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Session 1: Word List

excite

v. to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager
synonym: thrill, exhilarate, animate

(1) **excite** the crowd, (2) **excite** rebellion

The news of her promotion **excited** her.

start-up

n. a newly established company or business

(1) **start-up** business, (2) early-stage **start-up**

Our company's services are targeted at **start-up** executives.

equity

n. the value of the shares issued by a company
synonym: fairness

(1) private **equity** firm, (2) **equity** capital market

That company is cautious when it comes to **equity** investment.

incentive

n. something, such as a punishment, reward, etc., that encourages a person to do something

synonym: encouragement, inducement, enticement

(1) financial **incentives**, (2) an **incentive** to work hard

They have no **incentive** to win the game.

unlock

v. to open something, such as a door, window, etc., usually using a key

synonym : open, solve, unravel

(1) **unlock** a door with a key, (2) **unlock** value

The customs officer required the traveler to **unlock** his suitcase.

achieve

v. to successfully complete a task or goal, often through hard work, perseverance, and dedication; to attain or accomplish something that one has set out to do

synonym : accomplish, attain, reach

(1) **achieve** success, (2) **achieve** milestones

I will work hard to **achieve** my goals and realize my dreams.

unbelievable

adj. beyond belief or understanding and extremely surprising

synonym : unimaginable, incredible, fantastical

(1) **unbelievable** beauty, (2) cause **unbelievable** damage

He drinks an **unbelievable** amount of beer.

systematic

adj. done or acting according to a determined set of systems or plans:

synonym : periodic, frequent, organized

(1) a **systematic** reformation, (2) **systematic** botany

Science is based on the **systematic** classification of experience.

instinct

n. an inborn behavioral pattern that is often responsive to specific stimuli; an innate feeling that causes you to act or believe that something is true

synonym : intuition, aptitude, feeling

(1) **instinct** for self-preservation, (2) aggressive **instinct**

When faced with a dangerous situation, his initial **instinct** was to flee.

perception

n. a belief, opinion, or image you have based on how you regard, understand, or interpret something; the ability to see, hear, or notice something through the senses

synonym : understanding, idea, awareness

(1) keen **perception**, (2) **perception** of a stimulus

He is a man admired for the depth of his **perception**.

device

n. a piece of equipment, tool, or technology that serves a particular purpose or function, often mechanical or electronic

synonym: gadget, instrument, tool

(1) electronic **device**, (2) tracking **device**

I always carry a backup **device** in case my phone runs out of battery.

loudspeaker

n. an electronic device that amplifies sound, typically used to address a large audience or to play music or other audio content in public areas

synonym: speaker, loudhailer, megaphone

(1) wireless **loudspeaker**, (2) **loudspeaker** system

The teacher spoke through the **loudspeaker** so that every student could hear the announcement.

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.

software

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

synonym: program, system, operating system

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

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

worship

v. to have or show a strong feeling of profound respect and admiration for a religious entity such as God or a god

synonym: adore, idolize

(1) **worship** god, (2) absolutely **worship**

They traditionally **worship** their guru.

execution

n. the act or process of carrying out a plan, order, or course of action; the act or process of carrying out the death penalty

synonym : carrying out, implementation, completion

(1) compulsory **execution**, (2) **execution** by injection

The **execution** of the plan was flawless, resulting in a record-breaking profit for the company.

adaptable

adj. able or willing to modify or be modified to deal with new situations

synonym : flexible, adjustable, elastic

(1) **adaptable** enough for the environment, (2) an **adaptable** person

We seek a candidate who possesses **adaptable** fighting potential.

punch

v. to strike someone or something with one's fist; to make a hole in something

synonym : hit, strike, slap

(1) **punch** out numbers, (2) **punch** a ticket

He **punched** the wall in anger.

adapt

v. to make fit for or change to suit a new purpose or environment

synonym : adjust, acclimate, accustom

(1) **adapt** fully to the environment, (2) **adapt** as needed

I advised him to **adapt** to his new surroundings.

doe

n. a mature female of mammals of which the male is called a buck, such as a deer or a rabbit

synonym : rabbit, bunny, hare

(1) **doe** rabbit, (2) buck and **doe**

Hunters use a whistle that makes the **doe** sound to lure stags.

