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Session 1: Word List

spate

n. a sudden or short-lived outburst, increase, or surge of something, often used to describe a sudden flood of water or a burst of activity or events

synonym: flood, deluge, inundation

(1) a **spate** of business failures, (2) **spate** of attacks

After the heavy rain, a **spate** of accidents occurred on the flooded roads.

contemplate

v. to think about a possible future action or to think about something for a long time thoughtfully

synonym: think over, ponder, consider

(1) **contemplate** a marriage, (2) **contemplated** leaving school

I recently **contemplated** dropping out of school and getting a full-time job.

specification

n. a detailed description of the characteristics, features, or requirements of something, typically a product or system; a written statement that outlines the standards, procedures, or requirements for a project or job

synonym: description, requirement, guideline

(1) functional **specification**, (2) engineering **specification**

The project's **specifications** outlined the goals and

requirements for the team to complete.

cognition

n. the psychological process of perception and learning and reasoning; the mental action or process by which knowledge and understanding are developed in the mind

synonym: awareness, understanding, comprehension

(1) social **cognition**, (2) **cognition** disorder

The professor focused on the research of infant **cognition**.

emotional

adj. relating to people's feelings

synonym: affecting, impactful, impressive

(1) **emotional** health, (2) **emotional** distress

Human **emotional** responses vary widely depending on the society to which they belong.

guesswork

n. the act or process of making an estimate or speculation based on incomplete or uncertain information; conjecture or supposition

synonym: speculation, conjecture, estimation

(1) pure **guesswork**, (2) rely on **guesswork**

Making decisions based on **guesswork** can lead to costly mistakes.

introduction

n. a preliminary explanation or remarks given before the start of a text, performance, or event; the act of bringing something new into existence or introducing something to a wider audience or new market

synonym: initiation, preamble, prologue

(1) **introduction** education, (2) self- **introduction**

The **introduction** to the new class was informative and engaging.

command

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

or to be in charge or control of something

synonym : control, authority, leadership

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

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

aspect

n. one part or feature of a situation, problem, subject, etc.

synonym : characteristic, element, factor

(1) nontechnical **aspects** of the job, (2) **aspects** of social, political, and economic life

His professional experience includes all **aspects** of media production.

relation

n. the way two persons or groups of people feel and act toward one another

synonym : association, linkage, connection

(1) **relation** between cause and effect, (2) **relation** of inclusion

The industrial **relations** laws were passed with little to no alteration.

mast

n. a long pole aboard a boat or ship that holds up the sails

(1) **mast** height, (2) built-up **mast**

The main cabin is located in front of the **mast**.

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.

shadow

n. a dark area or shape cast by an object blocking the passage of light; an area in darkness or shade; a reflected image or copy of something; a person, activity, or influence that follows or accompanies someone or something closely and persistently, often in a secretive

or ominous manner

synonym: shade, silhouette, outline

(1) **shadow** cast, (2) **shadow** puppetry

The tree cast a **shadow** over the picnic area, providing relief from the sun.

cast

v. to cause light or shadow to appear on a surface; to assign or choose someone such as an actor or representative, especially by selection process

synonym: throw, project, select

(1) **cast** a ballot, (2) **cast** a charming eye

This accident **cast** a dark shadow over their lives.

rev

n. a measure of the rate at which an engine or motor rotates, often expressed in revolutions per minute (RPM); (verb) to increase the number of rotations per minute

synonym: revolution, RPM, speed

(1) low- **rev** engine, (2) **rev** up the crowd

He stepped on the gas pedal, and the engine released a loud **rev**.

spirit

n. the part of a person which is the seat of their mind, feelings, and character rather than their physical body; the general atmosphere of a place or situation and the effect that it has on people

synonym: soul, attitude, enthusiasm

(1) **spirit** and the letter of the law, (2) an indomitable **spirit**

Despite their tragic loss, the family is showing great **spirit**.

needle

n. a thin, pointed object typically used for sewing or medical purposes; a metal or plastic instrument used for administering injections or drawing blood

synonym: thorn, spike, pin

(1) **needle** prick, (2) sewing **needle**

The acupuncturist inserted **needles** into specific points on my body to alleviate my pain.

oblivion

n. the state of being completely forgotten or unknown; the state of being unconscious or unaware; the condition of being destroyed, wiped out, or erased from existence

synonym : limbo, forgetfulness, unawareness

(1) vanish into **oblivion**, (2) drunken **oblivion**

The author's work was forgotten and fell into **oblivion** after his death.

