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Session 1: Word List

diagnose

v. to determine or distinguish the nature of a problem or an illness through a careful analysis

synonym : identify, analyze, interpret

(1) **diagnose** the problem, (2) **diagnose** with CT scans

This device is used to **diagnose** brain cancer and other tumors.

phobia

n. an extreme or irrational fear of a particular object, person, situation, or activity; a type of anxiety disorder

synonym : fear, dread, terror

(1) **phobia** treatment, (2) social **phobia**

She has a **phobia** of spiders and always avoids them.

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**.

stutter

v. to speak with sudden involuntary pauses or repetitions of sounds, syllables, or words; (noun) a speech disorder characterized by the repetition or prolongation of sounds, syllables, or words, or by pauses or blocks in speech

synonym :

stammer, falter, stumble

(1) **stutter** speech, (2) **stutter** out an apology

He tends to **stutter** when he gets nervous, making it difficult for others to understand him.

dare

v. to have the courage to do something

synonym: challenge, risk, attempt

(1) **dare** not go, (2) **dare** to take risks

I wouldn't **dare** to speak to him like that.

stick

v. to put something, usually a sharp object, into something; to restrict yourself to doing or using one certain thing and not change; (noun) a thin piece of wood or other material

synonym: pierce, adhere, stay

(1) **stick** a key in a lock, (2) fire **stick**

You **stick** a bill in the change machine, and the coins pop out.

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.

recognition

n. the action or process of recognizing or being recognized, especially by remembering; an agreement that something is true or legal

synonym: acknowledgement, identification, credit

(1) **recognition** award, (2) joint **recognition**

He was given **recognition** for his outstanding work in the field of medicine.

observe

v. to watch or notice something carefully, often to gather information or insights; to take note of something or someone; to celebrate or commemorate a special event or occasion

synonym: watch, monitor, scrutinize

(1) **observe** a tradition, (2) **observe** wildlife

It is important to **observe** safety procedures in the workplace to prevent accidents.

mutual

adj. common to or shared by two or more parties

synonym: shared, common, joint

(1) share of a **mutual** fund, (2) **mutual** efforts

They cooperated for their **mutual** benefit.

mindset

n. the established set of attitudes or fixed ideas held by someone

synonym: attitude, ethos, mentality

(1) flexible **mindset**, (2) the **mindset** in an education system

Countries whose goal is economic development often focus on fostering an entrepreneurial **mindset** in each individual.

reimagine

v. to imagine or conceive of something in a new or different way

synonym: re-conceptualize, re-envision, re-create

(1) **reimagine** the future, (2) **reimagine** the possibilities

The company is trying to **reimagine** its business model to stay competitive.

opportune

adj. suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose

synonym: suitable, timely, practical

(1) **opportune** occasion, (2) an **opportune** remark

The phone rang at the most **opportune** time.

talent

n. a natural ability to be good at something; someone who has a natural ability to be good at something

synonym: endowment, aptitude, capability

(1) a person of diverse **talents**, (2) raw **talent**

Numerous great professional sports **talents** have come from this city.

accomplish

v. to finish or achieve something successfully

synonym: achieve, complete, execute

(1) **accomplish** a goal, (2) **accomplish** military operations

Humankind took centuries to **accomplish** true democracy.

lift

v. to raise something to a higher position or level; to pick up something or somebody and move them to a different position

synonym: raise, elevate, move up

(1) **lift** sagging skin, (2) **lift** a ban on alcohol

The drought **lifted** the prices of grain globally.

disprove

v. to show that something is not true or correct

synonym: refute, discredit, invalidate

(1) **disprove** global warming, (2) **disprove** the conjecture

The researchers were unable to **disprove** the theory.

up-and-coming

adj. having a promising future, showing signs of potential success, likely to become important or successful

synonym: emerging, promising, rising

(1) regarded as an **up-and-coming** politician, (2) an

up-and-coming designer

The **up-and-coming** musician had just released their debut album to critical acclaim.

actress

n. a female actor, particularly in the theater or movies

synonym: performer, player, star

(1) an **actress** of real quality, (2) a well-known **actress**

The acclaimed **actress** received an Oscar for her outstanding performance in the film.

fervent

adj. characterized by intense or passionate emotion or enthusiasm; showing great warmth or devotion

synonym: ardent, passionate, enthusiastic

(1) **fervent** supporter, (2) **fervent** belief

She had a **fervent** desire to pursue her passion and make a

difference in the world.

sculpture

n. the art of creating three-dimensional objects or forms, typically by carving, modeling, or casting in a variety of materials such as stone, wood, metal, or clay

synonym : statuary, carving, modeling

(1) create **sculpture**, (2) abstract **sculpture**

The ancient Greek **sculptures** are known for their realism and attention to detail.

millennium

n. a span of 1000 years, or the 1000th anniversary (plural: millennia)

(1) past **millennium**, (2) **millennium** bottle of wine

Our world is in the third **millennium**.

pose

v. to present a risk, problem, or other issues that must be addressed

synonym : present, put, position

(1) **pose** a significant threat to my company, (2) **pose** a challenge

The chemicals **pose** a massive health risk.

vamp

n. the upper part of a shoe or boot above the sole, covering the instep and sometimes extending over the toes; a woman who uses her charm or allure to seduce and manipulate men; (of music) an improvised or repeated section of music, usually a jazz or blues piece

synonym : seductress, temptress, enchantress

(1) **vamp** designs, (2) seductive **vamp** neckline

He was trying to repair the **vamp** of his shoe, which had become detached from the sole.

selfie

n. a photograph that one has taken of oneself, typically one taken with a smartphone or webcam to share on social media

synonym : self-portrait, self-photo, self-snap

(1) **selfie** stick, (2) pose for a **selfie**

She took a **selfie** in front of the famous tower and shared it on the app.

desire

n. a strong feeling of wanting to have or do something

synonym : ambition, appetite, greed

(1) unsatisfied **desire**, (2) fleshly **desire**

Low sexual **desire** typically correlates with low testosterone levels.

