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Session 1: Word List

finance

n. the management of money, credit, banking, and investments, especially by a government or commercial organization; the branch of economics that studies the management of money and other assets

synonym : banking, investment, fund

(1) **finance** act, (2) manage my **finances**

Our company decided to hire an advisor who specializes in **finance**.

creditor

n. a person, company, etc. to whom a debtor owes money

(1) the **creditor's** claims, (2) bankrupt **creditor**

I asked the lawyer to initiate **creditor** negotiations for voluntary liquidation.

invest

v. to put money, effort, time, etc. into something to make a profit or achieve a result

synonym : fund, sponsor, support

(1) **invest** in stocks, (2) **invest** capital

The government should view children as national assets and actively **invest** in them.

geek

n. a person who is highly interested and knowledgeable about a particular subject or field, often to the point of

being obsessed

synonym : nerd, dork, enthusiast

(1) airplane **geek**, (2) **geek** enthusiast

He was a computer **geek** and spent all his free time coding.

planet

n. any of the nine large celestial bodies that circle in the solar system; any celestial body that revolves around a star

synonym : earth, world, globe

(1) **planet** like the Earth, (2) save the **planet**

Mercury is the closest **planet** to the sun.

climate

n. the weather in a particular location averaged over some long period

synonym : atmosphere, weather, environment

(1) a cold **climate**, (2) effects of **climate** change

Climate and weather have an impact on every part of our lifestyles.

vacation

n. a period in which someone does not have to attend work or school and is free to do whatever they choose, such as travel or leisure

synonym : leave, recess, break

(1) a short **vacation**, (2) summer **vacation**

Do you have a plan for a long **vacation**?

decidedly

adv. in a manner that is beyond doubt or question; in a way that is clear and unmistakable; in an emphatic or determined manner

synonym : definitely, absolutely, positively

(1) **decidedly** unfriendly, (2) **decidedly** different

She was **decidedly** unimpressed with his latest attempt at a joke.

coal

n. a combustible black or brownish-black sedimentary rock that is found below the ground and burnt to produce heat

synonym : ember

(1) a **coal-fired** ship, (2) construction of new **coal** plants
We combust **coal** and other fossil fuels to generate electricity.

electrify

v. to make a machine or system work by using electricity;
to make someone extremely enthusiastic about or interested in something

synonym : wire, amaze, astonish

(1) **electrify** the audience, (2) **electrify** a manufacturing process

The product developed through years of research continues to **electrify** the market.

bulb

n. a rounded underground storage organ of some plants from which the plant grows; the rounded part of a cylindrical structure; electric lamp consisting of a glass ball

(1) wet- **bulb** thermometer, (2) a lily **bulb**

The light **bulb** has burned out.

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.

transmission

n. the act or process of sending something from one person or place to another; the process of broadcasting over the airwaves, as in radio or television

synonym : transportation, communication, broadcast

(1) **transmission** speed, (2) the **transmission** gears of a car

Education is the **transmission** of civilization.

leak

v. to allow liquid or gas to get in or out from a hole or crack in a pipe or container

synonym : outflow, divulge, disclose

(1) **leak** data, (2) **leak** a classified memo

He **leaked** serious accounting irregularities that only people in the company's executive could know.

globe

n. the earth or world, mainly used to emphasize its vastness

synonym : Earth, world, sphere

(1) terrestrial **globe**, (2) around the **globe**

His final goal is to sail around the **globe**.

experiment

n. the scientific test conducted to observe what happens and gain new knowledge

synonym : experimentation, investigation

(1) **experiment** design, (2) series of **experiments**

His **experiments** showed highly positive results.

graduate

n. a person who has a first degree from university or college; (verb) to complete the first course of university or college and get a degree

synonym : alumna, alum, grad

(1) **graduate** degree program, (2) honor **graduate**

Many employers hire **graduate** trainees to train as managers.

fan

n. a person who admires and supports a person, group, sport, sports team, etc.; a device for creating a current of air by the movement of a surface or surfaces

synonym : lover, devotee, blade

(1) a film **fan**, (2) engine cooling **fan**

I'm a big **fan** of French food.

quarter

n. one of four equal parts; a fourth part or portion

synonym : fourth, one-fourth

(1) a **quarter** mile, (2) end of the first **quarter**

The unemployment rate in the first **quarter** was 2.3

percentage points higher than in the previous.

environment

n. the natural world such as air, water, and land in which humans, animals, and plants live

synonym: atmosphere, surroundings, climate

(1) **environment** affairs, (2) chaotic **environment**

Every human is responsible for taking care of the Earth's **environment**.

