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Session 1: Word List

breakthrough

n. a sudden, dramatic, and important discovery or development that helps to improve a situation or provide an answer to a problem

synonym: advance, progress, innovation

(1) **breakthrough** in the negotiations, (2) **breakthrough** discovery

A technique called deep learning has led to **breakthroughs** in AI.

victim

n. a person who has been harmed, injured, or otherwise negatively affected by a particular action, circumstance, or event

synonym: prey, target, sufferer

(1) **victim** support, (2) **victim** compensation

The **victim** of the crime deserves justice and support to recover from the trauma.

violent

adj. involving or caused by physical force or aggression against someone or something

synonym: aggressive, intense, turbulent

(1) victim of a **violent** crime, (2) **violent** incident

The protesters became **violent** when the police tried to

disperse them.

emergency

n. a sudden unforeseen crisis usually involving danger that requires immediate action

synonym: crisis, trouble, difficulty

(1) **emergency** action, (2) acute **emergency**

The president declared a state of **emergency**.

quarrel

n. an argument or dispute between two or more people

synonym: argument, dispute, disagreement

(1) family **quarrel**, (2) heated **quarrel**

The two friends had a minor **quarrel** but quickly made up and resumed their conversation.

fracture

n. the breaking or cracking of a rigid material or object such as bone

synonym: break, crack, rupture

(1) **fracture** test, (2) risk of bone **fractures**

X-ray inspection revealed many **fractures**.

wrist

n. the joint between the hand and the forearm; the narrow part of the hand near this joint

synonym: carpus

(1) **wrist** bones, (2) glance at my **wrist** watch

He sprained his **wrist** while playing basketball.

swell

v. to become larger or more inflated; to become more intense or important

synonym: expand, increase, inflate

(1) **swell** at room temperature, (2) **swell** a population

His arm was **swelling** from the insect bite.

photograph

n. a picture or image that is produced by a camera; a visual representation or record of a person, object, or scene that has been captured electronically or on film

synonym: photo, picture, snapshot

(1) **photograph** album, (2) **photograph** memories

I found an old **photograph** of my grandparents from their wedding day.

invisible

adj. impossible or nearly impossible to see

synonym : hidden, imperceptible, unseen

(1) an **invisible** asset, (2) **invisible** stars

The phenomenon is **invisible** at optical wavelengths.

visible

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

synonym : clear, observable, seeable

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

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

movement

n. a group of people working together to achieve a shared goal, especially a political, social, or artistic one; the process of moving or being moved, physically or figuratively

synonym : motion, progression, action

(1) a circular **movement**, (2) **movement** of troops

The **movement** of the dancers on stage was graceful and elegant.

absolutely

adv. without restriction or limitation; completely or utterly

synonym : completely, utterly, definitely

(1) **absolutely** against, (2) **absolutely** obsessed with the girl

I am **absolutely** opposed to his idea because of morality.

inevitable

adj. certain to happen and unavoidable

synonym : inescapable, unavoidable, sure

(1) **inevitable** changes of the seasons, (2) **inevitable** result

In times of recession, an increase in unemployment is **inevitable**.

domestic

adj. relating to or inside a particular country, not foreign or international

synonym :

endemic, private, household

(1) **domestic** airline, (2) a **domestic** animal
GDP stands for gross **domestic** product.

statistics

n. the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data

(1) **statistics** for cancer, (2) official **statistics**

The **statistics** demonstrate that poverty and unemployment are genuine problems.

stalk

v. to follow or track someone or something closely and quietly, usually to cause harm or surveillance; to move slowly and quietly to avoid detection; (noun) the main stem of a plant that supports leaves, flowers, and fruit; the stem or main axis of a support structure or framework

synonym: follow, creep up on, (noun) stem

(1) **stalk** of celery, (2) **stalk** from the room

The hunter quietly **stalked** the deer for hours before taking the shot

rap

n. a type of music characterized by a strong, repetitive beat and lyrics that often focus on social and political issues; a reproach for some lapse or misdeed

synonym: hip-hop, emceeing, MCing

(1) **rap** music, (2) get a **rap**

The new **rap** album is getting a lot of attention.

extraordinary

adj. exceptional, unexpected, very unusual; surpassing the ordinary or usual

synonym: exceptional, noteworthy, astonishing

(1) **extraordinary** ability, (2) **extraordinary** weather

He narrated the **extraordinary** story of his adventure.

underground

adj. under the surface of the ground; a secret group organized to achieve a specific purpose, such as overthrowing the government or occupying a force

synonym : subterranean, subsurface, confidential

(1) water flowing **underground**, (2) **underground** activist
Having **underground** parking has been very beneficial throughout the winter.

amazing

adj. extremely surprising, especially in a way that you like or admire

synonym : exceptional, extraordinary, wonderful

(1) **amazing** advances, (2) the most **amazing** feeling
The golfer recorded an **amazing** distance.

shelter

n. a structure built to protect from poor weather, danger, or attack; (verb) to protect or shield from harm or adversity, particularly relating to environmental conditions or danger

synonym : refuge, hideout, lair

(1) rainproof **shelter**, (2) anti-air raid **shelter**
They need food and **shelter**.

fundraise

v. to collect or solicit funds or donations, typically for a charity, nonprofit organization, or political campaign, often through events, campaigns, or online platforms

synonym : appeal, raise, solicit

(1) **fundraise** a charity fund, (2) **fundraise** for a new shelter
The school is planning to **fundraise** to purchase new books for the library.

government

n. the group of people with authority to control a country or state

synonym : administration, regime, state

(1) **government** bureaucracy, (2) **government** funding
The federal **government** is planning to increase taxes for the next fiscal year.

