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Session 1: Word List

wizard

n. a person who is skilled in magic or a particular technical field

synonym: sorcerer, magician, alchemist

(1) a **wizard** at chess, (2) financial **wizard**

He was a **wizard** at solving complex mathematical equations.

inhabitant

n. a person or an animal that lives in a particular place

synonym: dweller, occupant, resident

(1) the early **inhabitants** of Europe, (2) **inhabitant** tax

His family is the oldest **inhabitant** of the island.

struggle

v. to make a great effort to do something when it is difficult, or there are a lot of problems; to use force or violence to break away from restraint or constriction

synonym: toil, strive, compete

(1) **struggle** against discrimination, (2) **struggle** to get the job

He could not **struggle** against temptation.

mortal

adj. subject to death; unrelenting and deadly

synonym: deathly, perishable, non-eternal

(1) a **mortal** combat, (2) this **mortal** life

All humans are **mortal** and will eventually die.

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**.

immortal

adj. having eternal or never-ending life; living forever; incapable of dying; having enduring fame or lasting significance

synonym: eternal, everlasting, undying

(1) **immortal** soul, (2) **immortal** love

Legends often describe mythical creatures as **immortal** beings.

resurrect

v. to bring back to life or bring into existence again

synonym: revive, bring back, bring to life

(1) **resurrect** the dead, (2) **resurrect** an argument

They tried to **resurrect** the ancient tradition.

accord

n. an official agreement or treaty between two organizations, countries, etc.; (verb) allow to have

synonym: alliance, pact, agreement

(1) **accord** with public opinion, (2) binational **accord**

The organization finally signed a peace **accord**.

script

n. a written text of a film, play, broadcast, or speech; something written by hand

synonym: writing, penmanship, article

(1) a hand **script**, (2) the **script** of a play

The archaeologist found a hieratic Egyptian **script** on a stone monument.

awaken

v. to stop sleeping or to cause someone to stop sleeping

synonym: rouse, arouse, revive

(1) **awaken** at daybreak, (2) **awaken** a child

The friend's death **awakens** them.

hack

v. to hit and cut somebody or something roughly and violently; to find a bug in a computer program and break into their systems or networks

synonym: cut, chop, crack

(1) **hack** through the jungle, (2) **hack** into the program

This blog offers a variety of tips for **hacking** everyday life.

neon

n. a chemical element of atomic number 10 that is a gas with no smell or color, does not react with other chemicals, and shines with a bright light when electricity is passed through it

synonym: fluorescent, glowing, illuminated

(1) luminous **neon** tube, (2) **neon** lights

The nightlife district was lit up with colorful **neon** signs and bright lights.

binary

n. a system of numbers that uses only two digits, 0 and 1

synonym: twofold, double

(1) a **binary** number, (2) trading in **binary** options

A **binary** star is a system in which two stars revolve around each other.

matrix

n. a rectangular array of numbers, symbols, or expressions, arranged in rows and columns and often enclosed in brackets; an enclosure within which something originates or develops

synonym: grid, cast, table

(1) the **matrix** of Western civilization, (2) **matrix** multiplication

The **matrix** of numbers on the spreadsheet allowed the accountant to track the company's profits and losses easily.

helicopter

n. a type of aircraft that is capable of hovering in place and moving vertically, as well as flying horizontally; often used for emergency medical services, military

operations, and transport in areas with limited access

synonym: chopper, copter, whirlybird

(1) **helicopter** ride, (2) police **helicopter**

The company's CEO arrived at the meeting via **helicopter** to avoid traffic congestion

juggle

v. to manage or cope with several tasks, responsibilities, or situations simultaneously; to keep several things in the air at once, as in a juggling act

synonym: jiggle, balance, handle

(1) **juggle** a job and motherhood, (2) **juggle** with facts

It can be difficult to **juggle** work, family, and social life, but finding balance is important.

rudimentary

adj. relating to basic facts or principles; fundamental

synonym: essential, fundamental, elementary

(1) a **rudimentary** plant, (2) **rudimentary** understanding

He has only a **rudimentary** knowledge of this topic.

snitch

v. to inform on or betray someone, usually to authorities or figures of authority, especially for personal gain or advantage

synonym: inform, tattle, rat

(1) **snitch** and give valuable information, (2) **snitch** to the authorities

He **snitched** on his coworkers when he realized they were breaking the law.

ultimate

adj. furthest or highest in degree or order

synonym: highest, maximum, foremost

(1) the **ultimate** goal in life, (2) the **ultimate** luxury

Management must take **ultimate** responsibility for the accident.