blackout

n. a loss of electric power for a general region; a suspension of radio or TV broadcasting; a momentary loss of consciousness

synonym: outage, failure, knockout

(1) media **blackout**, (2) memory **blackout**

The nationwide **blackout** caused widespread power outages and disrupted daily life.

consumption

n. the amount used or eaten; the act of using up a resource such as energy, food, or materials

synonym: usage, uptake, utilization

(1) average fuel **consumption**, (2) the **consumption** of food

In our country, water **consumption** usually decreases during the winter.

grad

n. (informal for graduate) a student who has recently graduated or is about to graduate from a school, college, or university

synonym: graduate, alumnus, alumni

(1) high school **grad**, (2) **grad** student

He was proud to be a **grad** of the prestigious university.

survey

n. an investigation of the opinions, behavior, etc. of a particular group of people, made by asking people questions

synonym: study, examination, poll

(1) a comprehensive **survey**, (2) recent **survey**

That **survey** shows that people are accepting the tax increase to some extent.

inconvenient

adj. causing trouble or difficulty; not convenient or suitable

synonym: troublesome, difficult, awkward

(1) face an **inconvenient** truth, (2) **inconvenient** for shopping

It was **inconvenient** for her to go out of her way to pick up the package.

moral

adj. concerned with the principles of what is right and wrong, fairness, honesty, etc.

synonym: honest, ethical, conscientious

(1) **moral** hazard, (2) **moral** burden

Ethics deals with **moral** conduct.

suasion

n. the act of persuading or influencing someone to do something, usually through argument, reasoning, or appeal

synonym: persuasion, influence, coercion

(1) religious **suasion**, (2) **suasion** of influence

The politician used her powers of **suasion** to convince the committee to approve her proposal.

incentive

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

synonym: encouragement, inducement, enticement

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

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

harness

v. to control and exploit the power of something, especially natural resources that produce energy; (noun) a set of narrow pieces of leather and metal that are used to control or hold in place a person, animal, or object

synonym: rein in, control, (noun) belt

(1) **harness** a horse to a carriage, (2) put a **harness** on my pet

People have been exploring ways to **harness** natural forces and resources since ancient times.

inspire

v. to make somebody fill with the desire, confidence, or enthusiasm, especially to do something creative

synonym: boost, encourage, enlighten

(1) **inspire** a feeling of curiosity, (2) **inspire** him to write a novel

The unique style of this martial arts **inspired** many action film producers.

insight

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

synonym: wisdom, discernment, understanding

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

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

software

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

synonym: program, system, operating system

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

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

utility

n. the state or quality of being useful or convenient; the service, such as electric power or water or transportation, provided by a public

synonym: usefulness, practicality, utility

(1) **utility** costs, (2) marginal **utility**

The **utility** of the device was immediately apparent to all who saw it.

recommendation

n. an official suggestion that something is good or suitable for a particular purpose or job

synonym: guidance, advice, suggestion

(1) follow his **recommendations**, (2) a letter of **recommendation**

We made a **recommendation** to the client.

thermostat

n. a device that automatically regulates temperature by controlling the heating or cooling system based on the temperature in a room or building

synonym: thermoregulator, climate control

(1) **thermostat** settings, (2) smart **thermostat**

The digital **thermostat** has a programmable feature, and it can be controlled through your smartphone.

ordinary

adj. not different, exceptional, or unexpected in any way, especially in quality, ability, size, or degree

synonym: mundane, prosaic, average

(1) an **ordinary** school, (2) **ordinary** annual revenue

The **ordinary** session of the Diet opened.

partnership

n. the state of a cooperative relationship between people or groups, especially in business

synonym: alliance, participation, cooperation

(1) **partnership** across the Atlantic, (2) establish a **partnership**

The military **partnership** between the two countries created tension in the international community.

watt

n. a standard unit for measuring electrical power

(1) 30- **watt** light bulb, (2) **watt** per square meter

Several hectares of land are needed to generate more than 1-mega **watt** solar power.

combine

v. to join or merge to form a single thing or group

synonym: coalesce, cohere, blend

(1) **combine** chemically with another substance,

(2) **combine** augmented reality

Hydrogen and oxygen **combine** to form water.

roughly

adv. approximately but not precisely; with a violent manner

synonym : approximately, more or less, around

(1) **roughly** explain my idea, (2) **roughly** speaking

Five miles is **roughly** similar to eight kilometers.

industrious

adj. hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort

synonym : diligent, hardworking, assiduous

(1) **industrious** worker, (2) **industrious** student

He was known to be very **industrious** and would often work late into the night.

wheelbarrow

n. a hand-operated cart with a single wheel in front and two supporting legs behind, used for carrying small loads over short distances

synonym : cart, handcart, trolley

(1) empty the **wheelbarrow**, (2) **wheelbarrow** tire

I loaded up the **wheelbarrow** with dirt and hauled it to the backyard.

motto

n. a phrase or slogan that expresses a guiding principle or goal

synonym : slogan, catchphrase, phrase

(1) the **motto** for safe traffic, (2) company **motto**

The company's **motto** is "Innovation and Service," which is reflected in its products and customer support.