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.

solitary

adj. existing, living, or doing without others

synonym : lonely, unsociable, singular

(1) use of **solitary** confinement, (2) a **solitary** traveler

He never uttered a **solitary** word.

articulate

v. to express oneself clearly and effectively in spoken or written language

synonym : express, state, utter

(1) **articulate** his position, (2) eloquently **articulate**

She was able to **articulate** her argument in the debate clearly.

buff

n. a person who is very knowledgeable or enthusiastic about a particular subject or activity; a soft, furry animal hide that has been treated and prepared for use in clothing, accessories, or upholstery

synonym : enthusiast, aficionado, fan

(1) **buffalo** buff, (2) movie **buff**

She's a history **buff** and can tell you everything about the

American Revolution.

workout

n. a session of physical exercise or training

synonym: exercise, training, physical activity

(1) **workout** at the health club, (2) boxing **workout**

He does a different **workout** every day to keep things interesting.

regime

n. the organization, a system, or method that is the governing authority of a political unit

synonym: administration, establishment, government

(1) a puppet **regime**, (2) exercise **regime**

Totalitarian **regimes** are less likely to innovate because they deprive individuals of economic incentives.

unexpected

adj. not anticipated or regarded as likely to happen

synonym: surprising, unanticipated, incredible

(1) an **unexpected** visitor, (2) some **unexpected** events

The **unexpected** rainstorm caused the collapse of the corral.

architect

n. a person whose job is to design plans to be used in making something, such as buildings

synonym: creator, designer, planner

(1) landscape **architect**, (2) **architect** of the peace accord

The building **architect** tried to build the house above the tree.

plaza

n. a public square, marketplace, or similar open area in a town, especially in Spanish-speaking countries

synonym: park, square, center

(1) main **plaza**, (2) memorial **plaza**

Three young men were busking in the shopping **plaza**.

urban

adj. relating to or located in a town or city

synonym: metropolitan, civic

(1) **urban** planning, (2) **urban** property owners

Only a small number of **urban** utilities offer sanitation

services.

walkway

n. a path or trail for people to walk on, typically in a park or garden

synonym: pathway, footpath, trail

(1) install a **walkway**, (2) **walkway** bridge

The **walkway** through the park was a popular spot for joggers and walkers.

dot

n. a very small circular mark, especially one that is printed

synonym: drop, dab, fleck

(1) connecting the **dots**, (2) **dot** blot method

The wallpaper had a pattern of pink **dots** on a white surface.

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.

afterward

adv. after the time mentioned

synonym: later, thereafter, following

(1) a few years **afterward**, (2) go there **afterward**

We will explain the countermeasure concerning this problem **afterward**.

startling

adj. extremely surprising, astonishing, and sometimes worrying

synonym: alarming, astonishing, shocking

(1) **startling** earthquake shocks, (2) **startling** discovery

He describes the story with **startling** reality.

compelling

adj. arousing strong and irresistible interest, attention, or admiration

synonym: tempting, captivating, influential

(1) tell a **compelling** story, (2) new and **compelling** evidence

His **compelling** presentation deeply moved everyone.

credible

adj. capable of being trusted or believed

synonym: reasonable, believable, plausible

(1) **credible** source, (2) a **credible** story

They didn't have any **credible** evidence of his innocence.

wealth

n. a large amount of money, property, or other things that someone or an organization owns

synonym: affluence, assets, fortunate

(1) majority of his **wealth**, (2) material **wealth**

The **wealth** inequality was unavoidable.

fancy

v. to want to do or have something; (noun) something that many people believe but that is false, or that does not exist; imagination or fantasy

synonym: imagine, visualize, (noun) fantasy

(1) **fancy** a cup of coffee, (2) a flight of **fancy**

I don't **fancy** acting in such an important role.

journal

n. a newspaper or magazine specialized in a specific topic or profession

synonym: periodical, diary, bulletin

(1) scientific **journal**, (2) **journal** articles

The physician is reading the **journals** related to medicine

suppose

v. to think that something is likely to be actual or possible

synonym: guess, assume, presume

(1) **suppose** you're right, (2) **suppose** beforehand

What do you **suppose** the culprit's motive was?

trend

n. a general direction in which something is changing or developing

synonym: direction, movement, tendency

(1) an international **trend**, (2) the **trend** away from television
The oil price continued their downward **trend**.

transcend

v. to rise above or go beyond the limits of something

synonym: surpass, exceed, overcome

(1) **transcend** boundaries, (2) **transcend** limits

The music **transcended** cultural barriers and reached audiences globally.

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.

rigid

adj. extremely strict and difficult to change or adapt; incapable of or resistant to bending

synonym: strict, inflexible, stringent

(1) **rigid** rules, (2) **rigid** structure

He was unpopular because of his **rigid** adherence to the rules.

extreme

adj. very great in amount or degree

synonym: farthestmost, outermost, fierce

(1) **extreme** sports, (2) **extreme** weather events

Solar gravity creates **extreme** pressures and temperatures.