lick

v. to pass the tongue over something to moisten, taste, or eat

synonym : taste, moisten, sweep

(1) **lick** a teaspoon, (2) **lick** its wounds

She **licked** the envelope to seal it before mailing it.

leap

v. to jump or spring into the air, often with the feet leaving the ground or a surface below; to move quickly or suddenly, often forward or upward

synonym : jump, bound, hop

(1) **leap** to a conclusion, (2) **leap** of faith

The athlete was able to **leap** over the hurdle with ease.

snap

v. to record on photographic film; to make a sudden, sharp sound; (noun) the act of catching an object with the hands

synonym : break, crack, fracture

(1) **snap** a whip, (2) **snap** judgment

She **snapped** a quick picture of the beautiful sunset before it disappeared.

resent

v. to feel anger, bitterness, or indignation towards someone or something as a result of unfair treatment or perceived injustice; to harbor negative feelings towards someone or something

synonym : dislike, begrudge, envy

(1) **resent** being called a fool, (2) **resent** their success

He couldn't help but **resent** his friend for always taking credit for his ideas.

grace

n. a quality of being pleasing, especially in appearance or manner; a temporary exemption, especially an extended period granted as a special favor; a short prayer of thanks before a meal

synonym : charm, poise, elegance

(1) say a **grace**, (2) end of the **grace** period

The old oak tree stood with **grace** and majesty in the park's center.

napkin

n. a small piece of cloth or paper used for wiping one's mouth and hands while eating; a decorative cloth placed on a table for formal occasions

synonym : serviette, handkerchief, cloth

(1) paper **napkin**, (2) linen **napkin**

I always keep a stack of **napkins** on my desk while I eat to prevent any messes.

heel

n. the rounded back part of the foot below the ankle; someone who is morally reprehensible; (verb) to follow someone or something

synonym : hindfoot

(1) **heel** bone, (2) **heel** wrestler

She wore high **heels** to the party.

insult

n. a remark or action that causes offense or disrespect; (verb) to treat, mention, or speak to rudely

synonym : affront, slight, offense

(1) an intentional **insult**, (2) **insult** each other

His **insult** toward her was unacceptable and resulted in his being fired.

sight

n. the ability to see; anything that is seen

synonym : vision, spectacle, view

(1) an unexpected **sight**, (2) dull **sight**

Many famous **sights** are within walking distance.

leash

n. a long, flexible cord or chain used to restrain or control a dog (or other animals); a figurative tool used to control or limit someone's behavior or actions

synonym : tether, lead, restraint

(1) dog **leash**, (2) walk on a **leash**

Make sure to put the **leash** on your dog before walking.

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.

rub

v. to move one's hand or an object over the surface of something with pressure

synonym : scrub, massage, stroke

(1) **rub** shoulders, (2) **rub** a glass window

She **rubbed** the sore spot on her leg to ease the pain.

toy

n. a thing, typically a small model or replica of something that is played with, especially by children

synonym : plaything, game, trinket

(1) **toy** store, (2) **toy** box

He gave his daughter a new **toy** for her birthday.

dislike

v. to not like someone or something

synonym : disapprove, disfavor, deprecate

(1) **dislike** speaking in public, (2) **dislike** this kind of food

He seems to **dislike** all forms of exercise.

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**.

jingle

v. to create or make a ringing sound, particularly one that is musical or catchy

synonym: tinkle, chime, ring

(1) **jingle** a little bell, (2) **jingle** money in my pocket

The keys on her keychain **jingled** loudly as she fumbled to unlock the door.

mad

adj. insane, especially due to a mental illness; very angry

synonym: crazy, insane, furious

(1) a **mad** person, (2) gets **mad** easily

He was **mad** with joy to see the results.

scratch

v. to cut or damage the surface of something or the skin with a sharp or pointed object

synonym: claw, rub, scrape

(1) **scratch** off a name, (2) **scratch** my signature

Don't **scratch** your mosquito bites.

strength

n. the quality or state of being physically, or sometimes mentally, strong

synonym: resilience, power, muscles

(1) **strength** of the economy, (2) muscular **strength**

Health and **strength** are, above all, gold.