lobby

n. a large area inside the entrance of a public building where people can meet and wait; a group of people who try to persuade a politician, the government, or an

official group to influence legislation

synonym : entrance, hall, anteroom

(1) **lobby** for legislation, (2) a hotel **lobby**

That **lobby** group actively advocated environmental protection to the government.

legislation

n. a law or a set of laws suggested and then passed by a parliament, or the act of making or enacting laws

synonym : act, regulation, decree

(1) anti-terrorist **legislation**, (2) introduce **legislation**

Similar **legislation** had already been rejected by the parliament four times.

capitol

n. a building that houses a legislative assembly, especially the US Congress

synonym : government building, legislative center

(1) the nation's **capitol**, (2) **Capitol** Hill hearing

The **capitol** building was a stunning example of classical architecture, with its marble columns and grand dome.

naive

adj. showing unaffected simplicity and lack of experience, wisdom, or judgment

synonym : innocent, unsophisticated, gullible

(1) **naive** belief, (2) **naive** mistake

The con artist's lies quickly took in the **naive** young man.

congressperson

n. a person who belongs to a congress, especially a member of the US House of Representatives; congressman (congressperson is used to avoid gender discrimination)

synonym : lawmaker, politician, representative

(1) hawkish **congressperson**, (2) former **congressperson**

The term of a **congressperson** is two years.

communal

adj. belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use

synonym :

collaborative, combined, collective

(1) **communal** swimming pool, (2) **communal** combination of funds

Communal elections were held in several European countries.

nerd

n. a person who is very interested in and knowledgeable about a particular subject such as computers, mathematics, chess, etc.

synonym: geek, techie, wonk

(1) a computer **nerd**, (2) **nerd** neck

He was, by nature, a cyber **nerd**.

jail

n. a facility where criminals are kept to be punished for their crimes; a prison

synonym: prison, slammer, penitentiary

(1) county **jail**, (2) be in **jail**

The police escorted the prisoner to the **jail**.

economy

n. the system by which a country or region produces, manages, and distributes goods and services, including the money and finances involved in these activities; (of an airline) the lowest-priced, most basic option for seating in commercial travel

synonym: finance, trade, business

(1) **economy** of scale, (2) **economy** class

The **economy** of the country is struggling due to the recent political instability.

empower

v. to give someone the power or authority to do something

synonym: authorize, endow, entitle

(1) **empower** my life, (2) **empower** the secretary to do the same

The company **empowered** employees to buy low-price items without approval to achieve efficient purchasing.

healing

n. the process of becoming or making somebody or something well again

synonym: recovery, recuperation, convalescence

(1) natural **healing** ability, (2) part of the **healing** process

Each ancient tribe has its **healing** traditions.

progression

n. the act or process of changing to the next stage or phase or moving forward

synonym: advancement, development, evolution

(1) **progression** of civilization, (2) **progression** of disease

The company has made great strides in its **progression** toward sustainability.

volume

n. the amount of space occupied by an object or substance; the magnitude of sound

synonym: capacity, amount, intensity

(1) **volume** of work, (2) high **volume**

This container has a **volume** of 10 cubic meters.

engage

v. to attract and keep someone's attention and interest; to participate in or obtain services of something

synonym: confront, employ, amuse

(1) **engage** in environmental protection activities,

(2) **engage** a new employee

Many multinational companies are **engaged** in the reconstruction of that country.

advertise

v. to draw attention to something such as a product, service, or event in public to encourage people to buy, use, or attend it

synonym: publicize, announce, promote

(1) **advertise** the campaign, (2) **advertise** on social media

We want to **advertise** our company through your media.

council

n. a group of people who have been elected or appointed to make decisions or give advice on a particular subject or in a particular place

synonym : board, committee, assembly

(1) other **council** members, (2) city **council** election

The city **council** voted to approve the new development project.

nation

n. a large organized community of people living in a particular country or region and having a particular culture

synonym : country, state, sovereign entity

(1) **nation-state**, (2) a seafaring **nation**

The **nation** of Japan is known for its unique culture and advanced technology.

excuse

n. a reason or explanation, either true or invented, given to justify a fault or defend your behavior; (verb) to make someone free from blame or clear from guilt

synonym : apology, justification, reason

(1) **excuse** for inaction, (2) perfect **excuse**

He quickly fabricated an **excuse** for not attending the meeting.

spot

n. a particular location or place; a small round or roundish area, differing in color or feels from the surface around it

synonym : dot, mark, place

(1) beauty **spot**, (2) a **spot** on his honor

This remote **spot** is rarely visited.

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.

release

v. to set free or allow to escape from confinement
synonym: free, let go, discharge

(1) **release** a prisoner, (2) **release** CO2 into the air

The animal rights group worked to **release** the dolphins back into the wild.

arrest

v. to take into custody
synonym: capture, detain, imprison

(1) **arrest** the thief, (2) **arrest** the progress

A police officer has the authority to **arrest** a criminal.

murder

n. the crime of killing somebody intentionally
synonym: slaying, killing

(1) **murder** in the second degree, (2) attempted **murder**

This intriguing **murder** mystery remains unsolved.

blanket

n. a large piece of soft material used to cover or wrap a person or thing to keep them warm; (adjective) broad in scope or content

synonym: cover, coverlet, bedspread

(1) **blanket** authority, (2) **blanket** scarf

The electric **blanket** keeps me warm on cold nights.

airwave

n. a system of transmitting sound, video, or other data through the air using radio waves or other electromagnetic waves

synonym: broadcast, transmission, radio signal

(1) walkie-talkie **airwave**, (2) commercial **airwave**

The radio station broadcasts my favorite song over the **airwaves**.

seize

v. to catch or take hold of someone or something suddenly and forcibly; to capture the attention or imagination of something

synonym: grab, grasp, capture

(1) **seize** a person's property, (2) **seize** the day

He has the superpower to **seize** a business opportunity.

context

n. the circumstances, facts, or conditions that surround a particular event, situation, or statement and that give it meaning

synonym : background, setting, environment

(1) historical **context**, (2) legal **context**

It's important to understand the **context** of a situation before making a decision.

obvious

adj. easy to see, discover or understand

synonym : apparent, conspicuous, evident

(1) **obvious** reasons, (2) his conclusion was **obvious**

There are **obvious** differences between the two wine-producing regions.

