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Session 1: Word List

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.

gratuitous

adj. given or done without charge or payment

synonym: unwarranted, unjustified, unmerited

(1) render **gratuitous** service, (2) **gratuitous** insult

The **gratuitous** violence in the movie was unnecessary and disturbing.

intrude

v. to enter or to be present in a place or situation where one is not wanted or allowed; to interrupt or disturb someone or something

synonym: impose, obtrude, interlope

(1) **intrude** on his personal space, (2) **intrude** on other people's conversations

The loud music from the party next door **intruded** into my peaceful evening at home.

neuron

n. a cell that is specialized to carry information within the brain and between the brain and other parts of the body

synonym : nerve cell

(1) excite the **neurons**, (2) **neuron** cell body

Our body transfers information along each **neuron** using an electrical impulse.

hemisphere

n. half of the terrestrial globe; half of a sphere

(1) northern **hemisphere**, (2) cerebral **hemisphere**

This weather pattern is unique to the southern **hemisphere**.

twit

n. a silly or foolish person; someone regarded as annoying or irritating

synonym : fool, idiot, imbecile

(1) celebrity **twit**, (2) neighborhood **twit**

Please ignore that **twit** on social media; their opinions are irrelevant.

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.

trait

n. a particular feature of your nature

synonym : attribute, feature, quality

(1) chemical **trait**, (2) personality **traits**

Multiple genes may influence behavioral **traits** concurrently.

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.

conscientious

adj. characterized by a sense of duty or responsibility; diligent, meticulous, and careful in one's work or actions

synonym: diligent, thorough, meticulous

(1) **conscientious** worker, (2) **conscientious** objection

Conscientious student always turned in their assignments on time.

lackadaisical

adj. lacking enthusiasm or energy; lazy or sluggish; showing a lack of interest or concern

synonym: lazy, apathetic, sluggish

(1) **lackadaisical** service, (2) **lackadaisical** attitude

His **lackadaisical** approach to studying made him stay caught up in his classes.

extrovert

n. a person who is outgoing, sociable, and confident

synonym: outgoing, sociable, gregarious

(1) **extrovert** social skills, (2) natural **extrovert**

She intentionally acts like an **extrovert**.

introvert

n. a shy and reticent person

synonym: observer, loner, solitary

(1) **introvert** personality, (2) **introvert** behavior

Being an **introvert** is not a weakness, and it's just a different way of interacting with the world.

agreeable

adj. pleasant and enjoyable

synonym: affable, amiable, cooperative

(1) **agreeable** weather, (2) **agreeable** to the plan

We spent a most **agreeable** couple of days.

decidedly

adv. in a manner that is beyond doubt or question; in a way that is clear and unmistakable; in an emphatic or determined manner

synonym: definitely, absolutely, positively

(1) **decidedly** unfriendly, (2) **decidedly** different

She was **decidedly** unimpressed with his latest attempt at a joke.

neurotic

adj. suffering from neurosis or excessive and irrational anxiety or distress, often about everyday situations and circumstances

synonym : anxious, obsessive, compulsive

(1) **neurotic** behavior, (2) **neurotic** disorder

The **neurotic** character is always anxious and worries about everything.

well-being

n. the state of being happy and healthy and prosperous

synonym : health, welfare, happiness

(1) the **well-being** of a nation, (2) a sense of **well-being**

We are responsible for the care and **well-being** of all our employees.

audacious

adj. showing a willingness to take bold risks or to do something that is considered unconventional or daring; marked by originality, creativity, or boldness

synonym : bold, daring, fearless

(1) **audacious** stunt, (2) **audacious** decision

The young entrepreneur had an **audacious** plan to start his own company.

persevere

v. to persist in the course of action, despite opposition or difficulty; to continue with determination despite setbacks, obstacles, or discouragement

synonym : persist, endure, continue

(1) **persevere** through hardships, (2) **persevere** in my goals

Even when faced with challenges, it's important to **persevere** and never give up.

conducive

adj. tending to make something likely or possible

synonym : beneficial, advantageous, helpful

(1) **conducive** question, (2) **conducive** to growth

The quiet and peaceful environment was **conducive** to concentration and productivity.