howl

v. to make a prolonged, loud, mournful cry or noise, typically as a signal of distress, pain, or an intense emotion; to express one's strong feelings or emotions in a loud and unrestrained manner; (noun) a long, loud, mournful sound made by a person or an animal, often in response to pain, fear, or sadness

synonym: wail, scream, shriek

(1) **howl** at the moon, (2) **howl** of anger

The wolves began to **howl** in the distance as the sunset.

collar

n. a band of material worn around the neck, typically forming part of a shirt or jacket; (verb) to grab or catch hold of someone or something

synonym:

band, neckband

(1) **collar** of a shirt, (2) **collar** of a dog

He put on his **collar** and tie before leaving for work.

monogram

n. a design formed by combining or overlapping two or more letters, typically the initials of a person or a company, often used as a logo or symbol to represent them

synonym: initials, emblem, cipher

(1) **monogrammed** stationery, (2) men's **monogrammed** dress shirts

The bride and groom had their initials intertwined in a **monogram** on their wedding invitations.

sweat

n. the salty liquid that is produced by the glands in the skin, especially when the body is hot or under stress

synonym: perspiration, steam, hardwork

(1) all in a **sweat**, (2) **sweat** bath

She wiped the **sweat** off her forehead with a towel.

absurd

adj. ridiculously silly, unreasonable, or illogical

synonym: ridiculous, foolish, idiotic

(1) **absurd** storyline, (2) an **absurd** amount of money

We immediately rejected his **absurd** suggestion.

lawn

n. a stretch of ground covered with grass, typically attached to a house, and often used for recreation or aesthetics

synonym: yard, grass, meadow

(1) **lawn** mower, (2) lush **lawn**

The family enjoyed a picnic on the **lawn** in the park.

suppose

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

synonym: guess, assume, presume

(1) **suppose** you're right, (2) **suppose** beforehand

What do you **suppose** the culprit's motive was?

poetry

n. poems in general as a genre of literature

synonym: ode, poesy, verse

(1) modern **poetry**, (2) book of **poetry**

Different cultures have different comfortable word rhythms, so the composition of **poetry** varies greatly.

prose

n. a type of written or spoken language that is not organized in verse or rhyme

synonym: narrative, writing, story

(1) **prose** fiction, (2) rhythmical **prose**

The novel was written in **prose**, with no rhyme or meter.

Session 2: Spelling

1. t_y store *n.* a thing, typically a small model or replica of something that is played with, especially by children
2. nontechnical as ___ts of the job *n.* one part or feature of a situation, problem, subject, etc.
3. s__p a whip *v.* to record on photographic film; to make a sudden, sharp sound; (noun) the act of catching an object with the hands
4. t_y box *n.* a thing, typically a small model or replica of something that is played with, especially by children
5. sc_____h off a name *v.* to cut or damage the surface of something or the skin with a sharp or pointed object
6. co___r of a shirt *n.* a band of material worn around the neck, typically forming part of a shirt or jacket; (verb) to grab or catch hold of someone or something
7. co_____on disorder *n.* the psychological process of perception and learning and reasoning; the mental action or process by which knowledge and understanding are developed in the mind
8. l__k its wounds *v.* to pass the tongue over something to moisten, taste, or eat
9. say a gr__e *n.* a quality of being pleasing, especially in appearance or manner; a temporary exemption, especially an extended period granted as a special favor; a short prayer of thanks before a meal

ANSWERS: 1. toy, 2. aspect, 3. snap, 4. toy, 5. scratch, 6. collar, 7. cognition, 8. lick, 9. grace

10. an intentional in___t *n.* a remark or action that causes offense or disrespect; (verb) to treat, mention, or speak to rudely
11. end of the gr___e period *n.* a quality of being pleasing, especially in appearance or manner; a temporary exemption, especially an extended period granted as a special favor; a short prayer of thanks before a meal
12. in___t each other *n.* a remark or action that causes offense or disrespect; (verb) to treat, mention, or speak to rudely
13. co___r of a dog *n.* a band of material worn around the neck, typically forming part of a shirt or jacket; (verb) to grab or catch hold of someone or something
14. dull si___t *n.* the ability to see; anything that is seen
15. con_____ted leaving school *v.* to think about a possible future action or to think about something for a long time thoughtfully
16. an ab___d amount of money *adj.* ridiculously silly, unreasonable, or illogical
17. r_v up the crowd *n.* a measure of the rate at which an engine or motor rotates, often expressed in revolutions per minute (RPM); (verb) to increase the number of rotations per minute
18. ex___e the crowd *v.* to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager
19. h__l at the moon *v.* to make a prolonged, loud, mournful cry or noise, typically as a signal of distress, pain, or an intense emotion; to express one's strong feelings or emotions in a loud and unrestrained manner; (noun) a long, loud, mournful sound made by a person or an animal, often in response to pain, fear, or sadness