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**.

sideline

n. a secondary or less significant job, interest, or activity; a line on the side of a sports field that players must stay behind; (verb) to remove someone from their position or role, often temporarily or as a result of a setback or failure

synonym : sidestep, periphery, (verb) ignore

(1) **sideline** reporter, (2) lucrative **sideline**

The coach benched the star player after he broke a team rule, leaving him on the **sideline** for the entire game.

poll

n. an inquiry into public opinion conducted by interviewing a random sample of people; the process of voting at an election

synonym : survey, ballot, voting

(1) a pre-election **poll**, (2) public opinion **polls**

Several **polls** show a decline in the president's approval rating.

indict

v. to formally charge or accuse someone of a crime, based on the decision of a grand jury or other legal authority; to bring a legal case against someone, typically to prosecute and punish them

synonym: accuse, charge, prosecute

(1) **indict** a suspect, (2) **indict** him of injuries

The FBI worked tirelessly to gather enough evidence to **indict** the corrupt politician.

invite

v. to ask someone to come or join; to offer an opportunity or possibility for something to happen or take place

synonym: ask, request, summon

(1) **invite** guests, (2) **invite** criticism

We want to **invite** you to our annual charity event.

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.

apologize

v. to express regret for committing wrongdoing or causing a problem

synonym: excuse, justify, atone

(1) **apologize** for being late, (2) **apologize** ahead of time

I **apologize** for neglecting your email.

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**.

importance

n. the quality of being important and worthy of note
synonym: significance, primacy, matter

(1) a man of **importance**, (2) high **importance**

I stopped by the branch though I have no business of **importance**.

relation

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

synonym: association, linkage, connection

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

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

shyness

n. the quality or state of being worried or embarrassed about meeting and speaking to other people

synonym: bashfulness, timidity, modesty

(1) lose some of my **shyness**, (2) **shyness** barrier

He finally overcame his **shyness**.

assault

n. a violent physical attack; the crime of forcing someone to submit to sexual intercourse against their will

synonym: assault, attack, raid

(1) **assault** aircraft, (2) victim of sexual **assault**

We got caught up in an **assault** case.

widespread

adj. existing or happening in various places or among many people

synonym: across-the-board, overall, general

(1) **widespread** use, (2) **widespread** fear of nuclear war

In medieval times, death punishment was **widespread** and socially accepted.

underreport

v. to give an insufficient or incomplete account of something, often intentionally or due to negligence; to deliberately or accidentally provide less information than what is accurate or required

synonym: understate, downplay, minimize

(1) **underreport** the number of employees, (2) **underreport** expenses

Some companies **underreport** their profits to avoid paying higher taxes.

platform

n. the raised flat space close to the track at a train station where passengers get on or off the train; (technology) a computational or digital environment in which a piece of software is executed

synonym: stage, podium, forum

(1) an arrival **platform**, (2) a digital **platform** for enterprise
The speaker mounted the **platform** and started to speak.

clap

v. to hit your hands together and make a short and loud noise, mainly to show your approval or praise

synonym: applaud, spat, acclaim

(1) **clap** my hands, (2) **clap** a book shut
We **clapped** along with the singer's song.

optimist

n. a person who tends to expect the best in all things and to be hopeful and confident about the future

synonym: positive thinker, dreamer, idealist

(1) **optimist** by nature, (2) excessive **optimist**
She is a confident **optimist** who always looks on the bright side.

spirit

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

synonym: soul, attitude, enthusiasm

(1) **spirit** and the letter of the law, (2) an indomitable **spirit**
Despite their tragic loss, the family is showing great **spirit**.

optimism

n. a feeling or the belief that good things will happen, or the quality of being full of hope and emphasizing the positive

aspects of a situation

synonym : positiveness, sanguinity, bullishness

(1) sense of **optimism**, (2) political **optimism**

There is considerable **optimism** that the economy will recover soon.

convinced

adj. completely certain about something; having a strong belief or conviction in a particular religion

synonym : confident, positive, indoctrinated

(1) **convinced** of the idea, (2) **convinced** criminal

The public is **convinced** that the prime minister has committed fraud.

arc

n. the shape of a portion of a circle or other curved line

synonym : turn, bow, angle

(1) the **arc** current, (2) an **arc** of a circumference

A ball flew in a big **arc**.

compassion

n. a strong feeling of sympathy and sadness for another's suffering or bad luck

synonym : pity, empathy, understanding

(1) feel **compassion** for the poor, (2) have **compassion** toward the accident

His infinite love and **compassion** for everyone never weary.

fundamental

adj. forming an essential base or core from which everything else develops or is affected

synonym : basic, essential, entire

(1) **fundamental** education, (2) **fundamental** rights

Human behavior has **fundamental** characteristics.