- rev** *n.* a measure of the rate at which an engine or motor rotates, often expressed in revolutions per minute (RPM); (verb) to increase the number of rotations per minute
synonym : revolution, RPM, speed
(1) low- **rev** engine, (2) **rev** up the crowd
He stepped on the gas pedal, and the engine released a loud **rev**.
- consequent** *adj.* resulting or following as a result of something else; (noun) something that is logical or naturally follows from something else
synonym : resulting, following, logical
(1) **consequent** increase, (2) the fallacy of affirming the **consequent**
The increase in demand for the product led to a **consequent** rise in its price.
- sociogenic** *adj.* pertaining to or caused by sociological or social factors; describing the origin or development of psychological conditions, behaviors, or traits that are influenced by society and its norms
synonym : sociocultural
(1) **sociogenic** trauma, (2) **sociogenic** influences
The **sociogenic** factors contributing to the rise in mental health issues must be addressed.
- idiosyncrasy** *n.* a distinctive or unique way of functioning, behaving, or thinking that is characteristic of an individual or a group; a peculiar or eccentric habit or behavior
synonym : peculiarity, quirk, eccentricity
(1) personal **idiosyncrasy**, (2) cultural **idiosyncrasy**
His **idiosyncrasy** of always wearing green socks was a quirky habit.
- misconstrue** *v.* to misunderstand or misinterpret the meaning, intention, or significance of something; to misjudge or misread
synonym :

misinterpret, misunderstand, misconceive

(1) **misconstrue** meaning, (2) **misconstrue** intentions

It is important not to **misconstrue** her words, as she meant it positively.

antisocial

adj. not wanting to be around or spend time with other people; unwilling or unable to conform to accepted social norms or standards

synonym : unsociable, withdrawn, reclusive

(1) **antisocial** tendencies, (2) **antisocial** personality disorder

The suspect's **antisocial** behavior and lack of remorse made the judge question their sanity.

stimulant

n. a substance or drug that increases or heightens physiological or nervous system activity typically used to improve alertness, attention, or concentration

synonym : upper, energizer, booster

(1) memory **stimulant**, (2) prescription **stimulant**

Many athletes use **stimulants** like caffeine to boost their energy before a competition.

conjugal

adj. relating to marriage or the relationship between spouses; pertaining to the married state or married life

synonym : marital, connubial, wedded

(1) **conjugal** relationship, (2) **conjugal** rights

The couple decided to attend **conjugal** therapy to work on their marital issues.

heroic

adj. courageous and daring; having or displaying qualities appropriate for legendary figures that is courage and daring

synonym : brave, courageous, daring

(1) a **heroic** poem, (2) **heroic** explorers

The **heroic** actions of individuals are now easily spread worldwide by SNS.

punctuate

v. to insert punctuation marks (= comma, period, colon, etc.) in the text; to interrupt periodically

synonym : emphasize, accent, mark

(1) **punctuate** a sentence, (2) **punctuate** his talk

Strikes had also **punctuated** the preceding weeks.

diminutive

adj. very small or tiny in size; expressing smallness or endearment; (noun) a word or suffix that indicates smallness in size or affection

synonym : tiny, small, miniature

(1) **diminutive** size, (2) **diminutive** figure

The **diminutive** kitten was easily overlooked in the litter.

chuck

v. to throw something carelessly or casually; to get rid of something or someone

synonym : toss, throw, discard

(1) **chuck** the ball across the yard, (2) **chuck** my job

I will **chuck** these old shoes in the trash and buy a new pair.

weasel

n. a small carnivorous mammal with a long and slender body, short legs, and a long and narrow head, known for its ability to hunt rodents and small animals; someone who behaves in an untrustworthy, deceitful, or cunning manner

(1) **weasel** words, (2) **weasel** her way out of doing the dishes

The **weasel's** long and slender body allows it to easily navigate small spaces.

secondly

adv. used to introduce the second point or item in a list or series of statements, considerations, etc.

synonym : in the second place, next, subsequently

(1) **secondly** connected, (2) **secondly**, it is important

Firstly, we will discuss the budget; **secondly**, we will go over the schedule.

assertive

adj. characterized by a confident and forceful personality; expressing one's opinions or desires directly and positively; standing up for oneself in a firm but non-aggressive manner

synonym: confident, self-assured, decisive

(1) **assertive** behavior, (2) an **assertive** approach

She was **assertive** and confident in her negotiation tactics during the business meeting.

allude

v. to suggest or make reference to something indirectly

synonym: imply, indicate, hint

(1) **allude** to his low origin, (2) **allude** to the planning

He **alluded** to the problem but did not mention it directly.

heed

v. to pay attention to or take notice of something, particularly a warning or piece of advice; to listen to and comply with something

synonym: notice, attend, listen to

(1) **heed** expert advice, (2) **heed** nature's call

He didn't **heed** the warning signs and got lost in the woods.