revenue

n. the income that a government receives from taxes or that a company earns from its business

synonym : earnings, payment, remuneration

(1) tax **revenue**, (2) annual **revenue**

This graph indicates the city's tourism **revenue** over five years.

intense

adj. (especially of a feeling) very strong; extremely sharp or severe

synonym : extreme, fierce, harsh

(1) **intense** heat, (2) develop **intense** itching

That statement by the prime minister drew **intense** international criticism.

advance

v. to go or move forward; to develop in a positive way

synonym : progress, boost, come along

(1) **advance** the technology, (2) **advance** a cooperative relationship

Scientific knowledge will **advance** significantly with the power of AI.

educate

v. to provide or receive instruction or training over a period of time at a school, university, etc.

synonym : instruct, teach, train

(1) **educate** student, (2) **educate** public

The school's mission is to **educate** young children and prepare them for the future.

competitor

n. a person who participates in a sporting contest; a person or organization that competes with others, particularly in business

synonym : opponent, contender, contestant

(1) beat **competitor** offer, (2) domestic **competitor**

The gap between the company and its **competitors** has widened.

insider

n. a person who has privileged access to special or secret information about a particular organization or field

synonym :

mole, privileged person

(1) **insider** trading, (2) company **insider**

He's a Wall Street **insider** with a lot of valuable information.

desktop

n. a flat working surface or table that is usually placed on top of a desk, typically used for a computer or other work-related activities

synonym: computer, workstation, PC

(1) **desktop** software, (2) **desktop** wallpaper

I need to upgrade my **desktop** computer since it's become quite slow.

rank

n. a position in a hierarchy of status or authority; (verb) to take or have a position relative to others

synonym: position, status, standing

(1) **rank** amateur, (2) high **rank**

He was promoted to the **rank** of captain in the military.

attribute

v. to say or regard that something is the result of a particular thing; (noun) a quality or feature that someone or something possesses;

synonym: ascribe, blame, (noun) feature

(1) **attribute** the change to their marriage, (2) **attribute** directly to sales

He **attributes** the disappointing results to the economic downturn.

dimension

n. a measurable extent of a particular kind, such as width, height, or length

synonym: extent, measurement, size

(1) new **dimension**, (2) the crosswise **dimension**

Overall **dimensions** are approximately 400x200mm.

differential

n. an amount, value, or size of the difference between things that are compared; (adjective) relating to or showing a difference

synonym: contrasting, disparate, distinct

(1) **differential** wages, (2) **differential** equation

The two countries pledged to maintain the **differential** between their two currencies.

absolutely

adv. without restriction or limitation; completely or utterly

synonym: completely, utterly, definitely

(1) **absolutely** against, (2) **absolutely** obsessed with the girl

I am **absolutely** opposed to his idea because of morality.

definitive

adj. serving to provide a final solution or to end a situation; final and not able to be changed

synonym: conclusive, final, decisive

(1) **definitive** answer, (2) a **definitive** edition

The study provided **definitive** proof of the effectiveness of the new drug.

underfunded

adj. having insufficient funds to support or carry out an enterprise

synonym: undercapitalized, cash-strapped, insolvent

(1) severely **underfunded**, (2) **underfunded** programs

The healthcare system is **underfunded**, and patients are not receiving the needed treatment.

traction

n. the action or ability to pull something along a surface without sliding

synonym: pulling, friction, suction

(1) increase **traction** on ice, (2) electronic **traction**

His leg was in **traction** for weeks after the accident.

specific

adj. clearly defined or particular to a certain thing or situation; distinct, explicit, and precise

synonym: particular, definite, distinct

(1) **specific** instructions, (2) industry- **specific** regulations

The scientist conducted a study that provided **specific** details about the species' behavior.

investor

n. someone who puts money or capital into something to gain financial returns

synonym : financier, banker, stockholder

(1) **investor** lawsuit, (2) a real estate **investor**

Institutional **investors** refrained from buying stocks amid the booming economy.

recession

n. a period of economic decline, typically lasting for six months or more, during which trade and industrial activity decrease, and unemployment increases

synonym : downturn, slump, contraction

(1) **recession** period, (2) recover from a **recession**

The country is facing a **recession**, with high unemployment and low GDP.

overcome

v. to succeed in controlling or dealing with something, such as a problem or difficulty; to defeat or overwhelm someone

synonym : beat, confound, overwhelm

(1) **overcome** opponents, (2) **overcome** all difficulties

He tried to **overcome** a bad reputation and win the election.

incredible

adj. unbelievable; enormous

synonym : unbelievable, fantastical, inconceivable

(1) **incredible** amount, (2) at **incredible** speed

Her response revealed **incredible** idiocy.

announce

v. to make something known or officially inform people about something

synonym : disclose, declare, broadcast

(1) **announce** candidacy, (2) **announce** the award winners

The third season of the anime show has been **announced**.

