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Session 1: Word List

abide

v. to accept or tolerate something or to act in accordance with a rule, decision, recommendation, etc.; to remain in a particular state or condition

synonym: reside, dwell, live

(1) **abide** by a contract, (2) **abide** in the same place

They must **abide** by the rules set by the governing body.

perspective

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

synonym: viewpoint, standpoint, outlook

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

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

multitasking

n. the ability to do more than one task at the same time; the state of doing more than one task at the same time

synonym: juggling, multihandling, parallelism

(1) computer **multitasking**, (2) **multitasking** ability

She could finish all her work on time because of her **multitasking** skills.

conscious

adj. being aware of and able to respond to what is happening around you

synonym: aware, cognizant, deliberate

(1) **conscious** effort, (2) **conscious** of having succeeded
He became **conscious** that he was being followed.

component

n. one of several parts that combines with others to form something bigger

synonym: element, part, factor

(1) key **component**, (2) spare **components** for cars

The researchers try to discover a common **component** in all types of successful organizations.

immediate

adj. happening or done without delay or occurring shortly after something else

synonym: prompt, quick, instantaneous

(1) take **immediate** effect, (2) the **immediate** past

Both forts were subject to **immediate** attacks.

process

n. a series of actions or operations performed to achieve a particular outcome or goal; a systematic procedure or approach used to accomplish a specific task or objective; a method of treating milk to make it suitable for consumption or use in other dairy products

synonym: procedure, method, system

(1) **process** improvement, (2) decision-making **process**

The **process** for applying for a visa can be lengthy and complicated.

president

n. the leader of a republic, for example, the US; the person in charge of the organization such as a company, university, club, etc.

synonym: leader, CEO, chairperson

(1) **president** emeritus, (2) vice- **president** for finance

The club **president** does not have absolute power.

surf

v. to ride on or through waves while standing or lying down on a board or other object; to search or browse the Internet or other computer networks in a casual or aimless manner

synonym

: browse, scan, paddle

(1) **surf** the Internet, (2) **surf** the waves

I'll **surf** the online store to see if I can find that item in a different color.

mundane

adj. very ordinary and therefore lacking interest or excitement

synonym: ordinary, everyday, prosaic

(1) **mundane** affairs, (2) **mundane** objects

After returning from the war, he had a pretty **mundane** life.

lever

n. a handle used to operate a vehicle or a machine; a rigid bar resting on a pivot so that one end of it can be pushed or pulled easily

synonym: lifter, crowbar, bar

(1) a gear change **lever**, (2) **lever** for reform

This initiative will be a **lever** for increasing company sales.

satisfy

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

synonym: please, amuse, meet

(1) **satisfy** a desire, (2) **satisfy** a user's needs

Did this response **satisfy** your request?

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.

storytelling

n. the act or art of narrating or writing stories

synonym: narrating, relating, recounting

(1) **storytelling** performance, (2) courtroom **storytelling**

She was skilled in **storytelling** techniques, such as using different voices for other characters.

highway

n. a main road, especially one connecting major towns or cities

synonym: road, expressway, freeway

(1) **highway** system, (2) an interstate **highway**

I'm going to take the **highway** to get to my destination faster.

electrode

n. either of two points or ends of a conductor at which electricity enters or leaves an object, substance, or region

(1) platinum **electrodes**, (2) **electrode** corrosion

It is important to place the **electrodes** in the correct position for accurate electro-cardiogram recording.

mumble

v. to speak quietly, unclearly, or in a way that is difficult to understand; to murmur or mutter inarticulately

synonym: murmur, mutter, whisper

(1) **mumble** a reply, (2) **mumble** under your breath

She tended to **mumble** when she was nervous or unsure of herself.

neurological

adj. of or relating to the science of neurology or the nervous system

synonym: nervous, neural, brain-related

(1) fever with **neurological** signs, (2) **neurological** symptoms

The patient was diagnosed with a **neurological** disorder affecting their motor skills.

recite

v. to say a poem, piece of literature, etc. aloud from memory,

synonym: repeat, replicate, recount

(1) **recite** a charm, (2) **recite** a long list of the article

He could **recite** all of Shakespeare's works.

alphabet

n. a character set that includes letters and is used to write a language

synonym: ABC's

(1) letters of an **alphabet**, (2) an **alphabet** of manual signs
He strove to memorize the Hebrew **alphabet**.

backward

adv. at, to, or toward the direction or place that is behind or rear

synonym : back, rearward, in reverse

(1) walk **backward**, (2) **backward** angle

She falls over **backward** when she sees her mother-in-law.