universe

n. everything that exists, especially all physical matter, including planets, stars, galaxies, and all other forms of

matter and energy

synonym : cosmos, macrocosm

(1) theory of the **universe**, (2) expansion of the **universe**

The **universe** is about 13.8 billion years old.

fictional

adj. imaginary and not real; of or related to literary fiction

synonym : imaginary, invented, made-up

(1) **fictional** character, (2) non- **fictional** text

The names of the company are entirely **fictional**.

consistent

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

synonym : coherent, constant, compatible

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

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

spectrum

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

synonym : range, scale, spread

(1) a broad **spectrum** of opinion, (2) infrared **spectrum**

This device displayed the speech **spectrum** spectrographically.

societal

adj. relating to society or social relationships

synonym : social, communal, cultural

(1) **societal** norms, (2) **societal** expectations

The **societal** pressure to conform is strong in this community.

intricate

adj. having many different parts and small details that all work together

synonym : complicated, convoluted, complex

(1) **intricate** details, (2) **intricate** lacework

The politician managed to deal with that **intricate** issue.

believable

adj. able to be accepted or easily believed; convincing or plausible

synonym : plausible, credible, convincing

(1) **believable** story, (2) **believable** excuse

The novel's plot was so well-written that it seemed **believable** and realistic.

comprehensible

adj. able to be understood or grasped by the mind; clear and understandable

synonym : understandable, intelligible, clear

(1) **comprehensible** language, (2) **comprehensible** to everyone

The textbook explanation made the difficult concept **comprehensible** to the students.

gravity

n. the force that attracts a body towards the center of the earth or towards any other physical body having mass; a manner that is solemn

synonym : heaviness, attraction, weight

(1) the attraction of **gravity**, (2) preserve my **gravity**

The astronaut felt weightless in space due to the absence of **gravity**.

harry

v. to persistently harass, badger, or bother someone or something; to persistently attack or pursue an opposing force or target

synonym : bother, pester, annoy

(1) **harry** the ship all night, (2) **harry** a suspect

I need to **harry** my coworkers to finish the project on time.

potter

n. a person who makes pottery, objects that are made of clay and then fired in a kiln to make them hard and durable; (verb, also putter) to occupy oneself in a leisurely or casual way, often with no particular goal or aim in mind

synonym : shape, form, mold

(1) **potter's** studio, (2) **potter** around in the garden

The ancient Egyptians were skilled **potters** and left behind many beautiful artifacts.

wand

n. a slender rod or stick, especially one used for magic or divination; a rod or staff carried by certain officials as a symbol of authority

synonym : rod, stick, staff

(1) magic **wand**, (2) security **wand**

The magician waved his **wand**, and a rabbit appeared from the hat.

cease

v. to stop an action or event

synonym : stop, end, terminate

(1) **cease** to exist, (2) **cease** drinking

The company decided to **cease** production of the product.

trillion

n. the number 1,000,000,000,000; a million million

(1) **trillion** cubic feet, (2) many **trillions** of dollars

One light year is nearly 6 **trillion** miles.

bookend

n. an object, often decorative or functional, placed at either end of a row of books on a shelf to help keep them upright and organized; something that serves as the beginning and end of a series or a period of time.

synonym : book stop, end piece, support

(1) wooden **bookend**, (2) **bookend** design

The movie starts and ends with a panoramic shot of the city, serving as a great **bookend** to the story.

fiction

n. the type of book or story, especially novels, that describes imaginary events and people; anything made up or imagined that is not true

synonym : fantasy, fable, invention

(1) stuff of science **fiction**, (2) non- **fiction** bestseller

Truth is stranger than **fiction**.

fantasy

n. a fiction with a large amount of imagination in it; a pleasant situation that you imagine but that is unlikely to happen

synonym : fiction, illusion, fabrication

(1) **fantasy** novel, (2) confuse **fantasy** with reality
Composition by artificial intelligence is no longer a **fantasy**.

alternate

adj. occurring or existing one after the other regularly
synonym: substitute, back up, equivalent

(1) **alternate** choice, (2) every **alternate** year
The cleaning lady comes on **alternate** Wednesdays.

sprout

v. to grow or develop new parts typically leaves or shoots, from a plant; to emerge, develop, or arise gradually or suddenly

synonym: germinate, grow, bud

(1) **sprout** seeds, (2) **sprout** wings
The flowers in the garden began to **sprout** after the first rain of the season.