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.

entertainment

n. public shows, films, television, or other performances or activities of enjoying people

synonym: amusement, recreation, enjoyment

(1) an elegant **entertainment**, (2) hour of **entertainment**

The hotel is famous for its **entertainment**, including the casino.

incredibly

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

synonym: enormously, exceptionally, extraordinarily

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

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

talent

n. a natural ability to be good at something; someone who has a natural ability to be good at something

synonym: endowment, aptitude, capability

(1) a person of diverse **talents**, (2) raw **talent**

Numerous great professional sports **talents** have come from this city.

broadband

n. a type of high-speed internet connection that provides wide bandwidth for faster data transmission; any communication technology that allows high-speed data transfer

(1) mobile **broadband**, (2) fiber-optic **broadband**

I need to upgrade my Internet plan to get faster **broadband** speeds.

penetration

n. the act or process of penetrating or entering something, often forcefully or with difficulty; the depth or extent to which something has been entered or understood

synonym : infiltration, entry, invasion

(1) **penetration** testing, (2) market **penetration**

The spy's mission was to gather intelligence on enemy territories through covert **penetration**.

codec

n. a device or software algorithm that compresses or decompresses digital audio or video data, allowing for efficient transmission or storage

synonym : compression-decompression algorithm

(1) audio **codec**, (2) video **codec**

The video file could not be played because the necessary **codec** was missing.

browse

v. to shop around in a leisurely and casual way; to look through a book, magazine, Internet, etc., casually and randomly, without seeking anything in particular; (of an animal) to feed on plants

synonym : look around, look through, scan

(1) **browse** a website, (2) **browse** through the text

We **browsed** in a souvenir shop.

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.

adobe

n. a type of sun-dried brick made from clay and straw, commonly used in the Southwestern United States and other arid regions

synonym : brick, clay, mud

(1) **adobe** hut, (2) **adobe** walls

The **adobe** house in New Mexico has stood for over 100 years.

flash

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

synonym : sparkle, gleam, glimmer

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

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

definitely

adv. without any question and beyond doubt; clearly

synonym : absolutely, certainly, indeed

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

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

consume

v. to spend something, especially fuel, energy, or time, in a large amount

synonym : absorb, ingest, use up

(1) **consume** a large of alcohol, (2) **consume** electricity

A smaller car will **consume** less fuel.

denial

n. a statement that something is not true or does not exist

synonym : refusal, rejection, veto

(1) state of **denial**, (2) an absolute **denial**

She gave us a categorical **denial** of the scandal.

insight

n. the ability to gain an accurate and deep understanding of people or situations; an accurate and deep understanding of what something is like

synonym : wisdom, discernment, understanding

(1) a profound **insight**, (2) share my **insights**

We gained various **insights** by analyzing the vast amount of data owned by the company.

slightly

adv. in a small degree or extent; a little

synonym : barely, narrowly, scarcely

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

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

ratio

n. the relative size or amount of one thing to another, typically expressed in the form of a fraction or decimal

synonym : proportion, rate, quota

(1) debt-to-income **ratio**, (2) **ratio** of boys to girls

The **ratio** of water to sugar in the recipe is 1:2.

Session 2: Spelling

1. 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
2. market pen_____on *n.* the act or process of penetrating or entering something, often forcefully or with difficulty; the depth or extent to which something has been entered or understood
3. mobile br_____nd *n.* a type of high-speed internet connection that provides wide bandwidth for faster data transmission; any communication technology that allows high-speed data transfer
4. pen_____on testing *n.* the act or process of penetrating or entering something, often forcefully or with difficulty; the depth or extent to which something has been entered or understood
5. at_____te directly to sales *v.* to say or regard that something is the result of a particular thing; (noun) a quality or feature that someone or something possesses;
6. at_____te the change to their marriage *v.* to say or regard that something is the result of a particular thing; (noun) a quality or feature that someone or something possesses;

