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Session 1: Word List

instinct

n. an inborn behavioral pattern that is often responsive to specific stimuli; an innate feeling that causes you to act or believe that something is true

synonym : intuition, aptitude, feeling

(1) **instinct** for self-preservation, (2) aggressive **instinct**

When faced with a dangerous situation, his initial **instinct** was to flee.

gut

n. the long tube in the body of a person or animal through which food passes when it leaves the stomach; the mental strength or bravery required to do something difficult or unpleasant

synonym : belly, abdomen, courage

(1) the blind **gut**, (2) **gut** feelings

He told me a **gut-wrenching** truth about my parent's death.

massive

adj. enormous amount; very heavy and solid

synonym : enormous, giant, immense

(1) **massive** amounts, (2) **massive** stars

The recent economic downturn has resulted in **massive** layoffs.

leak

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

synonym: outflow, divulge, disclose

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

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

pentagon

n. a flat geometric shape with five straight sides and five angles; a building in Washington, D.C., that houses the U.S. Department of Defense and is the headquarters of the U.S. military

synonym: five-sided shape, quinquangle

(1) equilateral **pentagon**, (2) **pentagon** building

The shape of the building is a distinctive five-sided **pentagon**.

shock

n. a strong feeling or physical reaction to a sudden and unexpected event or experience, especially something unpleasant

synonym: amazement, surprise, stunner

(1) death from **shock**, (2) **shock-resistant**

He got an electric **shock** at work.

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.

sensitive

adj. able to notice slight changes, signals, or influences; able to feel or perceive other's feelings; susceptible to the things people say or do

synonym: exposed, susceptible, keen

(1) **sensitive** documents, (2) baby with **sensitive** skin

The teacher is very **sensitive** to children's feelings.

relative

adj. considered and evaluated through comparison with something else

synonym: comparative, proximate, congeneric

(1) a remote **relative**, (2) **relative** factors

Most countries prohibit sexual activity between certain close **relatives**.

assign

v. to give a specific job or piece of work to a someone

synonym: entrust, delegate, designate

(1) **assign** projects, (2) **assign** top priority

Please **assign** a different color to each other kind of item.

command

n. authority, control, or mastery over something, often referring to military or leadership contexts; a directive, order, or instruction; expertise or confidence in a specific area; (verb) to give an authoritative order or instruction, or to be in charge or control of something

synonym: control, authority, leadership

(1) **command** and control, (2) **command** a battery

The general gave a **command** to his troops to prepare for battle.

specify

v. to explain or state something clearly and exactly

synonym: establish, pinpoint, identify

(1) **specify** a cause, (2) **specify** an option

You can **specify** the font color by clicking the Color tab.

defeat

v. to win against somebody in a fight, war, or attempt

synonym: conquer, beat, overpower

(1) **defeat** a global power, (2) **defeat** body odor

Despite his best efforts, he was unable to **defeat** the enemy.

unconventional

adj. not following traditional or commonly accepted beliefs, practices, or customs; not conforming to established norms or standards

synonym: nontraditional, avant-garde, bizarre

(1) in an **unconventional** manner, (2) **unconventional**

ideas

Her **unconventional** approach to teaching has been a hit with the students.

bloody

adj. covered in or smeared with blood; involving or characterized by bloodshed or brutality

synonym: gory, gruesome, savage

(1) **bloody** massacre, (2) **bloody** diarrhea

The crime scene was **bloody** and gruesome.

claim

v. to assert that something is true; to demand or request something as one's own; to lay legal or moral right to something; (noun) a demand or assertion of a right or something that one believes to be true

synonym: assert, declare, maintain

(1) **claim** responsibility, (2) false **claim**

He wants to **claim** ownership of the abandoned property.

innocent

adj. not guilty of a crime, offense, etc.; not having an evil mind or knowledge

synonym: blameless, honest, harmless

(1) an **innocent** child, (2) thousands of **innocent** people

My husband was found **innocent** of any crime.

suicide

n. the act of killing yourself intentionally

synonym: self-destruction, self-annihilation, felo-de-se

(1) commit **suicide**, (2) **suicide** attack

In an economically prosperous country, most male **suicide** is due to child support problems.

bomb

n. a weapon that explodes and is used to kill or injure people or to cause damage to something

synonym: missile, explosive, ammunition

(1) atomic **bombs**, (2) disarm the **bomb**

The use of cluster **bombs** is strictly prohibited by international law.

accelerant

n. a substance or material that, when added to a fire, accelerates or increases the intensity of the flames; a chemical used to initiate or speed up a chemical reaction or process

synonym : fuel, kindling, igniter

(1) chemical **accelerant**, (2) **accelerant** for a fire

The police found traces of **accelerant** at the scene of the arson.

