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Session 1: Word List

horizon

n. the line at which the earth's surface and the sky appear to meet; the range of interest or activity that can be anticipated

synonym: skyline, view, visible boundary

(1) the event **horizon** of a black hole, (2) business **horizon**

As the sun set, the colors of the sky merged with the **horizon**, creating a beautiful orange and pink hue.

ancient

adj. relating to the long ago, particularly the historical period preceding the fall of the Western Roman Empire; very old

synonym: archaic, age-old, obsolete

(1) pre-Christian **ancient**, (2) **ancient** stories

They have been living near water since **ancient** times.

surprisingly

adv. in a way that causes amazement or wonder

synonym: exceptionally, notably, unusually

(1) **surprisingly** advanced culture, (2) have **surprisingly** little effect

The exam was **surprisingly** tricky for everyone.

wrestling

n. a sport in which two contestants grapple and try to throw each other to the ground

synonym: grappling, fighting, brawling

(1) **wrestling** match, (2) arm **wrestling**

He had always been interested in sumo **wrestling** and decided to try it.

adequate

adj. enough, acceptable, satisfactory for a particular purpose or need

synonym: enough, acceptable, able

(1) **adequate** parking facilities, (2) provide **adequate** funding

This argument is still not **adequate**.

atmosphere

n. the mass of air that surrounds the Earth; the pervading tone or mood of a place, situation, or creative work

synonym: air, ambiance, circumstances

(1) carbon dioxide in the **atmosphere**, (2) a convivial **atmosphere**

The spaceship began to burn up as it approached the Earth's **atmosphere**.

giant

adj. enormous; much bigger or more important than similar items usually are

synonym: big, gigantic, huge

(1) **giant** trees, (2) **giant** tech company

The **giant** jets gradually dominate the world's airlines.

lens

n. a transparent optical device with curved sides, used in an optical instrument that makes objects seem larger, smaller, clearer, etc.; (metaphor) the basic thoughts or mindsets through which someone sees or understands the environment or situation

synonym: glass

(1) a convex **lens**, (2) a **lens** with a wide angle

The photographer took this photo using a telephoto **lens**.

magnify

v. to make something look bigger than it really is, especially by looking at it through a lens; to make something bigger, stronger, or louder

synonym : enlarge, elaborate, intensify

(1) **magnify** the danger, (2) **magnify** the image for display
Terrorists often attempt to **magnify** the economic impact of their acts of destruction.

refraction

n. the bending or change in the direction of a ray of light, sound, or heat as it passes through a medium or travels from one medium to another

synonym : bending, deviation, deflection

(1) **refraction** of light, (2) angle of **refraction**

The atmospheric **refraction** of the sun causes it to appear to be above the horizon when it is actually below it.

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.

visible

adj. capable of being seen; or open to easy view

synonym : clear, observable, seeable

(1) **visible** stars, (2) **visible** by X-ray

My home is easily **visible** from the shore.

optical

adj. of or relating to or light or the ability to see; (noun) the science of light and vision, and to instruments and techniques used in the study and application of light

synonym : visual, ocular

(1) new **optical** glasses, (2) **optical** fiber

The **optical** illusion made it appear like the building was floating in midair.

illusion

n. a false idea or belief, especially about somebody or about a situation

synonym : delusion, fallacy, magic trick

(1) optical **illusion**, (2) the **illusion** of being in the forest
He could no longer tell the difference between **illusion** and

reality.

identical

adj. being the exact same one

synonym : duplicate, exact, analogous

(1) pair of **identical** twins, (2) an **identical** equation

Infant formulas are nutritionally almost **identical** to a mother's breast milk.

relative

adj. considered and evaluated through comparison with something else

synonym : comparative, proximate, congeneric

(1) a remote **relative**, (2) **relative** factors

Most countries prohibit sexual activity between certain close **relatives**.

surround

v. to be all around something or somebody

synonym : encircle, encompass, envelop

(1) **surround** a town, (2) a stone wall **surrounds** the palace

On three sides, mountains **surround** the settlement.

tower

n. a structure that is exceptionally high in proportion to its width and either forms part of a building or stands alone

synonym : building, belfry, edifice

(1) a bell **tower**, (2) the **tower** on a cliff

She is a **tower** of strength for our team in trouble.