ANSWERS: 1. traffic, 2. penetration, 3. broadband, 4. penetration, 5. attribute, 6. attribute

7. ac____e milestones *v.* to successfully complete a task or goal, often through hard work, perseverance, and dedication; to attain or accomplish something that one has set out to do
8. inc_____ly cheerful character *adv.* in a way that is very difficult to believe; exceedingly or extremely
9. early-stage st____up *n.* a newly established company or business
10. ex_____on by injection *n.* the act or process of carrying out a plan, order, or course of action; the act or process of carrying out the death penalty
11. dif_____ial equation *n.* an amount, value, or size of the difference between things that are compared; (adjective) relating to or showing a difference
12. in_____r trading *n.* a person who has privileged access to special or secret information about a particular organization or field
13. private eq____y firm *n.* the value of the shares issued by a company
14. ad_____le enough for the environment *adj.* able or willing to modify or be modified to deal with new situations
15. sl_____ly alkaline soils *adv.* in a small degree or extent; a little
16. inc_____le amount *adj.* unbelievable; enormous
17. ed_____e student *v.* to provide or receive instruction or training over a period of time at a school, university, etc.

ANSWERS: 7. achieve, 8. incredibly, 9. start-up, 10. execution, 11. differential, 12. insider, 13. equity, 14. adaptable, 15. slightly, 16. incredible, 17. educate

18. und_____ed programs *adj.* having insufficient funds to support or carry out an enterprise
19. electronic de___e *n.* a piece of equipment, tool, or technology that serves a particular purpose or function, often mechanical or electronic
20. unb_____ble beauty *adj.* beyond belief or understanding and extremely surprising
21. co_____e electricity *v.* to spend something, especially fuel, energy, or time, in a large amount
22. annual re_____e *n.* the income that a government receives from taxes or that a company earns from its business
23. audio co__c *n.* a device or software algorithm that compresses or decompresses digital audio or video data, allowing for efficient transmission or storage
24. increase tr_____on on ice *n.* the action or ability to pull something along a surface without sliding
25. sp_____ic instructions *adj.* clearly defined or particular to a certain thing or situation; distinct, explicit, and precise
26. pu__h a ticket *v.* to strike someone or something with one's fist; to make a hole in something
27. ex___e rebellion *v.* to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager
28. severely und_____ed *adj.* having insufficient funds to support or carry out an enterprise
29. at inc_____le speed *adj.* unbelievable; enormous

ANSWERS: 18. underfunded, 19. device, 20. unbelievable, 21. consume, 22. revenue, 23. codec, 24. traction, 25. specific, 26. punch, 27. excite, 28. underfunded, 29. incredible

30. share my in_____ts *n.* the ability to gain an accurate and deep understanding of people or situations; an accurate and deep understanding of what something is like
31. new di_____on *n.* a measurable extent of a particular kind, such as width, height, or length
32. develop in_____e itching *adj.* (especially of a feeling) very strong; extremely sharp or severe
33. st_____up business *n.* a newly established company or business
34. ex_____e the crowd *v.* to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager
35. def_____ly become a problem *adv.* without any question and beyond doubt; clearly
36. wo_____p god *v.* to have or show a strong feeling of profound respect and admiration for a religious entity such as God or a god
37. a def_____ve edition *adj.* serving to provide a final solution or to end a situation; final and not able to be changed
38. ov_____me opponents *v.* to succeed in controlling or dealing with something, such as a problem or difficulty; to defeat or overwhelm someone
39. pu__h out numbers *v.* to strike someone or something with one's fist; to make a hole in something
40. company in_____r *n.* a person who has privileged access to special or secret information about a particular organization or field

ANSWERS: 30. insight, 31. dimension, 32. intense, 33. start-up, 34. excite, 35. definitely, 36. worship, 37. definitive, 38. overcome, 39. punch, 40. insider