Session 2: Spelling

1. pro_____on of civilization *n.* the act or process of changing to the next stage or phase or moving forward
2. rainproof sh_____r *n.* a structure built to protect from poor weather, danger, or attack; (verb) to protect or shield from harm or adversity, particularly relating to environmental conditions or danger
3. na_____n-state *n.* a large organized community of people living in a particular country or region and having a particular culture
4. become a professional at_____e *n.* a person who competes in one or more sports that involve physical strength, speed, or endurance
5. ec_____y of scale *n.* the system by which a country or region produces manages, and distributes goods and services, including the money and finances involved in these activities; (of an airline) the lowest-priced, most basic option for seating in commercial travel
6. a seafaring na_____n *n.* a large organized community of people living in a particular country or region and having a particular culture
7. victim of a vi_____t crime *adj.* involving or caused by physical force or aggression against someone or something
8. en_____e in environmental protection activities *v.* to attract and keep someone's attention and interest; to participate in or obtain services of something

ANSWERS: 1. progression, 2. shelter, 3. nation, 4. athlete, 5. economy, 6. nation, 7. violent, 8. engage

9. high vo___e *n.* the amount of space occupied by an object or substance; the magnitude of sound
10. sh_____s barrier *n.* the quality or state of being worried or embarrassed about meeting and speaking to other people
11. sw__l a population *v.* to become larger or more inflated; to become more intense or important
12. fu_____se for a new shelter *v.* to collect or solicit funds or donations, typically for a charity, nonprofit organization, or political campaign, often through events, campaigns, or online platforms
13. ar___t the progress *v.* to take into custody
14. 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
15. historical co_____t *n.* the circumstances, facts, or conditions that surround a particular event, situation, or statement and that give it meaning
16. vi_____t incident *adj.* involving or caused by physical force or aggression against someone or something

ANSWERS: 9. volume, 10. shyness, 11. swell, 12. fundraise, 13. arrest, 14. process, 15. context, 16. violent

17. feel com_____on for the poor *n.* a strong feeling of sympathy and sadness for another's suffering or bad luck
18. in___e criticism *v.* to ask someone to come or join; to offer an opportunity or possibility for something to happen or take place
19. a digital pl_____rm for enterprise *n.* the raised flat space close to the track at a train station where passengers get on or off the train; (technology) a computational or digital environment in which a piece of software is executed
20. con_____ion in English *n.* an informal talk between two or more people to exchange their views, ideas, information, etc.
21. beauty s__t *n.* a particular location or place; a small round or roundish area, differing in color or feels from the surface around it
22. re_____on of inclusion *n.* the way two persons or groups of people feel and act toward one another
23. in___t a suspect *v.* to formally charge or accuse someone of a crime, based on the decision of a grand jury or other legal authority; to bring a legal case against someone, typically to prosecute and punish them
24. bre_____ugh in the negotiations *n.* a sudden, dramatic, and important discovery or development that helps to improve a situation or provide an answer to a problem
25. em_____r my life *v.* to give someone the power or authority to do something

ANSWERS: 17. compassion, 18. invite, 19. platform, 20. conversation, 21. spot, 22. relation, 23. indict, 24. breakthrough, 25. empower

26. se__e the day *v.* to catch or take hold of someone or something suddenly and forcibly; to capture the attention or imagination of something
27. anti-air raid sh____r *n.* a structure built to protect from poor weather, danger, or attack; (verb) to protect or shield from harm or adversity, particularly relating to environmental conditions or danger
28. mo____nt of troops *n.* a group of people working together to achieve a shared goal, especially a political, social, or artistic one; the process of moving or being moved, physically or figuratively
29. ap_____ze for being late *v.* to express regret for committing wrongdoing or causing a problem
30. introduce leg_____on *n.* a law or a set of laws suggested and then passed by a parliament, or the act of making or enacting laws
31. do____ic airline *adj.* relating to or inside a particular country, not foreign or international
32. severe cr____c *n.* someone who expresses opinions about the quality of books, music, etc.
33. und_____rt expenses *v.* to give an insufficient or incomplete account of something, often intentionally or due to negligence; to deliberately or accidentally provide less information than what is accurate or required
34. re____on between cause and effect *n.* the way two persons or groups of people feel and act toward one another

ANSWERS: 26. seize, 27. shelter, 28. movement, 29. apologize, 30. legislation, 31. domestic, 32. critic, 33. underreport, 34. relation

35. an indomitable sp___t *n.* the part of a person which is the seat of their mind, feelings, and character rather than their physical body; the general atmosphere of a place or situation and the effect that it has on people
36. wr__t bones *n.* the joint between the hand and the forearm; the narrow part of the hand near this joint
37. a man of imp_____ce *n.* the quality of being important and worthy of note
38. other co_____l members *n.* a group of people who have been elected or appointed to make decisions or give advice on a particular subject or in a particular place
39. abs_____ly obsessed with the girl *adv.* without restriction or limitation; completely or utterly
40. the nation's ca_____l *n.* a building that houses a legislative assembly, especially the US Congress
41. ine_____le result *adj.* certain to happen and unavoidable
42. be in j__l *n.* a facility where criminals are kept to be punished for their crimes; a prison
43. pro_____on of disease *n.* the act or process of changing to the next stage or phase or moving forward
44. glance at my wr__t watch *n.* the joint between the hand and the forearm; the narrow part of the hand near this joint
45. in___e guests *v.* to ask someone to come or join; to offer an opportunity or possibility for something to happen or take place

ANSWERS: 35. spirit, 36. wrist, 37. importance, 38. council, 39. absolutely, 40. capitol, 41. inevitable, 42. jail, 43. progression, 44. wrist, 45. invite

46. ine_____le changes of the seasons *adj.* certain to happen and unavoidable
47. anti-terrorist leg_____on *n.* a law or a set of laws suggested and then passed by a parliament, or the act of making or enacting laws
48. und_____nd activist *adj.* under the surface of the ground; a secret group organized to achieve a specific purpose, such as overthrowing the government or occupying a force
49. op_____st by nature *n.* a person who tends to expect the best in all things and to be hopeful and confident about the future
50. county j__l *n.* a facility where criminals are kept to be punished for their crimes; a prison
51. a friendly con_____ion *n.* an informal talk between two or more people to exchange their views, ideas, information, etc.
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54. ec_____y class *n.* the system by which a country or region produces manages, and distributes goods and services, including the money and finances involved in these activities; (of an airline) the lowest-priced, most basic option for seating in commercial travel