distance

n. the amount of space between two points, measured in units such as miles, meters, or kilometers; the extent, scope, or range between two things, such as distance or emotional distance

synonym : space, gap, span

(1) driving **distance**, (2) social **distance**

The marathon runner covered a long **distance** in a short amount of time.

vast

adj. enormous in size, number, amount, or quantity

synonym : expansive, extended, boundless

(1) **vast** majority, (2) **vast** desert

A **vast** audience viewed the broadcast.

comparison

n. the consideration or examination of the similarities between two or more people or things

synonym: equivalence, analogy, contrast

(1) ease of **comparison**, (2) **comparison** of foods on a caloric basis

I've included the two designs for a **comparison**.

possibility

n. a chance that something may happen or be true

synonym: chance, prospect, likelihood

(1) **possibility** for growth, (2) **possibility** of a major earthquake

The **possibility** of getting the disease will drastically increase.

perspective

n. a confident attitude toward something; a particular style of thinking about something

synonym: viewpoint, standpoint, outlook

(1) a **perspective** view, (2) the **perspective** of the battle

His father's death changed his whole **perspective** on life.

brain

n. the organ inside the head that is responsible for one's movement, thought, memory, and feeling

synonym: intellect, mind, encephalon

(1) basic **brain** function, (2) permanent **brain** damage

X-rays revealed a small tumor in his **brain**.

compensate

v. to make up for a loss, injury, or inconvenience by giving something of value

synonym: reimburse, pay, recompense

(1) **compensate** a loss, (2) **compensate** for a car accident

The company offered to **compensate** the employees for the overtime they worked.

automatically

adv. without needing a direct human control

synonym: mechanically, unconsciously, spontaneously

(1) record driving **automatically**, (2) **automatically** adjusted

Our subscription plan is **automatically** renewed.

perceive

v. to become aware or conscious of something through the senses

synonym: sense, discern, feel

(1) **perceive** a threat, (2) **perceive** light

Australia is widely **perceived** as having low levels of corruption.

interpret

v. to explain or assign the meaning of information, actions, etc.

synonym: decode, decipher, analyze

(1) **interpret** a graph, (2) **interpret** the question

Different people might **interpret** this news differently.

recede

v. to pull back or move away or backward

synonym: move back, retreat, downsize

(1) **recede** from view, (2) **recede** in the darkness

The king's political power **receded** even further.

mystery

n. something difficult to understand or explain; a secret or enigmatic quality that adds to the fascination or interest of something; a genre of fiction that involves the solution of a crime or a puzzle

synonym: enigma, puzzle, secret

(1) **mystery** novel, (2) unsolved **mystery**

The **mystery** surrounding the disappearance of the traveler has yet to be solved by authorities.

unfortunately

adv. by bad luck; unluckily

synonym: regrettably, unluckily, alas

(1) **unfortunately** caught in a shower, (2) even more **unfortunately**

The treatments were done but, **unfortunately**, were unsuccessful.

complicate

v. to make something more complex or difficult to understand, often by introducing new elements or factors

synonym: complexify, muddle, confuse

(1) **complicate** matters, (2) **complicate** a plot

Don't **complicate** the situation by adding unnecessary details to the report.

disappear

v. to cease to exist or be visible

synonym: fade, evaporate, vanish

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

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

pilot

n. a person who flies an aircraft, especially as a job; a person qualified to guide ships through a difficult area of water

synonym: aviator, flyer, chief

(1) a test **pilot**, (2) **pilot** production

The **pilot** exercised great care in landing.

claim

v. to assert that something is true; to demand or request something as one's own; to lay legal or moral right to something; (noun) a demand or assertion of a right or something that one believes to be true

synonym: assert, declare, maintain

(1) **claim** responsibility, (2) false **claim**

He wants to **claim** ownership of the abandoned property.

autocorrect

n. a software feature that automatically corrects errors in spelling, grammar, or punctuation while typing or entering text on an electronic device

synonym: spell-check, auto-fix

(1) enable **autocorrect**, (2) **autocorrect** function

The **autocorrect** feature on my phone can sometimes be a

hindrance than a help.

planetarium

n. a building or facility that is designed to display the positions and movements of stars, planets, and other celestial bodies on a dome-shaped surface using a projection system

