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### All Words

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## Session 1: Word List

### risky

*adj.* involving the possibility of danger, failure, or loss

*synonym*: dangerous, perilous, scary

(1) change **risky** behavior, (2) a **risky** enterprise

It is extremely **risky** to sail in such a storm.

### license

*n.* an official permission or authorization to do, use, or own something; a legal document that grants the holder the right to perform certain activities, such as driving a car, practicing a profession, or using a particular product or service

*synonym*: permit, authorization, certificate

(1) **license** renewal, (2) software **license**

Before driving, ensure you have a valid driver's **license**.

### syllabus

*n.* an outline or summary of the topics, themes, and assignments to be covered in a particular course or educational program; a list or summary of key themes or components of a particular document, work, or project

*synonym*: outline, curriculum, program

(1) course **syllabus**, (2) **syllabus** content

The professor handed out the **syllabus** on the first day of class.

## nest

*n.* a structure in which animals lay their eggs or give birth to their young

*synonym*: roost, perch, burrow

(1) bird's **nest**, (2) a **nest** of thieves

The female birds build a **nest** and lay their eggs in May.

## 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?

## osmosis

*n.* the process by which molecules of a solvent (such as water) move through a semipermeable membrane from a region of higher concentration to a region of lower concentration; the gradual or subtle absorption of knowledge, ideas, or influence from one source to another

*synonym*: diffusion, permeation, absorption

(1) **osmosis** process, (2) **osmosis** tube

The roots of plants absorb water and nutrients through **osmosis**.

## scroll

*n.* a long roll of paper containing writing; (verb) to move through text or graphics on a screen to view different parts of them

*synonym*: manuscript, document, parchment

(1) roll up a **scroll**, (2) **scroll** through a document

The house owner loved the large hanging **scroll** in the guest room.

## 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?

## browse

*v.* to shop around in a leisurely and casual way; to look through a book, magazine, Internet, etc., casually and

randomly, without seeking anything in particular; (of an animal) to feed on plants

*synonym*: look around, look through, scan

(1) **browse** a website, (2) **browse** through the text

We **browsed** in a souvenir shop.

## assume

*v.* to think or accept something to be true without having proof of it; to take or begin to have power; to begin to exhibit a specific quality or appearance

*synonym*: guess, presume, suppose

(1) **assume** a lousy attitude to his boss, (2) **assume** an important role

The following example **assumes** that the capacity of each battery is the same.

## tab

*n.* a small flap or strip of material attached to or projecting from something; the key on a typewriter or a word processor that causes a tabulation; a bill

*synonym*: tag, label, marker

(1) split a dinner **tab**, (2) open a **tab**

He kept a **tab** on his expenses by writing them down in a notebook.

## pop-up

*n.* an item, event, or shop that appears or happens suddenly, unexpectedly, and usually for a limited time; (verb) to appear or open suddenly and unexpectedly, as a window or menu on a computer screen

*synonym*: appearance, temporary, (verb) emerge

(1) **pop-up** ad, (2) **pop-up** notification

The **pop-up** store was a great way to test the market for the new product.

## calorie

*n.* unit of heat defined as the quantity of heat required to raise the temperature of 1 gram of water by 1 degree Celsius at atmospheric pressure, used by nutritionists to measure how much energy food will produce

(1) **calorie** calculation, (2) reduce my **calorie** intake

It would be best if you burned off **calories** through vigorous exercise.

## tap

*v.* to hit someone or something quickly, gently, and often repeatedly; to use existing resources, such as energy, knowledge, etc.

*synonym*: knock, exploit, use

(1) **tap** a new market, (2) **tap** keyboard with an index finger  
To expand the company, we must **tap** new human resources.

## command

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

*synonym*: control, authority, leadership

(1) **command** and control, (2) **command** a battery  
The general gave a **command** to his troops to prepare for battle.

## android

*n.* a robot with a human appearance; (operating system) Google's mobile operating system

*synonym*: droid, cyborg

(1) household **android**, (2) **Android** tablet  
The lab is developing an **android** robot that assists in dangerous construction work.

## smartphone

*n.* a mobile phone that functions as a computer and connects to the Internet

(1) **smartphone** app developer, (2) **smartphone** addict  
Internet traffic volumes have increased significantly with the advent of **smartphones**.

## layout

*n.* the way in which the parts of something are arranged or set out

*synonym*: arrangement, configuration, design

(1) a keyboard **layout**, (2) the **layout** of a book

He designed the **layout** of the office to maximize efficiency.