Elizabethan

n. pertaining to the reign of Queen Elizabeth I of England (1558-1603); relating to the culture, literature, and history of that time period

(1) **Elizabethan** religious settlement, (2) **Elizabethan** theatre

The **Elizabethan** era is known for its rich literature and theatrical productions.

pigeonhole

n. a small compartment for a single item, especially a small hole or shelf for holding papers or files; (verb) to treat or classify according to a mental stereotype

synonym: compartment, (verb) categorize, (verb) sort

(1) leave a message in her **pigeonhole**, (2) **pigeonhole** the plan

He **pigeonholed** her as just another pretty face, not realizing her intelligence.

pigeon

n. a stout-bodied bird with a small head, short legs, and a short, cooing call, typically found in cities and domesticated for food

(1) a racing **pigeon**, (2) **pigeon** on the roof

The **pigeon** perched on the windowsill, pecking at the bread crumbs left for it.

disagreeable

adj. unpleasant or unpleasant to deal with; not likely to agree or comply with something or someone; having an unpleasant or negative temperament

synonym: unpleasant, objectionable, offensive

(1) **disagreeable** smell, (2) **disagreeable** temper

The **disagreeable** coworker always found fault with everyone else's work.

torpor

n. a state of reduced activity or a slowed metabolism, often occurring in hibernating animals or as a result of extreme stress or fatigue

synonym: dormancy, inactivity, sluggishness

(1) **torpor** period, (2) economic **torpor**

The cold weather had put the bear into a state of **torpor**.

enact

v. to make a law; to put something into practice

synonym: legislate, pass, decree

(1) **enact** new legislation, (2) **enact** the smoking ban

The government **enacted** this law in 1925.

profess

v. to declare openly, often publicly or formally, that one has a particular skill, belief, or feeling; to admit or affirm

synonym: declare, claim, confess

(1) **profess** innocence, (2) **profess** law

He **professes** his love for her every day, showering her with gifts and affection.

arduous

adj. requiring strenuous effort; difficult and tiring, often involving physical or mental labor

synonym: challenging, difficult, strenuous

(1) **arduous** task, (2) an **arduous** journey

The climb up the mountain was **arduous** and took us hours to complete.

protract

v. to prolong or lengthen in time; to extend the duration of something

synonym: extend, elongate, prolong

(1) **protract** a meeting, (2) **protract** a war

The company's financial struggles **protract** the process of finding a buyer.

sling

v. to throw or drop something somewhere carelessly; to hang loosely or freely; (noun) a length of rope, fabric, or chain used to support or lift something

synonym: throw, hang, (noun) harness

(1) **sling** an arrow, (2) **sling** shot

The children were playing by **slinging** stones at the monument.

cubicle

n. a small, partitioned area or booth intended for working or studying, often in an office or educational setting

synonym: compartment, booth, workspace

(1) **cubicle** partition, (2) camping **cubicle**

I worked in an office **cubicle** surrounded by walls and fluorescent lights.

evacuate

v. to remove people or things from a place of danger or threat; to leave or abandon a place or situation, often due to fear or risk

synonym: empty, clear out, vacate

(1) **evacuate** the building, (2) **evacuate** civilians

The town was forced to **evacuate** due to the hurricane approaching.

constipation

n. a condition in which bowel movements occur less frequently or with difficulty, often resulting in hard, dry stools and discomfort or pain during elimination

synonym : congestion, blockage, obstruction

(1) **constipation** relief, (2) chronic **constipation**

The patient complained of **constipation**, and the doctor recommended increasing their daily fiber intake.

