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Session 1: Word List

context

n. the circumstances, facts, or conditions that surround a particular event, situation, or statement and that give it meaning

synonym: background, setting, environment

(1) historical **context**, (2) legal **context**

It's important to understand the **context** of a situation before making a decision.

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.

mud

n. a soft, wet, sticky earth or clay

synonym: muck, sludge, ooze

(1) **mud** wall, (2) **mud** volcano

The **mud** of the swamp made it difficult to walk through the field.

trap

n. a piece of equipment or hole for catching animals or people; (verb) to catch animals or people and prevent them from escaping

synonym : catch, snare, pinfall

(1) set a **trap**, (2) **trap** an animal

The enemy fell right into the **trap**.

shortcut

n. an alternative route shorter or quicker than the usual one

synonym : bypass, cutoff, alternative

(1) take a **shortcut**, (2) keyboard **shortcuts**

There is no **shortcut** to success.

desire

n. a strong feeling of wanting to have or do something

synonym : ambition, appetite, greed

(1) unsatisfied **desire**, (2) fleshly **desire**

Low sexual **desire** typically correlates with low testosterone levels.

resistance

n. the act of defending oneself from an aggressor or refusing to accept something

synonym : opposition, antagonism, defiance

(1) **resistance** movement, (2) **resistance** to insulin

The bill to increase the consumption tax had passed despite much **resistance** from the public.

fascinating

adj. extremely interesting

synonym : alluring, intriguing, captivating

(1) **fascinating** story, (2) completely **fascinating** to me

The museum houses a **fascinating** collection of Celtic artifacts.

diverge

v. to move or extend in different directions from a common point; to branch off or deviate from a path or course

synonym : separate, split, part

(1) **diverge** from tradition, (2) **diverge** from the main topic

As tectonic plates **diverge**, new oceanic crust is formed along mid-ocean ridges.

apologize

v. to express regret for committing wrongdoing or causing a problem

synonym : excuse, justify, atone

(1) **apologize** for being late, (2) **apologize** ahead of time

I **apologize** for neglecting your email.

launch

v. to send or propel something into the air or space using a device such as a rocket, missile, or spacecraft; to make something available or on sale for the first time

synonym : start, initiate, begin

(1) **launch** a spaceship into orbit, (2) **launch** a big attack

The company is set to **launch** its new product line next month.

friction

n. the force that opposes motion between two objects in contact, especially by producing heat and wear, and is proportional to the normal force between the objects

synonym : rub, scrape, resistance

(1) **friction** force, (2) surface **friction**

The **friction** between the two countries was causing tension.

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.

government

n. the group of people with authority to control a country or state

synonym : administration, regime, state

(1) **government** bureaucracy, (2) **government** funding

The federal **government** is planning to increase taxes for the next fiscal year.

cockpit

n. the area in an aircraft or spacecraft from which the pilot controls the aircraft or spacecraft

synonym : flight deck, control room, bridge

(1) navigator's **cockpit**, (2) **cockpit** ship

The pilot sat in the **cockpit** of the airplane.

zoom

v. to move along very quickly; (noun) the act of rising upward into the air

synonym: move quickly, dive, buzz

(1) **zoom** in on a photo, (2) **zoom** lens

He **zoomed** back in time to the soccer game.

future-proof

adj. designed or developed in a way that it can continue to be relevant and functional in the future, despite potential changes or advancements in technology, society, or other factors; (verb) to take steps to ensure that something will remain useful or relevant in the future, especially in the context of technology or business

synonym: sustainable, resilient, adaptable

(1) **future-proof** technology, (2) **future-proof** our business model

The new building has been constructed to be **future-proof**, with flexible and adaptable spaces.

walkway

n. a path or trail for people to walk on, typically in a park or garden

synonym: pathway, footpath, trail

(1) install a **walkway**, (2) **walkway** bridge

The **walkway** through the park was a popular spot for joggers and walkers.

pave

v. to cover something with a hard, flat material such as stones, bricks, or concrete, to make it suitable for travel or use

synonym: surface, coat, cover

(1) **pave** a new path, (2) **pave** a smoother road

They **paved** the courtyard with bricks, giving it a more polished appearance.

lane

n. a narrow road in the countryside; a well-defined track or path for someone such as a swimmer or driver

synonym : roadway, street, artery

(1) **lane** change, (2) first **lane**

We walked along a muddy **lane** to reach the farm.