## punctuate

v. to insert punctuation marks (= comma, period, colon, etc.) in the text; to interrupt periodically

*synonym*: emphasize, accent, mark

(1) **punctuate** a sentence, (2) **punctuate** his talk

Strikes had also **punctuated** the preceding weeks.

## capitalize

v. to write a whole letter or the first letter of the alphabet as a capital; to provide a company, etc. with the money; to take the chance to gain advantage from something

*synonym*: bankroll, finance, endow

(1) **capitalize** on an interest, (2) **capitalize** the 1st letter of a word

You must **capitalize** on your full of opportunities to become a professor.

## 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.

## 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.

## 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.

## freak

*n.* an abnormality that is not typical or expected

*synonym*: anomaly, deviation, oddity

(1) a rock **freak**, (2) **freak** weather

The **freak** accident caused the car to flip over and land on its roof.

## instruction

*n.* detailed direction, order, etc., on how to do or use something

*synonym*: education, direction, guidance

(1) individual **instruction**, (2) follow his **instructions**

They needed further **instruction** to perform their duties efficiently.

## keyboard

*n.* device consisting of a set of keys on a piano, typewriter, computer, etc., that you press to make it work

*synonym*: console, piano

(1) numeric **keyboard**, (2) **keyboard** instruments

Please strike the "enter" on the **keyboard**.

## shortcut

*n.* an alternative route shorter or quicker than the usual one

*synonym*: bypass, cutoff, alternative

(1) take a **shortcut**, (2) keyboard **shortcuts**

There is no **shortcut** to success.

## beep

*v.* to make a short, high-pitched sound, typically as a signal or warning

*synonym*: bleep, honk, buzz

(1) **beep** out a warning, (2) **beep** the horn

The timer **beeped**, reminding me that the cake was ready to come out of the oven.

## unfortunately

*adv.* by bad luck; unluckily

*synonym*: regrettably, unluckily, alas

(1) **unfortunately** caught in a shower, (2) even more **unfortunately**

The treatments were done but, **unfortunately**, were unsuccessful.

## adopt

v. to choose to follow something; to legally take a child from another family and care for them as if they were one's own

*synonym*: accept, assume, take on

(1) **adopt** a child, (2) **adopt** a bill

The national assembly has **adopted** the budget.

## keystroke

n. a single press or strike of a key on a computer keyboard or other electronic device

*synonym*: keypress, type

(1) accidental **keystroke**, (2) random **keystroke**

I accidentally hit the wrong **keystroke** and lost all of my unsaved work.

## devolve

v. to transfer or delegate responsibility, power, or authority to someone else, often as a result of a process or procedure; to degrade, deteriorate, or regress to a less advanced or more primitive state or form

*synonym*: degenerate, drop, decline

(1) **devolve** into chaos, (2) **devolve** his rights

As time has passed, the responsibility has **devolved** to the younger generation.

## dictionary

n. a reference book containing an alphabetical list of words and their definitions, as well as information about their origins, usage, and pronunciation

*synonym*: lexicon, glossary, vocabulary

(1) **dictionary** definition, (2) online **dictionary**

I need to purchase a new English **dictionary**.

## define

v. to state or explain precisely the nature, scope, or meaning of something

*synonym*: characterize, depict, express

(1) **define** a word, (2) **define** my position

To advance this discussion, we must **define** "success" rigorously.

## definition

*n.* a concise explanation of the meaning of a word, phrase, or symbol

*synonym*: description, connotation, meaning

(1) a precise **definition**, (2) the **definition** of a word

Parallel lines are, by **definition**, lines on the same plane that never cross.

## database

*n.* a large amount of data stored in a computer system in such a way that it can be searched and updated easily

(1) **database** administrator, (2) employee **database**

Each country's officials can access the central **database**.

## flee

*v.* to leave by running away, especially out of fear or danger

*synonym*: exit, escape, run away

(1) **flee** their homes, (2) **flee** abroad

It is a basic instinct to **flee** from a dangerous situation.

## terminal

*n.* a building or place where buses, trains, or airplanes stop and where passengers or goods can be picked up or dropped off; (adjective) of or situated at the ends of a delivery route

*synonym*: endpoint, final, concluding

(1) **terminal** disease, (2) a **terminal** syllable

The **terminal** at the airport is where passengers catch their flights.

## 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.



## currency

*n.* a system of money in general use in a particular country  
*synonym*: money, tender, cash

(1) **currency** exchange, (2) digital **currency**

The **currency** used in this country is the Euro.

## conversion

*n.* the act or process of changing something from one thing to another; the state of being changed

*synonym*: transformation, change, metamorphosis

(1) **conversion** rate, (2) **conversion** therapy

The developer's **conversion** of the old factory into a modern loft apartment complex was a major success.