Session 2: Spelling

1. ex_____rt social skills
n. a person who is outgoing, sociable, and confident
2. en__t the smoking ban
v. to make a law; to put something into practice
3. as_____ve behavior
adj. characterized by a confident and forceful personality; expressing one's opinions or desires directly and positively; standing up for oneself in a firm but non-aggressive manner
4. we____l words
n. a small carnivorous mammal with a long and slender body, short legs, and a long and narrow head, known for its ability to hunt rodents and small animals; someone who behaves in an untrustworthy, deceitful, or cunning manner
5. dis_____ble temper
adj. unpleasant or unpleasant to deal with; not likely to agree or comply with something or someone; having an unpleasant or negative temperament
6. au_____us stunt
adj. showing a willingness to take bold risks or to do something that is considered unconventional or daring; marked by originality, creativity, or boldness
7. soc_____ic influences
adj. pertaining to or caused by sociological or social factors; describing the origin or development of psychological conditions, behaviors, or traits that are influenced by society and its norms

ANSWERS: 1. extrovert, 2. enact, 3. assertive, 4. weasel, 5. disagreeable, 6. audacious, 7. sociogenic

8. personality tr__ts *n.* a particular feature of your nature
9. a racing pi___n *n.* a stout-bodied bird with a small head, short legs, and a short, cooing call, typically found in cities and domesticated for food
10. dim_____ve figure *adj.* very small or tiny in size; expressing smallness or endearment; (noun) a word or suffix that indicates smallness in size or affection
11. pe_____re in my goals *v.* to persist in the course of action, despite opposition or difficulty; to continue with determination despite setbacks, obstacles, or discouragement
12. pr_____s innocence *v.* to declare openly, often publicly or formally, that one has a particular skill, belief, or feeling; to admit or affirm
13. con_____ous objection *adj.* characterized by a sense of duty or responsibility; diligent, meticulous, and careful in one's work or actions
14. prescription st_____nt *n.* a substance or drug that increases or heightens physiological or nervous system activity typically used to improve alertness, attention, or concentration
15. co_____ve question *adj.* tending to make something likely or possible
16. co_____al rights *adj.* relating to marriage or the relationship between spouses; pertaining to the married state or married life
17. se_____ly, it is important *adv.* used to introduce the second point or item in a list or series of statements, considerations, etc.

ANSWERS: 8. trait, 9. pigeon, 10. diminutive, 11. persevere, 12. profess, 13. conscientious, 14. stimulant, 15. conducive, 16. conjugal, 17. secondly

18. pu_____te his talk *v.* to insert punctuation marks (= comma, period, colon, etc.) in the text; to interrupt periodically
19. leave a message in her pig_____le *n.* a small compartment for a single item, especially a small hole or shelf for holding papers or files; (verb) to treat or classify according to a mental stereotype
20. chemical tr__t *n.* a particular feature of your nature
21. ne_____ic behavior *adj.* suffering from neurosis or excessive and irrational anxiety or distress, often about everyday situations and circumstances
22. an ar_____s journey *adj.* requiring strenuous effort; difficult and tiring, often involving physical or mental labor
23. celebrity t__t *n.* a silly or foolish person; someone regarded as annoying or irritating
24. camping cu_____e *n.* a small, partitioned area or booth intended for working or studying, often in an office or educational setting
25. the fallacy of affirming the
con_____nt *adj.* resulting or following as a result of something else; (noun) something that is logical or naturally follows from something else
26. mis_____ue meaning *v.* to misunderstand or misinterpret the meaning, intention, or significance of something; to misjudge or misread
27. in_____rt personality *n.* a shy and reticent person

ANSWERS: 18. punctuate, 19. pigeonhole, 20. trait, 21. neurotic, 22. arduous, 23. twit, 24. cubicle, 25. consequent, 26. misconstrue, 27. introvert

28. de_____ly unfriendly *adv.* in a manner that is beyond doubt or question; in a way that is clear and unmistakable; in an emphatic or determined manner
29. chronic con_____ion *n.* a condition in which bowel movements occur less frequently or with difficulty, often resulting in hard, dry stools and discomfort or pain during elimination
30. al___e to the planning *v.* to suggest or make reference to something indirectly
31. ag_____le to the plan *adj.* pleasant and enjoyable
32. ne___n cell body *n.* a cell that is specialized to carry information within the brain and between the brain and other parts of the body
33. render gra_____us service *adj.* given or done without charge or payment
34. sl__g an arrow *v.* to throw or drop something somewhere carelessly; to hang loosely or freely; (noun) a length of rope, fabric, or chain used to support or lift something
35. cu_____e partition *n.* a small, partitioned area or booth intended for working or studying, often in an office or educational setting
36. ne_____ic disorder *adj.* suffering from neurosis or excessive and irrational anxiety or distress, often about everyday situations and circumstances
37. de_____ly different *adv.* in a manner that is beyond doubt or question; in a way that is clear and unmistakable; in an emphatic or determined manner