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.

develop

v. to grow or expand; to improve or refine through a process of progress and refinement, often to achieve greater sophistication or complexity; to elaborate or add detail to something that is in the process of being created

synonym : evolve, progress, advance

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

We must **develop** a new system to streamline our workflow and increase efficiency.

equip

v. to provide a person or a place with the things that are needed for a particular purpose or activity

synonym : prepare, furnish, provide

(1) **equip** an army, (2) **equip** our children with some special skills

The construction company **equipped** the building with an earthquake-resistant device.

parachute

n. a device used to slow the motion of people or objects through an atmosphere consisting of a large piece of thin cloth that is attached to them and opens out in the

air

(1) **parachute** troops, (2) golden **parachute**

This training includes emergency escape drills with **parachutes**.

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

largely

adv. virtually entirely; to a large degree

synonym: mainly, chiefly, broadly

(1) **largely** accepted, (2) **largely** mitigate the issue

Nevada is **largely** a desert state.

secrecy

n. the state or quality of being kept hidden or private; the act of keeping something confidential or unknown to others

synonym: confidentiality, clandestineness, closeness

(1) government **secrecy**, (2) maintain **secrecy**

The company's **secrecy** surrounding its new product launch has created consumer excitement and anticipation.

lifeblood

n. a vital or essential element or substance that is necessary for survival or success

synonym: essence, vitality, sustenance

(1) the **lifeblood** of every organization, (2) the **lifeblood** of the economy

The company's reputation is its **lifeblood**.

silo

n. a tall, cylindrical structure, usually made of concrete or steel, that is used for storing grain, feed, or other dry materials; a system or structure that is isolated or

separate from others

synonym : storage, warehouse, barn

(1) nuclear **silos**, (2) **silos** organization

The farmer used a **silos** to store feed for the animals.

demonstrate

v. to display something or give an exhibition to an interested audience

synonym : show, illustrate, display

(1) **demonstrate** a difference, (2) **demonstrate** mastery

How can you **demonstrate** that the earth is a sphere?

tight

adj. fixed, fastened, or kept together firmly or closely

synonym : closed, secured, cramped

(1) a **tight** game, (2) student on a **tight** budget

The national election was held amid **tight** security.

predict

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

synonym : forecast, anticipate, foresee

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

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

intelligence

n. the ability to learn, comprehend, or make judgments or conclusions based on reasons

synonym : brains, brightness, cleverness

(1) an **intelligence** test, (2) field of artificial **intelligence**

In terms of **intelligence**, he was head and shoulders above his classmates.

complain

v. to say dissatisfaction or annoyance about something or somebody

synonym : gripe, claim, denounce

(1) **complain** about a job, (2) call and **complain** frequently

Our users are often **complaining** about the slow application.

straight

adj. extending or moving in one direction without bending or curving; having no deviations

synonym : linear, honest, consecutive

(1) a **straight** line, (2) **straight** for two months

He was sick for five **straight** days.

shift

n. a slight transition in position, direction, or trend

synonym : transition, change, modification

(1) Doppler **shift**, (2) major paradigm **shift**

Could you help me **shift** some furniture?

capture

v. to catch a person or an animal and confine them in an area which they cannot escape

synonym : catch, arrest, imprison

(1) **capture** a glimpse, (2) **capture** customers' hearts

I was able to **capture** the moment on film.

personnel

n. a group of people who are employed in an organization or one of the armed forces; the department responsible for hiring, training, and placing employees

synonym : workforce, staff, labor force

(1) competent **personnel**, (2) **personnel** evaluation

Please forward the resumes to the **personnel** department.

typical

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

synonym : characteristic, usual, distinctive

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

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

classify

v. to categorize or group something according to a system or set of criteria; to assign something to a particular class or category based on its characteristics or properties

synonym : categorize, sort, arrange

(1) **classify** images, (2) **classify** emails into folders

I need to **classify** these documents for the upcoming audit.

upset

adj. causing or marked by anxiety, uneasiness, trouble, or grief; (verb) to make someone anxious, unhappy, or angry

synonym : disturbed, bothered, resentful

(1) get **upset**, (2) have an **upset** stomach

He was awfully **upset** by the news.

suddenly

adv. quickly and unexpectedly

synonym : abruptly, unexpectedly, unawares

(1) **suddenly** attacked by an enemy, (2) die **suddenly**

Who answers **suddenly** knows little.

consequence

n. the outcome of a particular action or event, especially relative to an individual

synonym : result, impact, outcome

(1) unintended **consequences**, (2) the **consequence** of an argument

These economic activities had disastrous environmental **consequences**.