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.

inefficient

adj. lacking the ability or skill and not making the best use of time, money, energy, etc.

synonym : ineffective, counterproductive, inadequate

(1) **inefficient** use, (2) **inefficient** management

The system is still so **inefficient** that it is useless.

contribute

v. to give something, especially money or goods, to provide or achieve something together with other people

synonym: donate, devote, commit

(1) **contribute** a large sum of money to the fund,

(2) **contribute** to society

Government workers cannot **contribute** to political campaigns.

well-being

n. the state of being happy and healthy and prosperous

synonym: health, welfare, happiness

(1) the **well-being** of a nation, (2) a sense of **well-being**

We are responsible for the care and **well-being** of all our employees.

replace

v. to take the place of something

synonym: substitute, supersede, displace

(1) **replace** one word with another, (2) **replace** a phone

Eventually, the new design will **replace** all older models.

sustainable

adj. able to continue or be continued for a long time

synonym: continuable, endurable, tolerable

(1) **sustainable** alternative fuel, (2) principles of

sustainable development

The government should do more to support environmentally **sustainable** agriculture.

fantastic

adj. extremely good; excellent

synonym: incredible, unbelievable, marvelous

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

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

essential

adj. indispensable; fundamental

synonym: critical, crucial, basic

(1) **essential** amino acid, (2) **essential** commodities of life
Trial and error is an **essential** part of education.

overlook

v. to fail to notice something; to watch over someone; to provide a view from above

synonym : disregard, look down, supervise

(1) **overlook** a street, (2) **overlook** that fact

We cannot **overlook** an opportunity for great success.

slide

v. to move or cause to move smoothly along a surface without interruption

synonym : glide, drift, drop

(1) **slide** a card across the table, (2) **slide** a glance

If necessary, you can **slide** the front seats forward.

reward

n. a thing given in acknowledgment of service, hard work, achievement, etc.

synonym : compensation, gratuity, bonus

(1) the **reward** for good works, (2) shopping **rewards** cards

Night fishing has a lot of **rewards**.

efficient

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

synonym : productive, effective, competent

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

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

dashboard

n. a control panel set within the central console of a vehicle or small aircraft; a diagram that depicts critical information, typically one that provides a business overview

synonym : control panel

(1) auto **dashboard**, (2) business **dashboard**

He noticed that the oil warning light on the **dashboard** of his

car had turned on.

demon

n. an evil spirit, supernatural being or entity often depicted as malevolent or harmful

synonym: fiend, devil, evil spirit

(1) **demon** hunter, (2) cast **demon** eyes

The actor's portrayal of the **demon** in the horror movie was terrifying.

caution

n. great care and attention that you take to avoid danger or mistakes; a warning against certain acts

synonym: carefulness, warning, notice

(1) extreme **caution**, (2) act with **caution**

He gave a stern **caution** to the naughty student.

tickle

v. to lightly touch a sensitive part of somebody's body in a way that makes them laugh

synonym: titillate, make laugh

(1) **tickle** his ribs, (2) **tickle** her vanity

These models explain why you can't **tickle** yourself.

argue

v. to express differing opinions or points of view, often in a heated or contentious manner; to present a case or reasoning to persuade or convince others

synonym: debate, dispute, quarrel

(1) **argue** a case, (2) **argue** passionately

The couple began to **argue** over which restaurant to go to for dinner.

genuine

adj. real and exactly; not pretended; sincerely felt or expressed

synonym: actual, honest, unpretending

(1) a **genuine** article, (2) show **genuine** regret

Is this painting **genuine** or forged?

Session 2: Spelling

1. ar__e a case
v. to express differing opinions or points of view, often in a heated or contentious manner; to present a case or reasoning to persuade or convince others
2. es_____al amino acid
adj. indispensable; fundamental
3. effects of cl_____e change
n. the weather in a particular location averaged over some long period
4. wet-b__b thermometer
n. a rounded underground storage organ of some plants from which the plant grows; the rounded part of a cylindrical structure; electric lamp consisting of a glass ball
5. sl__e a glance
v. to move or cause to move smoothly along a surface without interruption
6. even more unf_____ely
adv. by bad luck; unluckily
7. financial in_____ves
n. something, such as a punishment, reward, etc., that encourages a person to do something
8. shopping re____ds cards
n. a thing given in acknowledgment of service, hard work, achievement, etc.
9. media bl_____ut
n. a loss of electric power for a general region; a suspension of radio or TV broadcasting; a momentary loss of consciousness
10. put a ha_____s on my pet
v. to control and exploit the power of something, especially natural resources that produce energy; (noun) a set of narrow pieces of leather and metal that are used to control or hold in place a person, animal, or object