typical

adj. having the usual characteristics or traits of a specific group of things

synonym : characteristic, usual, distinctive

(1) **typical** leader, (2) fairly **typical** symptoms

This artwork is **typical** of her work.

norm

n. something that is regarded as usual, typical, or standard

synonym : criterion, mean, standard

(1) **norm** of action, (2) cultural **norm**

The systems we have developed has accepted as industry **norms**.

function

n. the purpose or use of an object, system, or process; a particular activity or operation that is designed to serve a specific purpose; a mathematical concept that describes a relationship between two sets of values, called the input and output sets; (verb) to operate or work in a specific way, or to perform a particular task or purpose

synonym : purpose, mapping, job

(1) **function** properly, (2) immune **function**

The brain is an incredibly complex organ that controls the body's **function**.

exposed

adj. having no protection or shield from something, such as bad weather, attack, or criticism

synonym : endangered, revealed, disclosed

(1) **exposed** to radiation, (2) an **exposed** rock

Tech companies often employ **exposed** ducts and other

materials in their office interiors.

amorphous

adj. without a definite or clear shape or form; lacking a specific structure or organization; shapeless or formless

synonym : formless, shapeless, structureless

(1) **amorphous** amoeba, (2) **amorphous** mass

The clouded jellyfish has an **amorphous** shape, making it difficult to identify.

extract

n. a short passage taken from a book, piece of music, etc.; a substance obtained from something through a specific process; (verb) to obtain from something or to remove something by effort or force

synonym : excerpt, quote, distillation

(1) a brief **extract** from the book, (2) botanical **extract**

Anesthetize the gum before **extracting** the teeth.

pea

n. a small, round, green vegetable that grows in pods on a climbing plant and is eaten as a vegetable

synonym : legume, bean, pulse

(1) **pea** protein, (2) **pea** family

She shelled the **peas** and added them to the pot.

awesome

adj. inspiring fear, admiration, or respect; very good, nice, fun, etc.

synonym : miraculous, marvelous, astounding

(1) **awesome** mental faculty, (2) have an **awesome** birthday

There is a lot of **awesome** nature and food in Hawaii.

investigate

v. to conduct a systematic or formal inquiry to identify and evaluate the facts of a crime, problem, statement, etc. to establish the truth

synonym : examine, analyze, look into

(1) **investigate** the matter, (2) **investigate** a data leak

The committee **investigated** several apparent inconsistencies.

communicate

v. to share or exchange information with others by speaking, writing, moving your body, or using other signals

synonym : convey, share, transmit

(1) **communicate** his anxieties to the psychiatrist,

(2) **communicate** well with my advisor

Dolphins use sound to **communicate** with each other.

conversation

n. an informal talk between two or more people to exchange their views, ideas, information, etc.

synonym : chat, discussion, dialogue

(1) **conversation** in English, (2) a friendly **conversation**

Your **conversation** reflects your thoughts.

narrative

n. a story or a description of a series of events or process of telling a story

synonym : the tale, chronology, annals

(1) **narrative** poetry, (2) personal **narrative**

The **narrative** handles multiple plot lines and has unpredictable ends.

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.

critic

n. someone who expresses opinions about the quality of books, music, etc.

synonym : pundit, analyst, attacker

(1) art **critic**, (2) severe **critic**

Advocates for legal reform hear less harsh words from their **critics**.

evaluate

v. to assess or estimate the quality, significance, quantity, or value of something

synonym : assess, estimate, consider

(1) **evaluate** the grant proposal, (2) **evaluate** a situation

The meeting aims to **evaluate** possible choices.

decide

v. to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options

synonym : choose, determine, settle

(1) **decide** a question, (2) **decide** on a course of action

She couldn't **decide** whether to order the pizza or the pasta for dinner.

bull

n. a male bovine animal; an investor who has a positive outlook on the market or a particular investment and buys with the expectation of prices increasing

synonym : bovine, cattle, bruiser

(1) **bull** market, (2) **bull** fighter

The farmer raised a **bull** on his ranch for breeding purposes.

bacon

n. a type of salt-cured pork that is usually sliced and fried; a meat product that is derived from the back or sides of a pig

synonym : ham, pork belly, gammon

(1) **bacon** and eggs, (2) **bacon** sandwich

I love the smell of **bacon** sizzling in the morning.

duration

n. the length of time something lasts or continues

synonym : period, span, course

(1) the **duration** of insurance, (2) short **duration**

The military incarcerated him for the **duration** of the war.

functional

adj. designed for or capable of a particular activity, purpose, or task; practical or ready for use or service

synonym : applicable, practical, usable

(1) field of **functional** medicine, (2) **functional** deafness

The mobile phone was still **functional** even after being

dropped.

apparently

adv. based on what you have heard or read

synonym : evidently, obviously, supposedly

(1) **apparently** simple, (2) **apparently** unrelated

The police **apparently** believed this explanation was plausible.

achieve

v. to successfully complete a task or goal, often through hard work, perseverance, and dedication; to attain or accomplish something that one has set out to do

synonym : accomplish, attain, reach

(1) **achieve** success, (2) **achieve** milestones

I will work hard to **achieve** my goals and realize my dreams.