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.

tactics

n. the methods or strategies used to achieve a specific goal or outcome, particularly in the context of military, business, or sports

synonym : strategy, maneuvers, plan

(1) blitz **tactics**, (2) political **tactics**

The marketing team developed new **tactics** to boost sales.

essential

adj. indispensable; fundamental

synonym : critical, crucial, basic

(1) **essential** amino acid, (2) **essential** commodities of life

Trial and error is an **essential** part of education.

breath

n. the air that is taken into and expelled from your lungs; the process of taking into and expelling air from your lungs

synonym : air, puff, whiff

(1) hold your **breath**, (2) **breath** of wind

He bated his **breath** when talking about this affair.

grade

n. a particular level of quality, size, importance, etc.

synonym : score, rate, degree

(1) boys in the twelfth **grade**, (2) students at all **grade** levels

Departments may set requirements for a higher **grade** point average.

disaster

n. an unexpected event or series of events that cause widespread damage, destruction, or loss of life

synonym : catastrophe, calamity, tragedy

(1) global **disaster**, (2) **disaster** recovery

The **disaster** response team worked around the clock to aid those affected by the earthquake.

scared

adj. afraid or frightened

synonym : frightened, fearful, dreading

(1) **scared** all the time, (2) **scared** dog

I'm **scared** of insects.

bureaucracy

n. a system of government in which most of the important decisions are made by state officials rather than by elected representatives

synonym : administration, government, system

(1) government **bureaucracy**, (2) arbitrary **bureaucracy**

The bumbling **bureaucracy** made it difficult to get the permits we needed.

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.

waltz

n. a ballroom dance in triple time that originated in Vienna and is characterized by a flowing, graceful style and a strong accent on the first beat of each measure

synonym: ballroom dance, tango, foxtrot

(1) **waltz** music, (2) elegant **waltz**

The dancers practiced the steps of the **waltz** meticulously to perfect their performance.

deputy

n. a person who is appointed as the substitute of another and given the power to do something instead of another

synonym: aide, assistant, appointee

(1) a **deputy** governor, (2) **deputy** attorney general

She left the decision to her **deputy**

amnesty

n. a general pardon for crimes, especially political crimes

synonym: pardon, clemency, reprieve

(1) grant an **amnesty**, (2) **amnesty** for debt

The government declared **amnesty** for all political prisoners.

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**.

snap

v. to record on photographic film; to make a sudden, sharp sound; (noun) the act of catching an object with the hands

synonym: break, crack, fracture

(1) **snap** a whip, (2) **snap** judgment

She **snapped** a quick picture of the beautiful sunset before it disappeared.

judgment

n. the ability to form valuable opinions and make reasonable decisions

synonym: conclusion, decision, determination

(1) an emotional **judgment** , (2) deliver a **judgment**

Her **judgments** are consistently rational and sensible.

Session 2: Spelling

1. ma____e stars *adj.* enormous amount; very heavy and solid
2. nuclear s__o *n.* a tall, cylindrical structure, usually made of concrete or steel, that is used for storing grain, feed, or other dry materials; a system or structure that is isolated or separate from others
3. global di____er *n.* an unexpected event or series of events that cause widespread damage, destruction, or loss of life
4. re____ve factors *adj.* considered and evaluated through comparison with something else
5. pe____on building *n.* a flat geometric shape with five straight sides and five angles; a building in Washington, D.C., that houses the U.S. Department of Defense and is the headquarters of the U.S. military
6. fairly ty____l symptoms *adj.* having the usual characteristics or traits of a specific group of things
7. co____d and control *n.* authority, control, or mastery over something, often referring to military or leadership contexts; a directive, order, or instruction; expertise or confidence in a specific area; (verb) to give an authoritative order or instruction, or to be in charge or control of something
8. se____ve documents *adj.* able to notice slight changes, signals, or influences; able to feel or perceive other's feelings; susceptible to the things people say or do