human-made

adj. created or produced by humans; artificial
synonym: artificial, unnatural, manufactured

(1) **human-made** climate change, (2) the worst **human-made** disaster
The bridge is a **human-made** structure and was built to span the river.

squiggle

n. a curly or wavy line or mark, especially one that is irregular or difficult to follow; (verb) to draw or write something in a wavy or irregular manner, often with a series of small curves or loops

synonym: squiggle, doodle, scribble

(1) **squiggle** line, (2) wavy **squiggle**
My signature always has a little **squiggle** at the end.

brain

n. the organ inside the head that is responsible for one's movement, thought, memory, and feeling

synonym: intellect, mind, encephalon

(1) basic **brain** function, (2) permanent **brain** damage
X-rays revealed a small tumor in his **brain**.

emotional

adj. relating to people's feelings

synonym : affecting, impactful, impressive

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

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

decode

v. to convert something, such as a message or piece of information, from a specific form into one that you can understand

synonym : decipher, translate, interpret

(1) **decode** a message, (2) ability to **decode** the differences

The software could **decode** the encrypted data and reveal the hidden information.

complexity

n. the state or quality of being complicated or intricate and difficult to understand

synonym : intricacy, sophistication, elaboration

(1) cognitive **complexity**, (2) **complexity** theory

The project's **complexity** made it difficult for the team to complete it on time.

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.

invention

n. the creation of a new device or process resulting from study and experimentation; the act of inventing

synonym : creation, design, innovation

(1) the **invention** of new techniques, (2) common **invention**

Necessity is the mother of **invention**.

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.

resume

v. to continue or begin anew after a pause or interruption
synonym: continue, reopen, restart

(1) **resume** an office, (2) **resume** a relationship

We **resumed** negotiations after a temporary break.

napkin

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

synonym: serviette, handkerchief, cloth

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

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

imaginary

adj. existing only in someone's mind

synonym: fictional, ideal, fantastical

(1) **imaginary** number, (2) **imaginary** pregnancy

Little children tend to have **imaginary** friends.

willingness

n. the state of being ready or inclined to do something

synonym: readiness, eagerness, enthusiasm

(1) **willingness** to help, (2) indicate a **willingness** to change

Her **willingness** to help others earned her many friends.

figurative

adj. using figures of speech, especially metaphors, to create a special effect; not literal

synonym: metaphorical, symbolic, allegorical

(1) in a **figurative** sense, (2) **figurative** painting

When he said he was starving to death, it was a **figurative** way of saying he was very hungry.

novel

n. an extended fictional work in prose; usually in the form of a story; (adjective) original and of a kind not seen

before

synonym: fiction, story, (adjective) innovative

(1) historical **novel**, (2) **novel** effect

The **novel** has largely gotten positive feedback.

thrill

n. a feeling of extreme and sudden excitement and pleasure; to cause someone to feel sudden intense sensation or emotion

synonym: exhilaration, delight, rush

(1) the **thrill** of speed, (2) incredible **thrill**

Skydiving is an overwhelming **thrill** for many people.

futurist

n. a person who studies or predicts trends and developments, particularly in science, technology, or social systems, to anticipate what the future may hold

synonym: foreseer, prophet, fortune-teller

(1) **futurist** architecture, (2) **futurist** ideas

The radical **futurist** predicted that virtual reality would become a standard in everyday life.

timeline

n. a series of events arranged in chronological order and displayed along a line, usually drawn left to right or top to bottom

synonym: agenda, timetable, chronology

(1) **timeline** of science history, (2) lay out a **timeline**

He imposed a **timeline** on the project.

brainstorming

n. a group activity or business method in which a group of people meet and think about something at the same time to solve a problem or to create good ideas

(1) **brainstorming** session, (2) do a **brainstorming** about a new product

Many companies employ **brainstorming** as a good way of generating innovative ideas.

punishment

n. a penalty or consequence inflicted for wrongdoing or offense; a means of enforcing discipline or preventing

further wrongdoing

synonym : penalty, discipline, retribution

(1) **punishment** for a crime, (2) humiliating **punishment**

The judge gave severe **punishment** to the criminal who committed the heinous crime.

individual

n. a single person or thing, as distinct from a group

synonym : person, being, self

(1) a private **individual**, (2) **individual** freedom

As an **individual**, he had the right to make his own decisions and live his life as he saw fit.

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.