ANSWERS: 28. decidedly, 29. constipation, 30. allude, 31. agreeable, 32. neuron, 33. gratuitous, 34. sling, 35. cubicle, 36. neurotic, 37. decidedly

38. pr____ct a war *v.* to prolong or lengthen in time; to extend the duration of something
39. co_____ve to growth *adj.* tending to make something likely or possible
40. he___c explorers *adj.* courageous and daring; having or displaying qualities appropriate for legendary figures that is courage and daring
41. h__d nature's call *v.* to pay attention to or take notice of something, particularly a warning or piece of advice; to listen to and comply with something
42. 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)
43. pi___n on the roof *n.* a stout-bodied bird with a small head, short legs, and a short, cooing call, typically found in cities and domesticated for food
44. natural ex_____rt *n.* a person who is outgoing, sociable, and confident
45. fa_____te the public *v.* to attract and hold the attention of someone deeply and irresistibly
46. to___r period *n.* a state of reduced activity or a slowed metabolism, often occurring in hibernating animals or as a result of extreme stress or fatigue

ANSWERS: 38. protract, 39. conducive, 40. heroic, 41. heed, 42. acronym, 43. pigeon, 44. extrovert, 45. fascinate, 46. torpor

47. op_____ne occasion *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
48. en__t new legislation *v.* to make a law; to put something into practice
49. low-r_v engine *n.* a measure of the rate at which an engine or motor rotates, often expressed in revolutions per minute (RPM); (verb) to increase the number of rotations per minute
50. ev_____te the building *v.* to remove people or things from a place of danger or threat; to leave or abandon a place or situation, often due to fear or risk
51. lac_____cal attitude *adj.* lacking enthusiasm or energy; lazy or sluggish; showing a lack of interest or concern
52. ch__k the ball across the yard *v.* to throw something carelessly or casually; to get rid of something or someone
53. pu_____te a sentence *v.* to insert punctuation marks (= comma, period, colon, etc.) in the text; to interrupt periodically
54. an as_____ve approach *adj.* characterized by a confident and forceful personality; expressing one's opinions or desires directly and positively; standing up for oneself in a firm but non-aggressive manner
55. r_v up the crowd *n.* a measure of the rate at which an engine or motor rotates, often expressed in revolutions per minute (RPM); (verb) to increase the number of rotations per minute

ANSWERS: 47. opportune, 48. enact, 49. rev, 50. evacuate, 51. lackadaisical, 52. chuck, 53. punctuate, 54. assertive, 55. rev

56. memory st_____nt *n.* a substance or drug that increases or heightens physiological or nervous system activity typically used to improve alertness, attention, or concentration
57. in_____e on his personal space *v.* to enter or to be present in a place or situation where one is not wanted or allowed; to interrupt or disturb someone or something
58. h__d expert advice *v.* to pay attention to or take notice of something, particularly a warning or piece of advice; to listen to and comply with something
59. ant_____al tendencies *adj.* not wanting to be around or spend time with other people; unwilling or unable to conform to accepted social norms or standards
60. se_____ly connected *adv.* used to introduce the second point or item in a list or series of statements, considerations, etc.
61. ag_____le weather *adj.* pleasant and enjoyable
62. ant_____al personality disorder *adj.* not wanting to be around or spend time with other people; unwilling or unable to conform to accepted social norms or standards
63. neighborhood t__t *n.* a silly or foolish person; someone regarded as annoying or irritating
64. con_____ous worker *adj.* characterized by a sense of duty or responsibility; diligent, meticulous, and careful in one's work or actions

ANSWERS: 56. stimulant, 57. intrude, 58. heed, 59. antisocial, 60. secondly, 61. agreeable, 62. antisocial, 63. twit, 64. conscientious