## highlight

*v.* to make something prominent, mainly so that people give it more attention

*synonym*: feature, emphasize, stress

(1) **highlight** a string in red, (2) **highlight** an important difference

The introduction **highlighted** the speaker's distinguished career as a consultant

## drag

*v.* to pull or haul with force

*synonym*: haul, pull, draw

(1) **drag** a chair over, (2) **drag** a team down

He **dragged** the heavy suitcase behind him as he walked.

## newbie

*n.* a person who is new to a particular activity, field, or community and is inexperienced or unskilled in its practices or customs

*synonym*: novice, beginner, rookie

(1) **newbie** mistake, (2) **newbie** question

As a **newbie** to this company, I am still learning the ropes.

## neat

*adj.* clean or tidy, with everything in its place

*synonym*: tidy, uncluttered, refined

(1) a **neat** piece of work, (2) **neat** idea

She has **neat** habits.

## delete

*v.* to remove something, especially that has been written; to wipe out digitally or magnetically recorded information

*synonym* : erase, wipe out, remove

(1) **delete** a file, (2) **delete** this modification

Highlight the sentences that you want to **delete**.

## increment

*n.* a regular increase in the amount of something, such as money; a process of becoming larger, longer, or more important

*synonym* : increase, expansion, addendum

(1) steady **incremental** growth, (2) small **increments**

The bid **increment** for this auction is \$100.

## precise

*adj.* sharply exact or accurate or delimited

*synonym* : accurate, exact, distinct

(1) **precise** analyses, (2) estimate **precise** costs

The content is **precise** and informative for me.

## shutter

*n.* a hinged or sliding panel, typically made of wood or metal, that can be closed to cover or protect a window or opening; a device that controls the opening and closing of a camera lens, allowing light to enter for a specific duration

*synonym* : blind, shade, curtain

(1) camera **shutter**, (2) window **shutter**

The photographer adjusted the **shutter** speed to capture the perfect shot.

## lag

*v.* to move or develop so slowly that you are behind other people, organizations, etc.

*synonym* : delay, slow down, fall behind

(1) **lag** a long way behind the progress, (2) **lag** behind its competition

Our interest began to **lag** sharply.

## snap

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

hands

*synonym*: break, crack, fracture

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

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

**frustrate**

v. to hinder or prevent efforts, plans, or desires from doing, succeeding, or being fulfilled; to make someone feel upset or annoyed because they are unable to change or achieve something

*synonym*: hinder, thwart, dishearten

(1) **frustrate** the advancement, (2) **frustrate** other team members

The coach explained a strategy to **frustrate** the opponent's schemes to the players.

**calculate**

v. to judge or find out the amount or number of something by using mathematics

*synonym*: compute, figure, estimate

(1) **calculate** the distance, (2) **calculate** his credit score

He couldn't **calculate** the actual value of the artwork.

**exposure**

n. the state of being in a particular situation or place where there is no protection from or guarantee to something harmful; the disclosure of something secret

*synonym*: vulnerability, disclosure, uncovering

(1) a southern **exposure**, (2) the **exposure** of a fraud

The long **exposure** to the air tarnished the antique tableware.

**slide**

v. to move or cause to move smoothly along a surface without interruption

*synonym*: glide, drift, drop

(1) **slide** a card across the table, (2) **slide** a glance

If necessary, you can **slide** the front seats forward.

**keynote**

n. the central theme or message of a speech, presentation, or event; the first note or tone in a musical scale used as

a reference point for the performance of a piece of music

*synonym* : theme, focus, centerpiece

(1) **keynote** presentation, (2) **keynote** topic

The **keynote** speaker at the conference inspired us with their innovative ideas.

## blackout

*n.* a loss of electric power for a general region; a suspension of radio or TV broadcasting; a momentary loss of consciousness

*synonym* : outage, failure, knockout

(1) media **blackout**, (2) memory **blackout**

The nationwide **blackout** caused widespread power outages and disrupted daily life.

## roll

*v.* to move in a particular direction by turning over and over or from side to side

*synonym* : spin, swirl, wheel

(1) **roll** a ball, (2) **roll** down his cheeks

He was exhausted and **rolled** into bed as soon as he got home.

## whiteout

*n.* a meteorological phenomenon occurring in winter conditions, where snowfall and strong winds create a uniform, featureless white appearance that obscures visibility

*synonym* : snowstorm, blizzard

(1) severe **whiteout**, (2) **whiteout** snowstorm

Travel advisories were issued due to the **whiteout** conditions on the highway.