41. an____ce the award winners *v.* to make something known or officially inform people about something
42. keen per_____on *n.* a belief, opinion, or image you have based on how you regard, understand, or interpret something; the ability to see, hear, or notice something through the senses
43. def_____ve answer *adj.* serving to provide a final solution or to end a situation; final and not able to be changed
44. ad__t fully to the environment *v.* to make fit for or change to suit a new purpose or environment
45. ad_____e a cooperative relationship *v.* to go or move forward; to develop in a positive way
46. lou_____er system *n.* an electronic device that amplifies sound, typically used to address a large audience or to play music or other audio content in public areas
47. abs_____ly obsessed with the girl *adv.* without restriction or limitation; completely or utterly
48. domestic com_____or *n.* a person who participates in a sporting contest; a person or organization that competes with others, particularly in business
49. abs_____ly against *adv.* without restriction or limitation; completely or utterly
50. dif_____ial wages *n.* an amount, value, or size of the difference between things that are compared; (adjective) relating to or showing a difference

ANSWERS: 41. announce, 42. perception, 43. definitive, 44. adapt, 45. advance, 46. loudspeaker, 47. absolutely, 48. competitor, 49. absolutely, 50. differential

51. industry-sp____ic regulations *adj.* clearly defined or particular to a certain thing or situation; distinct, explicit, and precise
52. de____p software *n.* a flat working surface or table that is usually placed on top of a desk, typically used for a computer or other work-related activities
53. 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
54. ac____e success *v.* to successfully complete a task or goal, often through hard work, perseverance, and dedication; to attain or accomplish something that one has set out to do
55. ad__t as needed *v.* to make fit for or change to suit a new purpose or environment
56. copyrighted so____re *n.* a set of computer programs and associated documentation and data for doing particular computational jobs
57. an____ce candidacy *v.* to make something known or officially inform people about something
58. re____on period *n.* a period of economic decline, typically lasting for six months or more, during which trade and industrial activity decrease, and unemployment increases
59. financial in____ves *n.* something, such as a punishment, reward, etc., that encourages a person to do something

ANSWERS: 51. specific, 52. desktop, 53. traffic, 54. achieve, 55. adapt, 56. software, 57. announce, 58. recession, 59. incentive

60. br___e through the text *v.* to shop around in a leisurely and casual way; to look through a book, magazine, Internet, etc., casually and randomly, without seeking anything in particular; (of an animal) to feed on plants
61. eve_____ly become obsolete *adv.* finally, particularly after a long time or a lot of struggle, complications, and so on
62. in_____ct for self-preservation *n.* an inborn behavioral pattern that is often responsive to specific stimuli; an innate feeling that causes you to act or believe that something is true
63. sys_____ic botany *adj.* done or acting according to a determined set of systems or plans:
64. ed_____e public *v.* to provide or receive instruction or training over a period of time at a school, university, etc.
65. a profound in_____t *n.* the ability to gain an accurate and deep understanding of people or situations; an accurate and deep understanding of what something is like
66. recover from a re_____on *n.* a period of economic decline, typically lasting for six months or more, during which trade and industrial activity decrease, and unemployment increases
67. so_____re architect *n.* a set of computer programs and associated documentation and data for doing particular computational jobs
68. video co__c *n.* a device or software algorithm that compresses or decompresses digital audio or video data, allowing for efficient transmission or storage

ANSWERS: 60. browse, 61. eventually, 62. instinct, 63. systematic, 64. educate, 65. insight, 66. recession, 67. software, 68. codec

69. cause unb_____ble damage *adj.* beyond belief or understanding and extremely surprising
70. in_____or lawsuit *n.* someone who puts money or capital into something to gain financial returns
71. un___k a door with a key *v.* to open something, such as a door, window, etc., usually using a key
72. state of de___l *n.* a statement that something is not true or does not exist
73. say def_____ly *adv.* without any question and beyond doubt; clearly
74. ad_____e the technology *v.* to go or move forward; to develop in a positive way
75. co_____e a large of alcohol *v.* to spend something, especially fuel, energy, or time, in a large amount
76. high r___k *n.* a position in a hierarchy of status or authority; (verb) to take or have a position relative to others
77. absolutely wo_____p *v.* to have or show a strong feeling of profound respect and admiration for a religious entity such as God or a god
78. a person of diverse ta_____ts *n.* a natural ability to be good at something; someone who has a natural ability to be good at something
79. d_e rabbit *n.* a mature female of mammals of which the male is called a buck, such as a deer or a rabbit
80. electronic tr_____on *n.* the action or ability to pull something along a surface without sliding

ANSWERS: 69. unbelievable, 70. investor, 71. unlock, 72. denial, 73. definitely, 74. advance, 75. consume, 76. rank, 77. worship, 78. talent, 79. doe, 80. traction