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.

transport

n. a system for moving people or products from one location to another using automobiles, roads, and so on

synonym : shipment, transit, conveyance

(1) **transport** facilities, (2) access to public **transport**

Enhanced rail **transportation** is crucial for our business.

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.

conflict

n. a strong disagreement, argument, or a violent clash between two opposing groups or individuals

synonym : clash, discord, competition

(1) the **conflict** between good and evil, (2) the longstanding **conflict**

He and I often had **conflicts**, not only in personality but also in ideology.

emerge

v. to move out of or away from something and become visible

synonym : arise, occur, appear

(1) **emerge** as a butterfly, (2) **emerge** from poverty

During colonial eras, new migratory patterns **emerged**.

Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. inh_____nt tax | <i>n.</i> a person or an animal that lives in a particular place |
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| 7. cognitive com_____ty | <i>n.</i> the state or quality of being complicated or intricate and difficult to understand |
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| 10. the co_____ct between good and evil | <i>n.</i> a strong disagreement, argument, or a violent clash between two opposing groups or individuals |

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17. ability to de____e the differences *v.* to convert something, such as a message or piece of information, from a specific form into one that you can understand
18. personal na_____ve *n.* a story or a description of a series of events or process of telling a story
19. non-fi_____n bestseller *n.* the type of book or story, especially novels, that describes imaginary events and people; anything made up or imagined that is not true
20. preserve my gr_____y *n.* the force that attracts a body towards the center of the earth or towards any other physical body having mass; a manner that is solemn

ANSWERS: 11. consistent, 12. communicate, 13. script, 14. emotional, 15. hack, 16. conflict, 17. decode, 18. narrative, 19. fiction, 20. gravity

21. ha__y the ship all night *v.* to persistently harass, badger, or bother someone or something; to persistently attack or pursue an opposing force or target
22. tr_____rt facilities *n.* a system for moving people or products from one location to another using automobiles, roads, and so on
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26. paper na___n *n.* a small piece of cloth or paper used for wiping one's mouth and hands while eating; a decorative cloth placed on a table for formal occasions
27. hum_____de climate change *adj.* created or produced by humans; artificial
28. com_____ty theory *n.* the state or quality of being complicated or intricate and difficult to understand
29. expansion of the un_____se *n.* everything that exists, especially all physical matter, including planets, stars, galaxies, and all other forms of matter and energy

ANSWERS: 21. harry, 22. transport, 23. punishment, 24. sprout, 25. juggle, 26. napkin, 27. human-made, 28. complexity, 29. universe

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33. ind_____al freedom *n.* a single person or thing, as distinct from a group
34. wil_____ss to help *n.* the state of being ready or inclined to do something
35. trading in bi___y options *n.* a system of numbers that uses only two digits, 0 and 1
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37. 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
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ANSWERS: 30. emerge, 31. brain, 32. invention, 33. individual, 34. willingness, 35. binary, 36. accord, 37. spirit, 38. neon, 39. communicate

40. a rud_____ry plant *adj.* relating to basic facts or principles; fundamental
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42. a mo____l combat *adj.* subject to death; unrelenting and deadly
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44. financial wi____d *n.* a person who is skilled in magic or a particular technical field
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46. wavy sq_____le *n.* a curly or wavy line or mark, especially one that is irregular or difficult to follow; (verb) to draw or write something in a wavy or irregular manner, often with a series of small curves or loops
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49. fig_____ve painting *adj.* using figures of speech, especially metaphors, to create a special effect; not literal

ANSWERS: 40. rudimentary, 41. transport, 42. mortal, 43. consistent, 44. wizard, 45. perspective, 46. squiggle, 47. matrix, 48. relation, 49. figurative

50. ti_____ne of science history *n.* a series of events arranged in chronological order and displayed along a line, usually drawn left to right or top to bottom
51. the worst hum_____de disaster *adj.* created or produced by humans; artificial
52. rud_____ry understanding *adj.* relating to basic facts or principles; fundamental
53. ac____d with public opinion *n.* an official agreement or treaty between two organizations, countries, etc.; (verb) allow to have
54. fi_____al character *adj.* imaginary and not real; of or related to literary fiction
55. po____r around in the garden *n.* a person who makes pottery, objects that are made of clay and then fired in a kiln to make them hard and durable; (verb, also putter) to occupy oneself in a leisurely or casual way, often with no particular goal or aim in mind
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59. a private ind_____al *n.* a single person or thing, as distinct from a group
60. bra_____ing session *n.* a group activity or business method in which a group of people meet and think about something at the same time to solve a problem or to create good ideas