## blank

*adj.* without any writing or printing; empty or devoid of ideas, information, or meaning; unable to remember or recall information

*synonym* : empty, void, barren

(1) **blank** expression, (2) **blank** paper

The computer screen displayed nothing but a **blank** white screen

## tip

*n.* the top or extreme point of something slender or tapering, usually a mountain or hill; a piece of advice about something practical; a small amount of money given for services

*synonym*: edge, advice, gratuity

(1) the **tip** of a paintbrush, (2) give the waiter a **tip** .

I will introduce some **tips** on learning English in this class.

## meantime

*n.* the interval or period of time between two events; the interim or temporary time period between two actions or stages of something else

*synonym*: interim, meanwhile, lag

(1) **meantime** report, (2) for the **meantime**

In the **meantime**, while we wait for the results, let's start working on the next project.

## congratulation

*n.* the act of expressing that someone has an occasion for celebration or the expression of pleasure at the success or good fortune of another

*synonym*: praise, compliment, felicitation

(1) **congratulation** on a promotion, (2) a matter for **congratulation**

The **congratulations** from her friends and family were overwhelming after she won the championship.

## Session 2: Spelling

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| 5. a ri__y enterprise           | <i>adj.</i> involving the possibility of danger, failure, or loss  |
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| 7. a cr__y scheme               | <i>adj.</i> stupid or not sensible; very angry   |
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ANSWERS: 18. tab, 19. instruction, 20. delete, 21. calorie, 22. define, 23. keynote, 24. roll, 25. keyboard, 26. congratulation



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30. r\_\_l down his cheeks *v.* to move in a particular direction by turning over and over or from side to side
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35. os\_\_\_\_s tube *n.* the process by which molecules of a solvent (such as water) move through a semipermeable membrane from a region of higher concentration to a region of lower concentration; the gradual or subtle absorption of knowledge, ideas, or influence from one source to another

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capitalize, 34. smartphone, 35. osmosis

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53. b\_\_p out a warning *v.* to make a short, high-pitched sound, typically as a signal or warning
54. sl\_\_e a glance *v.* to move or cause to move smoothly along a surface without interruption
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62. hi\_\_\_\_\_ht a string in red      *v.* to make something prominent, mainly so that people give it more attention
63. bl\_\_k paper      *adj.* without any writing or printing; empty or devoid of ideas, information, or meaning; unable to remember or recall information
64. po\_\_\_p notification      *n.* an item, event, or shop that appears or happens suddenly, unexpectedly, and usually for a limited time; (verb) to appear or open suddenly and unexpectedly, as a window or menu on a computer screen
65. de\_\_\_\_\_e his rights      *v.* to transfer or delegate responsibility, power, or authority to someone else, often as a result of a process or procedure; to degrade, deteriorate, or regress to a less advanced or more primitive state or form
66. severe wh\_\_\_\_\_ut      *n.* a meteorological phenomenon occurring in winter conditions, where snowfall and strong winds create a uniform, featureless white appearance that obscures visibility
67. l\_g a long way behind the progress      *v.* to move or develop so slowly that you are behind other people, organizations, etc.
68. random ke\_\_\_\_\_ke      *n.* a single press or strike of a key on a computer keyboard or other electronic device
69. a rock fr\_\_k      *n.* an abnormality that is not typical or expected

ANSWERS: 62. highlight, 63. blank, 64. pop-up, 65. devolve, 66. whiteout, 67. lag, 68. keystroke, 69. freak

70. de\_\_\_\_e into chaos      *v.* to transfer or delegate responsibility, power, or authority to someone else, often as a result of a process or procedure; to degrade, deteriorate, or regress to a less advanced or more primitive state or form
71. 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
72. os\_\_\_\_s process      *n.* the process by which molecules of a solvent (such as water) move through a semipermeable membrane from a region of higher concentration to a region of lower concentration; the gradual or subtle absorption of knowledge, ideas, or influence from one source to another
73. memory bl\_\_\_\_ut      *n.* a loss of electric power for a general region; a suspension of radio or TV broadcasting; a momentary loss of consciousness
74. steady in\_\_\_\_ntal growth      *n.* a regular increase in the amount of something, such as money; a process of becoming larger, longer, or more important
75. a precise def\_\_\_\_on      *n.* a concise explanation of the meaning of a word, phrase, or symbol
76. window sh\_\_\_\_r      *n.* a hinged or sliding panel, typically made of wood or metal, that can be closed to cover or protect a window or opening; a device that controls the opening and closing of a camera lens, allowing light to enter for a specific duration

ANSWERS: 70. devolve, 71. dial, 72. osmosis, 73. blackout, 74. increment, 75. definition, 76. shutter

