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Session 1: Word List

excuse

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

synonym : apology, justification, reason

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

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

yawn

v. to involuntarily open one's mouth wide and exhale due to tiredness, boredom, or a lack of oxygen; (noun) an involuntary reflex act of opening one's mouth wide and inhaling deeply due to tiredness, boredom, or a lack of oxygen

synonym : gape, stretch, open

(1) **yawn** in sleepiness, (2) lazy **yawn**

He couldn't help but **yawn** during the long and boring presentation.

suddenly

adv. quickly and unexpectedly

synonym : abruptly, unexpectedly, unawares

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

Who answers **suddenly** knows little.

phenomenon

n. something that exists and can be perceptible, especially one that is not fully understood

synonym: marvel, wonder, splendor

(1) natural **phenomenon**, (2) historical **phenomenon**

A rainbow is a natural **phenomenon**.

contagious

adj. able to be passed on to others through contact or proximity, especially by infection or disease

synonym: infectious, transmissible, communicable

(1) **contagious** enthusiasm, (2) **contagious** virus

The disease is highly **contagious** and spreads quickly.

hypothesis

n. a proposed idea or explanation that is based on a few known facts but has not yet been proven to be true or accurate

synonym: assumption, conjecture, theory

(1) test my **hypothesis**, (2) a bold **hypothesis**

This evidence supports the big-bang **hypothesis**.

prevalent

adj. existing very commonly in a particular area or in a specific time

synonym: common, ubiquitous, rampant

(1) **prevalent** in Japan, (2) **prevalent** belief

This virus is **prevalent** in many tropical nations.

physiological

adj. relating to the normal functioning of living organisms and their organs and systems; concerning the physical or biochemical processes and activities that occur within the body

synonym: biological, organic, bodily

(1) **physiological** response, (2) **physiological** activity

The doctor explained the various **physiological** changes that occur during pregnancy.

psychology

n. the scientific study of mind and behavior

(1) **psychology** experiment, (2) **psychology** of crowd

She had a master's degree in **psychology**.

trigger

v. to make something happen suddenly; to cause something such as a device, machine, etc. to function

synonym: activate, spark, drive

(1) **trigger** a biochemical response, (2) **trigger** inflation

The incident **triggered** a political controversy.

specific

adj. clearly defined or particular to a certain thing or situation; distinct, explicit, and precise

synonym: particular, definite, distinct

(1) **specific** instructions, (2) industry- **specific** regulations

The scientist conducted a study that provided **specific** details about the species' behavior.

stimulus

n. something that causes growth or arouses action

synonym: incitement, inspiration, motivation

(1) a response to a **stimulus**, (2) economic **stimulus**

This book provides children with ideas and a **stimulus** for outside recreation.

initial

adj. of or happening at the beginning; (noun) the first letter of a word, especially a person's name

synonym: basic, primary, beginning

(1) **initial** velocity, (2) an **initial** letter

They took the **initial** step toward reconciliation.

reflex

n. an automatic and unthinking response to a particular stimulus; a physical reaction to external stimuli

synonym: reaction, response, instinct

(1) **reflex** test, (2) knee **reflex**

My leg kicked involuntarily when the doctor tapped my knee with the **reflex** hammer.

domino

n. a small, flat, rectangular block used in a game that has pairs of dots on one or both sides; a consequence of an event that sets off a chain reaction of similar events

synonym: tile, block, ivory

(1) **domino** chain, (2) **domino** effect

We knocked over a stack of **dominoes** and watched them fall one by one.

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.

conscious

adj. being aware of and able to respond to what is happening around you

synonym: aware, cognizant, deliberate

(1) **conscious** effort, (2) **conscious** of having succeeded

He became **conscious** that he was being followed.

mimicry

n. the act or skill of copying the sounds or behavior of a particular person or animal, often to make people laugh

synonym: imitation, apery

(1) vocal **mimicry**, (2) floral **mimicry**

Some insects use **mimicry** to avoid detection by predators.

chameleon

n. a lizard-like reptile that can change its color to blend into its environment as a form of protective camouflage; a person who can adapt their behavior, speech, or appearance to fit various social situations or expectations

synonym: shape-shifter, transformer, mimic

(1) **chameleon** colors, (2) **chameleon** behavior

The **chameleon's** ability to change colors enabled it to blend seamlessly with its surroundings.