ANSWERS: 10. insult, 11. grace, 12. insult, 13. collar, 14. sight, 15. contemplate, 16. absurd, 17. rev, 18. excite, 19. howl

20. sw__t bath *n.* the salty liquid that is produced by the glands in the skin, especially when the body is hot or under stress
21. em_____al health *adj.* relating to people's feelings
22. social co_____on *n.* the psychological process of perception and learning and reasoning; the mental action or process by which knowledge and understanding are developed in the mind
23. r_b a glass window *v.* to move one's hand or an object over the surface of something with pressure
24. di_____e speaking in public *v.* to not like someone or something
25. sp__e of attacks *n.* a sudden or short-lived outburst, increase, or surge of something, often used to describe a sudden flood of water or a burst of activity or events
26. co_____d a battery *n.* authority, control, or mastery over something, often referring to military or leadership contexts; a directive, order, or instruction; expertise or confidence in a specific area; (verb) to give an authoritative order or instruction, or to be in charge or control of something
27. re_____on of inclusion *n.* the way two persons or groups of people feel and act toward one another
28. vanish into ob_____on *n.* the state of being completely forgotten or unknown; the state of being unconscious or unaware; the condition of being destroyed, wiped out, or erased from existence

ANSWERS: 20. sweat, 21. emotional, 22. cognition, 23. rub, 24. dislike, 25. spate, 26. command, 27. relation, 28. oblivion

29. 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
30. paper na___n *n.* a small piece of cloth or paper used for wiping one's mouth and hands while eating; a decorative cloth placed on a table for formal occasions
31. all in a sw__t *n.* the salty liquid that is produced by the glands in the skin, especially when the body is hot or under stress
32. built-up m__t *n.* a long pole aboard a boat or ship that holds up the sails
33. linen na___n *n.* a small piece of cloth or paper used for wiping one's mouth and hands while eating; a decorative cloth placed on a table for formal occasions
34. engineering spe_____ion *n.* a detailed description of the characteristics, features, or requirements of something, typically a product or system; a written statement that outlines the standards, procedures, or requirements for a project or job
35. muscular st_____th *n.* the quality or state of being physically, or sometimes mentally, strong
36. l__p of faith *v.* to jump or spring into the air, often with the feet leaving the ground or a surface below; to move quickly or suddenly, often forward or upward
37. con_____te a marriage *v.* to think about a possible future action or to think about something for a long time thoughtfully

ANSWERS: 29. ratio, 30. napkin, 31. sweat, 32. mast, 33. napkin, 34. specification, 35. strength, 36. leap, 37. contemplate

38. a sp__e of business failures *n.* a sudden or short-lived outburst, increase, or surge of something, often used to describe a sudden flood of water or a burst of activity or events
39. sh___w cast *n.* a dark area or shape cast by an object blocking the passage of light; an area in darkness or shade; a reflected image or copy of something; a person, activity, or influence that follows or accompanies someone or something closely and persistently, often in a secretive or ominous manner
40. an indomitable sp___t *n.* the part of a person which is the seat of their mind, feelings, and character rather than their physical body; the general atmosphere of a place or situation and the effect that it has on people
41. re_____on between cause and effect *n.* the way two persons or groups of people feel and act toward one another
42. low-r_v engine *n.* a measure of the rate at which an engine or motor rotates, often expressed in revolutions per minute (RPM); (verb) to increase the number of rotations per minute
43. su_____e you're right *v.* to think that something is likely to be actual or possible
44. ne___e prick *n.* a thin, pointed object typically used for sewing or medical purposes; a metal or plastic instrument used for administering injections or drawing blood

ANSWERS: 38. spate, 39. shadow, 40. spirit, 41. relation, 42. rev, 43. suppose, 44. needle

