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Session 1: Word List

archaeology

n. the branch of anthropology that studies prehistoric people and their cultures

(1) the institute of **archaeology**, (2) prehistoric **archaeology**
She teaches **archaeology** at the local university.

associate

v. to mentally connect someone or something with someone or something else

synonym: tie in, link, consociate

(1) **associate** alcohol with gambling, (2) **associate** with people widely

The majority of consumers **associate** this brand with quality.

density

n. the quality of compactness of a substance

synonym: tightness, viscosity

(1) population **density**, (2) higher pixel **density**

Do you know the **density** of the population in Hong Kong?

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.

artifact

n. a person-made object, especially one of historical or cultural interest

synonym : antique, relic, heirloom

(1) paleolithic **artifacts**, (2) Peruvian **artifacts**

The museum has a vast collection of Greek **artifacts**.

predict

v. to state beforehand that something will happen in the future, mainly based on knowledge or experience

synonym : forecast, anticipate, foresee

(1) **predict** the future, (2) **predict** when she will arrive

It's notoriously challenging to **predict** birth rates.

fetus

n. an unborn or unhatched animal in the later stages of development showing the main recognizable features of the mature animal

(1) development of the **fetus**, (2) an aborted **fetus**

The female vagina is elastic enough to allow the passage of a **fetus**.

womb

n. the organ of a woman or female mammal in which a baby develops before birth

synonym : uterus, matrice

(1) tumor of **womb**, (2) **womb** transplant

The fertilized egg implanted itself in the **womb**.

inborn

adj. existing naturally from birth; innate or inherent; often used to refer to traits or characteristics that are genetically determined

synonym : innate, inherent, natural

(1) **inborn** talent, (2) **inborn** characteristics

The scientist's **inborn** sense of logic made her a rigorous and precise thinker.

genetic

adj. of or relating to genes (= parts of the DNA in cells) or the science of genes

synonym : hereditary, genetical, inborn

(1) have **genetic** testing, (2) a **genetic** disorder

Understanding protein folding is a vital step in deciphering the **genetic** code.

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.

twin

n. either of two children born at the same time from the same mother

(1) a **twin-lens** camera, (2) a **twin** room

Its **twin** brothers are difficult to tell apart except for their parents.

dominant

adj. more important, influential, or easy to notice than anything else of the same type

synonym: chief, predominant, prevailing

(1) achieve a **dominant** share, (2) **dominant** force

Her company soon won a **dominant** market share.

sibling

n. a brother or sister; member of a family born to the same parents

synonym: brother, sister, relative

(1) have a **sibling** quarrel, (2) play with my **siblings**

Children often copy their parents or elder **siblings**.

determinant

n. a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result

synonym: cause, factor, element

(1) environmental **determinant**, (2) a **determinant** of crop yields

One **determinant** of success is having a positive attitude and a strong work ethic.

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.

consistent

adj. always behaving or happening in the same way, or having the same thoughts, standards, etc.

synonym : coherent, constant, compatible

(1) do on a **consistent** basis, (2) get **consistent** results

You are not **consistent** in your behavior.

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.

roll

v. to move in a particular direction by turning over and over or from side to side

synonym : spin, swirl, wheel

(1) **roll** a ball, (2) **roll** down his cheeks

He was exhausted and **rolled** into bed as soon as he got home.

dice

n. a small cube with each side marked with a different number of spots (from 1 to 6) used in gambling and some games

synonym : cube, die

(1) **dice** game, (2) playing **dice**

He rolled the **dice**, hoping for a lucky outcome.

odds

n. the degree or probability that a particular thing will or will not happen

synonym : chances, likelihoods, probabilities

(1) **odds** in favor, (2) **odds** of business

What are the **odds** that he will survive?

imply

v. to indicate the truth or existence of something without referring to it

synonym: hint, indicate, denote

(1) **imply** a strong correlation, (2) **imply** the presence of alien

The salespeople speak in technical terms to **imply** that they are more knowledgeable than the customer.

evolution

n. a gradual process of transformation of living things

synonym: elaboration, expansion, transition

(1) human **evolution**, (2) **evolution** theory

They study the **evolution** of the universe.

proportion

n. a part, share, or amount of something considered in comparative relation to a whole

synonym: ratio, balance, consonance

(1) direct **proportion**, (2) a building of vast **proportions**

He is more concerned about the **proportion** of his body fat than usual because of an upcoming bodybuilding competition.