imitate

v. to copy the speech, behavior, appearance, etc. of someone or something

synonym: mimic, emulate, replicate

(1) **imitate** painting styles, (2) **imitate** animal sounds
He **imitated** the modus operandi of the famous phantom thief.

subtle

adj. not readily apparent or visible
synonym: slight, nuanced, exquisite

(1) **subtle** changes, (2) a **subtle** poison
A famous artist painted the room in a **subtle** pink hue.

unintentional

adj. not done or made on purpose; accidental
synonym: accidental, unforeseen, spontaneous

(1) avoid **unintentional** harm, (2) **unintentional** insult
The mistake was **unintentional** and made in good faith.

copycat

n. a person who imitates or copies the behavior, speech, or appearance of another individual; a product or design that is made to look like a popular or successful product from another company or brand
synonym: imitator, mimic, copyist

(1) **copycat** behavior, (2) **copycat** website
The company accused their competitor of being a **copycat** and stealing its design.

maneuver

n. a motion or combination of moves that requires skill and care; a clever strategy, activity, or movement intended to give someone an advantage
synonym: gimmick, trick, action

(1) political **maneuvers**, (2) made a great **maneuver**
In this class, we learn the basic **maneuver** of the plane.

mimic

v. to imitate someone's speech, movement, or behavior, especially to make others laugh
synonym: mirror, imitate, ape

(1) **mimic** a human voice, (2) **mimic** numerous instruments
He is very popular at school because he can **mimic** all the teachers' accents.

unconscious

adj. in the state of lacking awareness and the capacity for sensory perception, especially as the result of a head injury or illness

synonym : comatose, paralyzed, senseless

(1) **unconscious** bias, (2) a person who is **unconscious**
I know his **unconscious** habit that he touches his face when he lies.

neuron

n. a cell that is specialized to carry information within the brain and between the brain and other parts of the body

synonym : nerve cell

(1) excite the **neurons**, (2) **neuron** cell body
Our body transfers information along each **neuron** using an electrical impulse.

brain

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

synonym : intellect, mind, encephalon

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

awareness

n. the fact or state of knowing something exists and is important

synonym : understanding, cognition, knowledge

(1) **awareness** of my ignorance, (2) raise public **awareness**
There has been a gradual but steady rise in environmental **awareness**.

knit

v. to make a garment or fabric by interlocking loops of yarn with needles or a machine

synonym : weave, crochet, knot

(1) **knit** my eyebrows, (2) **knit** a pair of socks
The grandmother **knit** a warm sweater for her grandchild.

accurate

adj. correct and exact in all details

synonym : exact, precise, proper

(1) provide **accurate** information, (2) **accurate**

measurements

The official transcript contains **accurate** academic records.

MRI

n. (abbreviation for magnetic resonance imaging) a medical imaging technique that uses a strong magnetic field and radio waves to produce detailed images of the inside of the body

(1) **MRI** brain image, (2) cardiac **MRI**

The **MRI** machine uses powerful magnets to produce detailed images of the inside of the body.

functional

adj. designed for or capable of a particular activity, purpose, or task; practical or ready for use or service

synonym : applicable, practical, usable

(1) field of **functional** medicine, (2) **functional** deafness

The mobile phone was still **functional** even after being dropped.

magnetic

adj. having the properties of attracting or repelling certain materials containing iron or steel

synonym : attractive, drawing, hypnotic

(1) **magnetic** field, (2) a **magnetic** tape

The **magnetic** force of the earth keeps our planet spinning.

resonance

n. a deep, full, or reverberating sound or tone; a quality or feeling of a particular emotional or mental vibration or significance; a mutual or sympathetic connection or correspondence between two things

synonym : echo, vibration, reverberation

(1) **resonance** frequency, (2) harmonic **resonance**

The singer's voice filled the auditorium with beautiful **resonance**.