45. su____e beforehand *v.* to think that something is likely to be actual or possible
46. c__t a ballot *v.* to cause light or shadow to appear on a surface; to assign or choose someone such as an actor or representative, especially by selection process
47. dog le__h *n.* a long, flexible cord or chain used to restrain or control a dog (or other animals); a figurative tool used to control or limit someone's behavior or actions
48. a m_d person *adj.* insane, especially due to a mental illness; very angry
49. sewing ne___e *n.* a thin, pointed object typically used for sewing or medical purposes; a metal or plastic instrument used for administering injections or drawing blood
50. di_____e this kind of food *v.* to not like someone or something
51. r_b shoulders *v.* to move one's hand or an object over the surface of something with pressure
52. modern po___y *n.* poems in general as a genre of literature
53. int_____ion education *n.* a preliminary explanation or remarks given before the start of a text, performance, or event; the act of bringing something new into existence or introducing something to a wider audience or new market

ANSWERS: 45. suppose, 46. cast, 47. leash, 48. mad, 49. needle, 50. dislike, 51. rub, 52. poetry, 53. introduction

54. pure gu_____rk *n.* the act or process of making an estimate or speculation based on incomplete or uncertain information; conjecture or supposition
55. h__l bone *n.* the rounded back part of the foot below the ankle; someone who is morally reprehensible; (verb) to follow someone or something
56. walk on a le__h *n.* a long, flexible cord or chain used to restrain or control a dog (or other animals); a figurative tool used to control or limit someone's behavior or actions
57. rhythmical pr__e *n.* a type of written or spoken language that is not organized in verse or rhyme
58. a remote re_____ve *adj.* considered and evaluated through comparison with something else
59. gets m_d easily *adj.* insane, especially due to a mental illness; very angry
60. book of po___y *n.* poems in general as a genre of literature
61. h__l wrestler *n.* the rounded back part of the foot below the ankle; someone who is morally reprehensible; (verb) to follow someone or something
62. ab___d storyline *adj.* ridiculously silly, unreasonable, or illogical
63. men's mo_____ammed dress shirts *n.* a design formed by combining or overlapping two or more letters, typically the initials of a person or a company, often used as a logo or symbol to represent them

ANSWERS: 54. guesswork, 55. heel, 56. leash, 57. prose, 58. relative, 59. mad, 60. poetry, 61. heel, 62. absurd, 63. monogram

64. m__t height *n.* a long pole aboard a boat or ship that holds up the sails
65. s__p judgment *v.* to record on photographic film; to make a sudden, sharp sound; (noun) the act of catching an object with the hands
66. ji___e a little bell *v.* to create or make a ringing sound, particularly one that is musical or catchy
67. as__ts of social, political, and economic life *n.* one part or feature of a situation, problem, subject, etc.
68. em_____al distress *adj.* relating to people's feelings
69. an unexpected si__t *n.* the ability to see; anything that is seen
70. l__k a teaspoon *v.* to pass the tongue over something to moisten, taste, or eat
71. ji___e money in my pocket *v.* to create or make a ringing sound, particularly one that is musical or catchy
72. re___t their success *v.* to feel anger, bitterness, or indignation towards someone or something as a result of unfair treatment or perceived injustice; to harbor negative feelings towards someone or something
73. sc_____h my signature *v.* to cut or damage the surface of something or the skin with a sharp or pointed object
74. lush l__n *n.* a stretch of ground covered with grass, typically attached to a house, and often used for recreation or aesthetics
75. l__p to a conclusion *v.* to jump or spring into the air, often with the feet leaving the ground or a surface below; to move quickly or suddenly, often forward or upward

ANSWERS: 64. mast, 65. snap, 66. jingle, 67. aspect, 68. emotional, 69. sight, 70. lick, 71. jingle, 72. resent, 73. scratch, 74. lawn, 75. leap

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77. st____th of the economy *n.* the quality or state of being physically, or sometimes mentally, strong
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79. rely on gu_____rk *n.* the act or process of making an estimate or speculation based on incomplete or uncertain information; conjecture or supposition
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82. pr__e fiction *n.* a type of written or spoken language that is not organized in verse or rhyme
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84. re___t being called a fool *v.* to feel anger, bitterness, or indignation towards someone or something as a result of unfair treatment or perceived injustice; to harbor negative feelings towards someone or something

ANSWERS: 76. excite, 77. strength, 78. shadow, 79. guesswork, 80. ratio, 81. oblivion, 82. prose, 83. lawn, 84. resent