ANSWERS: 46. inevitable, 47. legislation, 48. underground, 49. optimist, 50. jail, 51. conversation, 52. arrest, 53. excuse, 54. economy

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56. in_____le stars *adj.* impossible or nearly impossible to see
57. vi_____e by X-ray *adj.* capable of being seen; or open to easy view
58. gov_____nt bureaucracy *n.* the group of people with authority to control a country or state
59. a hotel lo__y *n.* a large area inside the entrance of a public building where people can meet and wait; a group of people who try to persuade a politician, the government, or an official group to influence legislation
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61. fu_____se a charity fund *v.* to collect or solicit funds or donations, typically for a charity, nonprofit organization, or political campaign, often through events, campaigns, or online platforms
62. excessive op_____st *n.* a person who tends to expect the best in all things and to be hopeful and confident about the future
63. get a r_p *n.* a type of music characterized by a strong, repetitive beat and lyrics that often focus on social and political issues; a reproach for some lapse or misdeed
64. fun_____al education *adj.* forming an essential base or core from which everything else develops or is affected

ANSWERS: 55. domestic, 56. invisible, 57. visible, 58. government, 59. lobby, 60. obvious, 61. fundraise, 62. optimist, 63. rap, 64. fundamental

65. as_____t aircraft *n.* a violent physical attack; the crime of forcing someone to submit to sexual intercourse against their will
66. ext_____ary weather *adj.* exceptional, unexpected, very unusual; surpassing the ordinary or usual
67. ap_____ze ahead of time *v.* to express regret for committing wrongdoing or causing a problem
68. heated qu_____l *n.* an argument or dispute between two or more people
69. part of the he_____g process *n.* the process of becoming or making somebody or something well again
70. attempted mu_____r *n.* the crime of killing somebody intentionally
71. an a_c of a circumference *n.* the shape of a portion of a circle or other curved line
72. co_____ed criminal *adj.* completely certain about something; having a strong belief or conviction in a particular religion
73. sw__l at room temperature *v.* to become larger or more inflated; to become more intense or important
74. a pre-election p__l *n.* an inquiry into public opinion conducted by interviewing a random sample of people; the process of voting at an election
75. walkie-talkie ai_____e *n.* a system of transmitting sound, video, or other data through the air using radio waves or other electromagnetic waves
76. si_____ne reporter *n.* a secondary or less significant job, interest, or activity; a line on the side of a sports field that players must stay behind; (verb) to remove someone from their position or role, often temporarily or as a result of a setback or failure

ANSWERS: 65. assault, 66. extraordinary, 67. apologize, 68. quarrel, 69. healing, 70. murder, 71. arc, 72. convinced, 73. swell, 74. poll, 75. airwave, 76. sideline

77. vi_____e stars *adj.* capable of being seen; or open to easy view
78. lose some of my sh_____s *n.* the quality or state of being worried or embarrassed about meeting and speaking to other people
79. co_____al swimming pool *adj.* belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use
80. lucrative si_____ne *n.* a secondary or less significant job, interest, or activity; a line on the side of a sports field that players must stay behind; (verb) to remove someone from their position or role, often temporarily or as a result of a setback or failure
81. natural he_____g ability *n.* the process of becoming or making somebody or something well again
82. commercial ai_____e *n.* a system of transmitting sound, video, or other data through the air using radio waves or other electromagnetic waves
83. bre_____ugh discovery *n.* a sudden, dramatic, and important discovery or development that helps to improve a situation or provide an answer to a problem
84. bl_____t authority *n.* a large piece of soft material used to cover or wrap a person or thing to keep them warm; (adjective) broad in scope or content
85. co_____ed of the idea *adj.* completely certain about something; having a strong belief or conviction in a particular religion

ANSWERS: 77. visible, 78. shyness, 79. communal, 80. sideline, 81. healing, 82. airwave, 83. breakthrough, 84. blanket, 85. convinced

86. re_____e a prisoner *v.* to set free or allow to escape from confinement
87. have com_____on toward the accident *n.* a strong feeling of sympathy and sadness for another's suffering or bad luck
88. a s__t on his honor *n.* a particular location or place; a small round or roundish area, differing in color or feels from the surface around it
89. pho_____ph memories *n.* a picture or image that is produced by a camera; a visual representation or record of a person, object, or scene that has been captured electronically or on film
90. em_____cy action *n.* a sudden unforeseen crisis usually involving danger that requires immediate action
91. ext_____ary ability *adj.* exceptional, unexpected, very unusual; surpassing the ordinary or usual
92. high school at_____es *n.* a person who competes in one or more sports that involve physical strength, speed, or endurance
93. official sta_____cs *n.* the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data
94. victim of sexual as_____t *n.* a violent physical attack; the crime of forcing someone to submit to sexual intercourse against their will
95. family qu_____l *n.* an argument or dispute between two or more people

ANSWERS: 86. release, 87. compassion, 88. spot, 89. photograph, 90. emergency, 91. extraordinary, 92. athlete, 93. statistics, 94. assault, 95. quarrel

96. hawkish con_____son *n.* a person who belongs to a congress, especially a member of the US House of Representatives; congressman (congressperson is used to avoid gender discrimination)
97. en___e a new employee *v.* to attract and keep someone's attention and interest; to participate in or obtain services of something
98. political op_____sm *n.* a feeling or the belief that good things will happen, or the quality of being full of hope and emphasizing the positive aspects of a situation
99. und_____rt the number of employees *v.* to give an insufficient or incomplete account of something, often intentionally or due to negligence; to deliberately or accidentally provide less information than what is accurate or required
100. bl_____t scarf *n.* a large piece of soft material used to cover or wrap a person or thing to keep them warm; (adjective) broad in scope or content
101. sta_____cs for cancer *n.* the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data
102. high imp_____ce *n.* the quality of being important and worthy of note
103. perfect ex___e *n.* a reason or explanation, either true or invented, given to justify a fault or defend your behavior; (verb) to make someone free from blame or clear from guilt