ANSWERS: 50. timeline, 51. human-made, 52. rudimentary, 53. accord, 54. fictional, 55. potter, 56. fantasy, 57. comprehensible, 58. mortal, 59. individual, 60. brainstorming

61. gov_____nt funding *n.* the group of people with authority to control a country or state
62. linen na____n *n.* a small piece of cloth or paper used for wiping one's mouth and hands while eating; a decorative cloth placed on a table for formal occasions
63. the ul_____te goal in life *adj.* furthest or highest in degree or order
64. a bi____y number *n.* a system of numbers that uses only two digits, 0 and 1
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67. re_____ct an argument *v.* to bring back to life or bring into existence again
68. al_____te choice *adj.* occurring or existing one after the other regularly
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70. na_____ve poetry *n.* a story or a description of a series of events or process of telling a story
71. in_____te details *adj.* having many different parts and small details that all work together
72. permanent br__n damage *n.* the organ inside the head that is responsible for one's movement, thought, memory, and feeling
73. so_____al expectations *adj.* relating to society or social relationships

ANSWERS: 61. government, 62. napkin, 63. ultimate, 64. binary, 65. immortal, 66. alternate, 67. resurrect, 68. alternate, 69. believable, 70. narrative, 71. intricate, 72. brain, 73. societal

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76. bel____le story *adj.* able to be accepted or easily believed; convincing or plausible
77. in____te lacework *adj.* having many different parts and small details that all work together
78. sn____h and give valuable information *v.* to inform on or betray someone, usually to authorities or figures of authority, especially for personal gain or advantage
79. magic w__d *n.* a slender rod or stick, especially one used for magic or divination; a rod or staff carried by certain officials as a symbol of authority
80. bo____d design *n.* an object, often decorative or functional, placed at either end of a row of books on a shelf to help keep them upright and organized; something that serves as the beginning and end of a series or a period of time.
81. the attraction of gr____y *n.* the force that attracts a body towards the center of the earth or towards any other physical body having mass; a manner that is solemn
82. the early inh____nts of Europe *n.* a person or an animal that lives in a particular place

ANSWERS: 74. immortal, 75. fiction, 76. believable, 77. intricate, 78. snitch, 79. wand, 80. bookend, 81. gravity, 82. inhabitant

83. 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
84. lay out a ti_____ne *n.* a series of events arranged in chronological order and displayed along a line, usually drawn left to right or top to bottom
85. tr_____on cubic feet *n.* the number 1,000,000,000,000; a million million
86. ce__e drinking *v.* to stop an action or event
87. do a bra_____ing about a new product *n.* a group activity or business method in which a group of people meet and think about something at the same time to solve a problem or to create good ideas
88. de___e a message *v.* to convert something, such as a message or piece of information, from a specific form into one that you can understand
89. in a fig_____ve sense *adj.* using figures of speech, especially metaphors, to create a special effect; not literal
90. pun_____nt for a crime *n.* a penalty or consequence inflicted for wrongdoing or offense; a means of enforcing discipline or preventing further wrongdoing
91. re_____ct the dead *v.* to bring back to life or bring into existence again

ANSWERS: 83. spirit, 84. timeline, 85. trillion, 86. cease, 87. brainstorming, 88. decode, 89. figurative, 90. punishment, 91. resurrect

92. police hel_____er *n.* a type of aircraft that is capable of hovering in place and moving vertically, as well as flying horizontally; often used for emergency medical services, military operations, and transport in areas with limited access
93. the th___l of speed *n.* a feeling of extreme and sudden excitement and pleasure; to cause someone to feel sudden intense sensation or emotion
94. st_____le against discrimination *v.* to make a great effort to do something when it is difficult, or there are a lot of problems; to use force or violence to break away from restraint or constriction
95. ju___e a job and motherhood *v.* to manage or cope with several tasks, responsibilities, or situations simultaneously; to keep several things in the air at once, as in a juggling act
96. sn___h to the authorities *v.* to inform on or betray someone, usually to authorities or figures of authority, especially for personal gain or advantage
97. ha___y a suspect *v.* to persistently harass, badger, or bother someone or something; to persistently attack or pursue an opposing force or target
98. re___e a relationship *v.* to continue or begin anew after a pause or interruption
99. indicate a wil_____ss to change *n.* the state of being ready or inclined to do something

ANSWERS: 92. helicopter, 93. thrill, 94. struggle, 95. juggle, 96. snitch, 97. harry, 98. resume, 99. willingness