81. eq___y capital market *n.* the value of the shares issued by a company
82. gr_____ed taxation *adj.* having received a degree from a school, college, or university; marked with or divided into levels or degrees
83. aggressive in_____ct *n.* an inborn behavioral pattern that is often responsive to specific stimuli; an innate feeling that causes you to act or believe that something is true
84. debt-to-income ra__o *n.* the relative size or amount of one thing to another, typically expressed in the form of a fraction or decimal
85. tracking de___e *n.* a piece of equipment, tool, or technology that serves a particular purpose or function, often mechanical or electronic
86. an ad_____le person *adj.* able or willing to modify or be modified to deal with new situations
87. a fl__h of lightning *n.* a sudden intense burst of radiant energy; a momentary brightness
88. in_____e heat *adj.* (especially of a feeling) very strong; extremely sharp or severe
89. a real estate in_____or *n.* someone who puts money or capital into something to gain financial returns
90. hour of ent_____ent *n.* public shows, films, television, or other performances or activities of enjoying people
91. an elegant ent_____ent *n.* public shows, films, television, or other performances or activities of enjoying people

ANSWERS: 81. equity, 82. graduated, 83. instinct, 84. ratio, 85. device, 86. adaptable, 87. flash, 88. intense, 89. investor, 90. entertainment, 91. entertainment

92. fiber-optic br_____nd *n.* a type of high-speed internet connection that provides wide bandwidth for faster data transmission; any communication technology that allows high-speed data transfer
93. br___e a website *v.* to shop around in a leisurely and casual way; to look through a book, magazine, Internet, etc., casually and randomly, without seeking anything in particular; (of an animal) to feed on plants
94. un___k value *v.* to open something, such as a door, window, etc., usually using a key
95. ad__e walls *n.* a type of sun-dried brick made from clay and straw, commonly used in the Southwestern United States and other arid regions
96. the crosswise di_____on *n.* a measurable extent of a particular kind, such as width, height, or length
97. raw ta___t *n.* a natural ability to be good at something; someone who has a natural ability to be good at something
98. de_____p wallpaper *n.* a flat working surface or table that is usually placed on top of a desk, typically used for a computer or other work-related activities
99. per_____on of a stimulus *n.* a belief, opinion, or image you have based on how you regard, understand, or interpret something; the ability to see, hear, or notice something through the senses

ANSWERS: 92. broadband, 93. browse, 94. unlock, 95. adobe, 96. dimension, 97. talent, 98. desktop, 99. perception

100. gr_____ed flask *adj.* having received a degree from a school, college, or university; marked with or divided into levels or degrees
101. ra__o of boys to girls *n.* the relative size or amount of one thing to another, typically expressed in the form of a fraction or decimal
102. get inc_____ly insecure *adv.* in a way that is very difficult to believe; exceedingly or extremely
103. compulsory ex_____on *n.* the act or process of carrying out a plan, order, or course of action; the act or process of carrying out the death penalty
104. tax re_____e *n.* the income that a government receives from taxes or that a company earns from its business
105. r__k amateur *n.* a position in a hierarchy of status or authority; (verb) to take or have a position relative to others
106. increase sl_____ly *adv.* in a small degree or extent; a little
107. a sys_____ic reformation *adj.* done or acting according to a determined set of systems or plans:
108. buck and d_e *n.* a mature female of mammals of which the male is called a buck, such as a deer or a rabbit
109. brilliant fl__h *n.* a sudden intense burst of radiant energy; a momentary brightness
110. beat com_____or offer *n.* a person who participates in a sporting contest; a person or organization that competes with others, particularly in business

ANSWERS: 100. graduated, 101. ratio, 102. incredibly, 103. execution, 104. revenue, 105. rank, 106. slightly, 107. systematic, 108. doe, 109. flash, 110. competitor

111. ov____me all difficulties *v.* to succeed in controlling or dealing with something, such as a problem or difficulty; to defeat or overwhelm someone
112. an in_____ve to work hard *n.* something, such as a punishment, reward, etc., that encourages a person to do something
113. an absolute de____l *n.* a statement that something is not true or does not exist
114. wireless lou_____er *n.* an electronic device that amplifies sound, typically used to address a large audience or to play music or other audio content in public areas
115. eve_____ly succeed *adv.* finally, particularly after a long time or a lot of struggle, complications, and so on
116. ad__e hut *n.* a type of sun-dried brick made from clay and straw, commonly used in the Southwestern United States and other arid regions