ANSWERS: 96. congressperson, 97. engage, 98. optimism, 99. underreport, 100. blanket, 101. statistics, 102. importance, 103. excuse

104. vi___m compensation *n.* a person who has been harmed, injured, or otherwise negatively affected by a particular action, circumstance, or event
105. wid_____ad use *adj.* existing or happening in various places or among many people
106. sp___t and the letter of the law *n.* the part of a person which is the seat of their mind, feelings, and character rather than their physical body; the general atmosphere of a place or situation and the effect that it has on people
107. public opinion p___ls *n.* an inquiry into public opinion conducted by interviewing a random sample of people; the process of voting at an election
108. water flowing und_____nd *adj.* under the surface of the ground; a secret group organized to achieve a specific purpose, such as overthrowing the government or occupying a force
109. st__k of celery *v.* to follow or track someone or something closely and quietly, usually to cause harm or surveillance; to move slowly and quietly to avoid detection; (noun) the main stem of a plant that supports leaves, flowers, and fruit; the stem or main axis of a support structure or framework
110. ad_____se the campaign *v.* to draw attention to something such as a product, service, or event in public to encourage people to buy, use, or attend it

ANSWERS: 104. victim, 105. widespread, 106. spirit, 107. poll, 108. underground, 109. stalk, 110. advertise

111. fun_____al rights *adj.* forming an essential base or core from which everything else develops or is affected
112. em_____r the secretary to do the same *v.* to give someone the power or authority to do something
113. am_____g advances *adj.* extremely surprising, especially in a way that you like or admire
114. 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
115. abs_____ly against *adv.* without restriction or limitation; completely or utterly
116. re_____e CO2 into the air *v.* to set free or allow to escape from confinement
117. c__p my hands *v.* to hit your hands together and make a short and loud noise, mainly to show your approval or praise
118. n__d neck *n.* a person who is very interested in and knowledgeable about a particular subject such as computers, mathematics, chess, etc.
119. wid_____ad fear of nuclear war *adj.* existing or happening in various places or among many people
120. mu____r in the second degree *n.* the crime of killing somebody intentionally

ANSWERS: 111. fundamental, 112. empower, 113. amazing, 114. process, 115. absolutely, 116. release, 117. clap, 118. nerd, 119. widespread, 120. murder

121. the a_c current *n.* the shape of a portion of a circle or other curved line
122. in___t him of injuries *v.* to formally charge or accuse someone of a crime, based on the decision of a grand jury or other legal authority; to bring a legal case against someone, typically to prosecute and punish them
123. former con_____son *n.* a person who belongs to a congress, especially a member of the US House of Representatives; congressman (congressperson is used to avoid gender discrimination)
124. art cr___c *n.* someone who expresses opinions about the quality of books, music, etc.
125. the most am_____g feeling *adj.* extremely surprising, especially in a way that you like or admire
126. legal co_____t *n.* the circumstances, facts, or conditions that surround a particular event, situation, or statement and that give it meaning
127. vo___e of work *n.* the amount of space occupied by an object or substance; the magnitude of sound
128. an in_____le asset *adj.* impossible or nearly impossible to see
129. a computer n__d *n.* a person who is very interested in and knowledgeable about a particular subject such as computers, mathematics, chess, etc.
130. lo__y for legislation *n.* a large area inside the entrance of a public building where people can meet and wait; a group of people who try to persuade a politician, the government, or an official group to influence legislation

ANSWERS: 121. arc, 122. indict, 123. congressperson, 124. critic, 125. amazing, 126. context, 127. volume, 128. invisible, 129. nerd, 130. lobby

131. vi___m support *n.* a person who has been harmed, injured, or otherwise negatively affected by a particular action, circumstance, or event
132. na__e mistake *adj.* showing unaffected simplicity and lack of experience, wisdom, or judgment
133. sense of op_____sm *n.* a feeling or the belief that good things will happen, or the quality of being full of hope and emphasizing the positive aspects of a situation
134. city co_____l election *n.* a group of people who have been elected or appointed to make decisions or give advice on a particular subject or in a particular place
135. co_____al combination of funds *adj.* belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use
136. fr_____re test *n.* the breaking or cracking of a rigid material or object such as bone
137. an arrival pl_____rm *n.* the raised flat space close to the track at a train station where passengers get on or off the train; (technology) a computational or digital environment in which a piece of software is executed
138. na__e belief *adj.* showing unaffected simplicity and lack of experience, wisdom, or judgment
139. acute em_____cy *n.* a sudden unforeseen crisis usually involving danger that requires immediate action
140. gov_____nt funding *n.* the group of people with authority to control a country or state

ANSWERS: 131. victim, 132. naive, 133. optimism, 134. council, 135. communal, 136. fracture, 137. platform, 138. naive, 139. emergency, 140. government

141. ob____s reasons *adj.* easy to see, discover or understand
142. risk of bone fr____res *n.* the breaking or cracking of a rigid material or object such as bone
143. ad_____se on social media *v.* to draw attention to something such as a product, service, or event in public to encourage people to buy, use, or attend it
144. c__p a book shut *v.* to hit your hands together and make a short and loud noise, mainly to show your approval or praise
145. Ca_____l Hill hearing *n.* a building that houses a legislative assembly, especially the US Congress
146. se__e a person's property *v.* to catch or take hold of someone or something suddenly and forcibly; to capture the attention or imagination of something
147. a circular mo_____nt *n.* a group of people working together to achieve a shared goal, especially a political, social, or artistic one; the process of moving or being moved, physically or figuratively
148. r_p music *n.* a type of music characterized by a strong, repetitive beat and lyrics that often focus on social and political issues; a reproach for some lapse or misdeed
149. pho_____ph album *n.* a picture or image that is produced by a camera; a visual representation or record of a person, object, or scene that has been captured electronically or on film