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.

nod

v. to lower and raise one's head, sometimes several times, as to show approval, agreement, greeting, or confirmation

synonym : respond, acknowledge, greet

(1) **nod** at each other, (2) **nod** courteously

She **noded** quietly in response to the question.

negotiate

v. to have formal discussions with someone to reach an agreement

synonym : discuss, mediate, bargain

(1) **negotiate** a settlement, (2) **negotiate** the price of the house

We are always happy to **negotiate** a discount.

strategy

n. a detailed plan of action designed to achieve a long-term or overall goal.

synonym : approach, procedure, scenario

(1) military **strategy**, (2) develop a **strategy**

Our plan includes a comprehensive marketing **strategy**.

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**.

immediately

adv. now or without delay

synonym : directly, instantly, promptly

(1) **immediately** recall a product, (2) write him an answer **immediately**

A suspension order from the court is effective **immediately**.

assume

v. to think or accept something to be true without having proof of it; to take or begin to have power; to begin to exhibit a specific quality or appearance

synonym : guess, presume, suppose

(1) **assume** a lousy attitude to his boss, (2) **assume** an important role

The following example **assumes** that the capacity of each battery is the same.

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.

elaborate

adj. containing a lot of carefully prepared and organized or many complicated and detailed parts

synonym : detailed, intricate, complicated

(1) an **elaborate** hat, (2) **elaborate** Ponzi scheme
He proposed an **elaborate** program of public works.

illustrate

v. to provide pictures, photographs, diagrams, etc. in a book or something for explanation

synonym : demonstrate, explain, exemplify

(1) **illustrate** a key point, (2) **illustrate** a story

The company's financial records **illustrate** how successful it has been.

relate

v. to establish a connection or association between two or more things; to narrate or tell about an event, experience, or relationship; to empathize or feel sympathy with someone or something

synonym : connect, link, associate

(1) **relate** a story, (2) **relate** a message

He tried to **relate** his experience to the group, but they couldn't understand.

spin

v. to cause something to rotate rapidly; to cause someone to feel dizzy or disoriented

synonym : rotate, twirl, swirl

(1) **spin** a top, (2) **spin** thread out of cotton

The tornado is **spinning** across the countryside, destroying everything in its path.

wrap

v. to cover or enclose something entirely with paper, cloth, or other material

synonym : surround, cover, bandage

(1) **wrap** a fish in foil, (2) **wrap** up a meeting

Wrap the bandage tightly around the injured arm.

imagery

n. the use of words or pictures in books, photographs, paintings, etc., that produces pictures in the minds of people; the ability to form mental images of things or events

synonym: metaphors, symbolism, imaging

(1) visual **imagery**, (2) satellite **imagery**

This movie is famous for its romantic **imagery**.

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.

organization

n. a group of people who work together for a shared purpose

synonym: association, institution, community

(1) **organization** chart, (2) agricultural **organization**

She is the president of a large international **organization**.

structure

n. the way of construction of something and the arrangement of its parts, or a complex thing constructed of many parts

synonym: construction, architecture, establishment

(1) the **structure** of a machine, (2) **structure** and function of the brain

The organizational **structure** of start-ups is often flat and straightforward.

novice

n. a person who is new to a particular activity or experience; a beginner or learner

synonym: beginner, freshman, apprentice

(1) chess **novice**, (2) **novice** lawyer

The **novice** coder had a difficult time debugging their program.

approximate

adj. nearly accurate or correct, but not completely so

synonym: rough, close, near

(1) linear **approximate** equation, (2) **approximate** time
The **approximate** cost of the project was estimated to be around \$500,000.

sophistication

n. the quality or state of having a great deal of worldly experience; the quality or state of being intellectually or culturally refined

synonym: refinement, culture, elegance

(1) cultural **sophistication**, (2) linguistic **sophistication**

The new technology added a level of **sophistication** to the manufacturing process.