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.

empathy

n. the ability to share another person's feelings or experiences by imagining that person's situation

synonym: compassion, sympathy, tenderness

(1) full of **empathy**, (2) **empathy** for patients

Empathy is also necessary to understand history.

partake

v. to participate or share in something; to consume or enjoy food or drink

synonym: consume, share, participate

(1) **partake** in a celebration, (2) **partake** in an activity

Let's all **partake** in the potluck and share our favorite dishes.

emotion

n. a strong feeling such as love, anger, etc. deriving from one's situation, mood, or relationships with others

synonym: feeling, sentiment, passion

(1) control my **emotion**, (2) afraid to show **emotion**

Some **emotions** are common across cultures and backgrounds.

crucial

adj. extremely vital or necessary

synonym: essential, pivotal, vital

(1) **crucial** information, (2) a **crucial** issue for women

The revitalization of technology companies is **crucial** to the country's growth.

recreation

n. the activity that renews your health and spirits by enjoyment and relaxation; the act or process of making something that existed in the past exists or seems to exist again in a different time or place

synonym: amusement, entertainment, refreshment

(1) outdoor **recreation**, (2) **recreation** of the homeland

Basketball is their usual **recreation** after school.

neuroscience

n. the scientific study of the function, structure, and disorder of the brain and the nervous system

(1) the branch of **neuroscience**, (2) a theoretical concept in **neuroscience**

Our university is famous for its professors, who are well-versed in behavioral **neuroscience**.

subset

n. a set of things that are contained within another larger set; a portion or division of a group or category

synonym: subcategory, subdivision

(1) proper **subset**, (2) **subset** selection

A **subset** of the employees will be trained in the new software program.

discovery

n. the act or process of finding information, a place, or an object, or learning about something that was previously not known

synonym: finding, uncovering, detection

(1) a scientific **discovery**, (2) the great **discovery** of the century

Her research team made an important **discovery**.

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.

enact

v. to make a law; to put something into practice

synonym: legislate, pass, decree

(1) **enact** new legislation, (2) **enact** the smoking ban

The government **enacted** this law in 1925.

mere

adj. used to emphasize how insignificant or minor someone or something is

synonym: bare, minor, sheer

(1) **mere** acquaintance, (2) **mere** incident
He lost the election by **mere** votes.

frequent

adj. happening constantly
synonym: periodic, recurring, routine

(1) **frequent** absence, (2) **frequent** use
His heartaches are less **frequent** now.

unfamiliar

adj. not known or recognized; not experienced or encountered before
synonym: unknown, strange, foreign

(1) the **unfamiliar** surroundings, (2) around **unfamiliar** people
She was **unfamiliar** with the city and got lost while trying to find her way back to the hotel.

primate

n. any mammal of the order Primates, which includes monkeys, apes, and humans
synonym: ape, monkey, lemur

(1) **primate** species, (2) **primate** sanctuary
Many scientists study **primate** behavior and intelligence.

develop

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

(1) **develop** a strategy, (2) **develop** a skill
We must **develop** a new system to streamline our workflow and increase efficiency.

identify

v. to recognize someone or something and say or prove who or what they are
synonym: determine, specify, recognize

(1) **identify** handwriting, (2) **identify** gene sequences

I will introduce you to how to **identify** the leading causes of the malfunction.

prop

n. a piece of wood, metal, etc., placed beneath or against something to support it or keep it in position; a system, institution, or person that gives help or support to someone or something

synonym: support, buttress, column

(1) emotional **prop**, (2) **prop** stick

We have finally lost our last **prop**.

aim

v. to try or plan to get or achieve something

synonym: aspire, direct, target

(1) **aim** at a specific target, (2) **aim** to be a nurse

We **aim** for an overseas expansion.

smack

v. to hit something or someone with force, often making a loud noise; to deliver a sharp criticism or rebuke

synonym: hit, slap, strike

(1) **smack** on the lips, (2) **smack** his knee

The baseball player **smacked** the ball out of the park, securing a home run.

Session 2: Spelling

1. lazy y__n
v. to involuntarily open one's mouth wide and exhale due to tiredness, boredom, or a lack of oxygen; (noun) an involuntary reflex act of opening one's mouth wide and inhaling deeply due to tiredness, boredom, or a lack of oxygen
2. afraid to show em____n
n. a strong feeling such as love, anger, etc. deriving from one's situation, mood, or relationships with others
3. psy_____gy experiment
n. the scientific study of mind and behavior
4. tr_____r inflation
v. to make something happen suddenly; to cause something such as a device, machine, etc. to function
5. die su_____ly
adv. quickly and unexpectedly
6. su_____ly attacked by an enemy
adv. quickly and unexpectedly
7. do___o effect
n. a small, flat, rectangular block used in a game that has pairs of dots on one or both sides; a consequence of an event that sets off a chain reaction of similar events
8. cardiac M_l
n. (abbreviation for magnetic resonance imaging) a medical imaging technique that uses a strong magnetic field and radio waves to produce detailed images of the inside of the body
9. perfect ex___e
n. a reason or explanation, either true or invented, given to justify a fault or defend your behavior; (verb) to make someone free from blame or clear from guilt