77. cu\_\_\_\_cy exchange *n.* a system of money in general use in a particular country
78. n\_\_t idea *adj.* clean or tidy, with everything in its place
79. sy\_\_\_\_us content *n.* an outline or summary of the topics, themes, and assignments to be covered in a particular course or educational program; a list or summary of key themes or components of a particular document, work, or project
80. the la\_\_\_\_t of a book *n.* the way in which the parts of something are arranged or set out
81. de\_\_\_\_e this modification *v.* to remove something, especially that has been written; to wipe out digitally or magnetically recorded information
82. fr\_\_\_\_te the advancement *v.* to hinder or prevent efforts, plans, or desires from doing, succeeding, or being fulfilled; to make someone feel upset or annoyed because they are unable to change or achieve something
83. follow his ins\_\_\_\_ons *n.* detailed direction, order, etc., on how to do or use something
84. even more unf\_\_\_\_ely *adv.* by bad luck; unluckily
85. a n\_\_t of thieves *n.* a structure in which animals lay their eggs or give birth to their young
86. employee da\_\_\_\_se *n.* a large amount of data stored in a computer system in such a way that it can be searched and updated easily
87. s\_\_p judgment *v.* to record on photographic film; to make a sudden, sharp sound; (noun) the act of catching an object with the hands

ANSWERS: 77. currency, 78. neat, 79. syllabus, 80. layout, 81. delete, 82. frustrate, 83. instruction, 84. unfortunately, 85. nest, 86. database, 87. snap



88. d\_\_g a chair over *v.* to pull or haul with force
89. dic\_\_\_\_\_ry definition *n.* a reference book containing an alphabetical list of words and their definitions, as well as information about their origins, usage, and pronunciation
90. am\_\_\_\_\_g advances *adj.* extremely surprising, especially in a way that you like or admire
91. me\_\_\_\_\_me report *n.* the interval or period of time between two events; the interim or temporary time period between two actions or stages of something else
92. sma\_\_\_\_\_ne addict *n.* a mobile phone that functions as a computer and connects to the Internet
93. Doppler sh\_\_t *n.* a slight transition in position, direction, or trend
94. major paradigm sh\_\_t *n.* a slight transition in position, direction, or trend
95. su\_\_\_\_\_e you're right *v.* to think that something is likely to be actual or possible
96. roll up a sc\_\_\_l *n.* a long roll of paper containing writing; (verb) to move through text or graphics on a screen to view different parts of them
97. An\_\_\_\_\_d tablet *n.* a robot with a human appearance; (operating system) Google's mobile operating system
98. sc\_\_\_l through a document *n.* a long roll of paper containing writing; (verb) to move through text or graphics on a screen to view different parts of them

ANSWERS: 88. drag, 89. dictionary, 90. amazing, 91. meantime, 92. smartphone, 93. shift, 94. shift, 95. suppose, 96. scroll, 97. android, 98. scroll

99. a keyboard la\_\_\_t *n.* the way in which the parts of something are arranged or set out
100. de\_\_\_e a word *v.* to state or explain precisely the nature, scope, or meaning of something
101. split a dinner t\_b *n.* a small flap or strip of material attached to or projecting from something; the key on a typewriter or a word processor that causes a tabulation; a bill
102. a southern ex\_\_\_\_\_re *n.* the state of being in a particular situation or place where there is no protection from or guarantee to something harmful; the disclosure of something secret
103. con\_\_\_\_\_on therapy *n.* the act or process of changing something from one thing to another; the state of being changed
104. ca\_\_\_\_\_te the distance *v.* to judge or find out the amount or number of something by using mathematics
105. ad\_\_t a child *v.* to choose to follow something; to legally take a child from another family and care for them as if they were one's own
106. the def\_\_\_\_\_on of a word *n.* a concise explanation of the meaning of a word, phrase, or symbol
107. reduce my ca\_\_\_\_\_e intake *n.* unit of heat defined as the quantity of heat required to raise the temperature of 1 gram of water by 1 degree Celsius at atmospheric pressure, used by nutritionists to measure how much energy food will produce

ANSWERS: 99. layout, 100. define, 101. tab, 102. exposure, 103. conversion, 104. calculate, 105. adopt, 106. definition, 107. calorie

