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Session 1: Word List

interactive

adj. acting reciprocally; mutually responsive

synonym : reciprocal, responsive, mutual

(1) **interactive** experience, (2) an **interactive** device

The new video game has an **interactive** storyline that allows players to make choices that affect the game's outcome.

confuse

v. to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand

synonym : confound, obscure, disorient

(1) **confuse** the listener, (2) **confuse** fantasy with reality

Her remarks **confused** the debate.

convey

v. to express ideas, feelings, etc. so that it is known or understood by other people; to carry something from one place to another

synonym : communicate, transfer, deliver

(1) **convey** a complex idea, (2) **convey** goods by truck

An ironic remark often **conveys** an intended meaning obliquely.

creative

adj. relating to or involving the use of skill and original and unusual ideas to create something

synonym : imaginative, innovative, inventive

(1) **creative** writing, (2) barren of **creative** spirit

All the supervisor has to do is assign tasks that make his subordinates more **creative**.

crazy

adj. stupid or not sensible; very angry

synonym : insane, absurd, bizarre

(1) **crazy** about cars and racing, (2) a **crazy** scheme

The rain and thunder are **crazy** today.

deck

n. a flat surface that is usually made of wood or other material and is attached to a building, vehicle, or other structure

synonym : platform, veranda, patio

(1) **deck** chairs, (2) hands on **deck**

She sat on the ship's **deck**, watching the sunset over the ocean.

suspense

n. a state of uncertain or anxious anticipation or waiting; a feeling of excitement or apprehension that arises from the uncertainty of an outcome

synonym : tension, anticipation, excitement

(1) **suspense** thriller, (2) **suspense-filled** movie

The mystery novel was full of **suspense**, keeping readers on the edge of their seats until the end.

scared

adj. afraid or frightened

synonym : frightened, fearful, dreading

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

I'm **scared** of insects.

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.

obsess

v. to fill the mind of someone continually so that one can't think of anything else

synonym : torment, beset, engross

(1) **obsess** over her weight, (2) he is **obsessed** with the fear

He's utterly **obsessed** with his promotion.

thread

n. a fine cord of natural or synthetic fibers or filaments, such as cotton or nylon, used in sewing, knitting, or weaving; a series of connected messages or comments on a social media platform or online forum, often related to a particular topic; a sequence or line of events, ideas, or actions that are connected or related; (verb) to pass a thread through a needle or other small opening, in preparation for sewing or stitching

synonym : filament, string, yarn

(1) **thread** a catheter, (2) start a new **thread**

The detective followed a **thread** of clues which ultimately led to the suspect's arrest.

wireless

adj. of or relating a connection or communication that does not require a physical wire or cable, often through the use of radio waves or electromagnetic signals

synonym : cordless, radio

(1) **wireless** access, (2) **wireless** charging

The office's **wireless** network allows employees to work from anywhere in the building.

kit

n. a set of tools, supplies, or equipment for a particular purpose

synonym : set, package, bundle

(1) survival **kit**, (2) a first-aid **kit**

I bought a new tool **kit** for my home repair projects.

transmitter

n. a piece of equipment used for generating and sending electronic signals, especially radio or television signals

synonym : sender

(1) a **transmitter** of a family line, (2) radio **transmitter**
This substance acts as a neural **transmitter** substance.

carve

v. to create something by cutting wood or stone; to turn sharply

synonym: sculpt, engrave, cut

(1) **carve** a statue, (2) **carve** my name on the plate

This statue is **carved** from a single tree trunk.

sneak

v. to go somewhere, or take someone or something somewhere secretly or stealthily; to steal or do something secretly or stealthily

synonym: creep, tiptoe, smuggle

(1) **sneak** a cigarette, (2) **sneak** out of danger

The children tried to **sneak** out and eat the candy.

eavesdrop

v. to listen to someone else's conversation without their knowledge or permission

synonym: listen in, spy, overhear

(1) **eavesdrop** conversation, (2) **eavesdrop** on a secret plot

I accidentally **eavesdropped** on a confidential meeting last week.

sever

v. to break or separate something by cutting, especially suddenly and forcibly

synonym: cut apart, separate, detach

(1) **sever** a rope, (2) **sever** a positive relationship

He **severed** a branch from a tree quickly.

reward

n. a thing given in acknowledgment of service, hard work, achievement, etc.

synonym: compensation, gratuity, bonus

(1) the **reward** for good works, (2) shopping **rewards** cards

Night fishing has a lot of **rewards**.

nowhere

adv. not in, at, or to any place; not anywhere

(1) **nowhere** else to go, (2) come out of **nowhere**
I've been thinking all day and getting **nowhere**.

acre

n. a unit of land area in the US Customary System and the British Imperial System, equal to 4,840 square yards (= 4,047 square meters)

(1) half- **acre** parcel, (2) an **acre** of forest
The farm covers over 200 **acres** of land.