ANSWERS: 1. yawn, 2. emotion, 3. psychology, 4. trigger, 5. suddenly, 6. suddenly, 7. domino, 8. MRI, 9. excuse

10. mi__c numerous instruments *v.* to imitate someone's speech, movement, or behavior, especially to make others laugh
11. pa_____e in a celebration *v.* to participate or share in something; to consume or enjoy food or drink
12. a person who is unc_____us *adj.* in the state of lacking awareness and the capacity for sensory perception, especially as the result of a head injury or illness
13. me_____n name *v.* to speak or write about something or someone briefly
14. pa_____e in an activity *v.* to participate or share in something; to consume or enjoy food or drink
15. made a great ma_____er *n.* a motion or combination of moves that requires skill and care; a clever strategy, activity, or movement intended to give someone an advantage
16. fr_____nt use *adj.* happening constantly
17. im_____e animal sounds *v.* to copy the speech, behavior, appearance, etc. of someone or something
18. phy_____cal activity *adj.* relating to the normal functioning of living organisms and their organs and systems; concerning the physical or biochemical processes and activities that occur within the body
19. raise public aw_____ss *n.* the fact or state of knowing something exists and is important
20. provide ac_____te information *adj.* correct and exact in all details

ANSWERS: 10. mimic, 11. partake, 12. unconscious, 13. mention, 14. partake, 15. maneuver, 16. frequent, 17. imitate, 18. physiological, 19. awareness, 20. accurate

21. basic br__n function *n.* the organ inside the head that is responsible for one's movement, thought, memory, and feeling
22. sp____ic instructions *adj.* clearly defined or particular to a certain thing or situation; distinct, explicit, and precise
23. outdoor rec_____on *n.* the activity that renews your health and spirits by enjoyment and relaxation; the act or process of making something that existed in the past exists or seems to exist again in a different time or place
24. in_____e a high degree of risk *v.* to include or affect someone or something as a necessary part of something else
25. a scientific di_____ry *n.* the act or process of finding information, a place, or an object, or learning about something that was previously not known
26. co_____us effort *adj.* being aware of and able to respond to what is happening around you
27. phy_____cal response *adj.* relating to the normal functioning of living organisms and their organs and systems; concerning the physical or biochemical processes and activities that occur within the body
28. proper su___t *n.* a set of things that are contained within another larger set; a portion or division of a group or category
29. control my em_____n *n.* a strong feeling such as love, anger, etc. deriving from one's situation, mood, or relationships with others

ANSWERS: 21. brain, 22. specific, 23. recreation, 24. involve, 25. discovery, 26. conscious, 27. physiological, 28. subset, 29. emotion

30. uni_____nal insult *adj.* not done or made on purpose; accidental
31. su___e changes *adj.* not readily apparent or visible
32. aw_____ss of my ignorance *n.* the fact or state of knowing something exists and is important
33. floral mi_____y *n.* the act or skill of copying the sounds or behavior of a particular person or animal, often to make people laugh
34. an in_____l letter *adj.* of or happening at the beginning; (noun) the first letter of a word, especially a person's name
35. a su___e poison *adj.* not readily apparent or visible
36. avoid uni_____nal harm *adj.* not done or made on purpose; accidental
37. a bold hyp_____is *n.* a proposed idea or explanation that is based on a few known facts but has not yet been proven to be true or accurate
38. id_____fy handwriting *v.* to recognize someone or something and say or prove who or what they are
39. economic st_____us *n.* something that causes growth or arouses action
40. ac_____te measurements *adj.* correct and exact in all details
41. p__p stick *n.* a piece of wood, metal, etc., placed beneath or against something to support it or keep it in position; a system, institution, or person that gives help or support to someone or something

ANSWERS: 30. unintentional, 31. subtle, 32. awareness, 33. mimicry, 34. initial, 35. subtle, 36. unintentional, 37. hypothesis, 38. identify, 39. stimulus, 40. accurate, 41. prop