ANSWERS: 1. argue, 2. essential, 3. climate, 4. bulb, 5. slide, 6. unfortunately, 7. incentive, 8. reward, 9. blackout, 10. harness

11. so_____re architect *n.* a set of computer programs and associated documentation and data for doing particular computational jobs
12. el_____fy the audience *v.* to make a machine or system work by using electricity; to make someone extremely enthusiastic about or interested in something
13. recent su____y *n.* an investigation of the opinions, behavior, etc. of a particular group of people, made by asking people questions
14. ov_____ok a street *v.* to fail to notice something; to watch over someone; to provide a view from above
15. act with ca_____n *n.* great care and attention that you take to avoid danger or mistakes; a warning against certain acts
16. ti___e his ribs *v.* to lightly touch a sensitive part of somebody's body in a way that makes them laugh
17. empty the whe_____ow *n.* a hand-operated cart with a single wheel in front and two supporting legs behind, used for carrying small loads over short distances
18. a profound in_____t *n.* the ability to gain an accurate and deep understanding of people or situations; an accurate and deep understanding of what something is like
19. l__k data *v.* to allow liquid or gas to get in or out from a hole or crack in a pipe or container

ANSWERS: 11. software, 12. electrify, 13. survey, 14. overlook, 15. caution, 16. tickle, 17. wheelbarrow, 18. insight, 19. leak

20. in_____e him to write a novel *v.* to make somebody fill with the desire, confidence, or enthusiasm, especially to do something creative
21. fi_____e act *n.* the management of money, credit, banking, and investments, especially by a government or commercial organization; the branch of economics that studies the management of money and other assets
22. airplane g__k *n.* a person who is highly interested and knowledgeable about a particular subject or field, often to the point of being obsessed
23. a lily b__b *n.* a rounded underground storage organ of some plants from which the plant grows; the rounded part of a cylindrical structure; electric lamp consisting of a glass ball
24. ine_____nt management *adj.* lacking the ability or skill and not making the best use of time, money, energy, etc.
25. extreme ca_____n *n.* great care and attention that you take to avoid danger or mistakes; a warning against certain acts
26. re_____e a phone *v.* to take the place of something
27. the_____at settings *n.* a device that automatically regulates temperature by controlling the heating or cooling system based on the temperature in a room or building

ANSWERS: 20. inspire, 21. finance, 22. geek, 23. bulb, 24. inefficient, 25. caution, 26. replace, 27. thermostat

28. save the pl___t *n.* any of the nine large celestial bodies that circle in the solar system; any celestial body that revolves around a star
29. face an inc_____ent truth *adj.* causing trouble or difficulty; not convenient or suitable
30. in_____e a feeling of curiosity *v.* to make somebody fill with the desire, confidence, or enthusiasm, especially to do something creative
31. ind_____us student *adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
32. construction of new c___l plants *n.* a combustible black or brownish-black sedimentary rock that is found below the ground and burnt to produce heat
33. re_____e one word with another *v.* to take the place of something
34. end of the first qu_____r *n.* one of four equal parts; a fourth part or portion
35. con_____te a large sum of money to the fund *v.* to give something, especially money or goods, to provide or achieve something together with other people
36. average fuel con_____on *n.* the amount used or eaten; the act of using up a resource such as energy, food, or materials
37. mo___l hazard *adj.* concerned with the principles of what is right and wrong, fairness, honesty, etc.
38. a short va_____on *n.* a period in which someone does not have to attend work or school and is free to do whatever they choose, such as travel or leisure

ANSWERS: 28. planet, 29. inconvenient, 30. inspire, 31. industrious, 32. coal, 33. replace, 34. quarter, 35. contribute, 36. consumption, 37. moral, 38. vacation

39. company mo__o *n.* a phrase or slogan that expresses a guiding principle or goal
40. a comprehensive su__y *n.* an investigation of the opinions, behavior, etc. of a particular group of people, made by asking people questions
41. series of exp_____nts *n.* the scientific test conducted to observe what happens and gain new knowledge
42. the wel_____ng of a nation *n.* the state of being happy and healthy and prosperous
43. the re___d for good works *n.* a thing given in acknowledgment of service, hard work, achievement, etc.
44. w__t per square meter *n.* a standard unit for measuring electrical power
45. con_____te to society *v.* to give something, especially money or goods, to provide or achieve something together with other people
46. in___t capital *v.* to put money, effort, time, etc. into something to make a profit or achieve a result
47. mo__l burden *adj.* concerned with the principles of what is right and wrong, fairness, honesty, etc.
48. g__k enthusiast *n.* a person who is highly interested and knowledgeable about a particular subject or field, often to the point of being obsessed
49. a fa_____ic dress *adj.* extremely good; excellent
50. a ge_____e article *adj.* real and exactly; not pretended; sincerely felt or expressed