degree

n. a unit of measurement for angles, temperature, or level of proficiency or achievement; a rank or level of academic or professional attainment

synonym: level, qualification, diploma

(1) bachelor's **degree**, (2) **degree** centigrade
She received her **degree** in psychology from the university.

obvious

adj. easy to see, discover or understand

synonym: apparent, conspicuous, evident

(1) **obvious** reasons, (2) his conclusion was **obvious**
There are **obvious** differences between the two wine-producing regions.

homestead

n. a house or farm and the surrounding land, typically used as a home and workplace by a family or individual

synonym: farmstead, ranch, plantation

(1) wilderness **homestead**, (2) family **homestead**
My grandparents lived on a remote **homestead** in the mountains.

fence

n. a structure, usually made of wood or metal, that encloses an area, typically for protection or to keep animals or people in or out; a dealer in stolen property

synonym: barrier, wall, hedge

(1) **fence** post, (2) a brushwood **fence**
She planted a hedge to serve as a natural **fence** around her garden.

motorbike

n. a lightweight, two-wheeled vehicle with an engine designed for use on roads; also known as a motorcycle

synonym: motorcycle, bike, two-wheeler

(1) **motorbike** ride, (2) stolen **motorbike**

She identified the **motorbike** thief using the CCTV footage.

shear

v. to cut or trim with scissors or shears; to remove something by cutting or tearing it away from something else; to become severed or split apart by force acting parallel to the plane of a surface; (noun) a cutting tool used to trim or cut materials such as fabric, hair, or metal

synonym: clip, cut, crop

(1) **shear** a hedge, (2) **shear** force

I need to **shear** the wool off of the sheep before winter.

environment

n. the natural world such as air, water, and land in which humans, animals, and plants live

synonym: atmosphere, surroundings, climate

(1) **environment** affairs, (2) chaotic **environment**

Every human is responsible for taking care of the Earth's **environment**.

bunch

n. a grouping of several similar things which are growing or fastened together

synonym: group, assemblage, bundle

(1) a **bunch** of trees, (2) a **bunch** of schoolgirls

One bad apple spoils the whole **bunch**.

laboratory

n. a workplace for doing scientific research or teaching science; a lab

synonym: lab, workshop, testing room

(1) **laboratory** accident, (2) anthropology **laboratory**

Animal protection groups call for an end to animal testing in a **laboratory**.

- ph** *n.* a measure of the acidity or alkalinity of a substance, on a scale of 0 to 14, with seven being neutral, lower values indicating greater acidity, and higher values indicating greater alkalinity
synonym: acidity, alkalinity, balance
(1) **pH** value of seven, (2) **ph** scale
The **ph** level of this soil is too acidic for these types of plants.
- physics** *n.* the science of matter and energy and their interactions
(1) nuclear **physics**, (2) laws of **physics**
He studied the **physics** of radiation.
- electron** *n.* a tiny particle with the negative electrical charge
synonym: negatron
(1) flow of **electrons**, (2) beam of **electrons**
The outermost **electron** shell determines the chemical properties of an atom.
- nanoscale** *adj.* on a scale that can be measured in nanometres (= one billionth of a meter); on a very small scale
(1) **nanoscale** device, (2) things at the **nanoscale**
This process improves the strength of the metal by controlling the **nanoscale** lattice structure of the metal.
- liquid** *n.* a substance, such as water or oil that flows freely and is neither a solid nor a gas
synonym: fluid
(1) colorless **liquid**, (2) hazardous **liquid**
The sponge takes up the **liquid** well.
- helium** *n.* a colorless, odorless, tasteless, non-toxic, inert, monatomic gas, the first in the noble gas series in the periodic table
synonym: He, light gas, noble gas
(1) **helium** atom, (2) **helium** gas
The **helium-filled** balloons floated into the sky.

temperature

n. the degree of hotness or coldness of a thing or place
synonym: climate, warmth, degree

(1) extreme **temperatures**, (2) the atmospheric **temperature**

Cities around the world set records for highest **temperatures** this summer.

voltage

n. the difference in the force of an electric current between two points

(1) the **voltage** spiked, (2) low **voltage**

Connecting batteries in series increase the **voltage** of the circuit.

loop

n. a shape like a curve or a circle made by something long and thin, such as a piece of string, that bends round and crosses itself

synonym: circle, curl, spiral

(1) exit from a **loop**, (2) positive feedback **loop**

Many people in this city use the **loop** railway for transportation.

nod

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

synonym: respond, acknowledge, greet

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

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

determinant

n. a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result

synonym: cause, factor, element

(1) environmental **determinant**, (2) a **determinant** of crop yields

One **determinant** of success is having a positive attitude and a strong work ethic.

obsession

n. the state in which a person's mind is filled with thoughts of one single object or particular person

synonym : compulsion, fixation, enthusiasm

(1) **obsession** with character, (2) national **obsession**

Gambling became an **obsession** for him, and he eventually lost everything.