108. ne\_\_\_e question *n.* a person who is new to a particular activity, field, or community and is inexperienced or unskilled in its practices or customs
109. as\_\_\_e a lousy attitude to his boss *v.* to think or accept something to be true without having proof of it; to take or begin to have power; to begin to exhibit a specific quality or appearance
110. t\_p a new market *v.* to hit someone or something quickly, gently, and often repeatedly; to use existing resources, such as energy, knowledge, etc.
111. f\_\_e abroad *v.* to leave by running away, especially out of fear or danger
112. ke\_\_\_\_\_e presentation *n.* the central theme or message of a speech, presentation, or event; the first note or tone in a musical scale used as a reference point for the performance of a piece of music
113. 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
114. con\_\_\_\_\_on rate *n.* the act or process of changing something from one thing to another; the state of being changed
115. da\_\_\_\_\_se administrator *n.* a large amount of data stored in a computer system in such a way that it can be searched and updated easily
116. cr\_\_y about cars and racing *adj.* stupid or not sensible; very angry

ANSWERS: 108. newbie, 109. assume, 110. tap, 111. flee, 112. keynote, 113. app, 114. conversion, 115. database, 116. crazy

117. take a sh\_\_\_\_ut *n.* an alternative route shorter or quicker than the usual one
118. pu\_\_\_\_\_te his talk *v.* to insert punctuation marks (= comma, period, colon, etc.) in the text; to interrupt periodically
119. unf\_\_\_\_\_ely caught in a shower *adv.* by bad luck; unluckily
120. su\_\_\_\_\_e beforehand *v.* to think that something is likely to be actual or possible
121. media bl\_\_\_\_ut *n.* a loss of electric power for a general region; a suspension of radio or TV broadcasting; a momentary loss of consciousness
122. t\_p keyboard with an index finger *v.* to hit someone or something quickly, gently, and often repeatedly; to use existing resources, such as energy, knowledge, etc.
123. a te\_\_\_\_\_al syllable *n.* a building or place where buses, trains, or airplanes stop and where passengers or goods can be picked up or dropped off; (adjective) of or situated at the ends of a delivery route
124. b\_\_p the horn *v.* to make a short, high-pitched sound, typically as a signal or warning
125. cannot log in to the a\_p *n.* (abbreviation for application) software designed to run on smartphones and other mobile devices or inside a web browser on a PC
126. as\_\_\_e an important role *v.* to think or accept something to be true without having proof of it; to take or begin to have power; to begin to exhibit a specific quality or appearance

ANSWERS: 117. shortcut, 118. punctuate, 119. unfortunately, 120. suppose, 121. blackout, 122. tap, 123. terminal, 124. beep, 125. app, 126. assume

ANSWERS:

## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. 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
  
2. She \_\_\_\_\_ a quick picture of the beautiful sunset before it disappeared.
  - v. to record on photographic film; to make a sudden, sharp sound; (noun) the act of catching an object with the hands
  
3. The content is \_\_\_\_\_ and informative for me.
  - adj. sharply exact or accurate or delimited
  
4. To expand the company, we must \_\_\_\_\_ new human resources.
  - v. to hit someone or something quickly, gently, and often repeatedly; to use existing resources, such as energy, knowledge, etc.
  
5. The lab is developing an \_\_\_\_\_ robot that assists in dangerous construction work.
  - n. a robot with a human appearance; (operating system) Google's mobile operating system
  
6. He designed the \_\_\_\_\_ of the office to maximize efficiency.
  - n. the way in which the parts of something are arranged or set out
  
7. We \_\_\_\_\_ in a souvenir shop.
  - v. to shop around in a leisurely and casual way; to look through a book, magazine, Internet, etc., casually and randomly, without seeking anything in particular; (of an animal) to feed on plants

ANSWERS: 1. dialed, 2. snapped, 3. precise, 4. tap, 5. android, 6. layout, 7. browsed

8. The \_\_\_\_\_ speaker at the conference inspired us with their innovative ideas.  
*n.* the central theme or message of a speech, presentation, or event; the first note or tone in a musical scale used as a reference point for the performance of a piece of music
9. He was exhausted and \_\_\_\_\_ into bed as soon as he got home.  
*v.* to move in a particular direction by turning over and over or from side to side
10. The computer screen displayed nothing but a \_\_\_\_\_ white screen  
*adj.* without any writing or printing; empty or devoid of ideas, information, or meaning; unable to remember or recall information
11. The long \_\_\_\_\_ to the air tarnished the antique tableware.  
*n.* the state of being in a particular situation or place where there is no protection from or guarantee to something harmful; the disclosure of something secret
12. As a \_\_\_\_\_ to this company, I am still learning the ropes.  
*n.* a person who is new to a particular activity, field, or community and is inexperienced or unskilled in its practices or customs
13. Internet traffic volumes have increased significantly with the advent of \_\_\_\_\_.  
*n.* a mobile phone that functions as a computer and connects to the Internet
14. It is a basic instinct to \_\_\_\_\_ from a dangerous situation.  
*v.* to leave by running away, especially out of fear or danger
15. 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