lefty

n. a left-handed person; a person with left-leaning political views or tendencies; a baseball pitcher who throws with their left hand

synonym: left-handed person, southpaw

(1) **lefty** guitarist, (2) **lefty** batter

The **lefty** pitcher had a unique style that made it difficult for batters to hit his pitches.

maintain

v. to continue to uphold or sustain; to keep in a particular state or condition; to assert or declare something to be true

synonym: preserve, uphold, sustain

(1) **maintain** order, (2) **maintain** good health

I need to **maintain** my car regularly to prevent any major mechanical issues.

millennium

n. a span of 1000 years, or the 1000th anniversary (plural: millennia)

(1) past **millennium**, (2) **millennium** bottle of wine

Our world is in the third **millennium**.

attempt

n. an act or effort of trying to do something, especially something difficult

synonym: endeavor, effort, try

(1) the **attempt** to rescue the hostages, (2) a reckless **attempt**

The third **attempt** was far more successful.

mathematics

n. the science dealing with the logic of quantities, shapes, spaces, and arrangement

synonym: arithmetic, calculation, calculus

(1) a good grounding in **mathematics**, (2) **mathematics** competition

He has a flair for **mathematics**.

balance

n. a condition in which everything has the same weight or force; something left after other parts have been taken away

synonym: equilibrium, counterpoise, remainder

(1) the **balance** of power, (2) asset on the company's **balance** sheet

Try to keep a **balance** between work and off.

competitive

adj. involving competition or competitiveness

synonym: aggressive, ambitious, militant

(1) a **competitive** price, (2) **competitive** position

The mobile application industry is a **competitive** one.

cooperative

adj. involving doing something jointly or working with others to achieve a common goal

synonym : harmonious, collegial, helpful

(1) **cooperative** savings, (2) fishing **cooperative**

We appreciate your **cooperative** efforts.

involve

v. to include or affect someone or something as a necessary part of something else

synonym : implicate, include, engage

(1) **involve** a lot of paperwork, (2) **involve** a high degree of risk

The investigation **involves** several government agencies and is expected to take several months.

opponent

n. a person against whom you are playing or fighting in a game, competition, debate, etc.

synonym : adversary, competitor, enemy

(1) computer **opponent**, (2) death-penalty **opponent**

He was attempting to confuse his **opponent**.

advantage

n. a condition or circumstance that puts one in a favorable or superior position; a beneficial feature or asset that someone or something has

synonym : benefit, edge, asset

(1) score an **advantage**, (2) take **advantage** of his weak points

One of the main **advantages** of the new product is its increased efficiency.

competitor

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

synonym : opponent, contender, contestant

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

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

encounter

v. to face something, particularly something unpleasant or difficult, while attempting to do something else; to meet,

especially unexpectedly

synonym: meet, run into, come across

(1) **encounter** a crisis, (2) **encounter** a storm

I'm prepared to **encounter** challenges throughout this adventure.

hypothesis

n. a proposed idea or explanation that is based on a few known facts but has not yet been proven to be true or accurate

synonym: assumption, conjecture, theory

(1) test my **hypothesis**, (2) a bold **hypothesis**

This evidence supports the big-bang **hypothesis**.

imbalance

n. a situation in which two or more things are not equal or equally treated

synonym: inequality, asymmetry, instability

(1) trade **imbalance**, (2) symptoms of hormonal **imbalance**

An **imbalance** in certain substances causes problems with brain function.

athlete

n. a person who competes in one or more sports that involve physical strength, speed, or endurance

synonym: player, contestant, jock

(1) become a professional **athlete**, (2) high school **athletes**

His dream is to become an Olympic **athlete**.

negative

adj. having the quality of something bad or harmful; expressing refusal

synonym: minus, adverse, pessimistic

(1) have a **negative** effect, (2) a **negative** number

The movie has received almost universally **negative** criticism.

frequency

n. an ordered array of colors into which a light beam can be split

synonym: recurrence, repetition, regularity

(1) **frequency** band, (2) high **frequency**

The oscillator hunts for the correct **frequency**.

dependent

adj. relying on someone or something else for support or aid

synonym: reliant, subject, subordinate

(1) dose- **dependent** induction, (2) a **dependent** person

The small island nation is heavily **dependent** on tourism as its main source of income.

principle

n. a fundamental law or truth that explains or controls how something happens or works

synonym: rule, creed, code

(1) **principle** of treatment, (2) **principle** in business

Efficiency isn't an essential **principle** here; fairness is.

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**.