chart

n. a visual display of information such as a diagram, lists of figures, etc.; a map designed to assist navigation by air or sea

synonym: diagram, graph, map

(1) a weather **chart**, (2) a statistical **chart**

This pie **chart** represents our market share.

take-home

n. the amount of money earned after deducting taxes and other expenses; a task, assignment, or lesson that is meant to be completed or learned outside of a classroom or workplace

synonym: salary, earnings, income

(1) **take-home** pay, (2) **take-home** exam

The company provided the employees with **take-home** assignments to complete over the weekend.

standpoint

n. a particular perspective or position from which something is viewed or considered; a point of view or opinion on a specific matter

synonym: viewpoint, perspective, opinion

(1) **standpoint** theory, (2) moral **standpoint**

From a marketing **standpoint**, this product may need to be more effective.

Session 2: Spelling

1. no___e lawyer *n.* a person who is new to a particular activity or experience; a beginner or learner
2. le__r for reform *n.* a handle used to operate a vehicle or a machine; a rigid bar resting on a pivot so that one end of it can be pushed or pulled easily
3. com_____te well with my advisor *v.* to share or exchange information with others by speaking, writing, moving your body, or using other signals
4. app_____ly simple *adv.* based on what you have heard or read
5. n_d courteously *v.* to lower and raise one's head, sometimes several times, as to show approval, agreement, greeting, or confirmation
6. personal na_____ve *n.* a story or a description of a series of events or process of telling a story
7. the im_____te past *adj.* happening or done without delay or occurring shortly after something else
8. a friendly con_____ion *n.* an informal talk between two or more people to exchange their views, ideas, information, etc.
9. n__m of action *n.* something that is regarded as usual, typical, or standard
10. sa_____y a user's needs *v.* to make somebody pleased by giving them what they want or need

ANSWERS: 1. novice, 2. lever, 3. communicate, 4. apparently, 5. nod, 6. narrative, 7. immediate, 8. conversation, 9. norm, 10. satisfy

11. chess no___e *n.* a person who is new to a particular activity or experience; a beginner or learner
12. take ad_____ge of his weak points *n.* a condition or circumstance that puts one in a favorable or superior position; a beneficial feature or asset that someone or something has
13. neu_____cal symptoms *adj.* of or relating to the science of neurology or the nervous system
14. co_____us of having succeeded *adj.* being aware of and able to respond to what is happening around you
15. an el_____te hat *adj.* containing a lot of carefully prepared and organized or many complicated and detailed parts
16. in_____e a lot of paperwork *v.* to include or affect someone or something as a necessary part of something else
17. am_____us mass *adj.* without a definite or clear shape or form; lacking a specific structure or organization; shapeless or formless
18. imm_____ly recall a product *adv.* now or without delay
19. el_____te Ponzi scheme *adj.* containing a lot of carefully prepared and organized or many complicated and detailed parts
20. s__n a top *v.* to cause something to rotate rapidly; to cause someone to feel dizzy or disoriented
21. spare co_____nts for cars *n.* one of several parts that combines with others to form something bigger

ANSWERS: 11. novice, 12. advantage, 13. neurological, 14. conscious, 15. elaborate, 16. involve, 17. amorphous, 18. immediately, 19. elaborate, 20. spin, 21. component

22. s__f the Internet *v.* to ride on or through waves while standing or lying down on a board or other object; to search or browse the Internet or other computer networks in a casual or aimless manner
23. cultural n__m *n.* something that is regarded as usual, typical, or standard
24. a ne____ve number *adj.* having the quality of something bad or harmful; expressing refusal
25. ba__n and eggs *n.* a type of salt-cured pork that is usually sliced and fried; a meat product that is derived from the back or sides of a pig
26. as____te alcohol with gambling *v.* to mentally connect someone or something with someone or something else
27. an ex____d rock *adj.* having no protection or shield from something, such as bad weather, attack, or criticism
28. env____nt affairs *n.* the natural world such as air, water, and land in which humans, animals, and plants live
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30. ill____te a story *v.* to provide pictures, photographs, diagrams, etc. in a book or something for explanation
31. vice-pr____nt for finance *n.* the leader of a republic, for example, the US; the person in charge of the organization such as a company, university, club, etc.