ANSWERS: 8. keynote, 9. rolled, 10. blank, 11. exposure, 12. newbie, 13. smartphones, 14. flee, 15. app's

16. The \_\_\_\_\_ store was a great way to test the market for the new product.
- n.* an item, event, or shop that appears or happens suddenly, unexpectedly, and usually for a limited time; (verb) to appear or open suddenly and unexpectedly, as a window or menu on a computer screen
17. The developer's \_\_\_\_\_ of the old factory into a modern loft apartment complex was a major success.
- n.* the act or process of changing something from one thing to another; the state of being changed
18. Parallel lines are, by \_\_\_\_\_ lines on the same plane that never cross.
- n.* a concise explanation of the meaning of a word, phrase, or symbol
19. Please strike the "enter" on the \_\_\_\_\_.
- n.* device consisting of a set of keys on a piano, typewriter, computer, etc., that you press to make it work
20. The coach explained a strategy to \_\_\_\_\_ the opponent's schemes to the players.
- v.* to hinder or prevent efforts, plans, or desires from doing, succeeding, or being fulfilled; to make someone feel upset or annoyed because they are unable to change or achieve something
21. The following example \_\_\_\_\_ that the capacity of each battery is the same.
- v.* to think or accept something to be true without having proof of it; to take or begin to have power; to begin to exhibit a specific quality or appearance
22. The nationwide \_\_\_\_\_ caused widespread power outages and disrupted daily life.
- n.* a loss of electric power for a general region; a suspension of radio or TV broadcasting; a momentary loss of consciousness

ANSWERS: 16. pop-up, 17. conversion, 18. definition, 19. keyboard, 20. frustrate, 21. assumes, 22. blackout



23. The general gave a \_\_\_\_\_ to his troops to prepare for battle.
- n.* authority, control, or mastery over something, often referring to military or leadership contexts; a directive, order, or instruction; expertise or confidence in a specific area; (verb) to give an authoritative order or instruction, or to be in charge or control of something
24. Before driving, ensure you have a valid driver's \_\_\_\_\_.
- n.* an official permission or authorization to do, use, or own something; a legal document that grants the holder the right to perform certain activities, such as driving a car, practicing a profession, or using a particular product or service
25. He \_\_\_\_\_ the heavy suitcase behind him as he walked.
- v.* to pull or haul with force
26. There is no \_\_\_\_\_ to success.
- n.* an alternative route shorter or quicker than the usual one
27. The timer \_\_\_\_\_ reminding me that the cake was ready to come out of the oven.
- v.* to make a short, high-pitched sound, typically as a signal or warning
28. The professor handed out the \_\_\_\_\_ on the first day of class.
- n.* an outline or summary of the topics, themes, and assignments to be covered in a particular course or educational program; a list or summary of key themes or components of a particular document, work, or project
29. To advance this discussion, we must \_\_\_\_\_ "success" rigorously.
- v.* to state or explain precisely the nature, scope, or meaning of something
30. In the \_\_\_\_\_ while we wait for the results, let's start working on the next project.
- n.* the interval or period of time between two events; the interim or temporary time period between two actions or stages of something else

ANSWERS: 23. command, 24. license, 25. dragged, 26. shortcut, 27. beeped, 28. syllabus, 29. define, 30. meantime,

31. You must \_\_\_\_\_ on your full of opportunities to become a professor.
- v. to write a whole letter or the first letter of the alphabet as a capital; to provide a company, etc. with the money; to take the chance to gain advantage from something
32. Could you help me \_\_\_\_\_ some furniture?
- n. a slight transition in position, direction, or trend
33. Our interest began to \_\_\_\_\_ sharply.
- v. to move or develop so slowly that you are behind other people, organizations, etc.
34. Strikes had also \_\_\_\_\_ the preceding weeks.
- v. to insert punctuation marks (= comma, period, colon, etc.) in the text; to interrupt periodically
35. Travel advisories were issued due to the \_\_\_\_\_ conditions on the highway.
- n. a meteorological phenomenon occurring in winter conditions, where snowfall and strong winds create a uniform, featureless white appearance that obscures visibility
36. As time has passed, the responsibility has \_\_\_\_\_ to the younger generation.
- v. to transfer or delegate responsibility, power, or authority to someone else, often as a result of a process or procedure; to degrade, deteriorate, or regress to a less advanced or more primitive state or form
37. The bid \_\_\_\_\_ for this auction is \$100.
- n. a regular increase in the amount of something, such as money; a process of becoming larger, longer, or more important

ANSWERS: 31. capitalize, 32. shift, 33. lag, 34. punctuated, 35. whiteout, 36. devolved, 37. increment