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.

pedestrian

n. a person who is in the street, especially in an area where vehicles go

synonym : walker, footer

(1) **pedestrian** accident, (2) **pedestrian** safety

A **pedestrian** is an uncommon sight in this area.

accident

n. an unfortunate event, especially one causing damage or injury

synonym : calamity, casualty, chance

(1) cause an **accident**, (2) injury in a car **accident**

The **accident** partially destroyed my vehicle.

resourceful

adj. showing creativity and ability to find quick and practical solutions to problems

synonym : inventive, imaginative, clever

(1) **resourceful** thinker, (2) **resourceful** cook in town

She was **resourceful** and found a solution to the problem on her own.

frustrate

v. to hinder or prevent efforts, plans, or desires from doing, succeeding, or being fulfilled; to make someone feel upset or annoyed because they are unable to change or achieve something

synonym : hinder, thwart, dishearten

(1) **frustrate** the advancement, (2) **frustrate** other team

members

The coach explained a strategy to **frustrate** the opponent's schemes to the players.

confront

v. to face, meet or deal with a problem or difficult situation or person

synonym: engage, encounter, contend

(1) **confront** a global warming, (2) **confront** the issue

He finally decided to **confront** problems directly.

obligatory

adj. required by a rule, law, or social convention; compulsory

synonym: mandatory, required, compulsory

(1) **obligatory** audit, (2) an **obligatory** subject

Attending the meeting was **obligatory** for all employees.

duty-free

adj. referring to goods or items that can be bought without paying certain taxes or duties, usually when entering or leaving a country, often available in airports, seaports, or specifically designated areas

synonym: tax-free, duty exempt, excise-free

(1) **duty-free** shopping, (2) **duty-free** zone

During my vacation, I bought several **duty-free** items from the airport shops.

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.

refuse

v. to show that one is not willing to do or accept something

synonym: turn down, deny, decline

(1) **refuse** a request, (2) **refuse** the company

My initial reaction was to **refuse**.

meander

v. to wander or roam aimlessly or leisurely; to follow a winding or circuitous course, as a river or road

synonym : wander, zigzag, twist

(1) **meander** down the river, (2) **meander** aimlessly

We decided to **meander** through the park and enjoy the scenery.

fantastic

adj. extremely good; excellent

synonym : incredible, unbelievable, marvelous

(1) a **fantastic** dress, (2) absolutely **fantastic** event

The new amusement park ride was **fantastic**, with twists, turns, and drops that left riders screaming with excitement.

spot

n. a particular location or place; a small round or roundish area, differing in color or feels from the surface around it

synonym : dot, mark, place

(1) beauty **spot**, (2) a **spot** on his honor

This remote **spot** is rarely visited.

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.

straw

n. dry stalks of cereal plants used as fodder, fuel, basket, etc.

synonym : hay, stalk, reed

(1) **straw** basket, (2) rice **straw**

The **straw** hat protected her face from the sun while she worked in the fields.

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.

whiteboard

n. a smooth, hard writing surface, typically white, that can be written on with dry-erase markers and easily erased

(1) **whiteboard** marker, (2) **whiteboard** animation

Let's brainstorm ideas on the **whiteboard** for the new project.

chain

n. a series of connected links or objects; a system or group of interconnected elements; a restraint or shackle

synonym: series, string, link

(1) **chain** reaction, (2) supply **chain**

The **chain** on my bike broke, leaving me stranded.

efficient

adj. performing at the highest level of productivity with the least wasted effort or resources; capable of achieving maximum output with minimum wasted effort, time, or materials

synonym: productive, effective, competent

(1) **efficient** operation, (2) energy- **efficient** appliances

The new washing machine is much more **efficient** than the old one.

flux

n. the state of constantly changing or flowing; the rate of flow of energy or particles across a particular place

synonym: flow, change, motion

(1) **flux** density, (2) **flux** of particles

The town's population was in **flux**, with many people moving in and out.

oncology

n. the branch of medicine that deals with the study and treatment of tumors, especially malignancies

synonym: cancer treatment, study of tumors

(1) **oncology** center, (2) modern **oncology** treatment

The pharmaceutical company unveiled its latest breakthrough drug for the **oncology** market.

patient

n. a person who is receiving medical treatment, care, or attention from a healthcare professional, such as a doctor, nurse, or therapist; a personal quality or characteristic

synonym : client, recipient, subject

(1) **patient** in the hospital, (2) **patient** with weight loss

The doctor carefully examined the **patient's** medical history.

chemotherapy

n. the treatment of disease, particularly cancer, using special drugs that have a toxic effect on cancer cells; frequently used in conjunction with other therapies such as surgery and radiation

synonym : anticancer treatment, radiotherapy, immunotherapy

(1) **chemotherapy** regimen, (2) **chemotherapy** side effects

Many cancer patients undergo **chemotherapy** as a treatment option.

nauseous

adj. causing a feeling of nausea or sickness, often due to an unpleasant taste or smell; affected by a feeling of nausea or discomfort

synonym : sickening, queasy, abhorrent

(1) become **nauseous**, (2) **nauseous** stomach

The smell of the fish made me feel **nauseous**.

diagonally

adv. in an oblique or slanted direction or manner; at an angle between horizontal and vertical

synonym : obliquely, slantwise, askew

(1) **diagonally** opposite, (2) cut **diagonally**

I walked **diagonally** across the field to reach the other side faster.

chemo

n. short for chemotherapy, a treatment for cancer that uses drugs to destroy cancer cells

synonym : chemotherapy, antineoplastic

(1) **chemo** patient, (2) **chemo-radiotherapy**

The side effects of **chemo**, such as nausea and hair loss, were a major concern for the patient.