85. sp__t and the letter of the law *n.* the part of a person which is the seat of their mind, feelings, and character rather than their physical body; the general atmosphere of a place or situation and the effect that it has on people
86. co____d and control *n.* authority, control, or mastery over something, often referring to military or leadership contexts; a directive, order, or instruction; expertise or confidence in a specific area; (verb) to give an authoritative order or instruction, or to be in charge or control of something
87. c__t a charming eye *v.* to cause light or shadow to appear on a surface; to assign or choose someone such as an actor or representative, especially by selection process
88. re____ve factors *adj.* considered and evaluated through comparison with something else
89. h__l of anger *v.* to make a prolonged, loud, mournful cry or noise, typically as a signal of distress, pain, or an intense emotion; to express one's strong feelings or emotions in a loud and unrestrained manner; (noun) a long, loud, mournful sound made by a person or an animal, often in response to pain, fear, or sadness
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ANSWERS: 85. spirit, 86. command, 87. cast, 88. relative, 89. howl, 90. specification

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ANSWERS: 91. monogram, 92. introduction

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The keys on her keychain _____ loudly as she fumbled to unlock the door.
v. to create or make a ringing sound, particularly one that is musical or catchy
2. The old oak tree stood with _____ and majesty in the park's center.
n. a quality of being pleasing, especially in appearance or manner; a temporary exemption, especially an extended period granted as a special favor; a short prayer of thanks before a meal
3. Despite their tragic loss, the family is showing great _____.
n. the part of a person which is the seat of their mind, feelings, and character rather than their physical body; the general atmosphere of a place or situation and the effect that it has on people
4. He seems to _____ all forms of exercise.
v. to not like someone or something
5. I recently _____ dropping out of school and getting a full-time job.
v. to think about a possible future action or to think about something for a long time thoughtfully
6. Make sure to put the _____ on your dog before walking.
n. a long, flexible cord or chain used to restrain or control a dog (or other animals); a figurative tool used to control or limit someone's behavior or actions
7. She _____ the envelope to seal it before mailing it.
v. to pass the tongue over something to moisten, taste, or eat

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8. His _____ toward her was unacceptable and resulted in his being fired.
n. a remark or action that causes offense or disrespect; (verb) to treat, mention, or speak to rudely
9. This accident _____ a dark shadow over their lives.
v. to cause light or shadow to appear on a surface; to assign or choose someone such as an actor or representative, especially by selection process
10. She wiped the _____ off her forehead with a towel.
n. the salty liquid that is produced by the glands in the skin, especially when the body is hot or under stress
11. The general gave a _____ to his troops to prepare for battle.
n. authority, control, or mastery over something, often referring to military or leadership contexts; a directive, order, or instruction; expertise or confidence in a specific area; (verb) to give an authoritative order or instruction, or to be in charge or control of something
12. 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
13. The main cabin is located in front of the _____.
n. a long pole aboard a boat or ship that holds up the sails
14. The family enjoyed a picnic on the _____ in the park.
n. a stretch of ground covered with grass, typically attached to a house, and often used for recreation or aesthetics
15. We immediately rejected his _____ suggestion.
adj. ridiculously silly, unreasonable, or illogical

ANSWERS: 8. insult, 9. cast, 10. sweat, 11. command, 12. ratio, 13. mast, 14. lawn, 15. absurd

16. The wolves began to _____ in the distance as the sunset.

- v.* to make a prolonged, loud, mournful cry or noise, typically as a signal of distress, pain, or an intense emotion; to express one's strong feelings or emotions in a loud and unrestrained manner; (noun) a long, loud, mournful sound made by a person or an animal, often in response to pain, fear, or sadness

17. He couldn't help but _____ his friend for always taking credit for his ideas.

- v.* to feel anger, bitterness, or indignation towards someone or something as a result of unfair treatment or perceived injustice; to harbor negative feelings towards someone or something

18. The project's _____ outlined the goals and requirements for the team to complete.

- n.* a detailed description of the characteristics, features, or requirements of something, typically a product or system; a written statement that outlines the standards, procedures, or requirements for a project or job

19. The bride and groom had their initials intertwined in a _____ on their wedding invitations.

- n.* a design formed by combining or overlapping two or more letters, typically the initials of a person or a company, often used as a logo or symbol to represent them

20. The professor focused on the research of infant _____.

- n.* the psychological process of perception and learning and reasoning; the mental action or process by which knowledge and understanding are developed in the mind