65. con_____nt increase *adj.* resulting or following as a result of something else; (noun) something that is logical or naturally follows from something else
66. gra_____us insult *adj.* given or done without charge or payment
67. pe_____re through hardships *v.* to persist in the course of action, despite opposition or difficulty; to continue with determination despite setbacks, obstacles, or discouragement
68. ev_____te civilians *v.* to remove people or things from a place of danger or threat; to leave or abandon a place or situation, often due to fear or risk
69. dim_____ve size *adj.* very small or tiny in size; expressing smallness or endearment; (noun) a word or suffix that indicates smallness in size or affection
70. a sense of wel_____ng *n.* the state of being happy and healthy and prosperous
71. the wel_____ng of a nation *n.* the state of being happy and healthy and prosperous
72. northern hem_____re *n.* half of the terrestrial globe; half of a sphere
73. sl__g shot *v.* to throw or drop something somewhere carelessly; to hang loosely or freely; (noun) a length of rope, fabric, or chain used to support or lift something
74. pr_____s law *v.* to declare openly, often publicly or formally, that one has a particular skill, belief, or feeling; to admit or affirm

ANSWERS: 65. consequent, 66. gratuitous, 67. persevere, 68. evacuate, 69. diminutive, 70. well-being, 71. well-being, 72. hemisphere, 73. sling, 74. profess

75. in_____rt behavior *n.* a shy and reticent person
76. in_____e on other people's conversations *v.* to enter or to be present in a place or situation where one is not wanted or allowed; to interrupt or disturb someone or something
77. Eli_____an religious settlement *n.* pertaining to the reign of Queen Elizabeth I of England (1558-1603); relating to the culture, literature, and history of that time period
78. al_____e to his low origin *v.* to suggest or make reference to something indirectly
79. mis_____ue intentions *v.* to misunderstand or misinterpret the meaning, intention, or significance of something; to misjudge or misread
80. au_____us decision *adj.* showing a willingness to take bold risks or to do something that is considered unconventional or daring; marked by originality, creativity, or boldness
81. pig_____le the plan *n.* a small compartment for a single item, especially a small hole or shelf for holding papers or files; (verb) to treat or classify according to a mental stereotype
82. ar_____s task *adj.* requiring strenuous effort; difficult and tiring, often involving physical or mental labor
83. personal idi_____asy *n.* a distinctive or unique way of functioning, behaving, or thinking that is characteristic of an individual or a group; a peculiar or eccentric habit or behavior

ANSWERS: 75. introvert, 76. intrude, 77. Elizabethan, 78. allude, 79. misconstrue, 80. audacious, 81. pigeonhole, 82. arduous, 83. idiosyncrasy

84. economic to___r *n.* a state of reduced activity or a slowed metabolism, often occurring in hibernating animals or as a result of extreme stress or fatigue
85. pr_____ct a meeting *v.* to prolong or lengthen in time; to extend the duration of something
86. cultural idi_____asy *n.* a distinctive or unique way of functioning, behaving, or thinking that is characteristic of an individual or a group; a peculiar or eccentric habit or behavior
87. fa_____te the young *v.* to attract and hold the attention of someone deeply and irresistibly
88. dis_____ble smell *adj.* unpleasant or unpleasant to deal with; not likely to agree or comply with something or someone; having an unpleasant or negative temperament
89. con_____ion relief *n.* a condition in which bowel movements occur less frequently or with difficulty, often resulting in hard, dry stools and discomfort or pain during elimination
90. cerebral hem_____re *n.* half of the terrestrial globe; half of a sphere
91. 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)
92. Eli_____an theatre *n.* pertaining to the reign of Queen Elizabeth I of England (1558-1603); relating to the culture, literature, and history of that time period

ANSWERS: 84. torpor, 85. protract, 86. idiosyncrasy, 87. fascinate, 88. disagreeable, 89. constipation, 90. hemisphere, 91. acronym, 92. Elizabethan

93. an op_____ne remark *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
94. excite the ne____ns *n.* a cell that is specialized to carry information within the brain and between the brain and other parts of the body
95. ch__k my job *v.* to throw something carelessly or casually; to get rid of something or someone
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100. we____l her way out of doing the dishes *n.* a small carnivorous mammal with a long and slender body, short legs, and a long and narrow head, known for its ability to hunt rodents and small animals; someone who behaves in an untrustworthy, deceitful, or cunning manner