- trail** *n.* a path or track roughly through a countryside, mountain, or forest area, often made or used for a particular purpose; (verb) to lag or linger behind
synonym : footpath, track, course
(1) a warm **trail**, (2) follow the **trail**
The storm left a **trail** of destruction behind it.
- origin** *n.* the first existence or beginning of something
synonym : root, source, ancestor
(1) **origin** of information, (2) racial **origin**
There are various hypotheses concerning the **origin** of life.
- turf** *n.* a layer of grass and soil covering a particular area of land, especially used as a playing surface in sports or as a lawn
synonym : territory, ground, land
(1) artificial **turf**, (2) **turf** battle
The soccer players fought for control of the **turf** during the game.
- ignore** *v.* to intentionally not listen or pay attention to
synonym : neglect, disregard, shun
(1) **ignore** her advice, (2) **ignore** a ban
Since independence, the area has been completely **ignored**.
- emerging** *adj.* starting to exist, mature, or become well-known
synonym : arising, occurring, state-of-the-art
(1) **emerging** country, (2) **emerging** technologies
Emerging technologies have dramatically improved productivity in various industries.
- mighty** *adj.* very large, powerful, or strong
synonym : potent, powerful, robust
(1) **mighty** works, (2) struck a **mighty** blow
Only the **mighty** God has the power to brighten this dark land.

arsenal

n. a collection of weapons or military equipment stored in preparation for war or conflict; a collection of resources or tools available for use in a particular field or endeavor

synonym : storage, stockpile, armory

(1) **arsenal** of knowledge, (2) political **arsenal**

The police found a hidden **arsenal** of weapons in the suspect's house.

stadium

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

synonym : arena, field, park

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

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

underground

adj. under the surface of the ground; a secret group organized to achieve a specific purpose, such as overthrowing the government or occupying a force

synonym : subterranean, subsurface, confidential

(1) water flowing **underground**, (2) **underground** activist

Having **underground** parking has been very beneficial throughout the winter.

construct

v. to build or create something; to assemble or combine different parts to form something whole

synonym : build, assemble, create

(1) **construct** a 3D image, (2) **construct** a dam

He **constructs** hypotheses that no mathematician has ever imagined before.

appropriate

adj. suitable or proper in the circumstances; fitting

synonym : fitting, suitable, proper

(1) **appropriate** behavior, (2) an **appropriate** time

It would be **appropriate** to dress nicely for the wedding.

install

v. to fix furniture, a machine, or a piece of equipment into position so that it can be used; put into an office or a

position

synonym: establish, inaugurate, lodge

(1) **install** a door, (2) **install** a chairperson

The new president was **installed** immediately after the national election.

barrier

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

synonym: border, barricade, fence

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

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

constantly

adv. all the time

synonym: continuously, always, frequently

(1) a **constantly** innovative enterprise, (2) a **constantly** varying mind

The mobile application industry is **constantly** changing.

empathy

n. the ability to share another person's feelings or experiences by imagining that person's situation

synonym: compassion, sympathy, tenderness

(1) full of **empathy**, (2) **empathy** for patients

Empathy is also necessary to understand history.

indicator

n. something that shows or points out what a situation is like or how a situation is changing

synonym: barometer, signal, index

(1) **indicator** lamp, (2) performance **indicators**

Several IT millionaires have shown that the level of education is a relatively poor **indicator** of whether a business can be successfully run.

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.

Session 2: Spelling

1. ch__n reaction *n.* a series of connected links or objects; a system or group of interconnected elements; a restraint or shackle
2. res_____ul cook in town *adj.* showing creativity and ability to find quick and practical solutions to problems
3. re___e a request *v.* to show that one is not willing to do or accept something
4. modern on_____gy treatment *n.* the branch of medicine that deals with the study and treatment of tumors, especially malignancies
5. na_____us stomach *adj.* causing a feeling of nausea or sickness, often due to an unpleasant taste or smell; affected by a feeling of nausea or discomfort
6. z__m in on a photo *v.* to move along very quickly; (noun) the act of rising upward into the air
7. in_____l a chairperson *v.* to fix furniture, a machine, or a piece of equipment into position so that it can be used; put into an office or a position
8. che_____apy regimen *n.* the treatment of disease, particularly cancer, using special drugs that have a toxic effect on cancer cells; frequently used in conjunction with other therapies such as surgery and radiation
9. take a sh_____ut *n.* an alternative route shorter or quicker than the usual one

ANSWERS: 1. chain, 2. resourceful, 3. refuse, 4. oncology, 5. nauseous, 6. zoom, 7. install, 8. chemotherapy, 9. shortcut