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.

compete

v. to strive to achieve more success than someone or something

synonym: contend, contest, vie

(1) **compete** against a friend, (2) **compete** fiercely

You must **compete** with others to obtain this position.

asset

n. something or someone that is useful or valuable quality, skill, etc.; valuable property

synonym: aid, resource, equity

(1) frozen **assets**, (2) liquid **assets** of the company
A sense of humor is an invaluable **asset** in this job.

cooperation

n. the act or situation of working together with someone towards a shared purpose, benefit, etc.

synonym: collaboration, affiliation, alliance

(1) **cooperation** with strategic partners, (2) thoroughgoing **cooperation**

The **cooperation** between businesses and universities created this groundbreaking product.

competition

n. a situation in which someone is attempting to beat or outperform another

synonym: contest, match, fight

(1) the first round of the **competition**, (2) intraspecific **competition**

Global **competition** is rising in virtually every industry.

distribute

v. to give something to a large number of individuals, or to spread or furnish something

synonym: broadcast, disperse, hand out

(1) **distribute** wealth evenly, (2) **distribute** video content

His estate was **distributed** to his sons.

opposition

n. the act of disagreeing or resisting; the state of strong disagreement

synonym: resistance, hostility, antagonism

(1) **opposition** campaign, (2) meet with **opposition**

The **opposition** party strongly disagreed with the government's proposed legislation.

phenomenon

n. something that exists and can be perceptible, especially one that is not fully understood

synonym: marvel, wonder, splendor

(1) natural **phenomenon**, (2) historical **phenomenon**

A rainbow is a natural **phenomenon**.

instrument

n. an object used to make musical sounds, such as a piano, guitar, or drum; a tool or device used for a specific activity, particularly in specialist or scientific work

synonym: apparatus, tool, device

(1) musical **instruments**, (2) surgical **instruments**

This electronic **instrument** is required to undergo periodic inspections to ensure precision.

suffer

v. to experience pain, distress, or hardship; to undergo or endure something painful or unpleasant

synonym: endure, undergo, tolerate

(1) **suffer** a setback, (2) **suffer** bad grades

The older man **suffers** from arthritis and finds it difficult to move around.

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.

eventually

adv. finally, particularly after a long time or a lot of struggle, complications, and so on

synonym: finally, someday, ultimately

(1) **eventually** become obsolete, (2) **eventually** succeed

The corporation **eventually** dominated the entire tobacco business.

indicate

v. to show, point out, or make known something, often through a sign or a symbol; to suggest or imply something without stating it directly

synonym: hint, suggest, show

(1) **indicate** a preference, (2) **indicate** an error

The data **indicates** that the company's profits have steadily increased over the past quarter.

persistent

adj. continuing firmly or obstinately in the course of action despite difficulty or opposition; lasting or enduring without fading or being lost over time

synonym : tenacious, steadfast, unrelenting

(1) **persistent** cough, (2) **persistent** data

Despite the setbacks, he remained **persistent** in his pursuit of his dreams.

stable

adj. firm and steady; not easily moved, disturbed, or changed

synonym : sturdy, unmoving, durable

(1) in **stable** condition, (2) have a **stable** job

Relations between the two countries have been relatively **stable** due to the summit meeting.

equilibrium

n. a state in which opposing forces or influences are balanced

synonym : balance, stability, harmony

(1) **equilibrium** point, (2) political **equilibrium**

The company struggled to maintain an **equilibrium** between its profits and social responsibilities.

simultaneously

adv. at the same time

synonym : concurrently, coincidentally, together

(1) **simultaneously** affected, (2) take several inputs **simultaneously**

Two students answered the teacher's question **simultaneously**.

intriguing

adj. arousing curiosity or interest, often due to a mysterious or complex quality; fascinating or captivating

synonym : fascinating, captivating, arresting

(1) **intriguing** concept, (2) **intriguing** character

The novel's plot was **intriguing** and kept readers in their seats.

skew

v. to turn or place at an angle; to make biased or distorted with the result that it is not accurate, fair, normal, etc.

synonym : slant, tilt, distort

(1) **skew** the message, (2) **skew** social values

The results of the poll are **skewed** because it only surveyed a small group of people.

paw

n. the foot of an animal that has claws or nails, such as a cat, dog, or bear; a person's hand, especially a clumsy or heavy-handed one

synonym : mitt, manus, talon

(1) **paw** print, (2) **paw** pad

The cat batted at the toy with its **paw**.