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.

conventional

adj. based on or following traditional rules, standards, customs, etc.

synonym : ancestral, customary, established

(1) a **conventional** style, (2) get a **conventional** loan

She is very **conventional** in her thoughts.

process

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

synonym : procedure, method, system

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

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

conductivity

n. the quality of a material's ability to conduct electricity, heat, etc.

synonym : conduction

(1) low **conductivity**, (2) electrical **conductivity**

High thermal **conductivity** is also essential for the exterior of the machine.

creditor

n. a person, company, etc. to whom a debtor owes money
(1) the **creditor's** claims, (2) bankrupt **creditor**
I asked the lawyer to initiate **creditor** negotiations for voluntary liquidation.

bankruptcy

n. the legal status of a person or business that cannot repay debts to creditors
synonym: insolvency, default, ruin
(1) **bankruptcy** court, (2) **bankruptcy** filing
The **bankruptcy** of the company has left many workers without jobs.

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.

mess

n. a state of confusion, dirtiness, or untidiness; (verb) to fail to do something or to make something dirty or untidy
synonym: disarray, confusion, predicament
(1) have a whole **mess**, (2) get into a **mess**
He made a frightful **mess** in his room.

circuit

n. (in electrical engineering) an electrical device that provides a path for electrical current to flow; a journey or route around a particular place or area
synonym: route, course, rotation
(1) **circuit** breaker, (2) federal **circuit** courts
An intelligent battery has a voltage monitoring **circuit**.

chip

n. a small fragment of something broken off from the whole; a long and thin piece of potato fried in oil or fat
synonym: flake, fragment, chunk
(1) a **chip** of wood, (2) I don't care a **chip**
We can use this campaign as a bargaining **chip** in the

negotiations.

capacitor

n. a device that is placed inside electronic equipment such as televisions and radios and that stores electrical charge

synonym : condenser

(1) **capacitor** load, (2) AC **capacitor**

Hundreds of ceramic **capacitors** are used in a single smartphone.

software

n. a set of computer programs and associated documentation and data for doing particular computational jobs

synonym : program, system, operating system

(1) **software** architect, (2) copyrighted **software**

The company specializes in both hardware and **software**.

upload

v. to transfer digital data or files from a local computer or device to a remote server or network; the act of transferring such data or files

synonym : transfer, load up

(1) **upload** files, (2) **upload** documents to the portal

I need to **upload** these pictures to my computer to edit them.

digital

adj. processing or storing information as a succession of 1 and 0 to show that a signal is present or missing; relating to the use of computer technology, especially the internet

synonym : numerical, computerized, cyber

(1) a **digital** watch, (2) **digital** electronic signature

Sensors convert physical phenomena into **digital** signals.

confer

v. to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something

synonym : consult, meet, discuss

(1) **confer** degree, (2) **confer** honor

The leaders of the two countries met to **confer** on the issue.

editorial

adj. relating to the expression of opinions or interpretations in the media

synonym : comment, opinion, critique

(1) gain **editorial** help, (2) an **editorial** article

The newspaper published an **editorial** on the current state of the economy.

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.

efficient

adj. performing at the highest level of productivity with the least wasted effort or resources; capable of achieving maximum output with minimum wasted effort, time, or materials

synonym : productive, effective, competent

(1) **efficient** operation, (2) energy- **efficient** appliances

The new washing machine is much more **efficient** than the old one.

workshop

n. a place where people work, especially one where they do manual or practical work; a brief intensive course for a small group

synonym : studio, laboratory, atelier

(1) **workshop** attendee, (2) carpentry **workshop**

The artist held a **workshop** to teach students how to paint with watercolors.

encourage

v. to give someone support, confidence, or hope; to persuade someone to do or continue to do something by making it easier for them and making them believe it is a good thing to do

synonym : facilitate, persuade, stimulate

(1) **encourage** a sense of affinity, (2) **encourage** antisocial

behavior

They **encouraged** customers with a premium for loyal patronage.

dial

v. to adjust or set the controls of a machine or device by turning a controller called dial; (noun) a disc on a telephone that is rotated a fixed distance for each number called

synonym : adjust, set, turn

(1) **dial** up the volume, (2) **dial** down the tension

He **dialed** the phone number and waited for an answer.

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**.

graffiti

n. writing or drawings scribbled, scratched, or sprayed illicitly on a wall or other surface in a public place

synonym : street art, tagging, vandalism

(1) **graffiti** art, (2) **graffiti** tag

The city spent a lot of money cleaning up the **graffiti** on the buildings downtown.

immediate

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

synonym : prompt, quick, instantaneous

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

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

app

n. (abbreviation for application) software designed to run on smartphones and other mobile devices or inside a web browser on a PC

synonym : application, software

(1) killer **app**, (2) cannot log in to the **app**

The discovery of a critical bug caused the company to delay

the **app's** release.

instantaneous

adj. occurring or happening immediately or without delay; taking place in an instant or moment

synonym: immediate, prompt, rapid

(1) **instantaneous** reaction, (2) **instantaneous** message

The new software provides **instantaneous** results, making it much more efficient than the previous version.