ANSWERS: 1. massive, 2. silo, 3. disaster, 4. relative, 5. pentagon, 6. typical, 7. command, 8. sensitive

9. co____d a battery *n.* authority, control, or mastery over something, often referring to military or leadership contexts; a directive, order, or instruction; expertise or confidence in a specific area; (verb) to give an authoritative order or instruction, or to be in charge or control of something
10. l__k a classified memo *v.* to allow liquid or gas to get in or out from a hole or crack in a pipe or container
11. grant an am____y *n.* a general pardon for crimes, especially political crimes
12. false cl__m *v.* to assert that something is true; to demand or request something as one's own; to lay legal or moral right to something; (noun) a demand or assertion of a right or something that one believes to be true
13. student on a ti__t budget *adj.* fixed, fastened, or kept together firmly or closely
14. cl____fy images *v.* to categorize or group something according to a system or set of criteria; to assign something to a particular class or category based on its characteristics or properties
15. dem____te mastery *v.* to display something or give an exhibition to an interested audience
16. ma____e amounts *adj.* enormous amount; very heavy and solid
17. as__n top priority *v.* to give a specific job or piece of work to a someone

ANSWERS: 9. command, 10. leak, 11. amnesty, 12. claim, 13. tight, 14. classify, 15. demonstrate, 16. massive, 17. assign

18. baby with se_____ve skin *adj.* able to notice slight changes, signals, or influences; able to feel or perceive other's feelings; susceptible to the things people say or do
19. a st_____ht line *adj.* extending or moving in one direction without bending or curving; having no deviations
20. the li_____od of the economy *n.* a vital or essential element or substance that is necessary for survival or success
21. get up__t *adj.* causing or marked by anxiety, uneasiness, trouble, or grief; (verb) to make someone anxious, unhappy, or angry
22. disarm the b__b *n.* a weapon that explodes and is used to kill or injure people or to cause damage to something
23. br___h of wind *n.* the air that is taken into and expelled from your lungs; the process of taking into and expelling air from your lungs
24. have an up__t stomach *adj.* causing or marked by anxiety, uneasiness, trouble, or grief; (verb) to make someone anxious, unhappy, or angry
25. sc___d all the time *adj.* afraid or frightened
26. cl_____fy emails into folders *v.* to categorize or group something according to a system or set of criteria; to assign something to a particular class or category based on its characteristics or properties

ANSWERS: 18. sensitive, 19. straight, 20. lifeblood, 21. upset, 22. bomb, 23. breath, 24. upset, 25. scared, 26. classify

27. atomic b__bs *n.* a weapon that explodes and is used to kill or injure people or to cause damage to something
28. la____y accepted *adv.* virtually entirely; to a large degree
29. sh__k-resistant *n.* a strong feeling or physical reaction to a sudden and unexpected event or experience, especially something unpleasant
30. as___n projects *v.* to give a specific job or piece of work to a someone
31. call and co_____in frequently *v.* to say dissatisfaction or annoyance about something or somebody
32. competent pe_____el *n.* a group of people who are employed in an organization or one of the armed forces; the department responsible for hiring, training, and placing employees
33. sc___d dog *adj.* afraid or frightened
34. students at all gr__e levels *n.* a particular level of quality, size, importance, etc.
35. boys in the twelfth gr__e *n.* a particular level of quality, size, importance, etc.
36. an in_____nt child *adj.* not guilty of a crime, offense, etc.; not having an evil mind or knowledge
37. an int_____nce test *n.* the ability to learn, comprehend, or make judgments or conclusions based on reasons
38. Doppler sh__t *n.* a slight transition in position, direction, or trend

ANSWERS: 27. bomb, 28. largely, 29. shock, 30. assign, 31. complain, 32. personnel, 33. scared, 34. grade, 35. grade, 36. innocent, 37. intelligence, 38. shift