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.

percentage

n. the number, amount, or rate of something, which is usually the amount per hundred

synonym : rate, ratio, portion

(1) the **percentage** of the gold content, (2) a high **percentage**

What is the **percentage** of the consumption tax in the United States?

hunt

v. to go after and try to catch wild animals to kill them for food, sport, or profit

synonym : chase, pursuit, quest

(1) **hunt** a job, (2) **hunt** after knowledge

Hounds **hunt** their prey by using their keen scent.

puzzle

n. a situation that is difficult to follow or solve; a game, problem, or toy that tests a person's ingenuity or knowledge; (verb) to cause someone to feel confused because of something difficult to understand

synonym : plight, maze, (verb) perplex

(1) crossword **puzzle**, (2) mathematical **puzzle**

This jigsaw **puzzle** is challenging because there are no pictures.

Session 2: Spelling

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| 4. ra__o of boys to girls | <i>n.</i> the relative size or amount of one thing to another, typically expressed in the form of a fraction or decimal |
| 5. dis_____te video content | <i>v.</i> to give something to a large number of individuals, or to spread or furnish something |
| 6. high school at_____es | <i>n.</i> a person who competes in one or more sports that involve physical strength, speed, or endurance |
| 7. natural phe_____on | <i>n.</i> something that exists and can be perceptible, especially one that is not fully understood |
| 8. fr_____cy band | <i>n.</i> an ordered array of colors into which a light beam can be split |
| 9. increase sl_____ly | <i>adv.</i> in a small degree or extent; a little |
| 10. in_____e a lot of paperwork | <i>v.</i> to include or affect someone or something as a necessary part of something else |

ANSWERS: 1. ratio, 2. equilibrium, 3. indicate, 4. ratio, 5. distribute, 6. athlete, 7. phenomenon, 8. frequency, 9. slightly, 10. involve

11. a high per_____ge *n.* the number, amount, or rate of something, which is usually the amount per hundred
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13. score an ad_____ge *n.* a condition or circumstance that puts one in a favorable or superior position; a beneficial feature or asset that someone or something has
14. liquid as__ts of the company *n.* something or someone that is useful or valuable quality, skill, etc.; valuable property
15. have a ne_____ve effect *adj.* having the quality of something bad or harmful; expressing refusal
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18. le__y guitarist *n.* a left-handed person; a person with left-leaning political views or tendencies; a baseball pitcher who throws with their left hand
19. population de_____y *n.* the quality of compactness of a substance
20. su____r a setback *v.* to experience pain, distress, or hardship; to undergo or endure something painful or unpleasant

ANSWERS: 11. percentage, 12. ancient, 13. advantage, 14. asset, 15. negative, 16. proportion, 17. accident, 18. lefty, 19. density, 20. suffer

21. int_____ng concept *adj.* arousing curiosity or interest, often due to a mysterious or complex quality; fascinating or captivating
22. co_____e against a friend *v.* to strive to achieve more success than someone or something
23. test my hyp_____is *n.* a proposed idea or explanation that is based on a few known facts but has not yet been proven to be true or accurate
24. o__s in favor *n.* the degree or probability that a particular thing will or will not happen
25. have a si_____g quarrel *n.* a brother or sister; member of a family born to the same parents
26. in___n characteristics *adj.* existing naturally from birth; innate or inherent; often used to refer to traits or characteristics that are genetically determined
27. in_____e a high degree of risk *v.* to include or affect someone or something as a necessary part of something else
28. com_____ve position *adj.* involving competition or competitiveness
29. human ev_____on *n.* a gradual process of transformation of living things
30. pr_____le in business *n.* a fundamental law or truth that explains or controls how something happens or works
31. opp_____on campaign *n.* the act of disagreeing or resisting; the state of strong disagreement
32. do_____nt force *adj.* more important, influential, or easy to notice than anything else of the same type

ANSWERS: 21. intriguing, 22. compete, 23. hypothesis, 24. odds, 25. sibling, 26. inborn, 27. involve, 28. competitive, 29. evolution, 30. principle, 31. opposition, 32. dominant