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| 10. unsatisfied de___e | <i>n.</i> a strong feeling of wanting to have or do something |
| 11. ch__o-radiotherapy | <i>n.</i> short for chemotherapy, a treatment for cancer that uses drugs to destroy cancer cells |
| 12. st__w basket | <i>n.</i> dry stalks of cereal plants used as fodder, fuel, basket, etc. |
| 13. cut dia_____ly | <i>adv.</i> in an oblique or slanted direction or manner; at an angle between horizontal and vertical |
| 14. gov_____nt bureaucracy | <i>n.</i> the group of people with authority to control a country or state |
| 15. inc_____ly cheerful character | <i>adv.</i> in a way that is very difficult to believe; exceedingly or extremely |
| 16. install a wa_____y | <i>n.</i> a path or trail for people to walk on, typically in a park or garden |
| 17. ar_____l of knowledge | <i>n.</i> a collection of weapons or military equipment stored in preparation for war or conflict; a collection of resources or tools available for use in a particular field or endeavor |
| 18. on_____gy center | <i>n.</i> the branch of medicine that deals with the study and treatment of tumors, especially malignancies |
| 19. fleshly de___e | <i>n.</i> a strong feeling of wanting to have or do something |
| 20. political ar_____l | <i>n.</i> a collection of weapons or military equipment stored in preparation for war or conflict; a collection of resources or tools available for use in a particular field or endeavor |

ANSWERS: 10. desire, 11. chemo, 12. straw, 13. diagonally, 14. government, 15. incredibly, 16. walkway, 17. arsenal, 18. oncology, 19. desire, 20. arsenal

21. a s__t on his honor *n.* a particular location or place; a small round or roundish area, differing in color or feels from the surface around it
22. struck a mi___y blow *adj.* very large, powerful, or strong
23. f__x of particles *n.* the state of constantly changing or flowing; the rate of flow of energy or particles across a particular place
24. se_____ly connected *adv.* used to introduce the second point or item in a list or series of statements, considerations, etc.
25. ch__o patient *n.* short for chemotherapy, a treatment for cancer that uses drugs to destroy cancer cells
26. di_____e from the main topic *v.* to move or extend in different directions from a common point; to branch off or deviate from a path or course
27. che_____apy side effects *n.* the treatment of disease, particularly cancer, using special drugs that have a toxic effect on cancer cells; frequently used in conjunction with other therapies such as surgery and radiation
28. st_____m seating *n.* a large, usually roofless building with tiers of seats for spectators at sports or other events
29. performance in_____ors *n.* something that shows or points out what a situation is like or how a situation is changing
30. the most am_____g feeling *adj.* extremely surprising, especially in a way that you like or admire

ANSWERS: 21. spot, 22. mighty, 23. flux, 24. secondly, 25. chemo, 26. diverge, 27. chemotherapy, 28. stadium, 29. indicator, 30. amazing

31. di____e from tradition *v.* to move or extend in different directions from a common point; to branch off or deviate from a path or course
32. ef_____nt operation *adj.* performing at the highest level of productivity with the least wasted effort or resources; capable of achieving maximum output with minimum wasted effort, time, or materials
33. ap_____ze for being late *v.* to express regret for committing wrongdoing or causing a problem
34. whi_____rd marker *n.* a smooth, hard writing surface, typically white, that can be written on with dry-erase markers and easily erased
35. ig___e a ban *v.* to intentionally not listen or pay attention to
36. absolutely fa_____ic event *adj.* extremely good; excellent
37. racial or___n *n.* the first existence or beginning of something
38. l__e change *n.* a narrow road in the countryside; a well-defined track or path for someone such as a swimmer or driver
39. a con_____ly varying mind *adv.* all the time
40. co_____t ship *n.* the area in an aircraft or spacecraft from which the pilot controls the aircraft or spacecraft
41. st_____m capacity *n.* a large, usually roofless building with tiers of seats for spectators at sports or other events

ANSWERS: 31. diverge, 32. efficient, 33. apologize, 34. whiteboard, 35. ignore, 36. fantastic, 37. origin, 38. lane, 39. constantly, 40. cockpit, 41. stadium

42. historical co_____t *n.* the circumstances, facts, or conditions that surround a particular event, situation, or statement and that give it meaning
43. am_____g advances *adj.* extremely surprising, especially in a way that you like or admire
44. information ba_____r *n.* a fence or other obstruction that makes it hard to move or get in; any condition that makes it difficult to make progress or to achieve an objective
45. re___e the company *v.* to show that one is not willing to do or accept something
46. water flowing und_____nd *adj.* under the surface of the ground; a secret group organized to achieve a specific purpose, such as overthrowing the government or occupying a force
47. ig___e her advice *v.* to intentionally not listen or pay attention to
48. become na_____us *adj.* causing a feeling of nausea or sickness, often due to an unpleasant taste or smell; affected by a feeling of nausea or discomfort
49. fas_____ng story *adj.* extremely interesting
50. mi___y works *adj.* very large, powerful, or strong
51. co_____ct a 3D image *v.* to build or create something; to assemble or combine different parts to form something whole
52. app_____te behavior *adj.* suitable or proper in the circumstances; fitting