(1) optical **planetarium** projector, (2) inflatable **planetarium**

The **planetarium's** digital projection system provides an immersive experience of outer space.

display

v. to exhibit or show something to others, often to attract attention or demonstrate its features, properties, or value

synonym: show, exhibit, present

(1) **display** merchandise, (2) **display** artwork

We need to **display** our products in an attractive way to attract customers.

spherical

adj. having the shape of a sphere; round, spherical, or ball-shaped in appearance

synonym: round, orbicular, spherical

(1) **spherical** shape, (2) **spherical** object

The Earth is a nearly **spherical** planet.

dome

n. a rounded vault forming the roof of a building or structure, typically with a circular base

synonym: hemisphere, cupola, vaults

(1) snow **dome**, (2) **dome** structure

The cathedral **dome** soared high above, its stained-glass windows casting colorful light on the altar below.

overhead

n. the expense of maintaining something that is involved in operating a business, such as rent and heating; (adverb) above your head; in the sky

synonym: expense, upkeep, (adverb) aloft

(1) **overhead** capital, (2) a cloud passing **overhead**

This merger will help them reduce **overhead** costs

substantially.

entirely

adv. completely

synonym: completely, fully, totally

(1) **entirely** satisfied with the meal, (2) he was **entirely** to blame

Later, his claim was found to be **entirely** false.

ridiculous

adj. very silly or unreasonable and deserving to be laughed at

synonym: absurd, fatuous, foolish

(1) a **ridiculous** amount of money, (2) a **ridiculous** suggestion

Everyone regarded the theory he advocated as **ridiculous** but was later proven correct.

converge

v. to move or draw together at a specific location; (of lines) to move towards the same point where they join or meet

synonym: congregate, assemble, concentrate

(1) **converge** of a series, (2) **converge** from different points

The two rivers **converge** into one near this area.

judge

n. a person who makes decisions in a court of law; (verb) to determine the result of or form a critical opinion of something

synonym: arbiter, justice, (verb) deduce

(1) **judge** a competition, (2) an associate **judge**

The strict **judge** ruled in favor of the plaintiff in the case.

apparent

adj. able to see or understand easily or clearly

synonym: obvious, clear, conspicuous

(1) heir **apparent**, (2) **apparent** contradiction

This star is **apparent** to the naked eye.

naturally

adv. as might be expected; by natural manners

synonym: by nature, inherently, intrinsically

(1) **naturally** arising, (2) **naturally** regenerated forest
He was **naturally** gifted.

conclude

v. to come to an end or close; to reach a judgment or opinion by reasoning

synonym : complete, finish, decide

(1) **conclude** a meeting, (2) **conclude** that he is healthy
We **concluded** a cease-fire.

default

v. to fail to fulfill an obligation or pay a debt when it is due; to fail to meet expectations or perform as required; to choose or accept a predetermined option or condition without making a deliberate selection or choice; (noun) the pre-set or automatic settings that a system or program uses when the user has selected no other options

synonym : fail, neglect, omit

(1) **default** settings, (2) **default** on the mortgage
If you don't specify a different option, the computer will **default** to its original settings.

satisfy

v. to make somebody pleased by giving them what they want or need

synonym : please, amuse, meet

(1) **satisfy** a desire, (2) **satisfy** a user's needs
Did this response **satisfy** your request?

frank

adj. honest and sincere; open and candid in expression

synonym : candid, direct, freehearted

(1) **frank** and open discussion, (2) make a **frank** apology
Full involvement means **frank** and prompt responses.

debate

n. a formal discussion or argument of opposing viewpoints, often to persuade others to adopt a specific position; a public discussion, often on an issue of current interest, in which participants offer opinions and differing perspectives

synonym :

argument, discussion, dispute

(1) **debate** topic, (2) **debate** competition

The **debate** over climate change continues to be a hot topic in politics.

rage

n. a strong feeling of anger or violence

synonym: fury, anger, outrage

(1) uncontrollable **rage**, (2) fall into a **rage**

She was filled with a burning **rage** at the injustice she had witnessed.