39. de___t body odor *v.* to win against somebody in a fight, war, or attempt
40. golden pa_____te *n.* a device used to slow the motion of people or objects through an atmosphere consisting of a large piece of thin cloth that is attached to them and opens out in the air
41. eq__p an army *v.* to provide a person or a place with the things that are needed for a particular purpose or activity
42. su_____ly attacked by an enemy *adv.* quickly and unexpectedly
43. hold your br___h *n.* the air that is taken into and expelled from your lungs; the process of taking into and expelling air from your lungs
44. die su_____ly *adv.* quickly and unexpectedly
45. in_____ct for self-preservation *n.* an inborn behavioral pattern that is often responsive to specific stimuli; an innate feeling that causes you to act or believe that something is true
46. co_____in about a job *v.* to say dissatisfaction or annoyance about something or somebody
47. pe_____el evaluation *n.* a group of people who are employed in an organization or one of the armed forces; the department responsible for hiring, training, and placing employees
48. de___y attorney general *n.* a person who is appointed as the substitute of another and given the power to do something instead of another

ANSWERS: 39. defeat, 40. parachute, 41. equip, 42. suddenly, 43. breath, 44. suddenly, 45. instinct, 46. complain, 47. personnel, 48. deputy

49. thousands of in_____nt people *adj.* not guilty of a crime, offense, etc.; not having an evil mind or knowledge
50. bl___y diarrhea *adj.* covered in or smeared with blood; involving or characterized by bloodshed or brutality
51. blitz ta_____s *n.* the methods or strategies used to achieve a specific goal or outcome, particularly in the context of military, business, or sports
52. maintain se_____y *n.* the state or quality of being kept hidden or private; the act of keeping something confidential or unknown to others
53. equilateral pe_____on *n.* a flat geometric shape with five straight sides and five angles; a building in Washington, D.C., that houses the U.S. Department of Defense and is the headquarters of the U.S. military
54. de___t a global power *v.* to win against somebody in a fight, war, or attempt
55. pa_____te troops *n.* a device used to slow the motion of people or objects through an atmosphere consisting of a large piece of thin cloth that is attached to them and opens out in the air
56. wa__z music *n.* a ballroom dance in triple time that originated in Vienna and is characterized by a flowing, graceful style and a strong accent on the first beat of each measure
57. political ta_____s *n.* the methods or strategies used to achieve a specific goal or outcome, particularly in the context of military, business, or sports

ANSWERS: 49. innocent, 50. bloody, 51. tactics, 52. secrecy, 53. pentagon, 54. defeat, 55. parachute, 56. waltz, 57. tactics

58. death from sh__k *n.* a strong feeling or physical reaction to a sudden and unexpected event or experience, especially something unpleasant
59. commit su____e *n.* the act of killing yourself intentionally
60. l__k data *v.* to allow liquid or gas to get in or out from a hole or crack in a pipe or container
61. la____y mitigate the issue *adv.* virtually entirely; to a large degree
62. a man of imp____ce *n.* the quality of being important and worthy of note
63. s__p a whip *v.* to record on photographic film; to make a sudden, sharp sound; (noun) the act of catching an object with the hands
64. de____p a strategy *v.* to grow or expand; to improve or refine through a process of progress and refinement, often to achieve greater sophistication or complexity; to elaborate or add detail to something that is in the process of being created
65. government bur____cy *n.* a system of government in which most of the important decisions are made by state officials rather than by elected representatives
66. ca____e a glimpse *v.* to catch a person or an animal and confine them in an area which they cannot escape
67. 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

ANSWERS: 58. shock, 59. suicide, 60. leak, 61. largely, 62. importance, 63. snap, 64. develop, 65. bureaucracy, 66. capture, 67. helicopter

68. chemical acc_____nt *n.* a substance or material that, when added to a fire, accelerates or increases the intensity of the flames; a chemical used to initiate or speed up a chemical reaction or process
69. field of artificial int_____nce *n.* the ability to learn, comprehend, or make judgments or conclusions based on reasons
70. unintended con_____ces *n.* the outcome of a particular action or event, especially relative to an individual
71. government se_____y *n.* the state or quality of being kept hidden or private; the act of keeping something confidential or unknown to others
72. the blind g_t *n.* the long tube in the body of a person or animal through which food passes when it leaves the stomach; the mental strength or bravery required to do something difficult or unpleasant
73. the ul_____te luxury *adj.* furthest or highest in degree or order
74. acc_____nt for a fire *n.* a substance or material that, when added to a fire, accelerates or increases the intensity of the flames; a chemical used to initiate or speed up a chemical reaction or process
75. am_____y for debt *n.* a general pardon for crimes, especially political crimes
76. dem_____te a difference *v.* to display something or give an exhibition to an interested audience

ANSWERS: 68. accelerant, 69. intelligence, 70. consequence, 71. secrecy, 72. gut, 73. ultimate, 74. accelerant, 75. amnesty, 76. demonstrate