38. He couldn't \_\_\_\_\_ the actual value of the artwork.

*v.* to judge or find out the amount or number of something by using mathematics

39. Each country's officials can access the central \_\_\_\_\_.

*n.* a large amount of data stored in a computer system in such a way that it can be searched and updated easily

40. The photographer adjusted the \_\_\_\_\_ speed to capture the perfect shot.

*n.* a hinged or sliding panel, typically made of wood or metal, that can be closed to cover or protect a window or opening; a device that controls the opening and closing of a camera lens, allowing light to enter for a specific duration

41. If necessary, you can \_\_\_\_\_ the front seats forward.

*v.* to move or cause to move smoothly along a surface without interruption

42. The \_\_\_\_\_ accident caused the car to flip over and land on its roof.

*n.* an abnormality that is not typical or expected

43. The house owner loved the large hanging \_\_\_\_\_ in the guest room.

*n.* a long roll of paper containing writing; (verb) to move through text or graphics on a screen to view different parts of them

44. Highlight the sentences that you want to \_\_\_\_\_.

*v.* to remove something, especially that has been written; to wipe out digitally or magnetically recorded information

45. The treatments were done but, \_\_\_\_\_ were unsuccessful.

*adv.* by bad luck; unluckily

ANSWERS: 38. calculate, 39. database, 40. shutter, 41. slide, 42. freak, 43. scroll, 44. delete, 45. unfortunately,

46. I will introduce some \_\_\_\_\_ on learning English in this class.

- n.* the top or extreme point of something slender or tapering, usually a mountain or hill; a piece of advice about something practical; a small amount of money given for services

47. The \_\_\_\_\_ at the airport is where passengers catch their flights.

- n.* a building or place where buses, trains, or airplanes stop and where passengers or goods can be picked up or dropped off; (adjective) of or situated at the ends of a delivery route

48. The golfer recorded an \_\_\_\_\_ distance.

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

49. It would be best if you burned off \_\_\_\_\_ through vigorous exercise.

- n.* unit of heat defined as the quantity of heat required to raise the temperature of 1 gram of water by 1 degree Celsius at atmospheric pressure, used by nutritionists to measure how much energy food will produce

50. The \_\_\_\_\_ used in this country is the Euro.

- n.* a system of money in general use in a particular country

51. I accidentally hit the wrong \_\_\_\_\_ and lost all of my unsaved work.

- n.* a single press or strike of a key on a computer keyboard or other electronic device

52. The female birds build a \_\_\_\_\_ and lay their eggs in May.

- n.* a structure in which animals lay their eggs or give birth to their young

53. What do you \_\_\_\_\_ the culprit's motive was?

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

ANSWERS: 46. tips, 47. terminal, 48. amazing, 49. calories, 50. currency, 51. keystroke, 52. nest, 53. suppose

54. They needed further \_\_\_\_\_ to perform their duties efficiently.  
*n.* detailed direction, order, etc., on how to do or use something
55. The introduction \_\_\_\_\_ the speaker's distinguished career as a consultant  
*v.* to make something prominent, mainly so that people give it more attention
56. The \_\_\_\_\_ from her friends and family were overwhelming after she won the championship.  
*n.* the act of expressing that someone has an occasion for celebration or the expression of pleasure at the success or good fortune of another
57. The rain and thunder are \_\_\_\_\_ today.  
*adj.* stupid or not sensible; very angry
58. He kept a \_\_\_\_\_ on his expenses by writing them down in a notebook.  
*n.* a small flap or strip of material attached to or projecting from something; the key on a typewriter or a word processor that causes a tabulation; a bill
59. The national assembly has \_\_\_\_\_ the budget.  
*v.* to choose to follow something; to legally take a child from another family and care for them as if they were one's own
60. I need to purchase a new English \_\_\_\_\_.  
*n.* a reference book containing an alphabetical list of words and their definitions, as well as information about their origins, usage, and pronunciation
61. The roots of plants absorb water and nutrients through \_\_\_\_\_.  
*n.* the process by which molecules of a solvent (such as water) move through a semipermeable membrane from a region of higher concentration to a region of lower concentration; the gradual or subtle absorption of knowledge, ideas, or influence from one source to another

ANSWERS: 54. instruction, 55. highlighted, 56. congratulations, 57. crazy, 58. tab, 59. adopted, 60. dictionary, 61. osmosis

62. It is extremely \_\_\_\_\_ to sail in such a storm.

*adj.* involving the possibility of danger, failure, or loss

63. She has \_\_\_\_\_ habits.

*adj.* clean or tidy, with everything in its place

ANSWERS: 62. risky, 63. neat