Session 2: Spelling

1. cl__m responsibility
v. to assert that something is true; to demand or request something as one's own; to lay legal or moral right to something; (noun) a demand or assertion of a right or something that one believes to be true
2. pe____ve a threat
v. to become aware or conscious of something through the senses
3. vi____e by X-ray
adj. capable of being seen; or open to easy view
4. enable aut_____ct
n. a software feature that automatically corrects errors in spelling, grammar, or punctuation while typing or entering text on an electronic device
5. v__t majority
adj. enormous in size, number, amount, or quantity
6. provide ad____te funding
adj. enough, acceptable, satisfactory for a particular purpose or need
7. a convivial atm_____re
n. the mass of air that surrounds the Earth; the pervading tone or mood of a place, situation, or creative work
8. co____ge of a series
v. to move or draw together at a specific location; (of lines) to move towards the same point where they join or meet
9. uncontrollable r__e
n. a strong feeling of anger or violence
10. com_____te for a car accident
v. to make up for a loss, injury, or inconvenience by giving something of value

ANSWERS: 1. claim, 2. perceive, 3. visible, 4. autocorrect, 5. vast, 6. adequate, 7. atmosphere, 8. converge, 9. rage, 10. compensate

11. sa____y a user's needs *v.* to make somebody pleased by giving them what they want or need
12. op____l fiber *adj.* of or relating to or light or the ability to see; (noun) the science of light and vision, and to instruments and techniques used in the study and application of light
13. v__t desert *adj.* enormous in size, number, amount, or quantity
14. new op____l glasses *adj.* of or relating to or light or the ability to see; (noun) the science of light and vision, and to instruments and techniques used in the study and application of light
15. permanent br__n damage *n.* the organ inside the head that is responsible for one's movement, thought, memory, and feeling
16. optical il____on *n.* a false idea or belief, especially about somebody or about a situation
17. pos____ty of a major earthquake *n.* a chance that something may happen or be true
18. co____ge from different points *v.* to move or draw together at a specific location; (of lines) to move towards the same point where they join or meet
19. ap____nt contradiction *adj.* able to see or understand easily or clearly
20. co____de a meeting *v.* to come to an end or close; to reach a judgment or opinion by reasoning
21. the il____on of being in the forest *n.* a false idea or belief, especially about somebody or about a situation

ANSWERS: 11. satisfy, 12. optical, 13. vast, 14. optical, 15. brain, 16. illusion, 17. possibility, 18. converge, 19. apparent, 20. conclude, 21. illusion

22. my_____y novel *n.* something difficult to understand or explain; a secret or enigmatic quality that adds to the fascination or interest of something; a genre of fiction that involves the solution of a crime or a puzzle
23. in_____et the question *v.* to explain or assign the meaning of information, actions, etc.
24. carbon dioxide in the atm_____re *n.* the mass of air that surrounds the Earth; the pervading tone or mood of a place, situation, or creative work
25. sur_____gly advanced culture *adv.* in a way that causes amazement or wonder
26. aut_____lly adjusted *adv.* without needing a direct human control
27. com_____on of foods on a caloric basis *n.* the consideration or examination of the similarities between two or more people or things
28. unf_____ely caught in a shower *adv.* by bad luck; unluckily
29. pe_____ve light *v.* to become aware or conscious of something through the senses
30. ad_____te parking facilities *adj.* enough, acceptable, satisfactory for a particular purpose or need
31. record driving aut_____lly *adv.* without needing a direct human control
32. na_____ly regenerated forest *adv.* as might be expected; by natural manners
33. sl_____ly alkaline soils *adv.* in a small degree or extent; a little
34. optical pla_____um projector *n.* a building or facility that is designed to display the positions and movements of stars, planets, and other celestial bodies on a dome-shaped surface using a projection system

ANSWERS: 22. mystery, 23. interpret, 24. atmosphere, 25. surprisingly, 26. automatically, 27. comparison, 28. unfortunately, 29. perceive, 30. adequate, 31. automatically, 32. naturally, 33. slightly, 34. planetarium