ANSWERS: 39. motto, 40. survey, 41. experiment, 42. well-being, 43. reward, 44. watt, 45. contribute, 46. invest, 47. moral, 48. geek, 49. fantastic, 50. genuine

51. ar__e passionately *v.* to express differing opinions or points of view, often in a heated or contentious manner; to present a case or reasoning to persuade or convince others
52. auto da_____rd *n.* a control panel set within the central console of a vehicle or small aircraft; a diagram that depicts critical information, typically one that provides a business overview
53. 30-w__t light bulb *n.* a standard unit for measuring electrical power
54. or_____ry annual revenue *adj.* not different, exceptional, or unexpected in any way, especially in quality, ability, size, or degree
55. a c__l-fired ship *n.* a combustible black or brownish-black sedimentary rock that is found below the ground and burnt to produce heat
56. principles of sus_____le development *adj.* able to continue or be continued for a long time
57. energy-ef_____nt appliances *adj.* performing at the highest level of productivity with the least wasted effort or resources; capable of achieving maximum output with minimum wasted effort, time, or materials
58. ro_____y explain my idea *adv.* approximately but not precisely; with a violent manner
59. bankrupt cr_____or *n.* a person, company, etc. to whom a debtor owes money
60. inc_____ent for shopping *adj.* causing trouble or difficulty; not convenient or suitable

ANSWERS: 51. argue, 52. dashboard, 53. watt, 54. ordinary, 55. coal, 56. sustainable, 57. efficient, 58. roughly, 59. creditor, 60. inconvenient

61. par_____ip across the Atlantic *n.* the state of a cooperative relationship between people or groups, especially in business
62. cast de__n eyes *n.* an evil spirit, supernatural being or entity often depicted as malevolent or harmful
63. sus_____le alternative fuel *adj.* able to continue or be continued for a long time
64. around the gl__e *n.* the earth or world, mainly used to emphasize its vastness
65. follow his rec_____ions *n.* an official suggestion that something is good or suitable for a particular purpose or job
66. whe_____ow tire *n.* a hand-operated cart with a single wheel in front and two supporting legs behind, used for carrying small loads over short distances
67. honor gr_____te *n.* a person who has a first degree from university or college; (verb) to complete the first course of university or college and get a degree
68. sc_____h off a name *v.* to cut or damage the surface of something or the skin with a sharp or pointed object
69. su_____n of influence *n.* the act of persuading or influencing someone to do something, usually through argument, reasoning, or appeal
70. ut_____y costs *n.* the state or quality of being useful or convenient; the service, such as electric power or water or transportation, provided by a public

ANSWERS: 61. partnership, 62. demon, 63. sustainable, 64. globe, 65. recommendation, 66. wheelbarrow, 67. graduate, 68. scratch, 69. suasion, 70. utility

71. establish a par_____ip *n.* the state of a cooperative relationship between people or groups, especially in business
72. chaotic env_____nt *n.* the natural world such as air, water, and land in which humans, animals, and plants live
73. smart the_____at *n.* a device that automatically regulates temperature by controlling the heating or cooling system based on the temperature in a room or building
74. the con_____on of food *n.* the amount used or eaten; the act of using up a resource such as energy, food, or materials
75. sc_____h my signature *v.* to cut or damage the surface of something or the skin with a sharp or pointed object
76. copyrighted so_____re *n.* a set of computer programs and associated documentation and data for doing particular computational jobs
77. pl_____t like the Earth *n.* any of the nine large celestial bodies that circle in the solar system; any celestial body that revolves around a star
78. co_____e augmented reality *v.* to join or merge to form a single thing or group
79. business da_____rd *n.* a control panel set within the central console of a vehicle or small aircraft; a diagram that depicts critical information, typically one that provides a business overview

ANSWERS: 71. partnership, 72. environment, 73. thermostat, 74. consumption, 75. scratch, 76. software, 77. planet, 78. combine, 79. dashboard

80. religious su____n *n.* the act of persuading or influencing someone to do something, usually through argument, reasoning, or appeal
81. show ge____e regret *adj.* real and exactly; not pretended; sincerely felt or expressed
82. summer va____on *n.* a period in which someone does not have to attend work or school and is free to do whatever they choose, such as travel or leisure
83. share my in____ts *n.* the ability to gain an accurate and deep understanding of people or situations; an accurate and deep understanding of what something is like
84. g__d student *n.* (informal for graduate) a student who has recently graduated or is about to graduate from a school, college, or university
85. terrestrial gl__e *n.* the earth or world, mainly used to emphasize its vastness
86. high school g__d *n.* (informal for graduate) a student who has recently graduated or is about to graduate from a school, college, or university
87. ha____s a horse to a carriage *v.* to control and exploit the power of something, especially natural resources that produce energy; (noun) a set of narrow pieces of leather and metal that are used to control or hold in place a person, animal, or object
88. ine____nt use *adj.* lacking the ability or skill and not making the best use of time, money, energy, etc.