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.

recruit

v. to persuade someone to work for a company; to find new members for an organization, the armed forces, etc.

synonym: raise, enroll, enlist

(1) **recruit** a good worker, (2) **recruit** a new hire

The colonial government **recruited** militia support when civil war broke out.

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.

affront

n. an action or statement that causes offense or disrespect to someone's dignity or honor; a deliberate insult or slight; (verb) to insult or offend someone intentionally, often by showing disrespect or disregard for their feelings, beliefs, or social norms

synonym: insult, offense, slight

(1) **affront** his pride, (2) **affront** to reputation

The rude remark was an **affront** to her dignity.

fascinate

v. to attract and hold the attention of someone deeply and irresistibly

synonym: captivate, intrigue, mesmerize

(1) **fascinate** the public, (2) **fascinate** the young

The magic tricks **fascinated** the children.

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?

devise

v. to come up with an idea, plan, theory, etc., using your intelligence or imagination

synonym: create, concoct, invent

(1) **devise** a plan, (2) **devise** a literary plot

They had to **devise** a system that did not depend on fossil fuels.

drone

n. a low continuous humming noise; someone who takes more time than necessary; a pilot-less aerial vehicle that is operated by remote control

synonym: hum, whirr, idler

(1) **drone** flight, (2) the speaker's **drone**

He heard a **drone** of sirens roar from the neighboring town.

beneficial

adj. helpful, useful, or sound; promoting or enhancing well-being

synonym: useful, advantageous, fruitful

(1) a **beneficial** result, (2) **beneficial** to all countries

Laughing is **beneficial** to our health.

institutionalize

v. to establish or make something a part of an institution (= a place such as a university, hospital, etc.)

synonym: formalize, establish, regularize

(1) **institutionalize** a system, (2) **institutionalize** customary laws

The new policy aims to **institutionalize** the use of renewable energy sources.

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.

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.

mention

v. to speak or write about something or someone briefly
synonym: reference, allude, cite

(1) **mention** name, (2) **mention** in a report

I **mentioned** to him that I had seen his sister at the grocery store earlier that day.

con

n. an argument opposed to a proposal; a swindle in which you cheat at gambling or persuade a person to buy worthless property; (verb) to be against or opposed to something

synonym: oppose, objection, deception

(1) telemarketing **cons**, (2) the pros and **cons**

The **con** artist convinced the older woman to give him her life savings.

racket

n. a loud and unpleasant noise that is often repeated or sustained over a period of time; a tool or implement used in various leisure activities or sports, such as tennis or badminton

synonym: dissonance, noise, paddle

(1) make a **racket**, (2) badminton **racket**

The sound of shelves crashing to the floor created a terrible **racket** in the grocery store.

frequent

adj. happening constantly

synonym: periodic, recurring, routine

(1) **frequent** absence, (2) **frequent** use

His heartaches are less **frequent** now.

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.

- hire** v. to give somebody a job
synonym: employ, engage, lease
(1) **hire** a guide, (2) **hire** a car by the hour
We should always be prepared to **hire** talented recruits.
- accustomed** *adj.* familiar with; used to; in the habit of; having become habituated to something, often a behavior or situation
synonym: familiar, customary, habitual
(1) **accustomed** routine, (2) **accustomed** to complaints
I am **accustomed** to waking up early for work.
- serendipity** *n.* the occurrence and development of events by chance in a happy or beneficial way; a fortunate accident or discovery
synonym: luck, chance, fortune
(1) **serendipity** moment, (2) **serendipity** discovery
The discovery of penicillin was a result of **serendipity**.
- trait** *n.* a particular feature of your nature
synonym: attribute, feature, quality
(1) chemical **trait**, (2) personality **traits**
Multiple genes may influence behavioral **traits** concurrently.
- strength** *n.* the quality or state of being physically, or sometimes mentally, strong
synonym: resilience, power, muscles
(1) **strength** of the economy, (2) muscular **strength**
Health and **strength** are, above all, gold.
- involve** v. to include or affect someone or something as a necessary part of something else
synonym: implicate, include, engage
(1) **involve** a lot of paperwork, (2) **involve** a high degree of risk
The investigation **involves** several government agencies and is expected to take several months.

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.

firsthand

adv. from the source; directly; (adjective) received directly from a source

synonym : direct

(1) hear customer's voices **firsthand**, (2) conduct **firsthand** research

The manager tried to hear customers' voices **firsthand**.

potluck

n. a meal or gathering where everyone brings a dish to share; a situation or activity in which people contribute or participate unpredictably without prior planning or preparation

synonym : community meal, shared meal

(1) **potluck** dinner, (2) **potluck** party

Everyone brought a dish to share for the office **potluck**.