35. pos_____ty for growth *n.* a chance that something may happen or be true
36. a l__s with a wide angle *n.* a transparent optical device with curved sides, used in an optical instrument that makes objects seem larger, smaller, clearer, etc.; (metaphor) the basic thoughts or mindsets through which someone sees or understands the environment or situation
37. a rid_____us suggestion *adj.* very silly or unreasonable and deserving to be laughed at
38. di_____y artwork *v.* to exhibit or show something to others, often to attract attention or demonstrate its features, properties, or value
39. re___e from view *v.* to pull back or move away or backward
40. angle of ref_____on *n.* the bending or change in the direction of a ray of light, sound, or heat as it passes through a medium or travels from one medium to another
41. sp_____al object *adj.* having the shape of a sphere; round, spherical, or ball-shaped in appearance
42. he was en_____ly to blame *adv.* completely
43. com_____te a loss *v.* to make up for a loss, injury, or inconvenience by giving something of value
44. driving di_____ce *n.* the amount of space between two points, measured in units such as miles, meters, or kilometers; the extent, scope, or range between two things, such as distance or emotional distance

ANSWERS: 35. possibility, 36. lens, 37. ridiculous, 38. display, 39. recede, 40. refraction, 41. spherical, 42. entirely, 43. compensate, 44. distance

45. ju__e a competition *n.* a person who makes decisions in a court of law; (verb) to determine the result of or form a critical opinion of something
46. fr__k and open discussion *adj.* honest and sincere; open and candid in expression
47. com_____te matters *v.* to make something more complex or difficult to understand, often by introducing new elements or factors
48. an associate ju__e *n.* a person who makes decisions in a court of law; (verb) to determine the result of or form a critical opinion of something
49. in_____et a graph *v.* to explain or assign the meaning of information, actions, etc.
50. pre-Christian an_____t *adj.* relating to the long ago, particularly the historical period preceding the fall of the Western Roman Empire; very old
51. business ho_____n *n.* the line at which the earth's surface and the sky appear to meet; the range of interest or activity that can be anticipated
52. ma_____y the danger *v.* to make something look bigger than it really is, especially by looking at it through a lens; to make something bigger, stronger, or louder
53. a stone wall su_____nds the palace *v.* to be all around something or somebody
54. ma_____y the image for display *v.* to make something look bigger than it really is, especially by looking at it through a lens; to make something bigger, stronger, or louder

ANSWERS: 45. judge, 46. frank, 47. complicate, 48. judge, 49. interpret, 50. ancient, 51. horizon, 52. magnify, 53. surround, 54. magnify

55. the event ho_____n of a black hole *n.* the line at which the earth's surface and the sky appear to meet; the range of interest or activity that can be anticipated
56. de_____t settings *v.* to fail to fulfill an obligation or pay a debt when it is due; to fail to meet expectations or perform as required; to choose or accept a predetermined option or condition without making a deliberate selection or choice; (noun) the pre-set or automatic settings that a system or program uses when the user has selected no other options
57. a per_____ve view *n.* a confident attitude toward something; a particular style of thinking about something
58. a cloud passing ov_____ad *n.* the expense of maintaining something that is involved in operating a business, such as rent and heating; (adverb) above your head; in the sky
59. su_____nd a town *v.* to be all around something or somebody
60. a remote re_____ve *adj.* considered and evaluated through comparison with something else
61. de___e competition *n.* a formal discussion or argument of opposing viewpoints, often to persuade others to adopt a specific position; a public discussion, often on an issue of current interest, in which participants offer opinions and differing perspectives

ANSWERS: 55. horizon, 56. default, 57. perspective, 58. overhead, 59. surround, 60. relative, 61. debate

62. a convex l__s *n.* a transparent optical device with curved sides, used in an optical instrument that makes objects seem larger, smaller, clearer, etc.; (metaphor) the basic thoughts or mindsets through which someone sees or understands the environment or situation
63. com_____te a plot *v.* to make something more complex or difficult to understand, often by introducing new elements or factors
64. de___e topic *n.* a formal discussion or argument of opposing viewpoints, often to persuade others to adopt a specific position; a public discussion, often on an issue of current interest, in which participants offer opinions and differing perspectives
65. the to__r on a cliff *n.* a structure that is exceptionally high in proportion to its width and either forms part of a building or stands alone
66. a rid_____us amount of money *adj.* very silly or unreasonable and deserving to be laughed at
67. an_____t stories *adj.* relating to the long ago, particularly the historical period preceding the fall of the Western Roman Empire; very old
68. sp_____al shape *adj.* having the shape of a sphere; round, spherical, or ball-shaped in appearance
69. snow d__e *n.* a rounded vault forming the roof of a building or structure, typically with a circular base
70. na_____ly arising *adv.* as might be expected; by natural manners