77. victim of a vi_____t crime *adj.* involving or caused by physical force or aggression against someone or something
78. sp_____y an option *v.* to explain or state something clearly and exactly
79. s__p judgment *v.* to record on photographic film; to make a sudden, sharp sound; (noun) the act of catching an object with the hands
80. gov_____nt bureaucracy *n.* the group of people with authority to control a country or state
81. pr_____t when she will arrive *v.* to state beforehand that something will happen in the future, mainly based on knowledge or experience
82. the con_____ce of an argument *n.* the outcome of a particular action or event, especially relative to an individual
83. su_____e attack *n.* the act of killing yourself intentionally
84. pr_____t the future *v.* to state beforehand that something will happen in the future, mainly based on knowledge or experience
85. es_____al amino acid *adj.* indispensable; fundamental
86. sp_____y a cause *v.* to explain or state something clearly and exactly
87. de_____p a skill *v.* to grow or expand; to improve or refine through a process of progress and refinement, often to achieve greater sophistication or complexity; to elaborate or add detail to something that is in the process of being created

ANSWERS: 77. violent, 78. specify, 79. snap, 80. government, 81. predict, 82. consequence, 83. suicide, 84. predict, 85. essential, 86. specify, 87. develop

88. eq__p our children with some special skills *v.* to provide a person or a place with the things that are needed for a particular purpose or activity
89. a ti__t game *adj.* fixed, fastened, or kept together firmly or closely
90. cl__m responsibility *v.* to assert that something is true; to demand or request something as one's own; to lay legal or moral right to something; (noun) a demand or assertion of a right or something that one believes to be true
91. g_t feelings *n.* the long tube in the body of a person or animal through which food passes when it leaves the stomach; the mental strength or bravery required to do something difficult or unpleasant
92. s__o organization *n.* a tall, cylindrical structure, usually made of concrete or steel, that is used for storing grain, feed, or other dry materials; a system or structure that is isolated or separate from others
93. the ul____te goal in life *adj.* furthest or highest in degree or order
94. an emotional ju____nt *n.* the ability to form valuable opinions and make reasonable decisions
95. es____al commodities of life *adj.* indispensable; fundamental
96. di____er recovery *n.* an unexpected event or series of events that cause widespread damage, destruction, or loss of life
97. in an unc_____nal manner *adj.* not following traditional or commonly accepted beliefs, practices, or customs; not conforming to established norms or standards

ANSWERS: 88. equip, 89. tight, 90. claim, 91. gut, 92. silo, 93. ultimate, 94. judgment, 95. essential, 96. disaster, 97. unconventional

98. 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
99. ty_____l leader *adj.* having the usual characteristics or traits of a specific group of things
100. fun_____al rights *adj.* forming an essential base or core from which everything else develops or is affected
101. a de____y governor *n.* a person who is appointed as the substitute of another and given the power to do something instead of another
102. gov_____nt funding *n.* the group of people with authority to control a country or state
103. elegant wa__z *n.* a ballroom dance in triple time that originated in Vienna and is characterized by a flowing, graceful style and a strong accent on the first beat of each measure
104. bl____y massacre *adj.* covered in or smeared with blood; involving or characterized by bloodshed or brutality
105. aggressive in_____ct *n.* an inborn behavioral pattern that is often responsive to specific stimuli; an innate feeling that causes you to act or believe that something is true
106. major paradigm sh__t *n.* a slight transition in position, direction, or trend

ANSWERS: 98. helicopter, 99. typical, 100. fundamental, 101. deputy, 102. government, 103. waltz, 104. bloody, 105. instinct, 106. shift

107. unc_____nal ideas *adj.* not following traditional or commonly accepted beliefs, practices, or customs; not conforming to established norms or standards
108. the li_____od of every organization *n.* a vital or essential element or substance that is necessary for survival or success
109. st_____ht for two months *adj.* extending or moving in one direction without bending or curving; having no deviations
110. vi_____t incident *adj.* involving or caused by physical force or aggression against someone or something
111. fun_____al education *adj.* forming an essential base or core from which everything else develops or is affected
112. high imp_____ce *n.* the quality of being important and worthy of note
113. arbitrary bur_____cy *n.* a system of government in which most of the important decisions are made by state officials rather than by elected representatives
114. a remote re_____ve *adj.* considered and evaluated through comparison with something else
115. ca_____e customers' hearts *v.* to catch a person or an animal and confine them in an area which they cannot escape
116. deliver a ju_____nt *n.* the ability to form valuable opinions and make reasonable decisions

