, 33. essence, 34. decide, 35. lab, 36. descendants, 37. rectangle-shaped

38. The mafioso who collaborated with the police was _____.
- v.* to kill someone, especially as a legal punishment; to carry out or perform an action, duty, etc.
39. The company's CEO arrived at the meeting via _____ to avoid traffic congestion
- n.* a type of aircraft that is capable of hovering in place and moving vertically, as well as flying horizontally; often used for emergency medical services, military operations, and transport in areas with limited access
40. Scientists studied the ancient _____ to learn more about the creature's anatomy.
- n.* the structure of bones in a human or animal body, or a framework of bones or other material that supports a plant
41. The garden was filled with _____ and needed to be tilled before planting.
- n.* soil, dust, or any substance that makes a surface not clean; the part of the earth's surface consisting of humus and disintegrated rock
42. The farmer used a steel _____ to clear away the dense underbrush in the field.
- n.* a large, heavy knife with a broad blade used for cutting vegetation or, in some cultures, as a weapon
43. The archaeologist carefully pieced together the tiny _____ of pottery found at the dig site.
- n.* a small piece or part broken off or detached
44. The small animal was _____ against its predators, with no means of protection.
- adj.* without protection or defense, vulnerable

ANSWERS: 38. executed, 39. helicopter, 40. skeleton, 41. dirt, 42. machete, 43. fragments, 44. defenseless

45. _____ elections were held in several European countries.

adj. belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use

46. The _____ of severe weather prompted the city to issue an evacuation warning.

n. a strong indication or likelihood of harm, danger, or adverse consequences; an expression of intent to inflict harm or injury on someone or something, often made as a means of coercion or intimidation

47. It was _____ that the heavy rain started just as they set up for an outdoor picnic.

adj. using words to express something different from and often opposite to their literal or usual meaning, often for humorous or rhetorical effect

48. The corporation _____ dominated the entire tobacco business.

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

49. 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

50. 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

51. Her response revealed _____ idiocy.

adj. unbelievable; enormous

52. The _____ of innocent civilians in the war zone was a tragic event.

n. the brutal and indiscriminate killing of a large number of people; a violent and bloody event that typically results in the death of many individuals

ANSWERS: 45. Communal, 46. threat, 47. ironic, 48. eventually, 49. capture, 50. identify, 51. incredible, 52. massacre

53. The teacher attempted to _____ the root cause of our mistake.

v. to think about in-depth and evaluate to discover essential features or meaning

54. Our company is strongly _____ to meeting customers' needs.

adj. willing to put in a lot of effort, time, and energy into something; firmly believing in something

55. They watched the train _____ into the distance.

v. to cease to exist or be visible

56. The robot can accurately _____ construction material.

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

57. Many innocent civilians were killed and buried in mass _____ outside the city during the war.

n. a place where a dead body is buried, typically marked by a headstone or other memorial; a very serious, solemn, or important matter; (verb) to carve, cut, or etch a design, inscription, or mark onto a hard surface, such as stone or metal; (adjective) serious, solemn, or weighty in nature

58. The _____ woman is quite energetic.

adj. (a polite word for) old

59. The loud _____ startled the wildlife in the nearby forest.

n. the sound or act of firing a gun or other firearm, usually accompanied by a loud explosion and a projectile that is propelled toward the target

ANSWERS: 53. analyze, 54. committed, 55. disappear, 56. locate, 57. graves, 58. elderly, 59. gunshot