ANSWERS: 62. lens, 63. complicate, 64. debate, 65. tower, 66. ridiculous, 67. ancient, 68. spherical, 69. dome, 70. naturally

71. a bell to__r *n.* a structure that is exceptionally high in proportion to its width and either forms part of a building or stands alone
72. the per____ve of the battle *n.* a confident attitude toward something; a particular style of thinking about something
73. en____ly satisfied with the meal *adv.* completely
74. heir ap____nt *adj.* able to see or understand easily or clearly
75. pair of id____al twins *adj.* being the exact same one
76. sa____y a desire *v.* to make somebody pleased by giving them what they want or need
77. di____ar without a trace *v.* to cease to exist or be visible
78. unsolved my____y *n.* something difficult to understand or explain; a secret or enigmatic quality that adds to the fascination or interest of something; a genre of fiction that involves the solution of a crime or a puzzle
79. inflatable pla____um *n.* a building or facility that is designed to display the positions and movements of stars, planets, and other celestial bodies on a dome-shaped surface using a projection system
80. arm wr____ng *n.* a sport in which two contestants grapple and try to throw each other to the ground
81. social di____ce *n.* the amount of space between two points, measured in units such as miles, meters, or kilometers; the extent, scope, or range between two things, such as distance or emotional distance

ANSWERS: 71. tower, 72. perspective, 73. entirely, 74. apparent, 75. identical, 76. satisfy, 77. disappear, 78. mystery, 79. planetarium, 80. wrestling, 81. distance

82. false cl__m v. to assert that something is true; to demand or request something as one's own; to lay legal or moral right to something; (noun) a demand or assertion of a right or something that one believes to be true
83. have sur_____gly little effect adv. in a way that causes amazement or wonder
84. fall into a r__e n. a strong feeling of anger or violence
85. vi_____e stars adj. capable of being seen; or open to easy view
86. wr_____ng match n. a sport in which two contestants grapple and try to throw each other to the ground
87. gi__t tech company adj. enormous; much bigger or more important than similar items usually are
88. de_____t on the mortgage v. to fail to fulfill an obligation or pay a debt when it is due; to fail to meet expectations or perform as required; to choose or accept a predetermined option or condition without making a deliberate selection or choice; (noun) the pre-set or automatic settings that a system or program uses when the user has selected no other options
89. re___e in the darkness v. to pull back or move away or backward
90. gi__t trees adj. enormous; much bigger or more important than similar items usually are
91. pi__t production n. a person who flies an aircraft, especially as a job; a person qualified to guide ships through a difficult area of water

ANSWERS: 82. claim, 83. surprisingly, 84. rage, 85. visible, 86. wrestling, 87. giant, 88. default, 89. recede, 90. giant, 91. pilot

92. make a fr__k apology *adj.* honest and sincere; open and candid in expression
93. re____ve factors *adj.* considered and evaluated through comparison with something else
94. increase sl____ly *adv.* in a small degree or extent; a little
95. a test pi__t *n.* a person who flies an aircraft, especially as a job; a person qualified to guide ships through a difficult area of water
96. di_____ar after a week *v.* to cease to exist or be visible
97. di_____y merchandise *v.* to exhibit or show something to others, often to attract attention or demonstrate its features, properties, or value
98. ref_____on of light *n.* the bending or change in the direction of a ray of light, sound, or heat as it passes through a medium or travels from one medium to another
99. aut_____ct function *n.* a software feature that automatically corrects errors in spelling, grammar, or punctuation while typing or entering text on an electronic device
100. ease of com_____on *n.* the consideration or examination of the similarities between two or more people or things
101. ov_____ad capital *n.* the expense of maintaining something that is involved in operating a business, such as rent and heating; (adverb) above your head; in the sky
102. basic br__n function *n.* the organ inside the head that is responsible for one's movement, thought, memory, and feeling

ANSWERS: 92. frank, 93. relative, 94. slightly, 95. pilot, 96. disappear, 97. display, 98. refraction, 99. autocorrect, 100. comparison, 101. overhead, 102. brain