100. ce__e to exist *v.* to stop an action or event
101. im____ry pregnancy *adj.* existing only in someone's mind
102. im____ry number *adj.* existing only in someone's mind
103. common in____on *n.* the creation of a new device or process resulting from study and experimentation; the act of inventing
104. the ul____te luxury *adj.* furthest or highest in degree or order
105. sp____t seeds *v.* to grow or develop new parts typically leaves or shoots, from a plant; to emerge, develop, or arise gradually or suddenly
106. confuse fa____y with reality *n.* a fiction with a large amount of imagination in it; a pleasant situation that you imagine but that is unlikely to happen
107. fu____st ideas *n.* a person who studies or predicts trends and developments, particularly in science, technology, or social systems, to anticipate what the future may hold
108. hel____er ride *n.* a type of aircraft that is capable of hovering in place and moving vertically, as well as flying horizontally; often used for emergency medical services, military operations, and transport in areas with limited access
109. the sc____t of a play *n.* a written text of a film, play, broadcast, or speech; something written by hand
110. st____le to get the job *v.* to make a great effort to do something when it is difficult, or there are a lot of problems; to use force or violence to break away from restraint or constriction

ANSWERS: 100. cease, 101. imaginary, 102. imaginary, 103. invention, 104. ultimate, 105. sprout, 106. fantasy, 107. futurist, 108. helicopter, 109. script, 110. struggle

111. gov_____nt bureaucracy *n.* the group of people with authority to control a country or state
112. re___e an office *v.* to continue or begin anew after a pause or interruption
113. historical no__l *n.* an extended fictional work in prose; usually in the form of a story; (adjective) original and of a kind not seen before
114. security w__d *n.* a slender rod or stick, especially one used for magic or divination; a rod or staff carried by certain officials as a symbol of authority
115. infrared sp_____um *n.* an ordered array of colors into which a light beam can be split
116. ma___x multiplication *n.* a rectangular array of numbers, symbols, or expressions, arranged in rows and columns and often enclosed in brackets; an enclosure within which something originates or develops
117. incredible th___l *n.* a feeling of extreme and sudden excitement and pleasure; to cause someone to feel sudden intense sensation or emotion
118. wooden bo_____d *n.* an object, often decorative or functional, placed at either end of a row of books on a shelf to help keep them upright and organized; something that serves as the beginning and end of a series or a period of time.
119. many tr_____ons of dollars *n.* the number 1,000,000,000,000; a million million

ANSWERS: 111. government, 112. resume, 113. novel, 114. wand, 115. spectrum, 116. matrix, 117. thrill, 118. bookend, 119. trillion

120. no__l effect *n.* an extended fictional work in prose; usually in the form of a story; (adjective) original and of a kind not seen before
121. em___e from poverty *v.* to move out of or away from something and become visible
122. com_____ble language *adj.* able to be understood or grasped by the mind; clear and understandable
123. h__k through the jungle *v.* to hit and cut somebody or something roughly and violently; to find a bug in a computer program and break into their systems or networks
124. sq_____le line *n.* a curly or wavy line or mark, especially one that is irregular or difficult to follow; (verb) to draw or write something in a wavy or irregular manner, often with a series of small curves or loops
125. em_____al distress *adj.* relating to people's feelings
126. a wi___d at chess *n.* a person who is skilled in magic or a particular technical field
127. so_____al norms *adj.* relating to society or social relationships
128. theory of the un_____se *n.* everything that exists, especially all physical matter, including planets, stars, galaxies, and all other forms of matter and energy
129. a per_____ve view *n.* a confident attitude toward something; a particular style of thinking about something
130. n__n lights *n.* a chemical element of atomic number 10 that is a gas with no smell or color, does not react with other chemicals, and shines with a bright light when electricity is passed through it

ANSWERS: 120. novel, 121. emerge, 122. comprehensible, 123. hack, 124. squiggle, 125. emotional, 126. wizard, 127. societal, 128. universe, 129. perspective, 130. neon

ANSWERS:

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The nightlife district was lit up with colorful _____ signs and bright lights.
n. a chemical element of atomic number 10 that is a gas with no smell or color, does not react with other chemicals, and shines with a bright light when electricity is passed through it
2. He has only a _____ knowledge of this topic.
adj. relating to basic facts or principles; fundamental
3. X-rays revealed a small tumor in his _____.
n. the organ inside the head that is responsible for one's movement, thought, memory, and feeling
4. When he said he was starving to death, it was a _____ way of saying he was very hungry.
adj. using figures of speech, especially metaphors, to create a special effect; not literal
5. This device displayed the speech _____ spectrographically.
n. an ordered array of colors into which a light beam can be split
6. Little children tend to have _____ friends.
adj. existing only in someone's mind
7. The radical _____ predicted that virtual reality would become a standard in everyday life.
n. a person who studies or predicts trends and developments, particularly in science, technology, or social systems, to anticipate what the future may hold