ANSWERS: 107. unconventional, 108. lifeblood, 109. straight, 110. violent, 111. fundamental, 112. importance, 113. bureaucracy, 114. relative, 115. capture, 116. judgment

ANSWERS:

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. He _____ serious accounting irregularities that only people in the company's executive could know.
v. to allow liquid or gas to get in or out from a hole or crack in a pipe or container
2. The recent economic downturn has resulted in _____ layoffs.
adj. enormous amount; very heavy and solid
3. Human behavior has _____ characteristics.
adj. forming an essential base or core from which everything else develops or is affected
4. The police found traces of _____ at the scene of the arson.
n. a substance or material that, when added to a fire, accelerates or increases the intensity of the flames; a chemical used to initiate or speed up a chemical reaction or process
5. 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
6. The company's reputation is its _____.
n. a vital or essential element or substance that is necessary for survival or success
7. This training includes emergency escape drills with _____.
n. a device used to slow the motion of people or objects through an atmosphere consisting of a large piece of thin cloth that is attached to them and opens out in the air

ANSWERS: 1. leaked, 2. massive, 3. fundamental, 4. accelerant, 5. government, 6. lifeblood, 7. parachutes

8. He wants to _____ ownership of the abandoned property.
- v.* to assert that something is true; to demand or request something as one's own; to lay legal or moral right to something; (noun) a demand or assertion of a right or something that one believes to be true
9. 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
10. It's notoriously challenging to _____ birth rates.
- v.* to state beforehand that something will happen in the future, mainly based on knowledge or experience
11. Departments may set requirements for a higher _____ point average.
- n.* a particular level of quality, size, importance, etc.
12. The _____ response team worked around the clock to aid those affected by the earthquake.
- n.* an unexpected event or series of events that cause widespread damage, destruction, or loss of life
13. The farmer used a _____ to store feed for the animals.
- n.* a tall, cylindrical structure, usually made of concrete or steel, that is used for storing grain, feed, or other dry materials; a system or structure that is isolated or separate from others
14. In terms of _____ he was head and shoulders above his classmates.
- n.* the ability to learn, comprehend, or make judgments or conclusions based on reasons

ANSWERS: 8. claim, 9. helicopter, 10. predict, 11. grade, 12. disaster, 13. silo, 14. intelligence,

15. Trial and error is an _____ part of education.

adj. indispensable; fundamental

16. Who answers _____ knows little.

adv. quickly and unexpectedly

17. These economic activities had disastrous environmental _____.

n. the outcome of a particular action or event, especially relative to an individual

18. She _____ a quick picture of the beautiful sunset before it disappeared.

v. to record on photographic film; to make a sudden, sharp sound; (noun) the act of catching an object with the hands

19. The national election was held amid _____ security.

adj. fixed, fastened, or kept together firmly or closely

20. She left the decision to her _____

n. a person who is appointed as the substitute of another and given the power to do something instead of another

21. I was able to _____ the moment on film.

v. to catch a person or an animal and confine them in an area which they cannot escape

22. Please _____ a different color to each other kind of item.

v. to give a specific job or piece of work to a someone

23. In an economically prosperous country, most male _____ is due to child support problems.

n. the act of killing yourself intentionally

ANSWERS: 15. essential, 16. suddenly, 17. consequences, 18. snapped, 19. tight, 20. deputy, 21. capture, 22. assign, 23. suicide

24. The crime scene was _____ and gruesome.

adj. covered in or smeared with blood; involving or characterized by bloodshed or brutality

25. Her _____ are consistently rational and sensible.

n. the ability to form valuable opinions and make reasonable decisions

26. You can _____ the font color by clicking the Color tab.

v. to explain or state something clearly and exactly

27. The construction company _____ the building with an earthquake-resistant device.

v. to provide a person or a place with the things that are needed for a particular purpose or activity

28. I'm _____ of insects.

adj. afraid or frightened

29. The government declared _____ for all political prisoners.

n. a general pardon for crimes, especially political crimes

30. I stopped by the branch though I have no business of _____.

n. the quality of being important and worthy of note

31. The use of cluster _____ is strictly prohibited by international law.

n. a weapon that explodes and is used to kill or injure people or to cause damage to something