Session 2: Spelling

1. po____k dinner *n.* a meal or gathering where everyone brings a dish to share; a situation or activity in which people contribute or participate unpredictably without prior planning or preparation
2. go there af_____rd *adv.* after the time mentioned
3. telemarketing c_ns *n.* an argument opposed to a proposal; a swindle in which you cheat at gambling or persuade a person to buy worthless property; (verb) to be against or opposed to something
4. memorial pl__a *n.* a public square, marketplace, or similar open area in a town, especially in Spanish-speaking countries
5. st____r speech *v.* to speak with sudden involuntary pauses or repetitions of sounds, syllables, or words; (noun) a speech disorder characterized by the repetition or prolongation of sounds, syllables, or words, or by pauses or blocks in speech
6. an international tr__d *n.* a general direction in which something is changing or developing
7. de___e a literary plot *v.* to come up with an idea, plan, theory, etc., using your intelligence or imagination
8. fr_____nt absence *adj.* happening constantly

ANSWERS: 1. potluck, 2. afterward, 3. con, 4. plaza, 5. stutter, 6. trend, 7. devise, 8. frequent

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16. a puppet re___e *n.* the organization, a system, or method that is the governing authority of a political unit
17. se___e stick *n.* a photograph that one has taken of oneself, typically one taken with a smartphone or webcam to share on social media
18. some une_____ed events *adj.* not anticipated or regarded as likely to happen
19. ur__n property owners *adj.* relating to or located in a town or city

ANSWERS: 9. fascinate, 10. strength, 11. disprove, 12. credible, 13. unexpected, 14. buff, 15. serendipity, 16. regime, 17. selfie, 18. unexpected, 19. urban

20. re_____t a good worker *v.* to persuade someone to work for a company; to find new members for an organization, the armed forces, etc.
21. di_____se with CT scans *v.* to determine or distinguish the nature of a problem or an illness through a careful analysis
22. ins_____ize a system *v.* to establish or make something a part of an institution (= a place such as a university, hospital, etc.)
23. a well-known ac_____s *n.* a female actor, particularly in the theater or movies
24. l__t sagging skin *v.* to raise something to a higher position or level; to pick up something or somebody and move them to a different position
25. the pros and c_ ns *n.* an argument opposed to a proposal; a swindle in which you cheat at gambling or persuade a person to buy worthless property; (verb) to be against or opposed to something
26. an in_____le asset *adj.* impossible or nearly impossible to see
27. a private ind_____al *n.* a single person or thing, as distinct from a group
28. de___e a plan *v.* to come up with an idea, plan, theory, etc., using your intelligence or imagination
29. unsatisfied de___e *n.* a strong feeling of wanting to have or do something
30. fe_____t belief *adj.* characterized by intense or passionate emotion or enthusiasm; showing great warmth or devotion

ANSWERS: 20. recruit, 21. diagnose, 22. institutionalize, 23. actress, 24. lift, 25. con, 26. invisible, 27. individual, 28. devise, 29. desire, 30. fervent

31. install a wa____y *n.* a path or trail for people to walk on, typically in a park or garden
32. lose some of my sh____s *n.* the quality or state of being worried or embarrassed about meeting and speaking to other people
33. af____t to reputation *n.* an action or statement that causes offense or disrespect to someone's dignity or honor; a deliberate insult or slight; (verb) to insult or offend someone intentionally, often by showing disrespect or disregard for their feelings, beliefs, or social norms
34. seductive v__p neckline *n.* the upper part of a shoe or boot above the sole, covering the instep and sometimes extending over the toes; a woman who uses her charm or allure to seduce and manipulate men; (of music) an improvised or repeated section of music, usually a jazz or blues piece
35. v__p designs *n.* the upper part of a shoe or boot above the sole, covering the instep and sometimes extending over the toes; a woman who uses her charm or allure to seduce and manipulate men; (of music) an improvised or repeated section of music, usually a jazz or blues piece
36. 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
37. joint rec_____on *n.* the action or process of recognizing or being recognized, especially by remembering; an agreement that something is true or legal

ANSWERS: 31. walkway, 32. shyness, 33. affront, 34. vamp, 35. vamp, 36. spot, 37. recognition

38. regarded as an up-_____ing politician *adj.* having a promising future, showing signs of potential success, likely to become important or successful
39. d__e to take risks *v.* to have the courage to do something
40. main pl__a *n.* a public square, marketplace, or similar open area in a town, especially in Spanish-speaking countries
41. in_____e a high degree of risk *v.* to include or affect someone or something as a necessary part of something else
42. jo_____l articles *n.* a newspaper or magazine specialized in a specific topic or profession
43. a ben_____al result *adj.* helpful, useful, or sound; promoting or enhancing well-being
44. mu____l efforts *adj.* common to or shared by two or more parties
45. fr_____nt use *adj.* happening constantly
46. ri__d structure *adj.* extremely strict and difficult to change or adapt; incapable of or resistant to bending
47. in_____le stars *adj.* impossible or nearly impossible to see
48. re_____t a new hire *v.* to persuade someone to work for a company; to find new members for an organization, the armed forces, etc.
49. su_____e beforehand *v.* to think that something is likely to be actual or possible
50. acc_____sh military operations *v.* to finish or achieve something successfully

ANSWERS: 38. up-and-coming, 39. dare, 40. plaza, 41. involve, 42. journal, 43. beneficial, 44. mutual, 45. frequent, 46. rigid, 47. invisible, 48. recruit, 49. suppose, 50. accomplish

51. share of a mu___l fund *adj.* common to or shared by two or more parties
52. st___r out an apology *v.* to speak with sudden involuntary pauses or repetitions of sounds, syllables, or words; (noun) a speech disorder characterized by the repetition or prolongation of sounds, syllables, or words, or by pauses or blocks in speech
53. tr_____nd limits *v.* to rise above or go beyond the limits of something
54. p__e a challenge *v.* to present a risk, problem, or other issues that must be addressed
55. a so_____ry traveler *adj.* existing, living, or doing without others
56. ur__n planning *adj.* relating to or located in a town or city
57. re_____ne the future *v.* to imagine or conceive of something in a new or different way
58. re_____on of inclusion *n.* the way two persons or groups of people feel and act toward one another
59. majority of his we___h *n.* a large amount of money, property, or other things that someone or an organization owns
60. ben_____al to all countries *adj.* helpful, useful, or sound; promoting or enhancing well-being
61. chemical tr__t *n.* a particular feature of your nature
62. op_____ne occasion *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose

ANSWERS: 51. mutual, 52. stutter, 53. transcend, 54. pose, 55. solitary, 56. urban, 57. reimagine, 58. relation, 59. wealth, 60. beneficial, 61. trait, 62. opportune

63. 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
64. new and com_____ng evidence *adj.* arousing strong and irresistible interest, attention, or admiration
65. fleshly de___e *n.* a strong feeling of wanting to have or do something
66. com_____te well with my advisor *v.* to share or exchange information with others by speaking, writing, moving your body, or using other signals
67. a few years af_____rd *adv.* after the time mentioned
68. conduct fi_____nd research *adv.* from the source; directly; (adjective) received directly from a source
69. pr_____t when she will arrive *v.* to state beforehand that something will happen in the future, mainly based on knowledge or experience
70. 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
71. st_____th of the economy *n.* the quality or state of being physically, or sometimes mentally, strong
72. boxing wo_____t *n.* a session of physical exercise or training
73. art_____te his position *v.* to express oneself clearly and effectively in spoken or written language
74. wo_____t at the health club *n.* a session of physical exercise or training

ANSWERS: 63. equip, 64. compelling, 65. desire, 66. communicate, 67. afterward, 68. firsthand, 69. predict, 70. seize, 71. strength, 72. workout, 73. articulate, 74. workout

75. fa__y a cup of coffee *v.* to want to do or have something; (noun) something that many people believe but that is false, or that does not exist; imagination or fantasy
76. com_____te his anxieties to the psychiatrist *v.* to share or exchange information with others by speaking, writing, moving your body, or using other signals
77. h__e a guide *v.* to give somebody a job
78. an ac_____s of real quality *n.* a female actor, particularly in the theater or movies
79. po_____k party *n.* a meal or gathering where everyone brings a dish to share; a situation or activity in which people contribute or participate unpredictably without prior planning or preparation
80. fa_____te the public *v.* to attract and hold the attention of someone deeply and irresistibly
81. ph___a treatment *n.* an extreme or irrational fear of a particular object, person, situation, or activity; a type of anxiety disorder
82. an op_____ne remark *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
83. scientific jo_____l *n.* a newspaper or magazine specialized in a specific topic or profession
84. make a ra___t *n.* a loud and unpleasant noise that is often repeated or sustained over a period of time; a tool or implement used in various leisure activities or sports, such as tennis or badminton

ANSWERS: 75. fancy, 76. communicate, 77. hire, 78. actress, 79. potluck, 80. fascinate, 81. phobia, 82. opportune, 83. journal, 84. racket

85. ins_____ize customary laws *v.* to establish or make something a part of an institution (= a place such as a university, hospital, etc.)
86. 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
87. an up-_____ing designer *adj.* having a promising future, showing signs of potential success, likely to become important or successful
88. dr__e flight *n.* a low continuous humming noise; someone who takes more time than necessary; a pilot-less aerial vehicle that is operated by remote control
89. rec_____on award *n.* the action or process of recognizing or being recognized, especially by remembering; an agreement that something is true or legal
90. tell a com_____ng story *adj.* arousing strong and irresistible interest, attention, or admiration
91. ex_____e sports *adj.* very great in amount or degree
92. pose for a se____e *n.* a photograph that one has taken of oneself, typically one taken with a smartphone or webcam to share on social media
93. exercise re____e *n.* the organization, a system, or method that is the governing authority of a political unit
94. landscape ar_____ct *n.* a person whose job is to design plans to be used in making something, such as buildings

ANSWERS: 85. institutionalize, 86. seize, 87. up-and-coming, 88. drone, 89. recognition, 90. compelling, 91. extreme, 92. selfie, 93. regime, 94. architect

95. mil_____um bottle of wine *n.* a span of 1000 years, or the 1000th anniversary (plural: millennia)
96. fire st__k *v.* to put something, usually a sharp object, into something; to restrict yourself to doing or using one certain thing and not change; (noun) a thin piece of wood or other material
97. abstract sc_____re *n.* the art of creating three-dimensional objects or forms, typically by carving, modeling, or casting in a variety of materials such as stone, wood, metal, or clay
98. p__e a significant threat to my company *v.* to present a risk, problem, or other issues that must be addressed
99. hear customer's voices fi_____nd *adv.* from the source; directly; (adjective) received directly from a source
100. eloquently art_____te *v.* to express oneself clearly and effectively in spoken or written language
101. re_____on between cause and effect *n.* the way two persons or groups of people feel and act toward one another
102. past mil_____um *n.* a span of 1000 years, or the 1000th anniversary (plural: millennia)
103. su_____e you're right *v.* to think that something is likely to be actual or possible
104. a person of diverse ta____ts *n.* a natural ability to be good at something; someone who has a natural ability to be good at something
105. l__t a ban on alcohol *v.* to raise something to a higher position or level; to pick up something or somebody and move them to a different position

ANSWERS: 95. millennium, 96. stick, 97. sculpture, 98. pose, 99. firsthand, 100. articulate, 101. relation, 102. millennium, 103. suppose, 104. talent, 105. lift