ANSWERS: 22. surf, 23. norm, 24. negative, 25. bacon, 26. associate, 27. exposed, 28. environment, 29. chart, 30. illustrate, 31. president

32. st_____re and function of the brain *n.* the way of construction of something and the arrangement of its parts, or a complex thing constructed of many parts
33. s__n thread out of cotton *v.* to cause something to rotate rapidly; to cause someone to feel dizzy or disoriented
34. the per_____ve of the battle *n.* a confident attitude toward something; a particular style of thinking about something
35. short du_____on *n.* the length of time something lasts or continues
36. fu_____on properly *n.* the purpose or use of an object, system, or process; a particular activity or operation that is designed to serve a specific purpose; a mathematical concept that describes a relationship between two sets of values, called the input and output sets; (verb) to operate or work in a specific way, or to perform a particular task or purpose
37. computer mul_____ing *n.* the ability to do more than one task at the same time; the state of doing more than one task at the same time
38. sta_____nt theory *n.* a particular perspective or position from which something is viewed or considered; a point of view or opinion on a specific matter
39. in_____e a high degree of risk *v.* to include or affect someone or something as a necessary part of something else

ANSWERS: 32. structure, 33. spin, 34. perspective, 35. duration, 36. function, 37. multitasking, 38. standpoint, 39. involve

40. develop a st____gy *n.* a detailed plan of action designed to achieve a long-term or overall goal.
41. s__f the waves *v.* to ride on or through waves while standing or lying down on a board or other object; to search or browse the Internet or other computer networks in a casual or aimless manner
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44. have a ne____ve effect *adj.* having the quality of something bad or harmful; expressing refusal
45. ev_____te a situation *v.* to assess or estimate the quality, significance, quantity, or value of something
46. mu_____e affairs *adj.* very ordinary and therefore lacking interest or excitement
47. p_a family *n.* a small, round, green vegetable that grows in pods on a climbing plant and is eaten as a vegetable
48. w__p up a meeting *v.* to cover or enclose something entirely with paper, cloth, or other material
49. as___e an important role *v.* to think or accept something to be true without having proof of it; to take or begin to have power; to begin to exhibit a specific quality or appearance

ANSWERS: 40. strategy, 41. surf, 42. approximate, 43. relate, 44. negative, 45. evaluate, 46. mundane, 47. pea, 48. wrap, 49. assume

50. write him an answer imm_____ly *adv.* now or without delay
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81. 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
82. sto_____ing performance *n.* the act or art of narrating or writing stories
83. ac_____e milestones *v.* to successfully complete a task or goal, often through hard work, perseverance, and dedication; to attain or accomplish something that one has set out to do
84. cultural sop_____ion *n.* the quality or state of having a great deal of worldly experience; the quality or state of being intellectually or culturally refined
85. re___e a charm *v.* to say a poem, piece of literature, etc. aloud from memory,
86. ne_____te a settlement *v.* to have formal discussions with someone to reach an agreement
87. a brief ex_____t from the book *n.* a short passage taken from a book, piece of music, etc.; a substance obtained from something through a specific process; (verb) to obtain from something or to remove something by effort or force

ANSWERS: 79. organization, 80. bull, 81. advantage, 82. storytelling, 83. achieve, 84. sophistication, 85. recite, 86. negotiate, 87. extract

88. ill_____te a key point *v.* to provide pictures, photographs, diagrams, etc. in a book or something for explanation
89. pr_____s improvement *n.* a series of actions or operations performed to achieve a particular outcome or goal; a systematic procedure or approach used to accomplish a specific task or objective; a method of treating milk to make it suitable for consumption or use in other dairy products
90. field of fun_____al medicine *adj.* designed for or capable of a particular activity, purpose, or task; practical or ready for use or service
91. ne_____te the price of the house *v.* to have formal discussions with someone to reach an agreement
92. ex_____d to radiation *adj.* having no protection or shield from something, such as bad weather, attack, or criticism
93. p_a protein *n.* a small, round, green vegetable that grows in pods on a climbing plant and is eaten as a vegetable
94. de___e a question *v.* to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options
95. n_d at each other *v.* to lower and raise one's head, sometimes several times, as to show approval, agreement, greeting, or confirmation
96. mu___e under your breath *v.* to speak quietly, unclearly, or in a way that is difficult to understand; to murmur or mutter inarticulately

ANSWERS: 88. illustrate, 89. process, 90. functional, 91. negotiate, 92. exposed, 93. pea, 94. decide, 95. nod, 96. mumble