horrible

adj. extremely unpleasant or bad; causing fear or disgust

synonym: dreadful, terrible, awful

(1) **horrible** accident, (2) **horrible** smell

The experience was **horrible** and left a lasting impression.

turntable

n. a revolving plate or platform used for rotating objects, particularly a device used for playing vinyl records that rotates the record at a constant speed while a needle reads the grooves to produce sound

(1) rotating **turntable**, (2) vintage **turntable**

I carefully placed the vinyl record on the **turntable** and enjoyed the smooth music.

scratch

v. to cut or damage the surface of something or the skin with a sharp or pointed object

synonym: claw, rub, scrape

(1) **scratch** off a name, (2) **scratch** my signature

Don't **scratch** your mosquito bites.

crossfade

v. to smoothly transition or blend between two audio tracks, videos, or images, usually by reducing the volume of one while simultaneously increasing the volume of the other

synonym: fade out, blend, mix

(1) **crossfade** music, (2) **crossfade** between scenes

The DJ skillfully **crossfaded** between two songs, creating a seamless transition on the dance floor.

niece

n. a daughter of one's sibling, brother-in-law, or sister-in-law

(1) a bouncing **niece**, (2) play with her **niece**

My **niece** is a talented artist who has won several awards for her drawings.

amazing

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

synonym: exceptional, extraordinary, wonderful

(1) **amazing** advances, (2) the most **amazing** feeling

The golfer recorded an **amazing** distance.

Session 2: Spelling

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28. hands on d__k *n.* a flat surface that is usually made of wood or other material and is attached to a building, vehicle, or other structure
29. lab____ry accident *n.* a workplace for doing scientific research or teaching science; a lab
30. wilderness ho____ad *n.* a house or farm and the surrounding land, typically used as a home and workplace by a family or individual

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47. hazardous li____d *n.* a substance, such as water or oil that flows freely and is neither a solid nor a gas

ANSWERS: 39. sever, 40. bunch, 41. crossfade, 42. scratch, 43. helium, 44. fence, 45. carve, 46. liquid, 47. liquid

48. sc_____h off a name *v.* to cut or damage the surface of something or the skin with a sharp or pointed object
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56. ho_____le smell *adj.* extremely unpleasant or bad; causing fear or disgust
57. de___e centigrade *n.* a unit of measurement for angles, temperature, or level of proficiency or achievement; a rank or level of academic or professional attainment

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

ANSWERS: 58. determinant, 59. creditor, 60. capacitor, 61. thread, 62. temperature, 63. obvious, 64. acre, 65. nod

66. en_____ge a sense of affinity *v.* to give someone support, confidence, or hope; to persuade someone to do or continue to do something by making it easier for them and making them believe it is a good thing to do
67. things at the na_____le *adj.* on a scale that can be measured in nanometres (= one billionth of a meter); on a very small scale
68. beam of el_____ons *n.* a tiny particle with the negative electrical charge
69. ea_____op on a secret plot *v.* to listen to someone else's conversation without their knowledge or permission
70. co_____e fantasy with reality *v.* to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand
71. me_____n name *v.* to speak or write about something or someone briefly
72. d__k chairs *n.* a flat surface that is usually made of wood or other material and is attached to a building, vehicle, or other structure
73. bachelor's de____e *n.* a unit of measurement for angles, temperature, or level of proficiency or achievement; a rank or level of academic or professional attainment
74. ea_____op conversation *v.* to listen to someone else's conversation without their knowledge or permission
75. sn__k out of danger *v.* to go somewhere, or take someone or something somewhere secretly or stealthily; to steal or do something secretly or stealthily

ANSWERS: 66. encourage, 67. nanoscale, 68. electron, 69. eavesdrop, 70. confuse, 71. mention, 72. deck, 73. degree, 74. eavesdrop, 75. sneak

76. me_____n in a report *v.* to speak or write about something or someone briefly
77. ob____s over her weight *v.* to fill the mind of someone continually so that one can't think of anything else
78. sc____d all the time *adj.* afraid or frightened
79. an a__e of forest *n.* a unit of land area in the US Customary System and the British Imperial System, equal to 4,840 square yards (= 4,047 square meters)
80. come out of no_____e *adv.* not in, at, or to any place; not anywhere
81. ho_____le accident *adj.* extremely unpleasant or bad; causing fear or disgust
82. a bouncing ni__e *n.* a daughter of one's sibling, brother-in-law, or sister-in-law
83. gain ed_____al help *adj.* relating to the expression of opinions or interpretations in the media
84. low con_____ity *n.* the quality of a material's ability to conduct electricity, heat, etc.
85. int_____ve experience *adj.* acting reciprocally; mutually responsive
86. na_____le device *adj.* on a scale that can be measured in nanometres (= one billionth of a meter); on a very small scale
87. stolen mo_____ke *n.* a lightweight, two-wheeled vehicle with an engine designed for use on roads; also known as a motorcycle
88. rotating tu_____le *n.* a revolving plate or platform used for rotating objects, particularly a device used for playing vinyl records that rotates the record at a constant speed while a needle reads the grooves to produce sound