ANSWERS: 42. context, 43. amazing, 44. barrier, 45. refuse, 46. underground, 47. ignore, 48. nauseous, 49. fascinating, 50. mighty, 51. construct, 52. appropriate

53. res_____ce to insulin *n.* the act of defending oneself from an aggressor or refusing to accept something
54. cost ba_____r *n.* a fence or other obstruction that makes it hard to move or get in; any condition that makes it difficult to make progress or to achieve an objective
55. 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
56. sl_____ly alkaline soils *adv.* in a small degree or extent; a little
57. ap_____ze ahead of time *v.* to express regret for committing wrongdoing or causing a problem
58. first l___e *n.* a narrow road in the countryside; a well-defined track or path for someone such as a swimmer or driver
59. injury in a car ac_____nt *n.* an unfortunate event, especially one causing damage or injury
60. follow the tr___l *n.* a path or track roughly through a countryside, mountain, or forest area, often made or used for a particular purpose; (verb) to lag or linger behind
61. keyboard sh_____uts *n.* an alternative route shorter or quicker than the usual one
62. fr_____te the advancement *v.* to hinder or prevent efforts, plans, or desires from doing, succeeding, or being fulfilled; to make someone feel upset or annoyed because they are unable to change or achieve something

ANSWERS: 53. resistance, 54. barrier, 55. traffic, 56. slightly, 57. apologize, 58. lane, 59. accident, 60. trail, 61. shortcut, 62. frustrate

63. in_____l a door *v.* to fix furniture, a machine, or a piece of equipment into position so that it can be used; put into an office or a position
64. obl_____ry audit *adj.* required by a rule, law, or social convention; compulsory
65. fut_____oof our business model *adj.* designed or developed in a way that it can continue to be relevant and functional in the future, despite potential changes or advancements in technology, society, or other factors; (verb) to take steps to ensure that something will remain useful or relevant in the future, especially in the context of technology or business
66. dia_____ly opposite *adv.* in an oblique or slanted direction or manner; at an angle between horizontal and vertical
67. me_____r aimlessly *v.* to wander or roam aimlessly or leisurely; to follow a winding or circuitous course, as a river or road
68. und_____nd activist *adj.* under the surface of the ground; a secret group organized to achieve a specific purpose, such as overthrowing the government or occupying a force
69. la____h a spaceship into orbit *v.* to send or propel something into the air or space using a device such as a rocket, missile, or spacecraft; to make something available or on sale for the first time
70. pa_____t with weight loss *n.* a person who is receiving medical treatment, care, or attention from a healthcare professional, such as a doctor, nurse, or therapist; a personal quality or characteristic

ANSWERS: 63. install, 64. obligatory, 65. future-proof, 66. diagonally, 67. meander, 68. underground, 69. launch, 70. patient

71. a con_____ly innovative enterprise *adv.* all the time
72. 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
73. p__e a new path *v.* to cover something with a hard, flat material such as stones, bricks, or concrete, to make it suitable for travel or use
74. supply ch__n *n.* a series of connected links or objects; a system or group of interconnected elements; a restraint or shackle
75. increase sl_____ly *adv.* in a small degree or extent; a little
76. la___h a big attack *v.* to send or propel something into the air or space using a device such as a rocket, missile, or spacecraft; to make something available or on sale for the first time
77. whi_____rd animation *n.* a smooth, hard writing surface, typically white, that can be written on with dry-erase markers and easily erased
78. get inc_____ly insecure *adv.* in a way that is very difficult to believe; exceedingly or extremely
79. fr_____on force *n.* the force that opposes motion between two objects in contact, especially by producing heat and wear, and is proportional to the normal force between the objects

ANSWERS: 71. constantly, 72. traffic, 73. pave, 74. chain, 75. slightly, 76. launch, 77. whiteboard, 78. incredibly, 79. friction

80. m_d volcano *n.* a soft, wet, sticky earth or clay
81. lo___e a tumor *v.* to specify or determine the exact position of someone or something
82. an obl_____ry subject *adj.* required by a rule, law, or social convention; compulsory
83. fr_____te other team members *v.* to hinder or prevent efforts, plans, or desires from doing, succeeding, or being fulfilled; to make someone feel upset or annoyed because they are unable to change or achieve something
84. fut_____oof technology *adj.* designed or developed in a way that it can continue to be relevant and functional in the future, despite potential changes or advancements in technology, society, or other factors; (verb) to take steps to ensure that something will remain useful or relevant in the future, especially in the context of technology or business
85. f__x density *n.* the state of constantly changing or flowing; the rate of flow of energy or particles across a particular place
86. t__f battle *n.* a layer of grass and soil covering a particular area of land, especially used as a playing surface in sports or as a lawn
87. p__e a smoother road *v.* to cover something with a hard, flat material such as stones, bricks, or concrete, to make it suitable for travel or use