ANSWERS: 80. suasion, 81. genuine, 82. vacation, 83. insight, 84. grad, 85. globe, 86. grad, 87. harness, 88. inefficient

89. co_____e chemically with another substance *v.* to join or merge to form a single thing or group
90. ro_____y speaking *adv.* approximately but not precisely; with a violent manner
91. an in_____ve to work hard *n.* something, such as a punishment, reward, etc., that encourages a person to do something
92. a sense of wel_____ng *n.* the state of being happy and healthy and prosperous
93. ef_____nt operation *adj.* performing at the highest level of productivity with the least wasted effort or resources; capable of achieving maximum output with minimum wasted effort, time, or materials
94. a qu_____r mile *n.* one of four equal parts; a fourth part or portion
95. ind_____us worker *adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
96. memory bl_____ut *n.* a loss of electric power for a general region; a suspension of radio or TV broadcasting; a momentary loss of consciousness
97. in____t in stocks *v.* to put money, effort, time, etc. into something to make a profit or achieve a result
98. ti____e her vanity *v.* to lightly touch a sensitive part of somebody's body in a way that makes them laugh
99. the tra_____ion gears of a car *n.* the act or process of sending something from one person or place to another; the process of broadcasting over the airwaves, as in radio or television

ANSWERS: 89. combine, 90. roughly, 91. incentive, 92. well-being, 93. efficient, 94. quarter, 95. industrious, 96. blackout, 97. invest, 98. tickle, 99. transmission

100. gr_____te degree program *n.* a person who has a first degree from university or college; (verb) to complete the first course of university or college and get a degree
101. el_____fy a manufacturing process *v.* to make a machine or system work by using electricity; to make someone extremely enthusiastic about or interested in something
102. de_____ly unfriendly *adv.* in a manner that is beyond doubt or question; in a way that is clear and unmistakable; in an emphatic or determined manner
103. exp_____nt design *n.* the scientific test conducted to observe what happens and gain new knowledge
104. an or_____ry school *adj.* not different, exceptional, or unexpected in any way, especially in quality, ability, size, or degree
105. the mo__o for safe traffic *n.* a phrase or slogan that expresses a guiding principle or goal
106. unf_____ely caught in a shower *adv.* by bad luck; unluckily
107. env_____nt affairs *n.* the natural world such as air, water, and land in which humans, animals, and plants live
108. de__n hunter *n.* an evil spirit, supernatural being or entity often depicted as malevolent or harmful
109. absolutely fa_____ic event *adj.* extremely good; excellent
110. sl__e a card across the table *v.* to move or cause to move smoothly along a surface without interruption

ANSWERS: 100. graduate, 101. electrify, 102. decidedly, 103. experiment, 104. ordinary, 105. motto, 106. unfortunately, 107. environment, 108. demon, 109. fantastic, 110. slide

111. es_____al commodities of life *adj.* indispensable; fundamental
112. tra_____ion speed *n.* the act or process of sending something from one person or place to another; the process of broadcasting over the airwaves, as in radio or television
113. l__k a classified memo *v.* to allow liquid or gas to get in or out from a hole or crack in a pipe or container
114. marginal ut_____y *n.* the state or quality of being useful or convenient; the service, such as electric power or water or transportation, provided by a public
115. a film f_n *n.* a person who admires and supports a person, group, sport, sports team, etc.; a device for creating a current of air by the movement of a surface or surfaces
116. a letter of rec_____ion *n.* an official suggestion that something is good or suitable for a particular purpose or job
117. engine cooling f_n *n.* a person who admires and supports a person, group, sport, sports team, etc.; a device for creating a current of air by the movement of a surface or surfaces
118. ov_____ok that fact *v.* to fail to notice something; to watch over someone; to provide a view from above
119. a cold cl_____e *n.* the weather in a particular location averaged over some long period
120. manage my fi_____es *n.* the management of money, credit, banking, and investments, especially by a government or commercial organization; the branch of economics that studies the management of money and other assets

ANSWERS: 111. essential, 112. transmission, 113. leak, 114. utility, 115. fan, 116. recommendation, 117. fan, 118. overlook, 119. climate, 120. finance