33. dose-de_____nt induction *adj.* relying on someone or something else for support or aid
34. surgical ins_____nts *n.* an object used to make musical sounds, such as a piano, guitar, or drum; a tool or device used for a specific activity, particularly in specialist or scientific work
35. play with my si_____gs *n.* a brother or sister; member of a family born to the same parents
36. death-penalty op_____nt *n.* a person against whom you are playing or fighting in a game, competition, debate, etc.
37. in_____te an error *v.* to show, point out, or make known something, often through a sign or a symbol; to suggest or imply something without stating it directly
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39. a remote re_____ve *adj.* considered and evaluated through comparison with something else
40. eve_____ly succeed *adv.* finally, particularly after a long time or a lot of struggle, complications, and so on
41. sim_____sly affected *adv.* at the same time
42. intraspecific com_____on *n.* a situation in which someone is attempting to beat or outperform another
43. en_____er a crisis *v.* to face something, particularly something unpleasant or difficult, while attempting to do something else; to meet, especially unexpectedly

ANSWERS: 33. dependent, 34. instrument, 35. sibling, 36. opponent, 37. indicate, 38. eventually, 39. relative, 40. eventually, 41. simultaneously, 42. competition, 43. encounter

44. a com_____ve price *adj.* involving competition or competitiveness
45. ma_____in good health *v.* to continue to uphold or sustain; to keep in a particular state or condition; to assert or declare something to be true
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50. as_____te with people widely *v.* to mentally connect someone or something with someone or something else
51. p_w pad *n.* the foot of an animal that has claws or nails, such as a cat, dog, or bear; a person's hand, especially a clumsy or heavy-handed one
52. have sur_____gly little effect *adv.* in a way that causes amazement or wonder
53. co_____e fiercely *v.* to strive to achieve more success than someone or something
54. an aborted fe__s *n.* an unborn or unhatched animal in the later stages of development showing the main recognizable features of the mature animal

ANSWERS: 44. competitive, 45. maintain, 46. determinant, 47. opposition, 48. disappear, 49. imbalance, 50. associate, 51. paw, 52. surprisingly, 53. compete, 54. fetus

55. im__y the presence of alien *v.* to indicate the truth or existence of something without referring to it
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63. take several inputs sim_____sly *adv.* at the same time
64. beat com_____or offer *n.* a person who participates in a sporting contest; a person or organization that competes with others, particularly in business
65. have ge_____c testing *adj.* of or relating to genes (= parts of the DNA in cells) or the science of genes

ANSWERS: 55. imply, 56. dependent, 57. predict, 58. equilibrium, 59. negative, 60. intriguing, 61. persistent, 62. percentage, 63. simultaneously, 64. competitor, 65. genetic

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87. Peruvian ar_____cts *n.* a person-made object, especially one of historical or cultural interest

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n. a condition in which everything has the same weight or force; something left after other parts have been taken away
89. the institute of arc____gy
n. the branch of anthropology that studies prehistoric people and their cultures
90. in st___e condition
adj. firm and steady; not easily moved, disturbed, or changed
91. a t__n-lens camera
n. either of two children born at the same time from the same mother
92. the at____t to rescue the hostages
n. an act or effort of trying to do something, especially something difficult
93. have a st___e job
adj. firm and steady; not easily moved, disturbed, or changed
94. as____te alcohol with gambling
v. to mentally connect someone or something with someone or something else
95. s__w social values
v. to turn or place at an angle; to make biased or distorted with the result that it is not accurate, fair, normal, etc.
96. coo____ve savings
adj. involving doing something jointly or working with others to achieve a common goal
97. o__s of business
n. the degree or probability that a particular thing will or will not happen
98. im__y a strong correlation
v. to indicate the truth or existence of something without referring to it
99. development of the fe__s
n. an unborn or unhatched animal in the later stages of development showing the main recognizable features of the mature animal

ANSWERS: 88. balance, 89. archaeology, 90. stable, 91. twin, 92. attempt, 93. stable, 94. associate, 95. skew, 96. cooperative, 97. odds, 98. imply, 99. fetus

100. sur_____gly advanced culture *adv.* in a way that causes amazement or wonder
101. a building of vast pro_____ons *n.* a part, share, or amount of something considered in comparative relation to a whole
102. mil_____um bottle of wine *n.* a span of 1000 years, or the 1000th anniversary (plural: millennia)
103. crossword pu___e *n.* a situation that is difficult to follow or solve; a game, problem, or toy that tests a person's ingenuity or knowledge; (verb) to cause someone to feel confused because of something difficult to understand
104. pair of id_____al twins *adj.* being the exact same one
105. en_____er a storm *v.* to face something, particularly something unpleasant or difficult, while attempting to do something else; to meet, especially unexpectedly
106. historical phe_____on *n.* something that exists and can be perceptible, especially one that is not fully understood
107. a good grounding in mat_____cs *n.* the science dealing with the logic of quantities, shapes, spaces, and arrangement
108. di_____ar without a trace *v.* to cease to exist or be visible
109. domestic com_____or *n.* a person who participates in a sporting contest; a person or organization that competes with others, particularly in business