ANSWERS: 93. opportune, 94. neuron, 95. chuck, 96. conjugal, 97. lackadaisical, 98. heroic, 99. sociogenic, 100. weasel

ANSWERS:

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The children were playing by _____ stones at the monument.
 - v. to throw or drop something somewhere carelessly; to hang loosely or freely;
(noun) a length of rope, fabric, or chain used to support or lift something

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

3. The cold weather had put the bear into a state of _____.
 - n. a state of reduced activity or a slowed metabolism, often occurring in hibernating animals or as a result of extreme stress or fatigue

4. His _____ of always wearing green socks was a quirky habit.
 - n. a distinctive or unique way of functioning, behaving, or thinking that is characteristic of an individual or a group; a peculiar or eccentric habit or behavior

5. The town was forced to _____ due to the hurricane approaching.
 - v. to remove people or things from a place of danger or threat; to leave or abandon a place or situation, often due to fear or risk

6. Being an _____ is not a weakness, and it's just a different way of interacting with the world.
 - n. a shy and reticent person

7. The increase in demand for the product led to a _____ rise in its price.
 - adj. resulting or following as a result of something else; (noun) something that is logical or naturally follows from something else

ANSWERS: 1. slinging, 2. fascinated, 3. torpor, 4. idiosyncrasy, 5. evacuate, 6. introvert, 7. consequent

8. The _____ coworker always found fault with everyone else's work.
adj. unpleasant or unpleasant to deal with; not likely to agree or comply with something or someone; having an unpleasant or negative temperament
9. Our body transfers information along each _____ using an electrical impulse.
n. a cell that is specialized to carry information within the brain and between the brain and other parts of the body
10. The _____ long and slender body allows it to easily navigate small spaces.
n. a small carnivorous mammal with a long and slender body, short legs, and a long and narrow head, known for its ability to hunt rodents and small animals; someone who behaves in an untrustworthy, deceitful, or cunning manner
11. The _____ violence in the movie was unnecessary and disturbing.
adj. given or done without charge or payment
12. He stepped on the gas pedal, and the engine released a loud _____.
n. a measure of the rate at which an engine or motor rotates, often expressed in revolutions per minute (RPM); (verb) to increase the number of rotations per minute
13. The quiet and peaceful environment was _____ to concentration and productivity.
adj. tending to make something likely or possible
14. The _____ kitten was easily overlooked in the litter.
adj. very small or tiny in size; expressing smallness or endearment; (noun) a word or suffix that indicates smallness in size or affection
15. She was _____ and confident in her negotiation tactics during the business meeting.
adj. characterized by a confident and forceful personality; expressing one's opinions or desires directly and positively; standing up for oneself in a firm but non-aggressive manner

ANSWERS: 8. disagreeable, 9. neuron, 10. weasel's, 11. gratuitous, 12. rev, 13.

conducive, 14. diminutive, 15. assertive

16. The suspect's _____ behavior and lack of remorse made the judge question their sanity.
adj. not wanting to be around or spend time with other people; unwilling or unable to conform to accepted social norms or standards
17. The company's financial struggles _____ the process of finding a buyer.
v. to prolong or lengthen in time; to extend the duration of something
18. He _____ her as just another pretty face, not realizing her intelligence.
n. a small compartment for a single item, especially a small hole or shelf for holding papers or files; (verb) to treat or classify according to a mental stereotype
19. The phone rang at the most _____ time.
adj. suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
20. She intentionally acts like an _____.
n. a person who is outgoing, sociable, and confident
21. Even when faced with challenges, it's important to _____ and never give up.
v. to persist in the course of action, despite opposition or difficulty; to continue with determination despite setbacks, obstacles, or discouragement
22. The _____ character is always anxious and worries about everything.
adj. suffering from neurosis or excessive and irrational anxiety or distress, often about everyday situations and circumstances
23. The _____ factors contributing to the rise in mental health issues must be addressed.
adj. pertaining to or caused by sociological or social factors; describing the origin or development of psychological conditions, behaviors, or traits that are influenced by society and its norms

ANSWERS: 16. antisocial, 17. protract, 18. pigeonholed, 19. opportune, 20. extrovert,