ANSWERS: 76. mention, 77. obsess, 78. scared, 79. acre, 80. nowhere, 81. horrible, 82. niece, 83. editorial, 84. conductivity, 85. interactive, 86. nanoscale, 87. motorbike, 88. turntable

89. an int_____ve device *adj.* acting reciprocally; mutually responsive
90. gov_____nt funding *n.* the group of people with authority to control a country or state
91. cr__y about cars and racing *adj.* stupid or not sensible; very angry
92. en_____ge antisocial behavior *v.* to give someone support, confidence, or hope; to persuade someone to do or continue to do something by making it easier for them and making them believe it is a good thing to do
93. pr_____s improvement *n.* a series of actions or operations performed to achieve a particular outcome or goal; a systematic procedure or approach used to accomplish a specific task or objective; a method of treating milk to make it suitable for consumption or use in other dairy products
94. wi_____ss access *adj.* of or relating a connection or communication that does not require a physical wire or cable, often through the use of radio waves or electromagnetic signals
95. electrical con_____ity *n.* the quality of a material's ability to conduct electricity, heat, etc.
96. an international tr__d *n.* a general direction in which something is changing or developing
97. the im_____te past *adj.* happening or done without delay or occurring shortly after something else
98. so_____re architect *n.* a set of computer programs and associated documentation and data for doing particular computational jobs

ANSWERS: 89. interactive, 90. government, 91. crazy, 92. encourage, 93. process, 94. wireless, 95. conductivity, 96. trend, 97. immediate, 98. software

99. sh__r force
- v. to cut or trim with scissors or shears; to remove something by cutting or tearing it away from something else; to become severed or split apart by force acting parallel to the plane of a surface; (noun) a cutting tool used to trim or cut materials such as fabric, hair, or metal
100. the re___d for good works
- n. a thing given in acknowledgment of service, hard work, achievement, etc.
101. radio tra_____er
- n. a piece of equipment used for generating and sending electronic signals, especially radio or television signals
102. fa_____te the young
- v. to attract and hold the attention of someone deeply and irresistibly
103. ma_____e stars
- adj. enormous amount; very heavy and solid
104. family ho_____ad
- n. a house or farm and the surrounding land, typically used as a home and workplace by a family or individual
105. sh__r a hedge
- v. to cut or trim with scissors or shears; to remove something by cutting or tearing it away from something else; to become severed or split apart by force acting parallel to the plane of a surface; (noun) a cutting tool used to trim or cut materials such as fabric, hair, or metal
106. up___d files
- v. to transfer digital data or files from a local computer or device to a remote server or network; the act of transferring such data or files

ANSWERS: 99. shear, 100. reward, 101. transmitter, 102. fascinate, 103. massive, 104. homestead, 105. shear, 106. upload

107. di____l electronic signature *adj.* processing or storing information as a succession of 1 and 0 to show that a signal is present or missing; relating to the use of computer technology, especially the internet
108. su____se thriller *n.* a state of uncertain or anxious anticipation or waiting; a feeling of excitement or apprehension that arises from the uncertainty of an outcome
109. sc___d dog *adj.* afraid or frightened
110. the vo____e spiked *n.* the difference in the force of an electric current between two points
111. anthropology lab____ry *n.* a workplace for doing scientific research or teaching science; a lab
112. ban____cy filing *n.* the legal status of a person or business that cannot repay debts to creditors
113. the cr____or's claims *n.* a person, company, etc. to whom a debtor owes money
114. a c__p of wood *n.* a small fragment of something broken off from the whole; a long and thin piece of potato fried in oil or fat
115. d__l down the tension *v.* to adjust or set the controls of a machine or device by turning a controller called dial; (noun) a disc on a telephone that is rotated a fixed distance for each number called
116. copyrighted so____re *n.* a set of computer programs and associated documentation and data for doing particular computational jobs

ANSWERS: 107. digital, 108. suspense, 109. scared, 110. voltage, 111. laboratory, 112. bankruptcy, 113. creditor, 114. chip, 115. dial, 116. software

117. ob_____on with character *n.* the state in which a person's mind is filled with thoughts of one single object or particular person
118. carpentry wo_____op *n.* a place where people work, especially one where they do manual or practical work; a brief intensive course for a small group
119. vintage tu_____le *n.* a revolving plate or platform used for rotating objects, particularly a device used for playing vinyl records that rotates the record at a constant speed while a needle reads the grooves to produce sound
120. fa_____te the public *v.* to attract and hold the attention of someone deeply and irresistibly
121. national ob_____on *n.* the state in which a person's mind is filled with thoughts of one single object or particular person
122. low vo_____e *n.* the difference in the force of an electric current between two points
123. ef_____nt operation *adj.* performing at the highest level of productivity with the least wasted effort or resources; capable of achieving maximum output with minimum wasted effort, time, or materials
124. a cr__y scheme *adj.* stupid or not sensible; very angry
125. ca__e my name on the plate *v.* to create something by cutting wood or stone; to turn sharply
126. pH value of seven *n.* a measure of the acidity or alkalinity of a substance, on a scale of 0 to 14, with seven being neutral, lower values indicating greater acidity, and higher values indicating greater alkalinity