97. the du_____on of insurance *n.* the length of time something lasts or continues
98. key co_____nt *n.* one of several parts that combines with others to form something bigger
99. sa_____y a desire *v.* to make somebody pleased by giving them what they want or need
100. as_____te with people widely *v.* to mentally connect someone or something with someone or something else
101. mul_____ing ability *n.* the ability to do more than one task at the same time; the state of doing more than one task at the same time
102. el_____de corrosion *n.* either of two points or ends of a conductor at which electricity enters or leaves an object, substance, or region
103. con_____ion in English *n.* an informal talk between two or more people to exchange their views, ideas, information, etc.
104. re___e a long list of the article *v.* to say a poem, piece of literature, etc. aloud from memory,
105. agricultural org_____ion *n.* a group of people who work together for a shared purpose
106. w__p a fish in foil *v.* to cover or enclose something entirely with paper, cloth, or other material
107. military st_____gy *n.* a detailed plan of action designed to achieve a long-term or overall goal.
108. walk ba_____rd *adv.* at, to, or toward the direction or place that is behind or rear

ANSWERS: 97. duration, 98. component, 99. satisfy, 100. associate, 101. multitasking, 102. electrode, 103. conversation, 104. recite, 105. organization, 106. wrap, 107. strategy, 108. backward

109. platinum el_____des *n.* either of two points or ends of a conductor at which electricity enters or leaves an object, substance, or region
110. ac_____e success *v.* to successfully complete a task or goal, often through hard work, perseverance, and dedication; to attain or accomplish something that one has set out to do
111. have an aw_____e birthday *adj.* inspiring fear, admiration, or respect; very good, nice, fun, etc.
112. an al_____et of manual signs *n.* a character set that includes letters and is used to write a language
113. aw_____e mental faculty *adj.* inspiring fear, admiration, or respect; very good, nice, fun, etc.
114. a gear change le__r *n.* a handle used to operate a vehicle or a machine; a rigid bar resting on a pivot so that one end of it can be pushed or pulled easily
115. b__l market *n.* a male bovine animal; an investor who has a positive outlook on the market or a particular investment and buys with the expectation of prices increasing
116. mu_____e a reply *v.* to speak quietly, unclearly, or in a way that is difficult to understand; to murmur or mutter inarticulately
117. moral sta_____nt *n.* a particular perspective or position from which something is viewed or considered; a point of view or opinion on a specific matter
118. satellite im_____y *n.* the use of words or pictures in books, photographs, paintings, etc., that produces pictures in the minds of people; the ability to form mental images of things or events

ANSWERS: 109. electrode, 110. achieve, 111. awesome, 112. alphabet, 113. awesome, 114. lever, 115. bull, 116. mumble, 117. standpoint, 118. imagery

119. ab__e in the same place *v.* to accept or tolerate something or to act in accordance with a rule, decision, recommendation, etc.; to remain in a particular state or condition
120. decision-making pr____s *n.* a series of actions or operations performed to achieve a particular outcome or goal; a systematic procedure or approach used to accomplish a specific task or objective; a method of treating milk to make it suitable for consumption or use in other dairy products
121. ty____l leader *adj.* having the usual characteristics or traits of a specific group of things
122. pr____nt emeritus *n.* the leader of a republic, for example, the US; the person in charge of the organization such as a company, university, club, etc.
123. ba__n sandwich *n.* a type of salt-cured pork that is usually sliced and fried; a meat product that is derived from the back or sides of a pig
124. inv____te a data leak *v.* to conduct a systematic or formal inquiry to identify and evaluate the facts of a crime, problem, statement, etc. to establish the truth
125. mu____e objects *adj.* very ordinary and therefore lacking interest or excitement
126. take im____te effect *adj.* happening or done without delay or occurring shortly after something else
127. an interstate hi____y *n.* a main road, especially one connecting major towns or cities

ANSWERS: 119. abide, 120. process, 121. typical, 122. president, 123. bacon, 124. investigate, 125. mundane, 126. immediate, 127. highway

128. fairly ty____l symptoms *adj.* having the usual characteristics or traits of a specific group of things
129. 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
130. immune fu_____on *n.* the purpose or use of an object, system, or process; a particular activity or operation that is designed to serve a specific purpose; a mathematical concept that describes a relationship between two sets of values, called the input and output sets; (verb) to operate or work in a specific way, or to perform a particular task or purpose
131. linear app_____te equation *adj.* nearly accurate or correct, but not completely so
132. letters of an al_____et *n.* a character set that includes letters and is used to write a language

ANSWERS: 128. typical, 129. contribute, 130. function, 131. approximate, 132. alphabet