121. de_____ly different

adv. in a manner that is beyond doubt or question; in a way that is clear and unmistakable; in an emphatic or determined manner

122. the cr_____or's claims

n. a person, company, etc. to whom a debtor owes money

ANSWERS: 121. decidedly, 122. creditor

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. Every human is responsible for taking care of the Earth's _____.
n. the natural world such as air, water, and land in which humans, animals, and plants live

2. He was known to be very _____ and would often work late into the night.
adj. hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort

3. The unique style of this martial arts _____ many action film producers.
v. to make somebody fill with the desire, confidence, or enthusiasm, especially to do something creative

4. The company specializes in both hardware and _____.
n. a set of computer programs and associated documentation and data for doing particular computational jobs

5. These models explain why you can't _____ yourself.
v. to lightly touch a sensitive part of somebody's body in a way that makes them laugh

6. Ethics deals with _____ conduct.
adj. concerned with the principles of what is right and wrong, fairness, honesty, etc.

7. His _____ showed highly positive results.
n. the scientific test conducted to observe what happens and gain new knowledge

8. The new washing machine is much more _____ than the old one.
adj. performing at the highest level of productivity with the least wasted effort or resources; capable of achieving maximum output with minimum wasted effort, time, or materials

ANSWERS: 1. environment, 2. industrious, 3. inspired, 4. software, 5. tickle, 6. moral, 7. experiments, 8. efficient

9. Several hectares of land are needed to generate more than 1-mega_____ solar power.
n. a standard unit for measuring electrical power
10. The unemployment rate in the first _____ was 2.3 percentage points higher than in the previous.
n. one of four equal parts; a fourth part or portion
11. Trial and error is an _____ part of education.
adj. indispensable; fundamental
12. We gained various _____ by analyzing the vast amount of data owned by the company.
n. the ability to gain an accurate and deep understanding of people or situations; an accurate and deep understanding of what something is like
13. The new amusement park ride was _____ with twists, turns, and drops that left riders screaming with excitement.
adj. extremely good; excellent
14. That _____ shows that people are accepting the tax increase to some extent.
n. an investigation of the opinions, behavior, etc. of a particular group of people, made by asking people questions
15. Mercury is the closest _____ to the sun.
n. any of the nine large celestial bodies that circle in the solar system; any celestial body that revolves around a star
16. It was _____ for her to go out of her way to pick up the package.
adj. causing trouble or difficulty; not convenient or suitable

ANSWERS: 9. watt, 10. quarter, 11. essential, 12. insights, 13. fantastic, 14. survey, 15. planet, 16. inconvenient

17. The product developed through years of research continues to _____ the market.

- v.* to make a machine or system work by using electricity; to make someone extremely enthusiastic about or interested in something

18. Government workers cannot _____ to political campaigns.

- v.* to give something, especially money or goods, to provide or achieve something together with other people

19. The government should do more to support environmentally _____ agriculture.

- adj.* able to continue or be continued for a long time

20. He gave a stern _____ to the naughty student.

- n.* great care and attention that you take to avoid danger or mistakes; a warning against certain acts

21. They have no _____ to win the game.

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

22. Is this painting _____ or forged?

- adj.* real and exactly; not pretended; sincerely felt or expressed

23. Five miles is _____ similar to eight kilometers.

- adv.* approximately but not precisely; with a violent manner

24. If necessary, you can _____ the front seats forward.

- v.* to move or cause to move smoothly along a surface without interruption

ANSWERS: 17. electrify, 18. contribute, 19. sustainable, 20. caution, 21. incentive, 22. genuine, 23. roughly, 24. slide

25. Our company decided to hire an advisor who specializes in _____.
- n.* the management of money, credit, banking, and investments, especially by a government or commercial organization; the branch of economics that studies the management of money and other assets
26. The military _____ between the two countries created tension in the international community.
- n.* the state of a cooperative relationship between people or groups, especially in business
27. We made a _____ to the client.
- n.* an official suggestion that something is good or suitable for a particular purpose or job
28. The nationwide _____ caused widespread power outages and disrupted daily life.
- n.* a loss of electric power for a general region; a suspension of radio or TV broadcasting; a momentary loss of consciousness
29. I'm a big ___ of French food.
- n.* a person who admires and supports a person, group, sport, sports team, etc.; a device for creating a current of air by the movement of a surface or surfaces
30. People have been exploring ways to _____ natural forces and resources since ancient times.
- v.* to control and exploit the power of something, especially natural resources that produce energy; (noun) a set of narrow pieces of leather and metal that are used to control or hold in place a person, animal, or object
31. Night fishing has a lot of _____.
- n.* a thing given in acknowledgment of service, hard work, achievement, etc.