106. pr_____t the future *v.* to state beforehand that something will happen in the future, mainly based on knowledge or experience
107. re_____ne the possibilities *v.* to imagine or conceive of something in a new or different way
108. d_t blot method *n.* a very small circular mark, especially one that is printed
109. acc_____ed to complaints *adj.* familiar with; used to; in the habit of; having become habituated to something, often a behavior or situation
110. cr_____le source *adj.* capable of being trusted or believed
111. b__falo buff *n.* a person who is very knowledgeable or enthusiastic about a particular subject or activity; a soft, furry animal hide that has been treated and prepared for use in clothing, accessories, or upholstery
112. st_____ng discovery *adj.* extremely surprising, astonishing, and sometimes worrying
113. ri__d rules *adj.* extremely strict and difficult to change or adapt; incapable of or resistant to bending
114. badminton ra____t *n.* a loud and unpleasant noise that is often repeated or sustained over a period of time; a tool or implement used in various leisure activities or sports, such as tennis or badminton
115. acc_____ed routine *adj.* familiar with; used to; in the habit of; having become habituated to something, often a behavior or situation

ANSWERS: 106. predict, 107. reimagine, 108. dot, 109. accustomed, 110. credible, 111. buff, 112. startling, 113. rigid, 114. racket, 115. accustomed

116. st__k a key in a lock *v.* to put something, usually a sharp object, into something; to restrict yourself to doing or using one certain thing and not change; (noun) a thin piece of wood or other material
117. material we___h *n.* a large amount of money, property, or other things that someone or an organization owns
118. sh_____s barrier *n.* the quality or state of being worried or embarrassed about meeting and speaking to other people
119. wa_____y bridge *n.* a path or trail for people to walk on, typically in a park or garden
120. 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
121. st_____ng earthquake shocks *adj.* extremely surprising, astonishing, and sometimes worrying
122. af_____t his pride *n.* an action or statement that causes offense or disrespect to someone's dignity or honor; a deliberate insult or slight; (verb) to insult or offend someone intentionally, often by showing disrespect or disregard for their feelings, beliefs, or social norms
123. connecting the d_ts *n.* a very small circular mark, especially one that is printed
124. 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

ANSWERS: 116. stick, 117. wealth, 118. shyness, 119. walkway, 120. council, 121. startling, 122. affront, 123. dot, 124. council

125. fe_____t supporter *adj.* characterized by intense or passionate emotion or enthusiasm; showing great warmth or devotion
126. social ph____a *n.* an extreme or irrational fear of a particular object, person, situation, or activity; a type of anxiety disorder
127. flexible mi_____t *n.* the established set of attitudes or fixed ideas held by someone
128. ob_____e wildlife *v.* to watch or notice something carefully, often to gather information or insights; to take note of something or someone; to celebrate or commemorate a special event or occasion
129. d__e not go *v.* to have the courage to do something
130. Doppler sh__t *n.* a slight transition in position, direction, or trend
131. use of so_____ry confinement *adj.* existing, living, or doing without others
132. tr_____nd boundaries *v.* to rise above or go beyond the limits of something
133. create sc_____re *n.* the art of creating three-dimensional objects or forms, typically by carving, modeling, or casting in a variety of materials such as stone, wood, metal, or clay
134. 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
135. ex_____e weather events *adj.* very great in amount or degree

ANSWERS: 125. fervent, 126. phobia, 127. mindset, 128. observe, 129. dare, 130. shift, 131. solitary, 132. transcend, 133. sculpture, 134. spot, 135. extreme

136. di____ve the conjecture *v.* to show that something is not true or correct
137. personality tr__ts *n.* a particular feature of your nature
138. raw ta____t *n.* a natural ability to be good at something; someone who has a natural ability to be good at something
139. the speaker's dr__e *n.* a low continuous humming noise; someone who takes more time than necessary; a pilot-less aerial vehicle that is operated by remote control
140. di____se the problem *v.* to determine or distinguish the nature of a problem or an illness through a careful analysis
141. me____n in a report *v.* to speak or write about something or someone briefly
142. eq__p an army *v.* to provide a person or a place with the things that are needed for a particular purpose or activity
143. in____e a lot of paperwork *v.* to include or affect someone or something as a necessary part of something else
144. ind____al freedom *n.* a single person or thing, as distinct from a group
145. ob____e a tradition *v.* to watch or notice something carefully, often to gather information or insights; to take note of something or someone; to celebrate or commemorate a special event or occasion
146. h__e a car by the hour *v.* to give somebody a job

ANSWERS: 136. disprove, 137. trait, 138. talent, 139. drone, 140. diagnose, 141. mention, 142. equip, 143. involve, 144. individual, 145. observe, 146. hire

147. a flight of fa__y *v.* to want to do or have something; (noun) something that many people believe but that is false, or that does not exist; imagination or fantasy
148. ar_____ct of the peace accord *n.* a person whose job is to design plans to be used in making something, such as buildings
149. en___e in environmental protection activities *v.* to attract and keep someone's attention and interest; to participate in or obtain services of something
150. acc_____sh a goal *v.* to finish or achieve something successfully
151. me_____n name *v.* to speak or write about something or someone briefly
152. the mi_____t in an education system *n.* the established set of attitudes or fixed ideas held by someone
153. ser_____ty discovery *n.* the occurrence and development of events by chance in a happy or beneficial way; a fortunate accident or discovery
154. en___e a new employee *v.* to attract and keep someone's attention and interest; to participate in or obtain services of something
155. the tr__d away from television *n.* a general direction in which something is changing or developing
156. major paradigm sh__t *n.* a slight transition in position, direction, or trend