ANSWERS: 1. neon, 2. rudimentary, 3. brain, 4. figurative, 5. spectrum, 6. imaginary, 7. futurist

8. The organization finally signed a peace _____.
- n.* an official agreement or treaty between two organizations, countries, etc.;
(verb) allow to have
9. His family is the oldest _____ of the island.
- n.* a person or an animal that lives in a particular place
10. Composition by artificial intelligence is no longer a _____.
- n.* a fiction with a large amount of imagination in it; a pleasant situation that you imagine but that is unlikely to happen
11. The _____ pressure to conform is strong in this community.
- adj.* relating to society or social relationships
12. I need to _____ my coworkers to finish the project on time.
- v.* to persistently harass, badger, or bother someone or something; to persistently attack or pursue an opposing force or target
13. The novel's plot was so well-written that it seemed _____ and realistic.
- adj.* able to be accepted or easily believed; convincing or plausible
14. Enhanced rail _____ is crucial for our business.
- n.* a system for moving people or products from one location to another using automobiles, roads, and so on
15. He was a _____ at solving complex mathematical equations.
- n.* a person who is skilled in magic or a particular technical field
16. The cleaning lady comes on _____ Wednesdays.
- adj.* occurring or existing one after the other regularly

ANSWERS: 8. accord, 9. inhabitant, 10. fantasy, 11. societal, 12. harr, 13. believable, 14. transportation, 15. wizard, 16. alternate

17. The textbook explanation made the difficult concept _____ to the students.

adj. able to be understood or grasped by the mind; clear and understandable

18. The movie starts and ends with a panoramic shot of the city, serving as a great _____ to the story.

n. an object, often decorative or functional, placed at either end of a row of books on a shelf to help keep them upright and organized; something that serves as the beginning and end of a series or a period of time.

19. The software could _____ the encrypted data and reveal the hidden information.

v. to convert something, such as a message or piece of information, from a specific form into one that you can understand

20. The judge gave severe _____ to the criminal who committed the heinous crime.

n. a penalty or consequence inflicted for wrongdoing or offense; a means of enforcing discipline or preventing further wrongdoing

21. The friend's death _____ them.

v. to stop sleeping or to cause someone to stop sleeping

22. The _____ of numbers on the spreadsheet allowed the accountant to track the company's profits and losses easily.

n. a rectangular array of numbers, symbols, or expressions, arranged in rows and columns and often enclosed in brackets; an enclosure within which something originates or develops

23. 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

ANSWERS: 17. comprehensible, 18. bookend, 19. decode, 20. punishment, 21. awakens, 22. matrix, 23. communicate

24. The names of the company are entirely _____.
- adj.* imaginary and not real; of or related to literary fiction
25. The astronaut felt weightless in space due to the absence of _____.
- n.* the force that attracts a body towards the center of the earth or towards any other physical body having mass; a manner that is solemn
26. The company's CEO arrived at the meeting via _____ to avoid traffic congestion
- n.* a type of aircraft that is capable of hovering in place and moving vertically, as well as flying horizontally; often used for emergency medical services, military operations, and transport in areas with limited access
27. He _____ on his coworkers when he realized they were breaking the law.
- v.* to inform on or betray someone, usually to authorities or figures of authority, especially for personal gain or advantage
28. My signature always has a little _____ at the end.
- n.* a curly or wavy line or mark, especially one that is irregular or difficult to follow; (verb) to draw or write something in a wavy or irregular manner, often with a series of small curves or loops
29. The project's _____ made it difficult for the team to complete it on time.
- n.* the state or quality of being complicated or intricate and difficult to understand
30. As an _____ he had the right to make his own decisions and live his life as he saw fit.
- n.* a single person or thing, as distinct from a group
31. The _____ is about 13.8 billion years old.
- n.* everything that exists, especially all physical matter, including planets, stars, galaxies, and all other forms of matter and energy

ANSWERS: 24. fictional, 25. gravity, 26. helicopter, 27. snitched, 28. squiggle, 29. complexity, 30. individual, 31. universe