42. rec_____on of the homeland *n.* the activity that renews your health and spirits by enjoyment and relaxation; the act or process of making something that existed in the past exists or seems to exist again in a different time or place
43. y__n in sleepiness *v.* to involuntarily open one's mouth wide and exhale due to tiredness, boredom, or a lack of oxygen; (noun) an involuntary reflex act of opening one's mouth wide and inhaling deeply due to tiredness, boredom, or a lack of oxygen
44. su___t selection *n.* a set of things that are contained within another larger set; a portion or division of a group or category
45. harmonic re_____ce *n.* a deep, full, or reverberating sound or tone; a quality or feeling of a particular emotional or mental vibration or significance; a mutual or sympathetic connection or correspondence between two things
46. pr_____nt belief *adj.* existing very commonly in a particular area or in a specific time
47. ch_____on colors *n.* a lizard-like reptile that can change its color to blend into its environment as a form of protective camouflage; a person who can adapt their behavior, speech, or appearance to fit various social situations or expectations
48. natural phe_____on *n.* something that exists and can be perceptible, especially one that is not fully understood

ANSWERS: 42. recreation, 43. yawn, 44. subset, 45. resonance, 46. prevalent, 47. chameleon, 48. phenomenon

49. pr____e species *n.* any mammal of the order Primates, which includes monkeys, apes, and humans
50. industry-sp____ic regulations *adj.* clearly defined or particular to a certain thing or situation; distinct, explicit, and precise
51. sm__k on the lips *v.* to hit something or someone with force, often making a loud noise; to deliver a sharp criticism or rebuke
52. fun_____al deafness *adj.* designed for or capable of a particular activity, purpose, or task; practical or ready for use or service
53. pr_____nt in Japan *adj.* existing very commonly in a particular area or in a specific time
54. em____y for patients *n.* the ability to share another person's feelings or experiences by imagining that person's situation
55. a_m to be a nurse *v.* to try or plan to get or achieve something
56. 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
57. knee re___x *n.* an automatic and unthinking response to a particular stimulus; a physical reaction to external stimuli
58. emotional p__p *n.* a piece of wood, metal, etc., placed beneath or against something to support it or keep it in position; a system, institution, or person that gives help or support to someone or something

ANSWERS: 49. primate, 50. specific, 51. smack, 52. functional, 53. prevalent, 54. empathy, 55. aim, 56. observe, 57. reflex, 58. prop

59. the great di_____ry of the century *n.* the act or process of finding information, a place, or an object, or learning about something that was previously not known
60. psy_____gy of crowd *n.* the scientific study of mind and behavior
61. around unf_____ar people *adj.* not known or recognized; not experienced or encountered before
62. ma_____ic field *adj.* having the properties of attracting or repelling certain materials containing iron or steel
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66. do___o chain *n.* a small, flat, rectangular block used in a game that has pairs of dots on one or both sides; a consequence of an event that sets off a chain reaction of similar events

ANSWERS: 59. discovery, 60. psychology, 61. unfamiliar, 62. magnetic, 63. resonance, 64. observe, 65. imitate, 66. domino

67. de____p a strategy *v.* to grow or expand; to improve or refine through a process of progress and refinement, often to achieve greater sophistication or complexity; to elaborate or add detail to something that is in the process of being created
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80. cr____l information *adj.* extremely vital or necessary
81. con____us enthusiasm *adj.* able to be passed on to others through contact or proximity, especially by infection or disease
82. ne____n cell body *n.* a cell that is specialized to carry information within the brain and between the brain and other parts of the body

ANSWERS: 74. trigger, 75. knit, 76. unconscious, 77. involve, 78. develop, 79. mimic, 80. crucial, 81. contagious, 82. neuron

83. m__e acquaintance *adj.* used to emphasize how insignificant or minor someone or something is
84. en__t new legislation *v.* to make a law; to put something into practice
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88. re___x test *n.* an automatic and unthinking response to a particular stimulus; a physical reaction to external stimuli
89. a cr_____l issue for women *adj.* extremely vital or necessary
90. ch_____on behavior *n.* a lizard-like reptile that can change its color to blend into its environment as a form of protective camouflage; a person who can adapt their behavior, speech, or appearance to fit various social situations or expectations
91. en__t the smoking ban *v.* to make a law; to put something into practice
92. m__e incident *adj.* used to emphasize how insignificant or minor someone or something is