ANSWERS: 147. fancy, 148. architect, 149. engage, 150. accomplish, 151. mention, 152. mindset, 153. serendipity, 154. engage, 155. trend, 156. shift

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. Everyone brought a dish to share for the office _____.
n. a meal or gathering where everyone brings a dish to share; a situation or activity in which people contribute or participate unpredictably without prior planning or preparation
2. They cooperated for their _____ benefit.
adj. common to or shared by two or more parties
3. The _____ through the park was a popular spot for joggers and walkers.
n. a path or trail for people to walk on, typically in a park or garden
4. The _____ rainstorm caused the collapse of the corral.
adj. not anticipated or regarded as likely to happen
5. The _____ musician had just released their debut album to critical acclaim.
adj. having a promising future, showing signs of potential success, likely to become important or successful
6. It is important to _____ safety procedures in the workplace to prevent accidents.
v. to watch or notice something carefully, often to gather information or insights; to take note of something or someone; to celebrate or commemorate a special event or occasion
7. The building _____ tried to build the house above the tree.
n. a person whose job is to design plans to be used in making something, such as buildings

ANSWERS: 1. potluck, 2. mutual, 3. walkway, 4. unexpected, 5. up-and-coming, 6. observe, 7. architect

8. He does a different _____ every day to keep things interesting.
n. a session of physical exercise or training
9. His _____ presentation deeply moved everyone.
adj. arousing strong and irresistible interest, attention, or admiration
10. The colonial government _____ militia support when civil war broke out.
v. to persuade someone to work for a company; to find new members for an organization, the armed forces, etc.
11. Humankind took centuries to _____ true democracy.
v. to finish or achieve something successfully
12. He tends to _____ when he gets nervous, making it difficult for others to understand him.
v. to speak with sudden involuntary pauses or repetitions of sounds, syllables, or words; (noun) a speech disorder characterized by the repetition or prolongation of sounds, syllables, or words, or by pauses or blocks in speech
13. 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
14. 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
15. I _____ to him that I had seen his sister at the grocery store earlier that day.
v. to speak or write about something or someone briefly

ANSWERS: 8. workout, 9. compelling, 10. recruited, 11. accomplish, 12. stutter, 13. engaged, 14. spot, 15. mentioned

16. He was trying to repair the _____ of his shoe, which had become detached from the sole.
- n.* the upper part of a shoe or boot above the sole, covering the instep and sometimes extending over the toes; a woman who uses her charm or allure to seduce and manipulate men; (of music) an improvised or repeated section of music, usually a jazz or blues piece
17. 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
18. We should always be prepared to _____ talented recruits.
- v.* to give somebody a job
19. The phone rang at the most _____ time.
- adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
20. 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
21. Health and _____ are, above all, gold.
- n.* the quality or state of being physically, or sometimes mentally, strong
22. Could you help me _____ some furniture?
- n.* a slight transition in position, direction, or trend
23. He describes the story with _____ reality.
- adj.* extremely surprising, astonishing, and sometimes worrying

ANSWERS: 16. vamp, 17. relations, 18. hire, 19. opportune, 20. seize, 21. strength, 22. shift, 23. startling

24. He was given _____ for his outstanding work in the field of medicine.
- n.* the action or process of recognizing or being recognized, especially by remembering; an agreement that something is true or legal
25. Our world is in the third _____.
- n.* a span of 1000 years, or the 1000th anniversary (plural: millennia)
26. The _____ inequality was unavoidable.
- n.* a large amount of money, property, or other things that someone or an organization owns
27. 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
28. The wallpaper had a pattern of pink _____ on a white surface.
- n.* a very small circular mark, especially one that is printed
29. She's a history _____ and can tell you everything about the American Revolution.
- n.* a person who is very knowledgeable or enthusiastic about a particular subject or activity; a soft, furry animal hide that has been treated and prepared for use in clothing, accessories, or upholstery
30. What do you _____ the culprit's motive was?
- v.* to think that something is likely to be actual or possible
31. I don't _____ acting in such an important role.
- v.* to want to do or have something; (noun) something that many people believe but that is false, or that does not exist; imagination or fantasy

ANSWERS: 24. recognition, 25. millennium, 26. wealth, 27. communicate, 28. dots, 29. buff, 30. suppose, 31. fancy

32. The sound of shelves crashing to the floor created a terrible _____ in the grocery store.
- n.* a loud and unpleasant noise that is often repeated or sustained over a period of time; a tool or implement used in various leisure activities or sports, such as tennis or badminton
33. She was able to _____ her argument in the debate clearly.
- v.* to express oneself clearly and effectively in spoken or written language
34. He was unpopular because of his _____ adherence to the rules.
- adj.* extremely strict and difficult to change or adapt; incapable of or resistant to bending
35. The researchers were unable to _____ the theory.
- v.* to show that something is not true or correct
36. The investigation _____ several government agencies and is expected to take several months.
- v.* to include or affect someone or something as a necessary part of something else
37. They had to _____ a system that did not depend on fossil fuels.
- v.* to come up with an idea, plan, theory, etc., using your intelligence or imagination
38. Multiple genes may influence behavioral _____ concurrently.
- n.* a particular feature of your nature
39. Numerous great professional sports _____ have come from this city.
- n.* a natural ability to be good at something; someone who has a natural ability to be good at something