ANSWERS: 80. mud, 81. locate, 82. obligatory, 83. frustrate, 84. future-proof, 85. flux, 86. turf, 87. pave

88. wa____y bridge *n.* a path or trail for people to walk on, typically in a park or garden
89. em____y for patients *n.* the ability to share another person's feelings or experiences by imagining that person's situation
90. a warm tr__l *n.* a path or track roughly through a countryside, mountain, or forest area, often made or used for a particular purpose; (verb) to lag or linger behind
91. a fa_____ic dress *adj.* extremely good; excellent
92. res_____ce movement *n.* the act of defending oneself from an aggressor or refusing to accept something
93. abs_____ly obsessed with the girl *adv.* without restriction or limitation; completely or utterly
94. me_____r down the river *v.* to wander or roam aimlessly or leisurely; to follow a winding or circuitous course, as a river or road
95. rice st__w *n.* dry stalks of cereal plants used as fodder, fuel, basket, etc.
96. z__m lens *v.* to move along very quickly; (noun) the act of rising upward into the air
97. legal co_____t *n.* the circumstances, facts, or conditions that surround a particular event, situation, or statement and that give it meaning
98. an app_____te time *adj.* suitable or proper in the circumstances; fitting

ANSWERS: 88. walkway, 89. empathy, 90. trail, 91. fantastic, 92. resistance, 93. absolutely, 94. meander, 95. straw, 96. zoom, 97. context, 98. appropriate

99. pa____t in the hospital
n. a person who is receiving medical treatment, care, or attention from a healthcare professional, such as a doctor, nurse, or therapist; a personal quality or characteristic
100. res____ul thinker
adj. showing creativity and ability to find quick and practical solutions to problems
101. ped____an safety
n. a person who is in the street, especially in an area where vehicles go
102. co____nt the issue
v. to face, meet or deal with a problem or difficult situation or person
103. ped____an accident
n. a person who is in the street, especially in an area where vehicles go
104. set a t__p
n. a piece of equipment or hole for catching animals or people; (verb) to catch animals or people and prevent them from escaping
105. or____n of information
n. the first existence or beginning of something
106. abs____ly against
adv. without restriction or limitation; completely or utterly
107. se____ly, it is important
adv. used to introduce the second point or item in a list or series of statements, considerations, etc.
108. t__p an animal
n. a piece of equipment or hole for catching animals or people; (verb) to catch animals or people and prevent them from escaping

ANSWERS: 99. patient, 100. resourceful, 101. pedestrian, 102. confront, 103. pedestrian, 104. trap, 105. origin, 106. absolutely, 107. secondly, 108. trap

109. em____ng technologies *adj.* starting to exist, mature, or become well-known
110. co_____ct a dam *v.* to build or create something; to assemble or combine different parts to form something whole
111. artificial t__f *n.* a layer of grass and soil covering a particular area of land, especially used as a playing surface in sports or as a lawn
112. em____ng country *adj.* starting to exist, mature, or become well-known
113. full of em____y *n.* the ability to share another person's feelings or experiences by imagining that person's situation
114. du_____ee shopping *adj.* referring to goods or items that can be bought without paying certain taxes or duties, usually when entering or leaving a country, often available in airports, seaports, or specifically designated areas
115. surface fr____on *n.* the force that opposes motion between two objects in contact, especially by producing heat and wear, and is proportional to the normal force between the objects
116. m_d wall *n.* a soft, wet, sticky earth or clay
117. navigator's co_____t *n.* the area in an aircraft or spacecraft from which the pilot controls the aircraft or spacecraft

ANSWERS: 109. emerging, 110. construct, 111. turf, 112. emerging, 113. empathy, 114. duty-free, 115. friction, 116. mud, 117. cockpit

118. lo___e a missing pet *v.* to specify or determine the exact position of someone or something
119. co_____nt a global warming *v.* to face, meet or deal with a problem or difficult situation or person
120. du_____ee zone *adj.* referring to goods or items that can be bought without paying certain taxes or duties, usually when entering or leaving a country, often available in airports, seaports, or specifically designated areas
121. in_____or lamp *n.* something that shows or points out what a situation is like or how a situation is changing
122. completely fas_____ng to me *adj.* extremely interesting
123. gov_____nt funding *n.* the group of people with authority to control a country or state
124. beauty s__t *n.* a particular location or place; a small round or roundish area, differing in color or feels from the surface around it
125. cause an ac_____nt *n.* an unfortunate event, especially one causing damage or injury
126. energy-ef_____nt appliances *adj.* performing at the highest level of productivity with the least wasted effort or resources; capable of achieving maximum output with minimum wasted effort, time, or materials