ANSWERS: 100. surprisingly, 101. proportion, 102. millennium, 103. puzzle, 104. identical, 105. encounter, 106. phenomenon, 107. mathematics, 108. disappear, 109. competitor

110. the first round of the com_____on *n.* a situation in which someone is attempting to beat or outperform another
111. playing d__e *n.* a small cube with each side marked with a different number of spots (from 1 to 6) used in gambling and some games
112. environmental det_____nt *n.* a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result
113. le__y batter *n.* a left-handed person; a person with left-leaning political views or tendencies; a baseball pitcher who throws with their left hand
114. prehistoric arc_____gy *n.* the branch of anthropology that studies prehistoric people and their cultures
115. a ge_____c disorder *adj.* of or relating to genes (= parts of the DNA in cells) or the science of genes
116. trade im_____ce *n.* a situation in which two or more things are not equal or equally treated
117. a t__n room *n.* either of two children born at the same time from the same mother
118. mathematical pu___e *n.* a situation that is difficult to follow or solve; a game, problem, or toy that tests a person's ingenuity or knowledge; (verb) to cause someone to feel confused because of something difficult to understand
119. tumor of w__b *n.* the organ of a woman or female mammal in which a baby develops before birth

ANSWERS: 110. competition, 111. dice, 112. determinant, 113. lefty, 114. archaeology, 115. genetic, 116. imbalance, 117. twin, 118. puzzle, 119. womb

120. coo_____on with strategic partners
n. the act or situation of working together with someone towards a shared purpose, benefit, etc.
121. an_____t stories
adj. relating to the long ago, particularly the historical period preceding the fall of the Western Roman Empire; very old
122. musical ins_____nts
n. an object used to make musical sounds, such as a piano, guitar, or drum; a tool or device used for a specific activity, particularly in specialist or scientific work
123. r__l down his cheeks
v. to move in a particular direction by turning over and over or from side to side
124. a reckless at_____t
n. an act or effort of trying to do something, especially something difficult
125. get con_____nt results
adj. always behaving or happening in the same way, or having the same thoughts, standards, etc.
126. in____n talent
adj. existing naturally from birth; innate or inherent; often used to refer to traits or characteristics that are genetically determined
127. w__b transplant
n. the organ of a woman or female mammal in which a baby develops before birth
128. the ba_____e of power
n. a condition in which everything has the same weight or force; something left after other parts have been taken away

ANSWERS: 120. cooperation, 121. ancient, 122. instrument, 123. roll, 124. attempt, 125. consistent, 126. inborn, 127. womb, 128. balance

129. su___r bad grades *v.* to experience pain, distress, or hardship; to undergo or endure something painful or unpleasant
130. ev_____on theory *n.* a gradual process of transformation of living things
131. s__w the message *v.* to turn or place at an angle; to make biased or distorted with the result that it is not accurate, fair, normal, etc.
132. h__t a job *v.* to go after and try to catch wild animals to kill them for food, sport, or profit
133. pr_____le of treatment *n.* a fundamental law or truth that explains or controls how something happens or works
134. d__e game *n.* a small cube with each side marked with a different number of spots (from 1 to 6) used in gambling and some games
135. high fr_____cy *n.* an ordered array of colors into which a light beam can be split
136. computer op_____nt *n.* a person against whom you are playing or fighting in a game, competition, debate, etc.
137. dis_____te wealth evenly *v.* to give something to a large number of individuals, or to spread or furnish something
138. higher pixel de_____y *n.* the quality of compactness of a substance

ANSWERS: 129. suffer, 130. evolution, 131. skew, 132. hunt, 133. principle, 134. dice, 135. frequency, 136. opponent, 137. distribute, 138. density

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. He rolled the _____ hoping for a lucky outcome.
n. a small cube with each side marked with a different number of spots (from 1 to 6) used in gambling and some games

2. She teaches _____ at the local university.
n. the branch of anthropology that studies prehistoric people and their cultures

3. 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

4. You are not _____ in your behavior.
adj. always behaving or happening in the same way, or having the same thoughts, standards, etc.