ANSWERS: 111. overcome, 112. incentive, 113. denial, 114. loudspeaker, 115. eventually, 116. adobe

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. We gained various _____ by analyzing the vast amount of data owned by the company.
 - n.* the ability to gain an accurate and deep understanding of people or situations; an accurate and deep understanding of what something is like

2. The healthcare system is _____ and patients are not receiving the needed treatment.
 - adj.* having insufficient funds to support or carry out an enterprise

3. This graph indicates the city's tourism _____ over five years.
 - n.* the income that a government receives from taxes or that a company earns from its business

4. Hunters use a whistle that makes the ____ sound to lure stags.
 - n.* a mature female of mammals of which the male is called a buck, such as a deer or a rabbit

5. I advised him to _____ to his new surroundings.
 - v.* to make fit for or change to suit a new purpose or environment

6. The teacher spoke through the _____ so that every student could hear the announcement.
 - n.* an electronic device that amplifies sound, typically used to address a large audience or to play music or other audio content in public areas

7. The gap between the company and its _____ has widened.
 - n.* a person who participates in a sporting contest; a person or organization that competes with others, particularly in business

ANSWERS: 1. insights, 2. underfunded, 3. revenue, 4. doe, 5. adapt, 6. loudspeaker, 7. competitors

8. The _____ of water to sugar in the recipe is 1:2.
- n.* the relative size or amount of one thing to another, typically expressed in the form of a fraction or decimal
9. Numerous great professional sports _____ have come from this city.
- n.* a natural ability to be good at something; someone who has a natural ability to be good at something
10. He is a man admired for the depth of his _____.
- n.* a belief, opinion, or image you have based on how you regard, understand, or interpret something; the ability to see, hear, or notice something through the senses
11. The corporation _____ dominated the entire tobacco business.
- adv.* finally, particularly after a long time or a lot of struggle, complications, and so on
12. The study provided _____ proof of the effectiveness of the new drug.
- adj.* serving to provide a final solution or to end a situation; final and not able to be changed
13. They have no _____ to win the game.
- n.* something, such as a punishment, reward, etc., that encourages a person to do something
14. He's a Wall Street _____ with a lot of valuable information.
- n.* a person who has privileged access to special or secret information about a particular organization or field
15. He _____ the disappointing results to the economic downturn.
- v.* to say or regard that something is the result of a particular thing; (noun) a quality or feature that someone or something possesses;

ANSWERS: 8. ratio, 9. talents, 10. perception, 11. eventually, 12. definitive, 13. incentive, 14. insider, 15. attributes

16. He moved his body _____ to the left.

adv. in a small degree or extent; a little

17. I need to upgrade my Internet plan to get faster _____ speeds.

n. a type of high-speed internet connection that provides wide bandwidth for faster data transmission; any communication technology that allows high-speed data transfer

18. Her response revealed _____ idiocy.

adj. unbelievable; enormous

19. The paper is _____ worth reading thoroughly.

adv. without any question and beyond doubt; clearly

20. He drinks an _____ amount of beer.

adj. beyond belief or understanding and extremely surprising

21. His leg was in _____ for weeks after the accident.

n. the action or ability to pull something along a surface without sliding

22. The news of her promotion _____ her.

v. to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager

23. The scientist conducted a study that provided _____ details about the species' behavior.

adj. clearly defined or particular to a certain thing or situation; distinct, explicit, and precise

24. Institutional _____ refrained from buying stocks amid the booming economy.

n. someone who puts money or capital into something to gain financial returns

ANSWERS: 16. slightly, 17. broadband, 18. incredible, 19. definitely, 20. unbelievable, 21. traction, 22. excited, 23. specific, 24. investors

25. They traditionally _____ their guru.

- v.* to have or show a strong feeling of profound respect and admiration for a religious entity such as God or a god

26. That statement by the prime minister drew _____ international criticism.

- adj.* (especially of a feeling) very strong; extremely sharp or severe

27. Our company's services are targeted at _____ executives.

- n.* a newly established company or business

28. That company is cautious when it comes to _____ investment.

- n.* the value of the shares issued by a company

29. The video file could not be played because the necessary _____ was missing.

- n.* a device or software algorithm that compresses or decompresses digital audio or video data, allowing for efficient transmission or storage

30. I will work hard to _____ my goals and realize my dreams.

- v.* to successfully complete a task or goal, often through hard work, perseverance, and dedication; to attain or accomplish something that one has set out to do

31. The school's mission is to _____ young children and prepare them for the future.

- v.* to provide or receive instruction or training over a period of time at a school, university, etc.