ANSWERS: 118. locate, 119. confront, 120. duty-free, 121. indicator, 122. fascinating, 123. government, 124. spot, 125. accident, 126. efficient

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. I am _____ opposed to his idea because of morality.

adv. without restriction or limitation; completely or utterly

2. The new building has been constructed to be _____ with flexible and adaptable spaces.

adj. designed or developed in a way that it can continue to be relevant and functional in the future, despite potential changes or advancements in technology, society, or other factors; (verb) to take steps to ensure that something will remain useful or relevant in the future, especially in the context of technology or business

3. The golfer recorded an _____ distance.

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

4. The federal _____ is planning to increase taxes for the next fiscal year.

n. the group of people with authority to control a country or state

5. The museum houses a _____ collection of Celtic artifacts.

adj. extremely interesting

6. The bill to increase the consumption tax had passed despite much _____ from the public.

n. the act of defending oneself from an aggressor or refusing to accept something

7. The _____ through the park was a popular spot for joggers and walkers.

n. a path or trail for people to walk on, typically in a park or garden

ANSWERS: 1. absolutely, 2. future-proof, 3. amazing, 4. government, 5. fascinating, 6. resistance, 7. walkway

8. The storm left a _____ of destruction behind it.
n. a path or track roughly through a countryside, mountain, or forest area, often made or used for a particular purpose; (verb) to lag or linger behind
9. I walked _____ across the field to reach the other side faster.
adv. in an oblique or slanted direction or manner; at an angle between horizontal and vertical
10. She was _____ and found a solution to the problem on her own.
adj. showing creativity and ability to find quick and practical solutions to problems
11. The robot can accurately _____ construction material.
v. to specify or determine the exact position of someone or something
12. The ____ of the swamp made it difficult to walk through the field.
n. a soft, wet, sticky earth or clay
13. He moved his body _____ to the left.
adv. in a small degree or extent; a little
14. As tectonic plates _____ new oceanic crust is formed along mid-ocean ridges.
v. to move or extend in different directions from a common point; to branch off or deviate from a path or course
15. This remote _____ is rarely visited.
n. a particular location or place; a small round or roundish area, differing in color or feels from the surface around it

ANSWERS: 8. trail, 9. diagonally, 10. resourceful, 11. locate, 12. mud, 13. slightly, 14. diverge, 15. spot

16. Many cancer patients undergo _____ as a treatment option.
n. the treatment of disease, particularly cancer, using special drugs that have a toxic effect on cancer cells; frequently used in conjunction with other therapies such as surgery and radiation
17. The company is set to _____ its new product line next month.
v. to send or propel something into the air or space using a device such as a rocket, missile, or spacecraft; to make something available or on sale for the first time
18. Having _____ parking has been very beneficial throughout the winter.
adj. under the surface of the ground; a secret group organized to achieve a specific purpose, such as overthrowing the government or occupying a force
19. He finally decided to _____ problems directly.
v. to face, meet or deal with a problem or difficult situation or person
20. The pilot sat in the _____ of the airplane.
n. the area in an aircraft or spacecraft from which the pilot controls the aircraft or spacecraft
21. The _____ hat protected her face from the sun while she worked in the fields.
n. dry stalks of cereal plants used as fodder, fuel, basket, etc.
22. _____ technologies have dramatically improved productivity in various industries.
adj. starting to exist, mature, or become well-known
23. During my vacation, I bought several _____ items from the airport shops.
adj. referring to goods or items that can be bought without paying certain taxes or duties, usually when entering or leaving a country, often available in airports, seaports, or specifically designated areas

ANSWERS: 16. chemotherapy, 17. launch, 18. underground, 19. confront, 20. cockpit, 21. straw, 22. Emerging, 23. duty-free

24. Since independence, the area has been completely _____.
- v.* to intentionally not listen or pay attention to
25. Let's brainstorm ideas on the _____ for the new project.
- n.* a smooth, hard writing surface, typically white, that can be written on with dry-erase markers and easily erased
26. 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
27. The enemy fell right into the _____.
- n.* a piece of equipment or hole for catching animals or people; (verb) to catch animals or people and prevent them from escaping
28. We decided to _____ through the park and enjoy the scenery.
- v.* to wander or roam aimlessly or leisurely; to follow a winding or circuitous course, as a river or road
29. 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.
30. There is no _____ to success.
- n.* an alternative route shorter or quicker than the usual one
31. Low sexual _____ typically correlates with low testosterone levels.
- n.* a strong feeling of wanting to have or do something

ANSWERS: 24. ignored, 25. whiteboard, 26. traffic, 27. trap, 28. meander, 29. secondly, 30. shortcut, 31. desire