ANSWERS: 117. obsession, 118. workshop, 119. turntable, 120. fascinate, 121. obsession, 122. voltage, 123. efficient, 124. crazy, 125. carve, 126. ph

127. ins_____ous message *adj.* occurring or happening immediately or without delay; taking place in an instant or moment
128. th___d a catheter *n.* a fine cord of natural or synthetic fibers or filaments, such as cotton or nylon, used in sewing, knitting, or weaving; a series of connected messages or comments on a social media platform or online forum, often related to a particular topic; a sequence or line of events, ideas, or actions that are connected or related; (verb) to pass a thread through a needle or other small opening, in preparation for sewing or stitching
129. a tra_____er of a family line *n.* a piece of equipment used for generating and sending electronic signals, especially radio or television signals
130. co___y goods by truck *v.* to express ideas, feelings, etc. so that it is known or understood by other people; to carry something from one place to another
131. wo_____op attendee *n.* a place where people work, especially one where they do manual or practical work; a brief intensive course for a small group
132. shopping re___ds cards *n.* a thing given in acknowledgment of service, hard work, achievement, etc.
133. a det_____nt of crop yields *n.* a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result

ANSWERS: 127. instantaneous, 128. thread, 129. transmitter, 130. convey, 131. workshop, 132. reward, 133. determinant

134. nuclear ph____s *n.* the science of matter and energy and their interactions
135. env_____nt affairs *n.* the natural world such as air, water, and land in which humans, animals, and plants live
136. ban_____cy court *n.* the legal status of a person or business that cannot repay debts to creditors
137. laws of ph____s *n.* the science of matter and energy and their interactions
138. he is ob___sed with the fear *v.* to fill the mind of someone continually so that one can't think of anything else
139. a first-aid k_t *n.* a set of tools, supplies, or equipment for a particular purpose
140. ci_____t breaker *n.* (in electrical engineering) an electrical device that provides a path for electrical current to flow; a journey or route around a particular place or area
141. a con_____nal style *adj.* based on or following traditional rules, standards, customs, etc.
142. co___r honor *v.* to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something
143. up___d documents to the portal *v.* to transfer digital data or files from a local computer or device to a remote server or network; the act of transferring such data or files
144. gr_____ti art *n.* writing or drawings scribbled, scratched, or sprayed illicitly on a wall or other surface in a public place

ANSWERS: 134. physics, 135. environment, 136. bankruptcy, 137. physics, 138. obsess, 139. kit, 140. circuit, 141. conventional, 142. confer, 143. upload, 144. graffiti

145. su____se-filled movie *n.* a state of uncertain or anxious anticipation or waiting; a feeling of excitement or apprehension that arises from the uncertainty of an outcome
146. killer a_p *n.* (abbreviation for application) software designed to run on smartphones and other mobile devices or inside a web browser on a PC
147. co____e the listener *v.* to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand
148. decision-making pr____s *n.* a series of actions or operations performed to achieve a particular outcome or goal; a systematic procedure or approach used to accomplish a specific task or objective; a method of treating milk to make it suitable for consumption or use in other dairy products

ANSWERS: 145. suspense, 146. app, 147. confuse, 148. process

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The _____ balloons floated into the sky.
n. a colorless, odorless, tasteless, non-toxic, inert, monatomic gas, the first in the noble gas series in the periodic table
2. Sensors convert physical phenomena into _____ signals.
adj. processing or storing information as a succession of 1 and 0 to show that a signal is present or missing; relating to the use of computer technology, especially the internet
3. I'm _____ of insects.
adj. afraid or frightened
4. Every human is responsible for taking care of the Earth's _____.
n. the natural world such as air, water, and land in which humans, animals, and plants live
5. Night fishing has a lot of _____.
n. a thing given in acknowledgment of service, hard work, achievement, etc.
6. He studied the _____ of radiation.
n. the science of matter and energy and their interactions
7. The new video game has an _____ storyline that allows players to make choices that affect the game's outcome.
adj. acting reciprocally; mutually responsive
8. The _____ for applying for a visa can be lengthy and complicated.
n. a series of actions or operations performed to achieve a particular outcome or goal; a systematic procedure or approach used to accomplish a specific task or objective; a method of treating milk to make it suitable for consumption or use in other dairy products

ANSWERS: 1. helium-filled, 2. digital, 3. scared, 4. environment, 5. rewards, 6. physics, 7. interactive, 8. process

9. Her remarks _____ the debate.

v. to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand

10. He's utterly _____ with his promotion.

v. to fill the mind of someone continually so that one can't think of anything else

11. He made a frightful _____ in his room.

n. a state of confusion, dirtiness, or untidiness; (verb) to fail to do something or to make something dirty or untidy