32. My husband was found _____ of any crime.

adj. not guilty of a crime, offense, etc.; not having an evil mind or knowledge

ANSWERS: 24. bloody, 25. judgments, 26. specify, 27. equipped, 28. scared, 29. amnesty, 30. importance, 31. bombs, 32. innocent

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

adj. considered and evaluated through comparison with something else

34. The marketing team developed new _____ to boost sales.

n. the methods or strategies used to achieve a specific goal or outcome, particularly in the context of military, business, or sports

35. Management must take _____ responsibility for the accident.

adj. furthest or highest in degree or order

36. He was sick for five _____ days.

adj. extending or moving in one direction without bending or curving; having no deviations

37. The company's _____ surrounding its new product launch has created consumer excitement and anticipation.

n. the state or quality of being kept hidden or private; the act of keeping something confidential or unknown to others

38. The general gave a _____ to his troops to prepare for battle.

n. authority, control, or mastery over something, often referring to military or leadership contexts; a directive, order, or instruction; expertise or confidence in a specific area; (verb) to give an authoritative order or instruction, or to be in charge or control of something

39. The dancers practiced the steps of the _____ meticulously to perfect their performance.

n. a ballroom dance in triple time that originated in Vienna and is characterized by a flowing, graceful style and a strong accent on the first beat of each measure

ANSWERS: 33. relatives, 34. tactics, 35. ultimate, 36. straight, 37. secrecy, 38. command, 39. waltz

40. We must _____ a new system to streamline our workflow and increase efficiency.

- v.* to grow or expand; to improve or refine through a process of progress and refinement, often to achieve greater sophistication or complexity; to elaborate or add detail to something that is in the process of being created

41. He told me a _____ truth about my parent's death.

- n.* the long tube in the body of a person or animal through which food passes when it leaves the stomach; the mental strength or bravery required to do something difficult or unpleasant

42. Could you help me _____ some furniture?

- n.* a slight transition in position, direction, or trend

43. The protesters became _____ when the police tried to disperse them.

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

44. Our users are often _____ about the slow application.

- v.* to say dissatisfaction or annoyance about something or somebody

45. When faced with a dangerous situation, his initial _____ was to flee.

- n.* an inborn behavioral pattern that is often responsive to specific stimuli; an innate feeling that causes you to act or believe that something is true

46. How can you _____ that the earth is a sphere?

- v.* to display something or give an exhibition to an interested audience

47. This artwork is _____ of her work.

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

ANSWERS: 40. develop, 41. gut-wrenching, 42. shift, 43. violent, 44. complaining, 45. instinct, 46. demonstrate, 47. typical

48. Nevada is _____ a desert state.

adv. virtually entirely; to a large degree

49. Please forward the resumes to the _____ department.

n. a group of people who are employed in an organization or one of the armed forces; the department responsible for hiring, training, and placing employees

50. He bated his _____ when talking about this affair.

n. the air that is taken into and expelled from your lungs; the process of taking into and expelling air from your lungs

51. He was awfully _____ by the news.

adj. causing or marked by anxiety, uneasiness, trouble, or grief; (verb) to make someone anxious, unhappy, or angry

52. The bumbling _____ made it difficult to get the permits we needed.

n. a system of government in which most of the important decisions are made by state officials rather than by elected representatives

53. I need to _____ these documents for the upcoming audit.

v. to categorize or group something according to a system or set of criteria; to assign something to a particular class or category based on its characteristics or properties

54. Her _____ approach to teaching has been a hit with the students.

adj. not following traditional or commonly accepted beliefs, practices, or customs; not conforming to established norms or standards

55. Despite his best efforts, he was unable to _____ the enemy.

v. to win against somebody in a fight, war, or attempt

ANSWERS: 48. largely, 49. personnel, 50. breath, 51. upset, 52. bureaucracy, 53. classify, 54. unconventional, 55. defeat

56. He got an electric _____ at work.

n. a strong feeling or physical reaction to a sudden and unexpected event or experience, especially something unpleasant

57. The shape of the building is a distinctive five-sided _____.

n. a flat geometric shape with five straight sides and five angles; a building in Washington, D.C., that houses the U.S. Department of Defense and is the headquarters of the U.S. military

58. The teacher is very _____ to children's feelings.

adj. able to notice slight changes, signals, or influences; able to feel or perceive other's feelings; susceptible to the things people say or do

ANSWERS: 56. shock, 57. pentagon, 58. sensitive