32. The bridge is a _____ structure and was built to span the river.
adj. created or produced by humans; artificial
33. The archaeologist found a hieratic Egyptian _____ on a stone monument.
n. a written text of a film, play, broadcast, or speech; something written by hand
34. It can be difficult to _____ work, family, and social life, but finding balance is important.
v. to manage or cope with several tasks, responsibilities, or situations simultaneously; to keep several things in the air at once, as in a juggling act
35. A _____ star is a system in which two stars revolve around each other.
n. a system of numbers that uses only two digits, 0 and 1
36. Many companies employ _____ as a good way of generating innovative ideas.
n. a group activity or business method in which a group of people meet and think about something at the same time to solve a problem or to create good ideas
37. Legends often describe mythical creatures as _____ beings.
adj. having eternal or never-ending life; living forever; incapable of dying; having enduring fame or lasting significance
38. The _____ has largely gotten positive feedback.
n. an extended fictional work in prose; usually in the form of a story; (adjective) original and of a kind not seen before
39. The magician waved his _____ and a rabbit appeared from the hat.
n. a slender rod or stick, especially one used for magic or divination; a rod or staff carried by certain officials as a symbol of authority

ANSWERS: 32. human-made, 33. script, 34. juggle, 35. binary, 36. brainstorming, 37. immortal, 38. novel, 39. wand,

40. 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
41. The company decided to _____ production of the product.
v. to stop an action or event
42. Skydiving is an overwhelming _____ for many people.
n. a feeling of extreme and sudden excitement and pleasure; to cause someone to feel sudden intense sensation or emotion
43. The flowers in the garden began to _____ after the first rain of the season.
v. to grow or develop new parts typically leaves or shoots, from a plant; to emerge, develop, or arise gradually or suddenly
44. He imposed a _____ on the project.
n. a series of events arranged in chronological order and displayed along a line, usually drawn left to right or top to bottom
45. Truth is stranger than _____.
n. the type of book or story, especially novels, that describes imaginary events and people; anything made up or imagined that is not true
46. You are not _____ in your behavior.
adj. always behaving or happening in the same way, or having the same thoughts, standards, etc.
47. His father's death changed his whole _____ on life.
n. a confident attitude toward something; a particular style of thinking about something

ANSWERS: 40. relations, 41. cease, 42. thrill, 43. sprout, 44. timeline, 45. fiction, 46. consistent, 47. perspective

48. They tried to _____ the ancient tradition.

v. to bring back to life or bring into existence again

49. The ancient Egyptians were skilled _____ and left behind many beautiful artifacts.

n. a person who makes pottery, objects that are made of clay and then fired in a kiln to make them hard and durable; (verb, also putter) to occupy oneself in a leisurely or casual way, often with no particular goal or aim in mind

50. During colonial eras, new migratory patterns _____.

v. to move out of or away from something and become visible

51. Necessity is the mother of _____.

n. the creation of a new device or process resulting from study and experimentation; the act of inventing

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

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

53. We _____ negotiations after a temporary break.

v. to continue or begin anew after a pause or interruption

54. The politician managed to deal with that _____ issue.

adj. having many different parts and small details that all work together

55. Management must take _____ responsibility for the accident.

adj. furthest or highest in degree or order

ANSWERS: 48. resurrect, 49. potters, 50. emerged, 51. invention, 52. napkins, 53. resumed, 54. intricate, 55. ultimate

56. 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
57. 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
58. All humans are _____ and will eventually die.
- adj.* subject to death; unrelenting and deadly
59. Her _____ to help others earned her many friends.
- n.* the state of being ready or inclined to do something
60. 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
61. One light year is nearly 6 _____ miles.
- n.* the number 1,000,000,000,000; a million million
62. This blog offers a variety of tips for _____ everyday life.
- v.* to hit and cut somebody or something roughly and violently; to find a bug in a computer program and break into their systems or networks
63. Human _____ responses vary widely depending on the society to which they belong.
- adj.* relating to people's feelings
64. He and I often had _____ not only in personality but also in ideology.
- n.* a strong disagreement, argument, or a violent clash between two opposing groups or individuals

ANSWERS: 56. spirit, 57. narrative, 58. mortal, 59. willingness, 60. government, 61. trillion, 62. hacking, 63. emotional, 64. conflicts,

65. He could not _____ against temptation.

- v. to make a great effort to do something when it is difficult, or there are a lot of problems; to use force or violence to break away from restraint or constriction

ANSWERS: 65. struggle