12. An intelligent battery has a voltage monitoring _____.

n. (in electrical engineering) an electrical device that provides a path for electrical current to flow; a journey or route around a particular place or area

13. The office's _____ network allows employees to work from anywhere in the building.

adj. of or relating a connection or communication that does not require a physical wire or cable, often through the use of radio waves or electromagnetic signals

14. Gambling became an _____ for him, and he eventually lost everything.

n. the state in which a person's mind is filled with thoughts of one single object or particular person

15. The artist held a _____ to teach students how to paint with watercolors.

n. a place where people work, especially one where they do manual or practical work; a brief intensive course for a small group

16. I bought a new tool _____ for my home repair projects.

n. a set of tools, supplies, or equipment for a particular purpose

ANSWERS: 9. confused, 10. obsessed, 11. mess, 12. circuit, 13. wireless, 14. obsession, 15. workshop, 16. kit

17. Animal protection groups call for an end to animal testing in a _____.
- n.* a workplace for doing scientific research or teaching science; a lab
18. The discovery of a critical bug caused the company to delay the _____ release.
- n.* (abbreviation for application) software designed to run on smartphones and other mobile devices or inside a web browser on a PC
19. I carefully placed the vinyl record on the _____ and enjoyed the smooth music.
- n.* a revolving plate or platform used for rotating objects, particularly a device used for playing vinyl records that rotates the record at a constant speed while a needle reads the grooves to produce sound
20. The mystery novel was full of _____ keeping readers on the edge of their seats until the end.
- n.* a state of uncertain or anxious anticipation or waiting; a feeling of excitement or apprehension that arises from the uncertainty of an outcome
21. The children tried to _____ out and eat the candy.
- v.* to go somewhere, or take someone or something somewhere secretly or stealthily; to steal or do something secretly or stealthily
22. One _____ of success is having a positive attitude and a strong work ethic.
- n.* a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result
23. He _____ a branch from a tree quickly.
- v.* to break or separate something by cutting, especially suddenly and forcibly

ANSWERS: 17. laboratory, 18. app's, 19. turntable, 20. suspense, 21. sneak, 22. determinant, 23. severed

24. This substance acts as a neural _____ substance.
- n.* a piece of equipment used for generating and sending electronic signals, especially radio or television signals
25. Connecting batteries in series increase the _____ of the circuit.
- n.* the difference in the force of an electric current between two points
26. The farm covers over 200 _____ of land.
- n.* a unit of land area in the US Customary System and the British Imperial System, equal to 4,840 square yards (= 4,047 square meters)
27. This process improves the strength of the metal by controlling the _____ lattice structure of the metal.
- adj.* on a scale that can be measured in nanometres (= one billionth of a meter); on a very small scale
28. The detective followed a _____ of clues which ultimately led to the suspect's arrest.
- n.* a fine cord of natural or synthetic fibers or filaments, such as cotton or nylon, used in sewing, knitting, or weaving; a series of connected messages or comments on a social media platform or online forum, often related to a particular topic; a sequence or line of events, ideas, or actions that are connected or related; (verb) to pass a thread through a needle or other small opening, in preparation for sewing or stitching
29. She identified the _____ thief using the CCTV footage.
- n.* a lightweight, two-wheeled vehicle with an engine designed for use on roads; also known as a motorcycle
30. I need to _____ these pictures to my computer to edit them.
- v.* to transfer digital data or files from a local computer or device to a remote server or network; the act of transferring such data or files

ANSWERS: 24. transmitter, 25. voltage, 26. acres, 27. nanoscale, 28. thread, 29. motorbike, 30. upload

31. We can use this campaign as a bargaining _____ in the negotiations.
n. a small fragment of something broken off from the whole; a long and thin piece of potato fried in oil or fat
32. Hundreds of ceramic _____ are used in a single smartphone.
n. a device that is placed inside electronic equipment such as televisions and radios and that stores electrical charge
33. This statue is _____ from a single tree trunk.
v. to create something by cutting wood or stone; to turn sharply
34. She received her _____ in psychology from the university.
n. a unit of measurement for angles, temperature, or level of proficiency or achievement; a rank or level of academic or professional attainment
35. The rain and thunder are _____ today.
adj. stupid or not sensible; very angry
36. My _____ is a talented artist who has won several awards for her drawings.
n. a daughter of one's sibling, brother-in-law, or sister-in-law
37. The _____ of the company has left many workers without jobs.
n. the legal status of a person or business that cannot repay debts to creditors
38. The golfer recorded an _____ distance.
adj. extremely surprising, especially in a way that you like or admire
39. I accidentally _____ on a confidential meeting last week.
v. to listen to someone else's conversation without their knowledge or permission

ANSWERS: 31. chip, 32. capacitors, 33. carved, 34. degree, 35. crazy, 36. niece, 37. bankruptcy, 38. amazing, 39. eavesdropped