5. Despite the setbacks, he remained _____ in his pursuit of his dreams.
adj. continuing firmly or obstinately in the course of action despite difficulty or opposition; lasting or enduring without fading or being lost over time

6. Its _____ brothers are difficult to tell apart except for their parents.
n. either of two children born at the same time from the same mother

7. Global _____ is rising in virtually every industry.
n. a situation in which someone is attempting to beat or outperform another

8. The female vagina is elastic enough to allow the passage of a _____.
n. an unborn or unhatched animal in the later stages of development showing the main recognizable features of the mature animal

ANSWERS: 1. dice, 2. archaeology, 3. ancient, 4. consistent, 5. persistent, 6. twin, 7. competition, 8. fetus

9. Do you know the _____ of the population in Hong Kong?
n. the quality of compactness of a substance
10. They study the _____ of the universe.
n. a gradual process of transformation of living things
11. Efficiency isn't an essential _____ here; fairness is.
n. a fundamental law or truth that explains or controls how something happens or works
12. The _____ party strongly disagreed with the government's proposed legislation.
n. the act of disagreeing or resisting; the state of strong disagreement
13. The oscillator hunts for the correct _____.
n. an ordered array of colors into which a light beam can be split
14. The results of the poll are _____ because it only surveyed a small group of people.
v. to turn or place at an angle; to make biased or distorted with the result that it is not accurate, fair, normal, etc.
15. A rainbow is a natural _____.
n. something that exists and can be perceptible, especially one that is not fully understood
16. This evidence supports the big-bang _____.
n. a proposed idea or explanation that is based on a few known facts but has not yet been proven to be true or accurate

ANSWERS: 9. density, 10. evolution, 11. principle, 12. opposition, 13. frequency, 14. skewed, 15. phenomenon, 16. hypothesis

17. The data _____ that the company's profits have steadily increased over the past quarter.
- v. to show, point out, or make known something, often through a sign or a symbol; to suggest or imply something without stating it directly
18. The gap between the company and its _____ has widened.
- n. a person who participates in a sporting contest; a person or organization that competes with others, particularly in business
19. I need to _____ my car regularly to prevent any major mechanical issues.
- v. to continue to uphold or sustain; to keep in a particular state or condition; to assert or declare something to be true
20. Hounds _____ their prey by using their keen scent.
- v. to go after and try to catch wild animals to kill them for food, sport, or profit
21. One of the main _____ of the new product is its increased efficiency.
- n. a condition or circumstance that puts one in a favorable or superior position; a beneficial feature or asset that someone or something has
22. Infant formulas are nutritionally almost _____ to a mother's breast milk.
- adj. being the exact same one
23. The exam was _____ tricky for everyone.
- adv. in a way that causes amazement or wonder
24. The small island nation is heavily _____ on tourism as its main source of income.
- adj. relying on someone or something else for support or aid

ANSWERS: 17. indicates, 18. competitors, 19. maintain, 20. hunt, 21. advantages, 22. identical, 23. surprisingly, 24. dependent

25. What are the _____ that he will survive?
- n.* the degree or probability that a particular thing will or will not happen
26. What is the _____ of the consumption tax in the United States?
- n.* the number, amount, or rate of something, which is usually the amount per hundred
27. He is more concerned about the _____ of his body fat than usual because of an upcoming bodybuilding competition.
- n.* a part, share, or amount of something considered in comparative relation to a whole
28. The company struggled to maintain an _____ between its profits and social responsibilities.
- n.* a state in which opposing forces or influences are balanced
29. He has a flair for _____.
- n.* the science dealing with the logic of quantities, shapes, spaces, and arrangement
30. Our world is in the third _____.
- n.* a span of 1000 years, or the 1000th anniversary (plural: millennia)
31. The _____ between businesses and universities created this groundbreaking product.
- n.* the act or situation of working together with someone towards a shared purpose, benefit, etc.
32. Her company soon won a _____ market share.
- adj.* more important, influential, or easy to notice than anything else of the same type

ANSWERS: 25. odds, 26. percentage, 27. proportion, 28. equilibrium, 29. mathematics, 30. millennium, 31. cooperation, 32. dominant

33. The mobile application industry is a _____ one.

adj. involving competition or competitiveness

34. His dream is to become an Olympic _____.

n. a person who competes in one or more sports that involve physical strength, speed, or endurance

35. Two students answered the teacher's question _____.

adv. at the same time

36. 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

37. The museum has a vast collection of Greek _____.

n. a person-made object, especially one of historical or cultural interest

38. The salespeople speak in technical terms to _____ that they are more knowledgeable than the customer.

v. to indicate the truth or existence of something without referring to it

39. The scientist's _____ sense of logic made her a rigorous and precise thinker.

adj. existing naturally from birth; innate or inherent; often used to refer to traits or characteristics that are genetically determined

40. The movie has received almost universally _____ criticism.

adj. having the quality of something bad or harmful; expressing refusal

41. The fertilized egg implanted itself in the _____.

n. the organ of a woman or female mammal in which a baby develops before birth

ANSWERS: 33. competitive, 34. athlete, 35. simultaneously, 36. ratio, 37. artifacts, 38. imply, 39. inborn, 40. negative, 41. womb

42. The novel's plot was _____ and kept readers in their seats.
adj. arousing curiosity or interest, often due to a mysterious or complex quality; fascinating or captivating
43. An _____ in certain substances causes problems with brain function.
n. a situation in which two or more things are not equal or equally treated
44. The majority of consumers _____ this brand with quality.
v. to mentally connect someone or something with someone or something else
45. The third _____ was far more successful.
n. an act or effort of trying to do something, especially something difficult
46. He was exhausted and _____ into bed as soon as he got home.
v. to move in a particular direction by turning over and over or from side to side
47. His estate was _____ to his sons.
v. to give something to a large number of individuals, or to spread or furnish something
48. You must _____ with others to obtain this position.
v. to strive to achieve more success than someone or something
49. Understanding protein folding is a vital step in deciphering the _____ code.
adj. of or relating to genes (= parts of the DNA in cells) or the science of genes
50. Relations between the two countries have been relatively _____ due to the summit meeting.
adj. firm and steady; not easily moved, disturbed, or changed

ANSWERS: 42. intriguing, 43. imbalance, 44. associate, 45. attempt, 46. rolled, 47. distributed, 48. compete, 49. genetic, 50. stable

51. The older man _____ from arthritis and finds it difficult to move around.
- v. to experience pain, distress, or hardship; to undergo or endure something painful or unpleasant
52. I'm prepared to _____ challenges throughout this adventure.
- v. to face something, particularly something unpleasant or difficult, while attempting to do something else; to meet, especially unexpectedly
53. This jigsaw _____ is challenging because there are no pictures.
- n. a situation that is difficult to follow or solve; a game, problem, or toy that tests a person's ingenuity or knowledge; (verb) to cause someone to feel confused because of something difficult to understand
54. A sense of humor is an invaluable _____ in this job.
- n. something or someone that is useful or valuable quality, skill, etc.; valuable property
55. The investigation _____ several government agencies and is expected to take several months.
- v. to include or affect someone or something as a necessary part of something else
56. They watched the train _____ into the distance.
- v. to cease to exist or be visible
57. He was attempting to confuse his _____.
- n. a person against whom you are playing or fighting in a game, competition, debate, etc.
58. This electronic _____ is required to undergo periodic inspections to ensure precision.
- n. an object used to make musical sounds, such as a piano, guitar, or drum; a tool or device used for a specific activity, particularly in specialist or scientific work

ANSWERS: 51. suffers, 52. encounter, 53. puzzle, 54. asset, 55. involves, 56. disappear, 57. opponent, 58. instrument

59. It's notoriously challenging to _____ birth rates.

v. to state beforehand that something will happen in the future, mainly based on knowledge or experience

60. The corporation _____ dominated the entire tobacco business.

adv. finally, particularly after a long time or a lot of struggle, complications, and so on

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

adj. considered and evaluated through comparison with something else

62. We appreciate your _____ efforts.

adj. involving doing something jointly or working with others to achieve a common goal

63. Children often copy their parents or elder _____.

n. a brother or sister; member of a family born to the same parents

64. Try to keep a _____ between work and off.

n. a condition in which everything has the same weight or force; something left after other parts have been taken away

65. The _____ partially destroyed my vehicle.

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

66. One _____ of success is having a positive attitude and a strong work ethic.

n. a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result

ANSWERS: 59. predict, 60. eventually, 61. relatives, 62. cooperative, 63. siblings, 64. balance, 65. accident, 66. determinant

67. The cat batted at the toy with its _____.

- n.* the foot of an animal that has claws or nails, such as a cat, dog, or bear; a person's hand, especially a clumsy or heavy-handed one

68. The _____ pitcher had a unique style that made it difficult for batters to hit his pitches.

- n.* a left-handed person; a person with left-leaning political views or tendencies; a baseball pitcher who throws with their left hand

69. He moved his body _____ to the left.

- adv.* in a small degree or extent; a little

ANSWERS: 67. paw, 68. lefty, 69. slightly