ANSWERS: 83. mere, 84. enact, 85. stimulus, 86. functional, 87. copycat, 88. reflex, 89. crucial, 90. chameleon, 91. enact, 92. mere

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ANSWERS: 93. phenomenon, 94. conscious, 95. identify, 96. primate, 97. neuroscience, 98. empathy, 99. frequent, 100. mention, 101. neuron, 102. contagious, 103. magnetic

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. He is very popular at school because he can _____ all the teachers' accents.
 - v. to imitate someone's speech, movement, or behavior, especially to make others laugh

2. Our university is famous for its professors, who are well-versed in behavioral _____.
 - n. the scientific study of the function, structure, and disorder of the brain and the nervous system

3. _____ is also necessary to understand history.
 - n. the ability to share another person's feelings or experiences by imagining that person's situation

4. In this class, we learn the basic _____ of the plane.
 - n. a motion or combination of moves that requires skill and care; a clever strategy, activity, or movement intended to give someone an advantage

5. My leg kicked involuntarily when the doctor tapped my knee with the _____ hammer.
 - n. an automatic and unthinking response to a particular stimulus; a physical reaction to external stimuli

6. The incident _____ a political controversy.
 - v. to make something happen suddenly; to cause something such as a device, machine, etc. to function

7. The baseball player _____ the ball out of the park, securing a home run.
 - v. to hit something or someone with force, often making a loud noise; to deliver a sharp criticism or rebuke

ANSWERS: 1. mimic, 2. neuroscience, 3. Empathy, 4. maneuver, 5. reflex, 6. triggered, 7. smacked

8. Basketball is their usual _____ after school.
- n.* the activity that renews your health and spirits by enjoyment and relaxation; the act or process of making something that existed in the past exists or seems to exist again in a different time or place
9. This book provides children with ideas and a _____ for outside recreation.
- n.* something that causes growth or arouses action
10. The grandmother _____ a warm sweater for her grandchild.
- v.* to make a garment or fabric by interlocking loops of yarn with needles or a machine
11. The scientist conducted a study that provided _____ details about the species' behavior.
- adj.* clearly defined or particular to a certain thing or situation; distinct, explicit, and precise
12. The official transcript contains _____ academic records.
- adj.* correct and exact in all details
13. The _____ force of the earth keeps our planet spinning.
- adj.* having the properties of attracting or repelling certain materials containing iron or steel
14. We must _____ a new system to streamline our workflow and increase efficiency.
- v.* to grow or expand; to improve or refine through a process of progress and refinement, often to achieve greater sophistication or complexity; to elaborate or add detail to something that is in the process of being created

ANSWERS: 8. recreation, 9. stimulus, 10. knit, 11. specific, 12. accurate, 13. magnetic, 14. develop

15. 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

16. Some _____ are common across cultures and backgrounds.

- n.* a strong feeling such as love, anger, etc. deriving from one's situation, mood, or relationships with others

17. The mobile phone was still _____ even after being dropped.

- adj.* designed for or capable of a particular activity, purpose, or task; practical or ready for use or service

18. The doctor explained the various _____ changes that occur during pregnancy.

- adj.* relating to the normal functioning of living organisms and their organs and systems; concerning the physical or biochemical processes and activities that occur within the body

19. X-rays revealed a small tumor in his _____.

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

20. His heartaches are less _____ now.

- adj.* happening constantly

21. There has been a gradual but steady rise in environmental _____.

- n.* the fact or state of knowing something exists and is important

ANSWERS: 15. observe, 16. emotions, 17. functional, 18. physiological, 19. brain, 20. frequent, 21. awareness

22. A _____ of the employees will be trained in the new software program.
- n.* a set of things that are contained within another larger set; a portion or division of a group or category
23. He quickly fabricated an _____ for not attending the meeting.
- n.* a reason or explanation, either true or invented, given to justify a fault or defend your behavior; (verb) to make someone free from blame or clear from guilt
24. I know his _____ habit that he touches his face when he lies.
- adj.* in the state of lacking awareness and the capacity for sensory perception, especially as the result of a head injury or illness
25. The singer's voice filled the auditorium with beautiful _____.
- n.* a deep, full, or reverberating sound or tone; a quality or feeling of a particular emotional or mental vibration or significance; a mutual or sympathetic connection or correspondence between two things
26. He couldn't help but _____ during the long and boring presentation.
- v.* to involuntarily open one's mouth wide and exhale due to tiredness, boredom, or a lack of oxygen; (noun) an involuntary reflex act of opening one's mouth wide and inhaling deeply due to tiredness, boredom, or a lack of oxygen
27. She was _____ with the city and got lost while trying to find her way back to the hotel.
- adj.* not known or recognized; not experienced or encountered before
28. We have finally lost our last _____.
- n.* a piece of wood, metal, etc., placed beneath or against something to support it or keep it in position; a system, institution, or person that gives help or support to someone or something