21. He stepped on the gas pedal, and the engine released a loud _____.

- n.* a measure of the rate at which an engine or motor rotates, often expressed in revolutions per minute (RPM); (verb) to increase the number of rotations per minute

ANSWERS: 16. howl, 17. resent, 18. specifications, 19. monogram, 20. cognition, 21. rev

22. After the heavy rain, a _____ of accidents occurred on the flooded roads.
- n.* a sudden or short-lived outburst, increase, or surge of something, often used to describe a sudden flood of water or a burst of activity or events
23. The acupuncturist inserted _____ into specific points on my body to alleviate my pain.
- n.* a thin, pointed object typically used for sewing or medical purposes; a metal or plastic instrument used for administering injections or drawing blood
24. The tree cast a _____ over the picnic area, providing relief from the sun.
- n.* a dark area or shape cast by an object blocking the passage of light; an area in darkness or shade; a reflected image or copy of something; a person, activity, or influence that follows or accompanies someone or something closely and persistently, often in a secretive or ominous manner
25. What do you _____ the culprit's motive was?
- v.* to think that something is likely to be actual or possible
26. Different cultures have different comfortable word rhythms, so the composition of _____ varies greatly.
- n.* poems in general as a genre of literature
27. She _____ a quick picture of the beautiful sunset before it disappeared.
- v.* to record on photographic film; to make a sudden, sharp sound; (noun) the act of catching an object with the hands
28. Most countries prohibit sexual activity between certain close _____.
- adj.* considered and evaluated through comparison with something else
29. Making decisions based on _____ can lead to costly mistakes.
- n.* the act or process of making an estimate or speculation based on incomplete or uncertain information; conjecture or supposition

ANSWERS: 22. spate, 23. needles, 24. shadow, 25. suppose, 26. poetry, 27. snapped, 28. relatives, 29. guesswork

30. She _____ the sore spot on her leg to ease the pain.

v. to move one's hand or an object over the surface of something with pressure

31. The _____ to the new class was informative and engaging.

n. a preliminary explanation or remarks given before the start of a text, performance, or event; the act of bringing something new into existence or introducing something to a wider audience or new market

32. I always keep a stack of _____ on my desk while I eat to prevent any messes.

n. a small piece of cloth or paper used for wiping one's mouth and hands while eating; a decorative cloth placed on a table for formal occasions

33. The industrial _____ laws were passed with little to no alteration.

n. the way two persons or groups of people feel and act toward one another

34. Human _____ responses vary widely depending on the society to which they belong.

adj. relating to people's feelings

35. Many famous _____ are within walking distance.

n. the ability to see; anything that is seen

36. The news of her promotion _____ her.

v. to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager

37. Don't _____ your mosquito bites.

v. to cut or damage the surface of something or the skin with a sharp or pointed object

ANSWERS: 30. rubbed, 31. introduction, 32. napkins, 33. relations, 34. emotional, 35. sights, 36. excited, 37. scratch

38. She wore high _____ to the party.

- n.* the rounded back part of the foot below the ankle; someone who is morally reprehensible; (verb) to follow someone or something

39. The athlete was able to _____ over the hurdle with ease.

- v.* to jump or spring into the air, often with the feet leaving the ground or a surface below; to move quickly or suddenly, often forward or upward

40. He was _____ with joy to see the results.

- adj.* insane, especially due to a mental illness; very angry

41. He gave his daughter a new _____ for her birthday.

- n.* a thing, typically a small model or replica of something that is played with, especially by children

42. His professional experience includes all _____ of media production.

- n.* one part or feature of a situation, problem, subject, etc.

43. He put on his _____ and tie before leaving for work.

- n.* a band of material worn around the neck, typically forming part of a shirt or jacket; (verb) to grab or catch hold of someone or something

44. Health and _____ are, above all, gold.

- n.* the quality or state of being physically, or sometimes mentally, strong

45. The author's work was forgotten and fell into _____ after his death.

- n.* the state of being completely forgotten or unknown; the state of being unconscious or unaware; the condition of being destroyed, wiped out, or erased from existence

ANSWERS: 38. heels, 39. leap, 40. mad, 41. toy, 42. aspects, 43. collar, 44. strength, 45. oblivion

46. The novel was written in _____ with no rhyme or meter.

n. a type of written or spoken language that is not organized in verse or rhyme

ANSWERS: 46. prose,