103. d__e structure *n.* a rounded vault forming the roof of a building or structure, typically with a circular base
104. even more unf_____ely *adv.* by bad luck; unluckily
105. an id_____al equation *adj.* being the exact same one
106. co_____de that he is healthy *v.* to come to an end or close; to reach a judgment or opinion by reasoning

ANSWERS: 103. dome, 104. unfortunately, 105. identical, 106. conclude

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. We _____ a cease-fire.
v. to come to an end or close; to reach a judgment or opinion by reasoning
2. Everyone regarded the theory he advocated as _____ but was later proven correct.
adj. very silly or unreasonable and deserving to be laughed at
3. The _____ surrounding the disappearance of the traveler has yet to be solved by authorities.
n. something difficult to understand or explain; a secret or enigmatic quality that adds to the fascination or interest of something; a genre of fiction that involves the solution of a crime or a puzzle
4. The marathon runner covered a long _____ in a short amount of time.
n. the amount of space between two points, measured in units such as miles, meters, or kilometers; the extent, scope, or range between two things, such as distance or emotional distance
5. The atmospheric _____ of the sun causes it to appear to be above the horizon when it is actually below it.
n. the bending or change in the direction of a ray of light, sound, or heat as it passes through a medium or travels from one medium to another
6. This star is _____ to the naked eye.
adj. able to see or understand easily or clearly
7. The _____ of getting the disease will drastically increase.
n. a chance that something may happen or be true

ANSWERS: 1. concluded, 2. ridiculous, 3. mystery, 4. distance, 5. refraction, 6. apparent, 7. possibility

8. If you don't specify a different option, the computer will _____ to its original settings.
- v. to fail to fulfill an obligation or pay a debt when it is due; to fail to meet expectations or perform as required; to choose or accept a predetermined option or condition without making a deliberate selection or choice; (noun) the pre-set or automatic settings that a system or program uses when the user has selected no other options
9. We need to _____ our products in an attractive way to attract customers.
- v. to exhibit or show something to others, often to attract attention or demonstrate its features, properties, or value
10. They watched the train _____ into the distance.
- v. to cease to exist or be visible
11. The strict _____ ruled in favor of the plaintiff in the case.
- n. a person who makes decisions in a court of law; (verb) to determine the result of or form a critical opinion of something
12. Different people might _____ this news differently.
- v. to explain or assign the meaning of information, actions, etc.
13. The two rivers _____ into one near this area.
- v. to move or draw together at a specific location; (of lines) to move towards the same point where they join or meet
14. The _____ over climate change continues to be a hot topic in politics.
- n. a formal discussion or argument of opposing viewpoints, often to persuade others to adopt a specific position; a public discussion, often on an issue of current interest, in which participants offer opinions and differing perspectives

ANSWERS: 8. default, 9. display, 10. disappear, 11. judge, 12. interpret, 13. converge, 14. debate

15. She was filled with a burning _____ at the injustice she had witnessed.
n. a strong feeling of anger or violence
16. As the sun set, the colors of the sky merged with the _____ creating a beautiful orange and pink hue.
n. the line at which the earth's surface and the sky appear to meet; the range of interest or activity that can be anticipated
17. This merger will help them reduce _____ costs substantially.
n. the expense of maintaining something that is involved in operating a business, such as rent and heating; (adverb) above your head; in the sky
18. He could no longer tell the difference between _____ and reality.
n. a false idea or belief, especially about somebody or about a situation
19. A _____ audience viewed the broadcast.
adj. enormous in size, number, amount, or quantity
20. Terrorists often attempt to _____ the economic impact of their acts of destruction.
v. to make something look bigger than it really is, especially by looking at it through a lens; to make something bigger, stronger, or louder
21. This argument is still not _____.
adj. enough, acceptable, satisfactory for a particular purpose or need
22. He moved his body _____ to the left.
adv. in a small degree or extent; a little

ANSWERS: 15. rage, 16. horizon, 17. overhead, 18. illusion, 19. vast, 20. magnify, 21. adequate, 22. slightly

23. They have been living near water since _____ times.

adj. relating to the long ago, particularly the historical period preceding the fall of the Western Roman Empire; very old