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. There is a lot of _____ nature and food in Hawaii.
adj. inspiring fear, admiration, or respect; very good, nice, fun, etc.
2. She was skilled in _____ techniques, such as using different voices for other characters.
n. the act or art of narrating or writing stories
3. Tech companies often employ _____ ducts and other materials in their office interiors.
adj. having no protection or shield from something, such as bad weather, attack, or criticism
4. He could _____ all of Shakespeare's works.
v. to say a poem, piece of literature, etc. aloud from memory,
5. He proposed an _____ program of public works.
adj. containing a lot of carefully prepared and organized or many complicated and detailed parts
6. The company provided the employees with _____ assignments to complete over the weekend.
n. the amount of money earned after deducting taxes and other expenses; a task, assignment, or lesson that is meant to be completed or learned outside of a classroom or workplace
7. _____ the bandage tightly around the injured arm.
v. to cover or enclose something entirely with paper, cloth, or other material

ANSWERS: 1. awesome, 2. storytelling, 3. exposed, 4. recite, 5. elaborate, 6. take-home, 7. Wrap

8. The police _____ believed this explanation was plausible.

adv. based on what you have heard or read

9. The _____ for applying for a visa can be lengthy and complicated.

n. a series of actions or operations performed to achieve a particular outcome or goal; a systematic procedure or approach used to accomplish a specific task or objective; a method of treating milk to make it suitable for consumption or use in other dairy products

10. I'll _____ the online store to see if I can find that item in a different color.

v. to ride on or through waves while standing or lying down on a board or other object; to search or browse the Internet or other computer networks in a casual or aimless manner

11. The tornado is _____ across the countryside, destroying everything in its path.

v. to cause something to rotate rapidly; to cause someone to feel dizzy or disoriented

12. The majority of consumers _____ this brand with quality.

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

13. Anesthetize the gum before _____ the teeth.

n. a short passage taken from a book, piece of music, etc.; a substance obtained from something through a specific process; (verb) to obtain from something or to remove something by effort or force

14. He strove to memorize the Hebrew _____.

n. a character set that includes letters and is used to write a language

ANSWERS: 8. apparently, 9. process, 10. surf, 11. spinning, 12. associate, 13. extracting, 14. alphabet

15. Did this response _____ your request?

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

16. Dolphins use sound to _____ with each other.

v. to share or exchange information with others by speaking, writing, moving your body, or using other signals

17. She falls over _____ when she sees her mother-in-law.

adv. at, to, or toward the direction or place that is behind or rear

18. Your _____ reflects your thoughts.

n. an informal talk between two or more people to exchange their views, ideas, information, etc.

19. 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

20. The _____ handles multiple plot lines and has unpredictable ends.

n. a story or a description of a series of events or process of telling a story

21. The military incarcerated him for the _____ of the war.

n. the length of time something lasts or continues

22. He tried to _____ his experience to the group, but they couldn't understand.

v. to establish a connection or association between two or more things; to narrate or tell about an event, experience, or relationship; to empathize or feel sympathy with someone or something

ANSWERS: 15. satisfy, 16. communicate, 17. backward, 18. conversation, 19. advantages, 20. narrative, 21. duration, 22. relate

23. He became _____ that he was being followed.

adj. being aware of and able to respond to what is happening around you

24. The new technology added a level of _____ to the manufacturing process.

n. the quality or state of having a great deal of worldly experience; the quality or state of being intellectually or culturally refined

25. I'm going to take the _____ to get to my destination faster.

n. a main road, especially one connecting major towns or cities

26. This initiative will be a _____ for increasing company sales.

n. a handle used to operate a vehicle or a machine; a rigid bar resting on a pivot so that one end of it can be pushed or pulled easily

27. The following example _____ that the capacity of each battery is the same.

v. to think or accept something to be true without having proof of it; to take or begin to have power; to begin to exhibit a specific quality or appearance

28. She is the president of a large international _____.

n. a group of people who work together for a shared purpose

29. She _____ quietly in response to the question.

v. to lower and raise one's head, sometimes several times, as to show approval, agreement, greeting, or confirmation

30. The _____ cost of the project was estimated to be around \$500,000.

adj. nearly accurate or correct, but not completely so

ANSWERS: 23. conscious, 24. sophistication, 25. highway, 26. lever, 27. assumes, 28. organization, 29. nodded, 30. approximate

31. I love the smell of _____ sizzling in the morning.
- n.* a type of salt-cured pork that is usually sliced and fried; a meat product that is derived from the back or sides of a pig
32. Advocates for legal reform hear less harsh words from their _____.
- n.* someone who expresses opinions about the quality of books, music, etc.
33. The patient was diagnosed with a _____ disorder affecting their motor skills.
- adj.* of or relating to the science of neurology or the nervous system
34. The meeting aims to _____ possible choices.
- v.* to assess or estimate the quality, significance, quantity, or value of something
35. They must _____ by the rules set by the governing body.
- v.* to accept or tolerate something or to act in accordance with a rule, decision, recommendation, etc.; to remain in a particular state or condition
36. The committee _____ several apparent inconsistencies.
- v.* to conduct a systematic or formal inquiry to identify and evaluate the facts of a crime, problem, statement, etc. to establish the truth
37. From a marketing _____ this product may need to be more effective.
- n.* a particular perspective or position from which something is viewed or considered; a point of view or opinion on a specific matter
38. The organizational _____ of start-ups is often flat and straightforward.
- n.* the way of construction of something and the arrangement of its parts, or a complex thing constructed of many parts