21. persevere, 22. neurotic, 23. sociogenic

24. The patient complained of _____ and the doctor recommended increasing their daily fiber intake.
- n.* a condition in which bowel movements occur less frequently or with difficulty, often resulting in hard, dry stools and discomfort or pain during elimination
25. I will _____ these old shoes in the trash and buy a new pair.
- v.* to throw something carelessly or casually; to get rid of something or someone
26. This weather pattern is unique to the southern _____.
- n.* half of the terrestrial globe; half of a sphere
27. The _____ actions of individuals are now easily spread worldwide by SNS.
- adj.* courageous and daring; having or displaying qualities appropriate for legendary figures that is courage and daring
28. It is important not to _____ her words, as she meant it positively.
- v.* to misunderstand or misinterpret the meaning, intention, or significance of something; to misjudge or misread
29. The government _____ this law in 1925.
- v.* to make a law; to put something into practice
30. Multiple genes may influence behavioral _____ concurrently.
- n.* a particular feature of your nature
31. Strikes had also _____ the preceding weeks.
- v.* to insert punctuation marks (= comma, period, colon, etc.) in the text; to interrupt periodically

ANSWERS: 24. constipation, 25. chuck, 26. hemisphere, 27. heroic, 28. misconstrue, 29. enacted, 30. traits, 31. punctuated

32. The climb up the mountain was _____ and took us hours to complete.
adj. requiring strenuous effort; difficult and tiring, often involving physical or mental labor
33. The loud music from the party next door _____ into my peaceful evening at home.
v. to enter or to be present in a place or situation where one is not wanted or allowed; to interrupt or disturb someone or something
34. Please ignore that _____ on social media; their opinions are irrelevant.
n. a silly or foolish person; someone regarded as annoying or irritating
35. 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)
36. The _____ perched on the windowsill, pecking at the bread crumbs left for it.
n. a stout-bodied bird with a small head, short legs, and a short, cooing call, typically found in cities and domesticated for food
37. _____ student always turned in their assignments on time.
adj. characterized by a sense of duty or responsibility; diligent, meticulous, and careful in one's work or actions
38. We are responsible for the care and _____ of all our employees.
n. the state of being happy and healthy and prosperous
39. We spent a most _____ couple of days.
adj. pleasant and enjoyable

ANSWERS: 32. arduous, 33. intruded, 34. twit, 35. acronym, 36. pigeon, 37. Conscientious, 38. well-being, 39. agreeable

40. I worked in an office _____ surrounded by walls and fluorescent lights.
n. a small, partitioned area or booth intended for working or studying, often in an office or educational setting
41. Many athletes use _____ like caffeine to boost their energy before a competition.
n. a substance or drug that increases or heightens physiological or nervous system activity typically used to improve alertness, attention, or concentration
42. The young entrepreneur had an _____ plan to start his own company.
adj. showing a willingness to take bold risks or to do something that is considered unconventional or daring; marked by originality, creativity, or boldness
43. Firstly, we will discuss the budget; _____ we will go over the schedule.
adv. used to introduce the second point or item in a list or series of statements, considerations, etc.
44. He _____ his love for her every day, showering her with gifts and affection.
v. to declare openly, often publicly or formally, that one has a particular skill, belief, or feeling; to admit or affirm
45. The couple decided to attend _____ therapy to work on their marital issues.
adj. relating to marriage or the relationship between spouses; pertaining to the married state or married life
46. She was _____ unimpressed with his latest attempt at a joke.
adv. in a manner that is beyond doubt or question; in a way that is clear and unmistakable; in an emphatic or determined manner
47. He _____ to the problem but did not mention it directly.
v. to suggest or make reference to something indirectly

ANSWERS: 40. cubicle, 41. stimulants, 42. audacious, 43. secondly, 44. professes, 45. conjugal, 46. decidedly, 47. alluded

48. His _____ approach to studying made him stay caught up in his classes.

adj. lacking enthusiasm or energy; lazy or sluggish; showing a lack of interest or concern

49. He didn't _____ the warning signs and got lost in the woods.

v. to pay attention to or take notice of something, particularly a warning or piece of advice; to listen to and comply with something

50. The _____ era is known for its rich literature and theatrical productions.

n. pertaining to the reign of Queen Elizabeth I of England (1558-1603); relating to the culture, literature, and history of that time period

ANSWERS: 48. lackadaisical, 49. heed, 50. Elizabethan