ANSWERS: 25. finance, 26. partnership, 27. recommendation, 28. blackout, 29. fan, 30. harness, 31. rewards

32. We cannot _____ an opportunity for great success.

- v.* to fail to notice something; to watch over someone; to provide a view from above

33. The _____ of the device was immediately apparent to all who saw it.

- n.* the state or quality of being useful or convenient; the service, such as electric power or water or transportation, provided by a public

34. Hydrogen and oxygen _____ to form water.

- v.* to join or merge to form a single thing or group

35. He _____ serious accounting irregularities that only people in the company's executive could know.

- v.* to allow liquid or gas to get in or out from a hole or crack in a pipe or container

36. We combust _____ and other fossil fuels to generate electricity.

- n.* a combustible black or brownish-black sedimentary rock that is found below the ground and burnt to produce heat

37. The digital _____ has a programmable feature, and it can be controlled through your smartphone.

- n.* a device that automatically regulates temperature by controlling the heating or cooling system based on the temperature in a room or building

38. I loaded up the _____ with dirt and hauled it to the backyard.

- n.* a hand-operated cart with a single wheel in front and two supporting legs behind, used for carrying small loads over short distances

39. We are responsible for the care and _____ of all our employees.

- n.* the state of being happy and healthy and prosperous

ANSWERS: 32. overlook, 33. utility, 34. combine, 35. leaked, 36. coal, 37. thermostat, 38. wheelbarrow, 39. well-being

40. The light _____ has burned out.

- n.* a rounded underground storage organ of some plants from which the plant grows; the rounded part of a cylindrical structure; electric lamp consisting of a glass ball

41. Eventually, the new design will _____ all older models.

- v.* to take the place of something

42. He noticed that the oil warning light on the _____ of his car had turned on.

- n.* a control panel set within the central console of a vehicle or small aircraft; a diagram that depicts critical information, typically one that provides a business overview

43. _____ and weather have an impact on every part of our lifestyles.

- n.* the weather in a particular location averaged over some long period

44. Many employers hire _____ trainees to train as managers.

- n.* a person who has a first degree from university or college; (verb) to complete the first course of university or college and get a degree

45. Education is the _____ of civilization.

- n.* the act or process of sending something from one person or place to another; the process of broadcasting over the airwaves, as in radio or television

46. Don't _____ your mosquito bites.

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

47. The company's _____ is "Innovation and Service," which is reflected in its products and customer support.

- n.* a phrase or slogan that expresses a guiding principle or goal

ANSWERS: 40. bulb, 41. replace, 42. dashboard, 43. Climate, 44. graduate, 45. transmission, 46. scratch, 47. motto

48. The actor's portrayal of the _____ in the horror movie was terrifying.
- n.* an evil spirit, supernatural being or entity often depicted as malevolent or harmful
49. The couple began to _____ over which restaurant to go to for dinner.
- v.* to express differing opinions or points of view, often in a heated or contentious manner; to present a case or reasoning to persuade or convince others
50. The politician used her powers of _____ to convince the committee to approve her proposal.
- n.* the act of persuading or influencing someone to do something, usually through argument, reasoning, or appeal
51. The government should view children as national assets and actively _____ in them.
- v.* to put money, effort, time, etc. into something to make a profit or achieve a result
52. His final goal is to sail around the _____.
- n.* the earth or world, mainly used to emphasize its vastness
53. He was proud to be a _____ of the prestigious university.
- n.* (informal for graduate) a student who has recently graduated or is about to graduate from a school, college, or university
54. The system is still so _____ that it is useless.
- adj.* lacking the ability or skill and not making the best use of time, money, energy, etc.
55. The _____ session of the Diet opened.
- adj.* not different, exceptional, or unexpected in any way, especially in quality, ability, size, or degree

ANSWERS: 48. demon, 49. argue, 50. suasion, 51. invest, 52. globe, 53. grad, 54. inefficient, 55. ordinary

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

adv. by bad luck; unluckily

57. He was a computer _____ and spent all his free time coding.

n. a person who is highly interested and knowledgeable about a particular subject or field, often to the point of being obsessed

58. I asked the lawyer to initiate _____ negotiations for voluntary liquidation.

n. a person, company, etc. to whom a debtor owes money

59. Do you have a plan for a long _____

n. a period in which someone does not have to attend work or school and is free to do whatever they choose, such as travel or leisure

60. She was _____ unimpressed with his latest attempt at a joke.

adv. in a manner that is beyond doubt or question; in a way that is clear and unmistakable; in an emphatic or determined manner

61. In our country, water _____ usually decreases during the winter.

n. the amount used or eaten; the act of using up a resource such as energy, food, or materials

ANSWERS: 56. unfortunately, 57. geek, 58. creditor, 59. vacation?, 60. decidedly, 61. consumption