ANSWERS: 22. subset, 23. excuse, 24. unconscious, 25. resonance, 26. yawn, 27. unfamiliar, 28. prop

29. He became _____ that he was being followed.

adj. being aware of and able to respond to what is happening around you

30. 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

31. This virus is _____ in many tropical nations.

adj. existing very commonly in a particular area or in a specific time

32. I will introduce you to how to _____ the leading causes of the malfunction.

v. to recognize someone or something and say or prove who or what they are

33. The mistake was _____ and made in good faith.

adj. not done or made on purpose; accidental

34. A famous artist painted the room in a _____ pink hue.

adj. not readily apparent or visible

35. 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

36. Who answers _____ knows little.

adv. quickly and unexpectedly

37. She had a master's degree in _____.

n. the scientific study of mind and behavior

ANSWERS: 29. conscious, 30. involves, 31. prevalent, 32. identify, 33. unintentional, 34. subtle, 35. mentioned, 36. suddenly, 37. psychology

38. A rainbow is a natural _____.
- n.* something that exists and can be perceptible, especially one that is not fully understood
39. This evidence supports the big-bang _____.
- n.* a proposed idea or explanation that is based on a few known facts but has not yet been proven to be true or accurate
40. The government _____ this law in 1925.
- v.* to make a law; to put something into practice
41. The _____ ability to change colors enabled it to blend seamlessly with its surroundings.
- n.* a lizard-like reptile that can change its color to blend into its environment as a form of protective camouflage; a person who can adapt their behavior, speech, or appearance to fit various social situations or expectations
42. He lost the election by _____ votes.
- adj.* used to emphasize how insignificant or minor someone or something is
43. The disease is highly _____ and spreads quickly.
- adj.* able to be passed on to others through contact or proximity, especially by infection or disease
44. They took the _____ step toward reconciliation.
- adj.* of or happening at the beginning; (noun) the first letter of a word, especially a person's name
45. Our body transfers information along each _____ using an electrical impulse.
- n.* a cell that is specialized to carry information within the brain and between the brain and other parts of the body

ANSWERS: 38. phenomenon, 39. hypothesis, 40. enacted, 41. chameleon's, 42. mere, 43. contagious, 44. initial, 45. neuron

46. Her research team made an important _____.
- n.* the act or process of finding information, a place, or an object, or learning about something that was previously not known
47. We ____ for an overseas expansion.
- v.* to try or plan to get or achieve something
48. The ____ machine uses powerful magnets to produce detailed images of the inside of the body.
- n.* (abbreviation for magnetic resonance imaging) a medical imaging technique that uses a strong magnetic field and radio waves to produce detailed images of the inside of the body
49. We knocked over a stack of _____ and watched them fall one by one.
- n.* a small, flat, rectangular block used in a game that has pairs of dots on one or both sides; a consequence of an event that sets off a chain reaction of similar events
50. The revitalization of technology companies is _____ to the country's growth.
- adj.* extremely vital or necessary
51. Let's all _____ in the potluck and share our favorite dishes.
- v.* to participate or share in something; to consume or enjoy food or drink
52. Many scientists study _____ behavior and intelligence.
- n.* any mammal of the order Primates, which includes monkeys, apes, and humans
53. He _____ the modus operandi of the famous phantom thief.
- v.* to copy the speech, behavior, appearance, etc. of someone or something

ANSWERS: 46. discovery, 47. aim, 48. MRI, 49. dominoes, 50. crucial, 51. partake, 52. primate, 53. imitated

54. Some insects use _____ to avoid detection by predators.

n. the act or skill of copying the sounds or behavior of a particular person or animal, often to make people laugh

55. The company accused their competitor of being a _____ and stealing its design.

n. a person who imitates or copies the behavior, speech, or appearance of another individual; a product or design that is made to look like a popular or successful product from another company or brand

ANSWERS: 54. mimicry, 55. copycat