40. I've been thinking all day and getting _____.

adv. not in, at, or to any place; not anywhere

41. The ___ level of this soil is too acidic for these types of plants.

n. a measure of the acidity or alkalinity of a substance, on a scale of 0 to 14, with seven being neutral, lower values indicating greater acidity, and higher values indicating greater alkalinity

42. The new washing machine is much more _____ than the old one.

adj. performing at the highest level of productivity with the least wasted effort or resources; capable of achieving maximum output with minimum wasted effort, time, or materials

43. The magic tricks _____ the children.

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

44. My grandparents lived on a remote _____ in the mountains.

n. a house or farm and the surrounding land, typically used as a home and workplace by a family or individual

45. He _____ the phone number and waited for an answer.

v. to adjust or set the controls of a machine or device by turning a controller called dial; (noun) a disc on a telephone that is rotated a fixed distance for each number called

46. I need to _____ the wool off of the sheep before winter.

v. to cut or trim with scissors or shears; to remove something by cutting or tearing it away from something else; to become severed or split apart by force acting parallel to the plane of a surface; (noun) a cutting tool used to trim or cut materials such as fabric, hair, or metal

ANSWERS: 40. nowhere, 41. pH, 42. efficient, 43. fascinated, 44. homestead, 45. dialed, 46. shear

47. All the supervisor has to do is assign tasks that make his subordinates more _____.

adj. relating to or involving the use of skill and original and unusual ideas to create something

48. The leaders of the two countries met to _____ on the issue.

v. to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something

49. The experience was _____ and left a lasting impression.

adj. extremely unpleasant or bad; causing fear or disgust

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

adj. easy to see, discover or understand

51. The city spent a lot of money cleaning up the _____ on the buildings downtown.

n. writing or drawings scribbled, scratched, or sprayed illicitly on a wall or other surface in a public place

52. She sat on the ship's _____ watching the sunset over the ocean.

n. a flat surface that is usually made of wood or other material and is attached to a building, vehicle, or other structure

53. One bad apple spoils the whole _____.

n. a grouping of several similar things which are growing or fastened together

54. She _____ quietly in response to the question.

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

ANSWERS: 47. creative, 48. confer, 49. horrible, 50. obvious, 51. graffiti, 52. deck, 53. bunch, 54. nodded

55. The recent economic downturn has resulted in _____ layoffs.

adj. enormous amount; very heavy and solid

56. The outermost _____ shell determines the chemical properties of an atom.

n. a tiny particle with the negative electrical charge

57. They _____ customers with a premium for loyal patronage.

v. to give someone support, confidence, or hope; to persuade someone to do or continue to do something by making it easier for them and making them believe it is a good thing to do

58. The DJ skillfully _____ between two songs, creating a seamless transition on the dance floor.

v. to smoothly transition or blend between two audio tracks, videos, or images, usually by reducing the volume of one while simultaneously increasing the volume of the other

59. The company specializes in both hardware and _____.

n. a set of computer programs and associated documentation and data for doing particular computational jobs

60. Cities around the world set records for highest _____ this summer.

n. the degree of hotness or coldness of a thing or place

61. Don't _____ your mosquito bites.

v. to cut or damage the surface of something or the skin with a sharp or pointed object

62. Many people in this city use the _____ railway for transportation.

n. a shape like a curve or a circle made by something long and thin, such as a piece of string, that bends round and crosses itself

ANSWERS: 55. massive, 56. electron, 57. encouraged, 58. crossfaded, 59. software, 60. temperatures, 61. scratch, 62. loop

63. An ironic remark often _____ an intended meaning obliquely.
v. to express ideas, feelings, etc. so that it is known or understood by other people; to carry something from one place to another
64. The oil price continued their downward _____.
n. a general direction in which something is changing or developing
65. 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
66. She planted a hedge to serve as a natural _____ around her garden.
n. a structure, usually made of wood or metal, that encloses an area, typically for protection or to keep animals or people in or out; a dealer in stolen property
67. The new software provides _____ results, making it much more efficient than the previous version.
adj. occurring or happening immediately or without delay; taking place in an instant or moment
68. The sponge takes up the _____ well.
n. a substance, such as water or oil that flows freely and is neither a solid nor a gas
69. Both forts were subject to _____ attacks.
adj. happening or done without delay or occurring shortly after something else
70. 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

ANSWERS: 63. conveys, 64. trend, 65. mentioned, 66. fence, 67. instantaneous, 68. liquid, 69. immediate, 70. government

71. High thermal _____ is also essential for the exterior of the machine.
n. the quality of a material's ability to conduct electricity, heat, etc.
72. The newspaper published an _____ on the current state of the economy.
adj. relating to the expression of opinions or interpretations in the media
73. She is very _____ in her thoughts.
adj. based on or following traditional rules, standards, customs, etc.
74. I asked the lawyer to initiate _____ negotiations for voluntary liquidation.
n. a person, company, etc. to whom a debtor owes money

ANSWERS: 71. conductivity, 72. editorial, 73. conventional, 74. creditor