ANSWERS: 141. obvious, 142. fracture, 143. advertise, 144. clap, 145. capitol, 146. seize, 147. movement, 148. rap, 149. photograph

150. st__k from the room

v. to follow or track someone or something closely and quietly, usually to cause harm or surveillance; to move slowly and quietly to avoid detection; (noun) the main stem of a plant that supports leaves, flowers, and fruit; the stem or main axis of a support structure or framework

ANSWERS: 150. stalk

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. They need food and _____.
n. a structure built to protect from poor weather, danger, or attack; (verb) to protect or shield from harm or adversity, particularly relating to environmental conditions or danger

2. The _____ demonstrate that poverty and unemployment are genuine problems.
n. the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data

3. The speaker mounted the _____ and started to speak.
n. the raised flat space close to the track at a train station where passengers get on or off the train; (technology) a computational or digital environment in which a piece of software is executed

4. That _____ group actively advocated environmental protection to the government.
n. a large area inside the entrance of a public building where people can meet and wait; a group of people who try to persuade a politician, the government, or an official group to influence legislation

5. 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

6. I found an old _____ of my grandparents from their wedding day.
n. a picture or image that is produced by a camera; a visual representation or record of a person, object, or scene that has been captured electronically or on film

ANSWERS: 1. shelter, 2. statistics, 3. platform, 4. lobby, 5. process, 6. photograph

7. The police escorted the prisoner to the _____.
n. a facility where criminals are kept to be punished for their crimes; a prison
8. The protesters became _____ when the police tried to disperse them.
adj. involving or caused by physical force or aggression against someone or something
9. We want to _____ our company through your media.
v. to draw attention to something such as a product, service, or event in public to encourage people to buy, use, or attend it
10. Some companies _____ their profits to avoid paying higher taxes.
v. to give an insufficient or incomplete account of something, often intentionally or due to negligence; to deliberately or accidentally provide less information than what is accurate or required
11. Several _____ show a decline in the president's approval rating.
n. an inquiry into public opinion conducted by interviewing a random sample of people; the process of voting at an election
12. Each ancient tribe has its _____ traditions.
n. the process of becoming or making somebody or something well again
13. The president declared a state of _____.
n. a sudden unforeseen crisis usually involving danger that requires immediate action
14. In medieval times, death punishment was _____ and socially accepted.
adj. existing or happening in various places or among many people

ANSWERS: 7. jail, 8. violent, 9. advertise, 10. underreport, 11. polls, 12. healing, 13. emergency, 14. widespread

15. I stopped by the branch though I have no business of _____.
- n.* the quality of being important and worthy of note
16. There is considerable _____ that the economy will recover soon.
- n.* a feeling or the belief that good things will happen, or the quality of being full of hope and emphasizing the positive aspects of a situation
17. The company has made great strides in its _____ toward sustainability.
- n.* the act or process of changing to the next stage or phase or moving forward
18. The new ____ album is getting a lot of attention.
- n.* a type of music characterized by a strong, repetitive beat and lyrics that often focus on social and political issues; a reproach for some lapse or misdeed
19. The _____ building was a stunning example of classical architecture, with its marble columns and grand dome.
- n.* a building that houses a legislative assembly, especially the US Congress
20. A police officer has the authority to _____ a criminal.
- v.* to take into custody
21. His arm was _____ from the insect bite.
- v.* to become larger or more inflated; to become more intense or important
22. He was, by nature, a cyber _____.
- n.* a person who is very interested in and knowledgeable about a particular subject such as computers, mathematics, chess, etc.
23. I _____ for neglecting your email.
- v.* to express regret for committing wrongdoing or causing a problem

ANSWERS: 15. importance, 16. optimism, 17. progression, 18. rap, 19. capitol, 20. arrest, 21. swelling, 22. nerd, 23. apologize

24. The electric _____ keeps me warm on cold nights.

- n.* a large piece of soft material used to cover or wrap a person or thing to keep them warm; (adjective) broad in scope or content

25. Many multinational companies are _____ in the reconstruction of that country.

- v.* to attract and keep someone's attention and interest; to participate in or obtain services of something

26. He sprained his _____ while playing basketball.

- n.* the joint between the hand and the forearm; the narrow part of the hand near this joint

27. We got caught up in an _____ case.

- n.* a violent physical attack; the crime of forcing someone to submit to sexual intercourse against their will

28. Human behavior has _____ characteristics.

- adj.* forming an essential base or core from which everything else develops or is affected

29. The radio station broadcasts my favorite song over the _____.

- n.* a system of transmitting sound, video, or other data through the air using radio waves or other electromagnetic waves

30. The company _____ employees to buy low-price items without approval to achieve efficient purchasing.

- v.* to give someone the power or authority to do something

31. He quickly fabricated an _____ for not attending the meeting.

- n.* a reason or explanation, either true or invented, given to justify a fault or defend your behavior; (verb) to make someone free from blame or clear from guilt

ANSWERS: 24. blanket, 25. engaged, 26. wrist, 27. assault, 28. fundamental, 29. airwaves, 30. empowered, 31. excuse