ANSWERS: 31. bacon, 32. critics, 33. neurological, 34. evaluate, 35. abide, 36. investigated, 37. standpoint, 38. structure

39. The brain is an incredibly complex organ that controls the body's _____.
- n.* the purpose or use of an object, system, or process; a particular activity or operation that is designed to serve a specific purpose; a mathematical concept that describes a relationship between two sets of values, called the input and output sets; (verb) to operate or work in a specific way, or to perform a particular task or purpose
40. She shelled the _____ and added them to the pot.
- n.* a small, round, green vegetable that grows in pods on a climbing plant and is eaten as a vegetable
41. She could finish all her work on time because of her _____ skills.
- n.* the ability to do more than one task at the same time; the state of doing more than one task at the same time
42. A suspension order from the court is effective _____.
- adv.* now or without delay
43. It is important to place the _____ in the correct position for accurate electro-cardiogram recording.
- n.* either of two points or ends of a conductor at which electricity enters or leaves an object, substance, or region
44. 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
45. We are always happy to _____ a discount.
- v.* to have formal discussions with someone to reach an agreement

ANSWERS: 39. function, 40. peas, 41. multitasking, 42. immediately, 43. electrodes, 44. involves, 45. negotiate

46. The clouded jellyfish has an _____ shape, making it difficult to identify.

adj. without a definite or clear shape or form; lacking a specific structure or organization; shapeless or formless

47. Our plan includes a comprehensive marketing _____.

n. a detailed plan of action designed to achieve a long-term or overall goal.

48. She tended to _____ when she was nervous or unsure of herself.

v. to speak quietly, unclearly, or in a way that is difficult to understand; to murmur or mutter inarticulately

49. Government workers cannot _____ to political campaigns.

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

50. The company's financial records _____ how successful it has been.

v. to provide pictures, photographs, diagrams, etc. in a book or something for explanation

51. 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

52. Both forts were subject to _____ attacks.

adj. happening or done without delay or occurring shortly after something else

53. I will work hard to _____ my goals and realize my dreams.

v. to successfully complete a task or goal, often through hard work, perseverance, and dedication; to attain or accomplish something that one has set out to do

ANSWERS: 46. amorphous, 47. strategy, 48. mumble, 49. contribute, 50. illustrate, 51. environment, 52. immediate, 53. achieve

54. The farmer raised a _____ on his ranch for breeding purposes.

n. a male bovine animal; an investor who has a positive outlook on the market or a particular investment and buys with the expectation of prices increasing

55. The club _____ does not have absolute power.

n. the leader of a republic, for example, the US; the person in charge of the organization such as a company, university, club, etc.

56. After returning from the war, he had a pretty _____ life.

adj. very ordinary and therefore lacking interest or excitement

57. This pie _____ represents our market share.

n. a visual display of information such as a diagram, lists of figures, etc.; a map designed to assist navigation by air or sea

58. The _____ coder had a difficult time debugging their program.

n. a person who is new to a particular activity or experience; a beginner or learner

59. The movie has received almost universally _____ criticism.

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

60. This movie is famous for its romantic _____.

n. the use of words or pictures in books, photographs, paintings, etc., that produces pictures in the minds of people; the ability to form mental images of things or events

61. The mobile phone was still _____ even after being dropped.

adj. designed for or capable of a particular activity, purpose, or task; practical or ready for use or service

ANSWERS: 54. bull, 55. president, 56. mundane, 57. chart, 58. novice, 59. negative, 60. imagery, 61. functional

62. This artwork is _____ of her work.

adj. having the usual characteristics or traits of a specific group of things

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

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

64. She couldn't _____ whether to order the pizza or the pasta for dinner.

v. to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options

65. The systems we have developed has accepted as industry _____.

n. something that is regarded as usual, typical, or standard

66. The researchers try to discover a common _____ in all types of successful organizations.

n. one of several parts that combines with others to form something bigger

ANSWERS: 62. typical, 63. perspective, 64. decide, 65. norms, 66. component