24. The _____ feature on my phone can sometimes be a hindrance than a help.

n. a software feature that automatically corrects errors in spelling, grammar, or punctuation while typing or entering text on an electronic device

25. I've included the two designs for a _____.

n. the consideration or examination of the similarities between two or more people or things

26. The _____ jets gradually dominate the world's airlines.

adj. enormous; much bigger or more important than similar items usually are

27. Australia is widely _____ as having low levels of corruption.

v. to become aware or conscious of something through the senses

28. Infant formulas are nutritionally almost _____ to a mother's breast milk.

adj. being the exact same one

29. The Earth is a nearly _____ planet.

adj. having the shape of a sphere; round, spherical, or ball-shaped in appearance

30. Did this response _____ your request?

v. to make somebody pleased by giving them what they want or need

31. The _____ exercised great care in landing.

n. a person who flies an aircraft, especially as a job; a person qualified to guide ships through a difficult area of water

ANSWERS: 23. ancient, 24. autocorrect, 25. comparison, 26. giant, 27. perceived, 28. identical, 29. spherical, 30. satisfy, 31. pilot

32. The spaceship began to burn up as it approached the Earth's _____.
- n.* the mass of air that surrounds the Earth; the pervading tone or mood of a place, situation, or creative work
33. Full involvement means _____ and prompt responses.
- adj.* honest and sincere; open and candid in expression
34. He had always been interested in sumo _____ and decided to try it.
- n.* a sport in which two contestants grapple and try to throw each other to the ground
35. He was _____ gifted.
- adv.* as might be expected; by natural manners
36. The _____ digital projection system provides an immersive experience of outer space.
- n.* a building or facility that is designed to display the positions and movements of stars, planets, and other celestial bodies on a dome-shaped surface using a projection system
37. The exam was _____ tricky for everyone.
- adv.* in a way that causes amazement or wonder
38. He wants to _____ ownership of the abandoned property.
- v.* to assert that something is true; to demand or request something as one's own; to lay legal or moral right to something; (noun) a demand or assertion of a right or something that one believes to be true
39. She is a _____ of strength for our team in trouble.
- n.* a structure that is exceptionally high in proportion to its width and either forms part of a building or stands alone

ANSWERS: 32. atmosphere, 33. frank, 34. wrestling, 35. naturally, 36. planetarium's, 37. surprisingly, 38. claim, 39. tower

40. His father's death changed his whole _____ on life.

n. a confident attitude toward something; a particular style of thinking about something

41. Later, his claim was found to be _____ false.

adv. completely

42. Our subscription plan is _____ renewed.

adv. without needing a direct human control

43. X-rays revealed a small tumor in his _____.

n. the organ inside the head that is responsible for one's movement, thought, memory, and feeling

44. The king's political power _____ even further.

v. to pull back or move away or backward

45. The company offered to _____ the employees for the overtime they worked.

v. to make up for a loss, injury, or inconvenience by giving something of value

46. The treatments were done but, _____ were unsuccessful.

adv. by bad luck; unluckily

47. Don't _____ the situation by adding unnecessary details to the report.

v. to make something more complex or difficult to understand, often by introducing new elements or factors

48. The cathedral _____ soared high above, its stained-glass windows casting colorful light on the altar below.

n. a rounded vault forming the roof of a building or structure, typically with a circular base

ANSWERS: 40. perspective, 41. entirely, 42. automatically, 43. brain, 44. receded, 45. compensate, 46. unfortunately, 47. complicate, 48. dome

49. The _____ illusion made it appear like the building was floating in midair.

adj. of or relating to or light or the ability to see; (noun) the science of light and vision, and to instruments and techniques used in the study and application of light

50. My home is easily _____ from the shore.

adj. capable of being seen; or open to easy view

51. The photographer took this photo using a telephoto _____.

n. a transparent optical device with curved sides, used in an optical instrument that makes objects seem larger, smaller, clearer, etc.; (metaphor) the basic thoughts or mindsets through which someone sees or understands the environment or situation

52. Most countries prohibit sexual activity between certain close _____.

adj. considered and evaluated through comparison with something else

53. On three sides, mountains _____ the settlement.

v. to be all around something or somebody

ANSWERS: 49. optical, 50. visible, 51. lens, 52. relatives, 53. surround