32. The soccer players fought for control of the _____ during the game.
n. a layer of grass and soil covering a particular area of land, especially used as a playing surface in sports or as a lawn
33. Several cities are experiencing _____ high unemployment rates.
adv. in a way that is very difficult to believe; exceedingly or extremely
34. We walked along a muddy _____ to reach the farm.
n. a narrow road in the countryside; a well-defined track or path for someone such as a swimmer or driver
35. The new amusement park ride was _____ with twists, turns, and drops that left riders screaming with excitement.
adj. extremely good; excellent
36. The new president was _____ immediately after the national election.
v. to fix furniture, a machine, or a piece of equipment into position so that it can be used; put into an office or a position
37. The new washing machine is much more _____ than the old one.
adj. performing at the highest level of productivity with the least wasted effort or resources; capable of achieving maximum output with minimum wasted effort, time, or materials
38. The side effects of _____ such as nausea and hair loss, were a major concern for the patient.
n. short for chemotherapy, a treatment for cancer that uses drugs to destroy cancer cells
39. The _____ partially destroyed my vehicle.
n. an unfortunate event, especially one causing damage or injury

ANSWERS: 32. turf, 33. incredibly, 34. lane, 35. fantastic, 36. installed, 37. efficient, 38. chemo, 39. accident

40. The town's population was in _____ with many people moving in and out.
n. the state of constantly changing or flowing; the rate of flow of energy or particles across a particular place
41. They _____ the courtyard with bricks, giving it a more polished appearance.
v. to cover something with a hard, flat material such as stones, bricks, or concrete, to make it suitable for travel or use
42. Several IT millionaires have shown that the level of education is a relatively poor _____ of whether a business can be successfully run.
n. something that shows or points out what a situation is like or how a situation is changing
43. The police found a hidden _____ of weapons in the suspect's house.
n. a collection of weapons or military equipment stored in preparation for war or conflict; a collection of resources or tools available for use in a particular field or endeavor
44. The _____ between the two countries was causing tension.
n. the force that opposes motion between two objects in contact, especially by producing heat and wear, and is proportional to the normal force between the objects
45. The doctor carefully examined the _____ medical history.
n. a person who is receiving medical treatment, care, or attention from a healthcare professional, such as a doctor, nurse, or therapist; a personal quality or characteristic
46. The _____ on my bike broke, leaving me stranded.
n. a series of connected links or objects; a system or group of interconnected elements; a restraint or shackle

ANSWERS: 40. flux, 41. paved, 42. indicator, 43. arsenal, 44. friction, 45. patient's, 46. chain

47. The coach explained a strategy to _____ the opponent's schemes to the players.
- v. to hinder or prevent efforts, plans, or desires from doing, succeeding, or being fulfilled; to make someone feel upset or annoyed because they are unable to change or achieve something
48. He _____ back in time to the soccer game.
- v. to move along very quickly; (noun) the act of rising upward into the air
49. Only the _____ God has the power to brighten this dark land.
- adj. very large, powerful, or strong
50. The mobile application industry is _____ changing.
- adv. all the time
51. It's important to understand the _____ of a situation before making a decision.
- n. the circumstances, facts, or conditions that surround a particular event, situation, or statement and that give it meaning
52. The police placed a _____ across the street to halt traffic.
- n. a fence or other obstruction that makes it hard to move or get in; any condition that makes it difficult to make progress or to achieve an objective
53. I _____ for neglecting your email.
- v. to express regret for committing wrongdoing or causing a problem
54. My initial reaction was to _____.
- v. to show that one is not willing to do or accept something

ANSWERS: 47. frustrate, 48. zoomed, 49. mighty, 50. constantly, 51. context, 52. barrier, 53. apologize, 54. refuse

55. It would be _____ to dress nicely for the wedding.

adj. suitable or proper in the circumstances; fitting

56. _____ is also necessary to understand history.

n. the ability to share another person's feelings or experiences by imagining that person's situation

57. Attending the meeting was _____ for all employees.

adj. required by a rule, law, or social convention; compulsory

58. The baseball _____ was filled with excited fans eagerly awaiting the start of the game.

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

59. The smell of the fish made me feel _____.

adj. causing a feeling of nausea or sickness, often due to an unpleasant taste or smell; affected by a feeling of nausea or discomfort

60. A _____ is an uncommon sight in this area.

n. a person who is in the street, especially in an area where vehicles go

61. He _____ hypotheses that no mathematician has ever imagined before.

v. to build or create something; to assemble or combine different parts to form something whole

62. There are various hypotheses concerning the _____ of life.

n. the first existence or beginning of something

ANSWERS: 55. appropriate, 56. Empathy, 57. obligatory, 58. stadium, 59. nauseous, 60. pedestrian, 61. constructs, 62. origin

63. The pharmaceutical company unveiled its latest breakthrough drug for the _____ market.

- n.* the branch of medicine that deals with the study and treatment of tumors, especially malignancies

ANSWERS: 63. oncology