32. The animal rights group worked to _____ the dolphins back into the wild.
v. to set free or allow to escape from confinement
33. The federal _____ is planning to increase taxes for the next fiscal year.
n. the group of people with authority to control a country or state
34. The school is planning to _____ to purchase new books for the library.
v. to collect or solicit funds or donations, typically for a charity, nonprofit organization, or political campaign, often through events, campaigns, or online platforms
35. The _____ of the dancers on stage was graceful and elegant.
n. a group of people working together to achieve a shared goal, especially a political, social, or artistic one; the process of moving or being moved, physically or figuratively
36. The phenomenon is _____ at optical wavelengths.
adj. impossible or nearly impossible to see
37. The _____ of Japan is known for its unique culture and advanced technology.
n. a large organized community of people living in a particular country or region and having a particular culture
38. The coach benched the star player after he broke a team rule, leaving him on the _____ for the entire game.
n. a secondary or less significant job, interest, or activity; a line on the side of a sports field that players must stay behind; (verb) to remove someone from their position or role, often temporarily or as a result of a setback or failure
39. _____ elections were held in several European countries.
adj. belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use

ANSWERS: 32. release, 33. government, 34. fundraise, 35. movement, 36. invisible, 37. nation, 38. sideline, 39. Communal

40. The city _____ voted to approve the new development project.

n. a group of people who have been elected or appointed to make decisions or give advice on a particular subject or in a particular place

41. The con artist's lies quickly took in the _____ young man.

adj. showing unaffected simplicity and lack of experience, wisdom, or judgment

42. We want to _____ you to our annual charity event.

v. to ask someone to come or join; to offer an opportunity or possibility for something to happen or take place

43. He narrated the _____ story of his adventure.

adj. exceptional, unexpected, very unusual; surpassing the ordinary or usual

44. There are _____ differences between the two wine-producing regions.

adj. easy to see, discover or understand

45. She is a confident _____ who always looks on the bright side.

n. a person who tends to expect the best in all things and to be hopeful and confident about the future

46. This intriguing _____ mystery remains unsolved.

n. the crime of killing somebody intentionally

47. The hunter quietly _____ the deer for hours before taking the shot

v. to follow or track someone or something closely and quietly, usually to cause harm or surveillance; to move slowly and quietly to avoid detection; (noun) the main stem of a plant that supports leaves, flowers, and fruit; the stem or main axis of a support structure or framework

ANSWERS: 40. council, 41. naive, 42. invite, 43. extraordinary, 44. obvious, 45. optimist, 46. murder, 47. stalked

48. GDP stands for gross _____ product.

adj. relating to or inside a particular country, not foreign or international

49. He has the superpower to _____ a business opportunity.

v. to catch or take hold of someone or something suddenly and forcibly; to capture the attention or imagination of something

50. It's important to understand the _____ of a situation before making a decision.

n. the circumstances, facts, or conditions that surround a particular event, situation, or statement and that give it meaning

51. Advocates for legal reform hear less harsh words from their _____.

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

52. His infinite love and _____ for everyone never weary.

n. a strong feeling of sympathy and sadness for another's suffering or bad luck

53. A technique called deep learning has led to _____ in AI.

n. a sudden, dramatic, and important discovery or development that helps to improve a situation or provide an answer to a problem

54. The two friends had a minor _____ but quickly made up and resumed their conversation.

n. an argument or dispute between two or more people

55. X-ray inspection revealed many _____.

n. the breaking or cracking of a rigid material or object such as bone

56. The _____ of the crime deserves justice and support to recover from the trauma.

n. a person who has been harmed, injured, or otherwise negatively affected by a particular action, circumstance, or event

ANSWERS: 48. domestic, 49. seize, 50. context, 51. critics, 52. compassion, 53. breakthroughs, 54. quarrel, 55. fractures, 56. victim

57. This container has a _____ of 10 cubic meters.

n. the amount of space occupied by an object or substance; the magnitude of sound

58. My home is easily _____ from the shore.

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

59. The _____ of the country is struggling due to the recent political instability.

n. the system by which a country or region produces manages, and distributes goods and services, including the money and finances involved in these activities; (of an airline) the lowest-priced, most basic option for seating in commercial travel

60. I am _____ opposed to his idea because of morality.

adv. without restriction or limitation; completely or utterly

61. In times of recession, an increase in unemployment is _____.

adj. certain to happen and unavoidable

62. The FBI worked tirelessly to gather enough evidence to _____ the corrupt politician.

v. to formally charge or accuse someone of a crime, based on the decision of a grand jury or other legal authority; to bring a legal case against someone, typically to prosecute and punish them

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

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

64. Similar _____ had already been rejected by the parliament four times.

n. a law or a set of laws suggested and then passed by a parliament, or the act of making or enacting laws

ANSWERS: 57. volume, 58. visible, 59. economy, 60. absolutely, 61. inevitable, 62. indict, 63. relations, 64. legislation

65. Despite their tragic loss, the family is showing great _____.

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

66. Your _____ reflects your thoughts.

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

67. His dream is to become an Olympic _____.

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

68. This remote _____ is rarely visited.

- n.* a particular location or place; a small round or roundish area, differing in color or feels from the surface around it

69. A ball flew in a big _____.

- n.* the shape of a portion of a circle or other curved line

70. He finally overcame his _____.

- n.* the quality or state of being worried or embarrassed about meeting and speaking to other people

71. The golfer recorded an _____ distance.

- adj.* extremely surprising, especially in a way that you like or admire

72. The public is _____ that the prime minister has committed fraud.

- adj.* completely certain about something; having a strong belief or conviction in a particular religion

ANSWERS: 65. spirit, 66. conversation, 67. athlete, 68. spot, 69. arc, 70. shyness, 71. amazing, 72. convinced

73. The term of a _____ is two years.

- n.* a person who belongs to a congress, especially a member of the US House of Representatives; congressman (congressperson is used to avoid gender discrimination)

74. We _____ along with the singer's song.

- v.* to hit your hands together and make a short and loud noise, mainly to show your approval or praise

75. Having _____ parking has been very beneficial throughout the winter.

- adj.* under the surface of the ground; a secret group organized to achieve a specific purpose, such as overthrowing the government or occupying a force

ANSWERS: 73. congressperson, 74. clapped, 75. underground