32. The customs officer required the traveler to _____ his suitcase.

- v.* to open something, such as a door, window, etc., usually using a key

ANSWERS: 25. worship, 26. intense, 27. start-up, 28. equity, 29. codec, 30. achieve, 31. educate, 32. unlock

33. Overall _____ are approximately 400x200mm.

n. a measurable extent of a particular kind, such as width, height, or length

34. The spy's mission was to gather intelligence on enemy territories through covert _____.

n. the act or process of penetrating or entering something, often forcefully or with difficulty; the depth or extent to which something has been entered or understood

35. 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

36. She gave us a categorical _____ of the scandal.

n. a statement that something is not true or does not exist

37. He tried to _____ a bad reputation and win the election.

v. to succeed in controlling or dealing with something, such as a problem or difficulty; to defeat or overwhelm someone

38. We seek a candidate who possesses _____ fighting potential.

adj. able or willing to modify or be modified to deal with new situations

39. Science is based on the _____ classification of experience.

adj. done or acting according to a determined set of systems or plans:

40. Scientific knowledge will _____ significantly with the power of AI.

v. to go or move forward; to develop in a positive way

ANSWERS: 33. dimensions, 34. penetration, 35. graduated, 36. denial, 37. overcome, 38. adaptable, 39. systematic, 40. advance

41. These heavy rains caused _____ floods on several islands.
n. a sudden intense burst of radiant energy; a momentary brightness
42. The company specializes in both hardware and _____.
n. a set of computer programs and associated documentation and data for doing particular computational jobs
43. He was promoted to the _____ of captain in the military.
n. a position in a hierarchy of status or authority; (verb) to take or have a position relative to others
44. The two countries pledged to maintain the _____ between their two currencies.
n. an amount, value, or size of the difference between things that are compared; (adjective) relating to or showing a difference
45. A smaller car will _____ less fuel.
v. to spend something, especially fuel, energy, or time, in a large amount
46. The hotel is famous for its _____ including the casino.
n. public shows, films, television, or other performances or activities of enjoying people
47. The country is facing a _____ with high unemployment and low GDP.
n. a period of economic decline, typically lasting for six months or more, during which trade and industrial activity decrease, and unemployment increases
48. The _____ house in New Mexico has stood for over 100 years.
n. a type of sun-dried brick made from clay and straw, commonly used in the Southwestern United States and other arid regions

ANSWERS: 41. flash, 42. software, 43. rank, 44. differential, 45. consume, 46. entertainment, 47. recession, 48. adobe

49. 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
50. The _____ of the plan was flawless, resulting in a record-breaking profit for the company.
- n.* the act or process of carrying out a plan, order, or course of action; the act or process of carrying out the death penalty
51. The third season of the anime show has been _____.
- v.* to make something known or officially inform people about something
52. I need to upgrade my _____ computer since it's become quite slow.
- n.* a flat working surface or table that is usually placed on top of a desk, typically used for a computer or other work-related activities
53. When faced with a dangerous situation, his initial _____ was to flee.
- n.* an inborn behavioral pattern that is often responsive to specific stimuli; an innate feeling that causes you to act or believe that something is true
54. I always carry a backup _____ in case my phone runs out of battery.
- n.* a piece of equipment, tool, or technology that serves a particular purpose or function, often mechanical or electronic
55. I am _____ opposed to his idea because of morality.
- adv.* without restriction or limitation; completely or utterly
56. He _____ the wall in anger.
- v.* to strike someone or something with one's fist; to make a hole in something

ANSWERS: 49. traffic, 50. execution, 51. announced, 52. desktop, 53. instinct, 54. device, 55. absolutely, 56. punched

57. We _____ in a souvenir shop.

- v.* to shop around in a leisurely and casual way; to look through a book, magazine, Internet, etc., casually and randomly, without seeking anything in particular; (of an animal) to feed on plants

58. Several cities are experiencing _____ high unemployment rates.

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

ANSWERS: 57. browsed, 58. incredibly