ANSWERS: 32. racket, 33. articulate, 34. rigid, 35. disprove, 36. involves, 37. devise, 38. traits, 39. talents

40. She took a _____ in front of the famous tower and shared it on the app.
n. a photograph that one has taken of oneself, typically one taken with a smartphone or webcam to share on social media
41. The new policy aims to _____ the use of renewable energy sources.
v. to establish or make something a part of an institution (= a place such as a university, hospital, etc.)
42. Low sexual _____ typically correlates with low testosterone levels.
n. a strong feeling of wanting to have or do something
43. Three young men were busking in the shopping _____.
n. a public square, marketplace, or similar open area in a town, especially in Spanish-speaking countries
44. The manager tried to hear customers' voices _____.
adv. from the source; directly; (adjective) received directly from a source
45. She has a _____ of spiders and always avoids them.
n. an extreme or irrational fear of a particular object, person, situation, or activity; a type of anxiety disorder
46. This device is used to _____ brain cancer and other tumors.
v. to determine or distinguish the nature of a problem or an illness through a careful analysis
47. The physician is reading the _____ related to medicine
n. a newspaper or magazine specialized in a specific topic or profession

ANSWERS: 40. selfie, 41. institutionalize, 42. desire, 43. plaza, 44. firsthand, 45. phobia, 46. diagnose, 47. journals

48. The music _____ cultural barriers and reached audiences globally.

v. to rise above or go beyond the limits of something

49. Only a small number of _____ utilities offer sanitation services.

adj. relating to or located in a town or city

50. I am _____ to waking up early for work.

adj. familiar with; used to; in the habit of; having become habituated to something, often a behavior or situation

51. The rude remark was an _____ to her dignity.

n. an action or statement that causes offense or disrespect to someone's dignity or honor; a deliberate insult or slight; (verb) to insult or offend someone intentionally, often by showing disrespect or disregard for their feelings, beliefs, or social norms

52. The magic tricks _____ the children.

v. to attract and hold the attention of someone deeply and irresistibly

53. He finally overcame his _____.

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

54. Solar gravity creates _____ pressures and temperatures.

adj. very great in amount or degree

55. He heard a _____ of sirens roar from the neighboring town.

n. a low continuous humming noise; someone who takes more time than necessary; a pilot-less aerial vehicle that is operated by remote control

ANSWERS: 48. transcended, 49. urban, 50. accustomed, 51. affront, 52. fascinated, 53. shyness, 54. extreme, 55. drone

56. We will explain the countermeasure concerning this problem _____.

adv. after the time mentioned

57. 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

58. They didn't have any _____ evidence of his innocence.

adj. capable of being trusted or believed

59. The oil price continued their downward _____.

n. a general direction in which something is changing or developing

60. The drought _____ the prices of grain globally.

v. to raise something to a higher position or level; to pick up something or somebody and move them to a different position

61. I wouldn't _____ to speak to him like that.

v. to have the courage to do something

62. The phenomenon is _____ at optical wavelengths.

adj. impossible or nearly impossible to see

63. The _____ artist convinced the older woman to give him her life savings.

n. an argument opposed to a proposal; a swindle in which you cheat at gambling or persuade a person to buy worthless property; (verb) to be against or opposed to something

ANSWERS: 56. afterward, 57. equipped, 58. credible, 59. trend, 60. lifted, 61. dare, 62. invisible, 63. con

64. The company is trying to _____ its business model to stay competitive.
v. to imagine or conceive of something in a new or different way
65. The acclaimed _____ received an Oscar for her outstanding performance in the film.
n. a female actor, particularly in the theater or movies
66. He never uttered a _____ word.
adj. existing, living, or doing without others
67. The chemicals _____ a massive health risk.
v. to present a risk, problem, or other issues that must be addressed
68. His heartaches are less _____ now.
adj. happening constantly
69. Countries whose goal is economic development often focus on fostering an entrepreneurial _____ in each individual.
n. the established set of attitudes or fixed ideas held by someone
70. The ancient Greek _____ are known for their realism and attention to detail.
n. the art of creating three-dimensional objects or forms, typically by carving, modeling, or casting in a variety of materials such as stone, wood, metal, or clay
71. It's notoriously challenging to _____ birth rates.
v. to state beforehand that something will happen in the future, mainly based on knowledge or experience

ANSWERS: 64. reimagine, 65. actress, 66. solitary, 67. pose, 68. frequent, 69. mindset, 70. sculptures, 71. predict

72. Laughing is _____ to our health.

adj. helpful, useful, or sound; promoting or enhancing well-being

73. She had a _____ desire to pursue her passion and make a difference in the world.

adj. characterized by intense or passionate emotion or enthusiasm; showing great warmth or devotion

74. You _____ a bill in the change machine, and the coins pop out.

v. to put something, usually a sharp object, into something; to restrict yourself to doing or using one certain thing and not change; (noun) a thin piece of wood or other material

75. 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

76. 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

77. Totalitarian _____ are less likely to innovate because they deprive individuals of economic incentives.

n. the organization, a system, or method that is the governing authority of a political unit

78. The discovery of penicillin was a result of _____.

n. the occurrence and development of events by chance in a happy or beneficial way; a fortunate accident or discovery

ANSWERS: 72. beneficial, 73. fervent, 74. stick, 75. individual, 76. council, 77. regimes, 78. serendipity

ANSWERS: