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Session 1: Word List

psychotherapy

n. the treatment of mental or emotional problems by talking with a therapist

(1) field of **psychotherapy**, (2) **psychotherapy** for depression

He took **psychotherapy** to help him deal with his accident trauma.

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.

clinical

adj. of or relating to the examination and treatment of patients rather than theoretical or laboratory studies

synonym: dispassionate, analytic, scientific

(1) **clinical** surgery, (2) participate in **clinical** trials

She received special **clinical** training at the hospital.

psychology

n. the scientific study of mind and behavior

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

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

session

n. a formal meeting or series of meetings for the execution of a particular group's functions; a period spent doing a particular activity

synonym : conference, gathering

(1) the morning **session**, (2) the court **session**

Parliament is now in **session**.

jean

n. a sturdy cotton twill fabric, typically blue, used for jeans and other clothing

synonym : denim, cotton, pants

(1) a **jean** skirt, (2) **jean** denim

She wore her favorite pair of **jeans** to the party.

slouch

v. to stand, sit, or walk in a lazy, drooping way, often with the shoulders hanging forward and the head bent forward

synonym : slump, crouch, droop

(1) **slouch** along the street, (2) **slouch** down in a chair

After hearing the results, he **slouched** against a wall.

couch

n. a piece of furniture made for sitting, usually with a back and armrests, designed to seat more than one person

synonym : sofa, settee, divan

(1) leather **couch**, (2) a **couch** potato

I love to relax on the **couch** and watch movies on the weekends.

relieve

v. to make something burdensome, unpleasant, or painful less severe

synonym : alleviate, ease, assuage

(1) **relieve** his thirst, (2) **relieve** stress

The medicine **relieved** his headache, and he felt much better.

arsonist

n. a person who intentionally sets fire to property or structures, often for malicious or criminal purposes

synonym : firebug, pyromaniac, fire-starter

(1) juvenile **arsonist**, (2) serial **arsonist**

The insurance company suspected the property owner of being the **arsonist** for financial gain.

handle

v. to deal with a situation, problem, or strong emotion
synonym: control, manage, deal with

(1) **handle** a precious object, (2) **handled** the incident

We all should learn how to **handle** stress.

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 **nodded** quietly in response to the question.

supervisor

n. a person who oversees or directs the work of others

synonym: manager, boss, overseer

(1) **supervisor** of elections, (2) immediate **supervisor**

I have to check with my **supervisor** before making any changes.

knuckle

n. one of the joint-like parts of the fingers and toes, especially of the hand

synonym: joint, finger joint, finger knob

(1) **knuckle** sandwich, (2) bare- **knuckle** boxer

He cracked his **knuckles** nervously before the presentation.

settle

v. to reach an agreement of disagreement

synonym: inhabit, occupy, decide

(1) **settle** a dispute, (2) **settle** down in the town

I don't want to **settle** for second best.

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.

downtime

n. a period of time when a person or system is not active or operating, often due to technical issues or maintenance work

synonym: interruption, break, outage

(1) unexpected **downtime**, (2) system **downtime**

The factory had to schedule **downtime** for maintenance work, causing a temporary shutdown in production

spot

n. a particular location or place; a small round or roundish area, differing in color or feels from the surface around it

synonym: dot, mark, place

(1) beauty **spot**, (2) a **spot** on his honor

This remote **spot** is rarely visited.

benign

adj. kind and gentle; not harmful or malicious

synonym: kind, gentle, harmless

(1) **benign** tumor, (2) a **benign** smile

The lump was discovered to be **benign**, and no further treatment was needed.

neglect

v. to not give enough care or attention to something; to leave something undone

synonym: delinquency, carelessness, decay

(1) **neglect** to call, (2) **neglect** ethical issues

He **neglected** his health to make the project a success.

consequence

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

synonym: result, impact, outcome

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

argument

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

statistics

n. the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data

(1) **statistics** for cancer, (2) official **statistics**

The **statistics** demonstrate that poverty and unemployment are genuine problems.

awesome

adj. inspiring fear, admiration, or respect; very good, nice, fun, etc.

synonym: miraculous, marvelous, astounding

(1) **awesome** mental faculty, (2) have an **awesome** birthday

There is a lot of **awesome** nature and food in Hawaii.

deserve

v. to be worthy of or entitled to something, especially something good or valuable

synonym: merit, earn, justify

(1) **deserve** respect, (2) **deserve** this prize

The employee **deserved** the promotion for their hard work and dedication.

sociologist

n. a person who studies the institutions and development of human society

(1) religious **sociologist**, (2) French **sociologist**

Sociologist studies the changes in family structure due to modernization.

neurology

n. the branch of medicine that deals with the diagnosis and treatment of disorders of the nervous system

synonym: brain science, nervous system, neuropathology

(1) cognitive **neurology**, (2) **neurology** department

She is studying clinical **neurology** to become a brain surgeon.

fertility

n. the state or quality of being able to produce babies, young animals, fruit, or new plants

synonym: richness, pregnancy, productivity

(1) soil **fertility**, (2) **fertility** above replacement

The sperm count is used as an indicator of male **fertility**.

specialize

v. to become an expert in a specific career field, study, or business

synonym: narrow down, particularize

(1) **specialize** in child care, (2) **specialize** in market research

The restaurant has chefs who **specialize** in beef.

claim

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

synonym: assert, declare, maintain

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

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

transform

v. to change in outward structure or looks;

synonym: alter, convert, change

(1) **transform** an education system, (2) **transform** heat into power

My father's death **transformed** my life completely.

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.

decision

n. the act or process of making up someone's mind about something; a choice or judgment reached after considering options

synonym : choice, determination, judgment

(1) **decision** authority, (2) a selfish **decision**

She was struggling to make a **decision** between two job offers.

panic

n. a sudden strong feeling of fear that cannot be controlled and prevents reasonable thought and action

synonym : confusion, hysteria, consternation

(1) a **panic** reaction, (2) **panic** buying

The participation of oil-producing countries in the war caused **panic** in the financial markets.

exponential

adj. becoming more and more rapid; of or involving mathematical exponents

(1) **exponential** growth, (2) **exponential** function

Since the 1990s, the Internet has continued to experience **exponential** growth.

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**.

spurt

v. to suddenly burst forth or flow out powerfully or suddenly; to make a sudden effort or increase in activity or energy

synonym : gush, surge, spew

(1) unexpectedly **spurt**, (2) **spurt** across the table

The water hose suddenly **spurted** out a strong jet of water.

rewire

v. to replace or repair the wiring of something, especially an electrical system; to make significant changes in one's thoughts or behavior patterns

synonym : rewire, renovate, upgrade

(1) **rewire** a house, (2) **rewire** a program

I need to **rewire** the faulty electrical system in my house to prevent a fire.

peak

n. the point to which something or someone is at its strongest, best, or most successful; the pointed top of a mountain

synonym : summit, vertex, apex

(1) at **peak** hour, (2) the **peak** current in the circuit

This measurement aims to reduce traffic at **peak** periods.

tricky

adj. requiring care and skill because challenging to do or deal with

synonym : thorny, problematic, crafty

(1) **tricky** problem, (2) a **tricky** recipe to follow

We have discussed the entirety of this **tricky** problem.

educate

v. to provide or receive instruction or training over a period of time at a school, university, etc.

synonym : instruct, teach, train

(1) **educate** student, (2) **educate** public

The school's mission is to **educate** young children and prepare them for the future.

critic

n. someone who expresses opinions about the quality of books, music, etc.

synonym : pundit, analyst, attacker

(1) art **critic**, (2) severe **critic**

Advocates for legal reform hear less harsh words from their **critics**.

attachment

n. a feeling of affection for someone or something

synonym : adoration, affection, extension

(1) **attachment** to a formal plan, (2) stand mixer fitted with the paddle **attachment**

I have no **attachment** to the countryside.

ordinary

adj. not different, exceptional, or unexpected in any way, especially in quality, ability, size, or degree

synonym : mundane, prosaic, average

(1) an **ordinary** school, (2) **ordinary** annual revenue

The **ordinary** session of the Diet opened.

inordinate

adj. excessive, unreasonable, or disproportionate; beyond what is considered normal or appropriate

synonym : exorbitant, unreasonable, extreme

(1) **inordinate** ambition, (2) **inordinate** interest

She had an **inordinate** amount of work to complete before the deadline.

timetable

n. a schedule or plan that shows the times at which particular events or activities are intended to occur; a list of train, bus, or airplane departures and arrivals

synonym : schedule, itinerary, agenda

(1) exam **timetable**, (2) adjust the **timetable**

The airline's **timetable** showed a delay of three hours for our flight to London.

extended

adj. longer than usual or anticipated

synonym : extensive, prolonged, elongated

(1) **extended** vacation, (2) **extended** payment

The **extended** airport runways may accommodate larger jets.

adolescent

n. a young person who is in the process of developing from a child into an adult

synonym : teen, preadult, youth

(1) **adolescent** girl, (2) pre- **adolescent** children

Timely education about birth control might help reduce **adolescent** pregnancies.

journalist

n. a person who collects and writes news stories or articles for newspapers, magazines, radio, television, or other online media

synonym : reporter, newsperson, press

(1) a China-based **journalist**, (2) **journalist** on a magazine
Foreign TV crews and **journalists** can go as they please in various locations during the Olympics.

nickname

n. a familiar or humorous name given to a person or thing instead of or as well as the real name

synonym: moniker, sobriquet, handle

(1) endearing **nickname**, (2) **nickname** for a person

The team has a **nickname** for their star player: "The Ace."

twixter

n. a person, typically in their twenties, who delays or avoids the traditional responsibilities and markers of adulthood, often choosing to extend their youth and engage in a more carefree lifestyle

synonym: adolescent, millennial, in-betweener

(1) the rise of **twixters**, (2) **twixter** lifestyle

The **twixter** generation is often criticized for lacking ambition and responsibility.

trivial

adj. of little value or importance

synonym: insignificant, minor, unimportant

(1) a **trivial** man, (2) for **trivial** reasons

The problem seemed **trivial** initially, but it became a significant issue.

achieve

v. to successfully complete a task or goal, often through hard work, perseverance, and dedication; to attain or accomplish something that one has set out to do

synonym: accomplish, attain, reach

(1) **achieve** success, (2) **achieve** milestones

I will work hard to **achieve** my goals and realize my dreams.

pat

v. to touch or tap something lightly and usually in a friendly or encouraging manner; to apply or rub lightly and repetitively

synonym: tap, stroke, caress

(1) **pat** on the back, (2) **pat** a dog

She **patted** the puppy on the head and gave it a treat.

urgency

n. the quality of being very important and needing to be dealt with immediately

synonym: importance, importunity, urging

(1) **urgency** in the use of force, (2) matter of **urgency**

She departed hurriedly because of some significant **urgency** in their affairs.

ambition

n. a strong wish to do or achieve something

synonym: purpose, aim, endeavor

(1) an **ambition** for political power, (2) boundless **ambition**

Greed and **ambition** composed his personality.

absolutely

adv. without restriction or limitation; completely or utterly

synonym: completely, utterly, definitely

(1) **absolutely** against, (2) **absolutely** obsessed with the girl

I am **absolutely** opposed to his idea because of morality.

relation

n. the way two persons or groups of people feel and act toward one another

synonym: association, linkage, connection

(1) **relation** between cause and effect, (2) **relation** of inclusion

The industrial **relations** laws were passed with little to no alteration.

résumé

n. a summary of a person's education, work experience, and qualifications, often used in job applications as a way to showcase their skills and achievements

synonym: summary, outline, recap

(1) **résumé** template, (2) professional **résumé**

You need to update your **résumé** before submitting it for the job application.

graduated

adj. having received a degree from a school, college, or university; marked with or divided into levels or degrees

synonym : completed, finished, earned

(1) **graduated** taxation, (2) **graduated** flask

She was a **graduated** student of a prestigious university.

flip

v. to turn over into a different position quickly; to throw or toss with a light motion

synonym : throw, jump

(1) **flip** over the pork chop, (2) **flip** a coin

He **flipped** when he heard that he had been accepted into the university.

stake

n. a share or financial investment in something such as a business; a wooden or metal post set up to mark something

synonym : share, interest, post

(1) execution by burning at a **stake**, (2) buy the company's **stake**

The **stake** of the company is too high nowadays.

enormous

adj. extremely large or great

synonym : huge, giant, gigantic

(1) **enormous** amount, (2) **enormous** potential

Shakespeare's output of poetry was **enormous**.

jump-start

v. to start or revitalize something stagnant or slow-moving, often by introducing new ideas or energy; to kick-start a car or other vehicle by connecting it to another vehicle's battery

synonym : revitalize, energize, kick-start

(1) **jump-start** a career, (2) **jump-start** an economy

I had to **jump-start** my car's battery this morning because it was dead.

incompatible

adj. so different as to not be able to exist or work with another thing or person

synonym : inharmonious, conflicting, inconsistent

(1) **incompatible** personalities, (2) **incompatible** colors
It is a religion **incompatible** with the western country.

millennial

adj. relating to a period of a thousand years or the year 2000; (noun) a person born between the early 1980s and the late 1990s, also called Generation Y

synonym : thousand, (noun) Generation Y

(1) **millennial** record, (2) the **millennial** reign
Earth's ecosystems are greatly affected by **millennial-scale** changes in climate.

midlife

n. the period of life between young adulthood and old age, typically characterized by a sense of maturity, stability, and sometimes, dissatisfaction or restlessness

(1) **midlife** depression, (2) **midlife** changes
Many people go through a **midlife** crisis and contemplate major life changes.

crisis

n. a time of great disagreement, confusion, or danger when problems must be resolved or critical decisions must be taken

synonym : concern, problem, emergency

(1) financial **crisis**, (2) **crisis** management
The Chinese word for **crisis** comprises two characters, one for danger and the other for opportunity.

sibling

n. a brother or sister; member of a family born to the same parents

synonym : brother, sister, relative

(1) have a **sibling** quarrel, (2) play with my **siblings**
Children often copy their parents or elder **siblings**.

identity

n. the fact of being who or what somebody or something is; the features, emotions, or ideas that distinguish persons from one another

synonym : character, personality, individuality

(1) mistaken **identity**, (2) **identity** as an individual
The terrorist's **identity** remains unknown.

entertainment

n. public shows, films, television, or other performances or activities of enjoying people

synonym : amusement, recreation, enjoyment

(1) an elegant **entertainment**, (2) hour of **entertainment**
The hotel is famous for its **entertainment**, including the casino.

decide

v. to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options

synonym : choose, determine, settle

(1) **decide** a question, (2) **decide** on a course of action
She couldn't **decide** whether to order the pizza or the pasta for dinner.

display

v. to exhibit or show something to others, often to attract attention or demonstrate its features, properties, or value

synonym : show, exhibit, present

(1) **display** merchandise, (2) **display** artwork
We need to **display** our products in an attractive way to attract customers.

temper

n. a person's state of mind, emotions, or attitude; a tendency to become angry or excited easily; the elasticity and hardness of a metal object

synonym : mood, disposition, nature

(1) a hasty **temper**, (2) bridle my **temper**
The **temper** of the steel needs to be just right to ensure the product's durability.

sob

v. to cry or weep with short, sudden sounds

synonym : cry, weep, wail

(1) **sob** out a story, (2) **sob** quietly

She **sobbed** uncontrollably after hearing the news.

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

emergency

n. a sudden unforeseen crisis usually involving danger that requires immediate action

synonym : crisis, trouble, difficulty

(1) **emergency** action, (2) acute **emergency**

The president declared a state of **emergency**.

hysterical

adj. marked by or in a state of excessive or uncontrollable emotion

synonym : agitated, frantic, crazy

(1) **hysterical** laughter, (2) get **hysterical** easily

The frustration that had accumulated for a long time made her **hysterical**.

wreck

n. a ship that has sunk or has been destroyed; a vehicle that has been badly damaged in an accident

synonym : collapse, destruction, devastation

(1) the house was a **wreck**, (2) a worthless **wreck**

The divers accidentally discovered a **wreck** on the ocean floor.

cancer

n. abnormal growth of cells that can invade and destroy surrounding tissues and organs; a disease characterized by the uncontrolled growth and spread of abnormal cells

synonym : tumor, carcinoma, malignancy

(1) **cancer** diagnosis, (2) **cancer** research

Breast **cancer** is the most common type of cancer in women.

therapy

n. the act of caring for someone through medication, remedial training, etc.

synonym : antidote, medicine, treatment

(1) **therapy** for a patient, (2) field of gene **therapy**

I underwent aversion **therapy** for my addiction to alcohol.

parade

n. a public procession, especially one celebrating a special day or event

synonym : procession, march, rally

(1) a military **parade**, (2) **parade** route

The annual Fourth of July **parade** is popular in the town square.

invest

v. to put money, effort, time, etc. into something to make a profit or achieve a result

synonym : fund, sponsor, support

(1) **invest** in stocks, (2) **invest** capital

The government should view children as national assets and actively **invest** in them.

beget

v. to cause or produce something as a result or effect; to become the father of

synonym : be father, procreate, reproduce

(1) **beget** children, (2) **beget** fear

His irresponsible behavior may **beget** many problems for him in the future.

cross-country

adj. relating to or taking place across the open country rather than on roads or tracks; involving travel by foot, horse, or vehicle over rough terrain or through wilderness areas; (noun) a long-distance race or journey that takes place over rough or varied terrain, such as hills, forests, or fields

synonym : rural, remote, backcountry

(1) **cross-country** road trip, (2) **cross-country** skiing

We had to take a **cross-country** flight because no direct flights were available.

intern

v. to put someone in prison, especially for political or military reasons; (noun) a student or trainee who works, sometimes for free, to get work experience or to fulfill qualification criteria

synonym : apprentice, trainee, student

(1) **intern** civilians, (2) medical **intern**

The navy **interned** ships of defeated nations.

start-up

n. a newly established company or business

(1) **start-up** business, (2) early-stage **start-up**

Our company's services are targeted at **start-up** executives.

discount

n. a reduction in the original price of an item, product, or service; a deduction from the usual cost or value of something; (verb) to disregard or minimize the importance of something; to offer a lower price for a product or service than its original price

synonym : sale, reduction, (verb) lower

(1) **discount** a draft, (2) **discount** store

I got a massive **discount** on my new laptop during the Black Friday sale.

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?

procrastinate

v. to postpone doing what you should do, often because it is unpleasant or boring

synonym : delay, dawdle, hesitate

(1) **procrastinate** about a big challenge, (2) **procrastinate** on my homework

He **procrastinated** the matter until it was almost too late.

urban

adj. relating to or located in a town or city

synonym : metropolitan, civic

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

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

tribe

n. a social group made up of members who live together, sharing the same language, culture, religion, etc., especially those who do not live in towns or cities

synonym: family, clan, kinsfolk

(1) aboriginal **tribe**, (2) mountain **tribe**

The **tribe** had distinctly defined gender roles.

huddle

v. to crowd or press closely together; cuddle

synonym: cluster, crowd, group

(1) **huddle** in a temporary shelter, (2) **huddle** around the open fire

The children **huddled** together for warmth in the cold winter storm.

like-minded

adj. having the same ideas or interests

synonym: simpatico, kindred-spirited, compatible

(1) find a **like-minded** friend, (2) **like-minded** group

They formed a group of **like-minded** individuals who shared a common goal.

peer

n. a person who has the same age, status, or ability

synonym: fellow, associate, counterpart

(1) **peer** group, (2) **peer** review

Among young people, **peer** pressure can be pretty influential.

underemployed

adj. employed in a job that does not fully utilize one's skills, education, or experience; employed in a job that is below one's qualifications or aspirations

synonym: underutilized, unemployed, idle

(1) **underemployed** population, (2) **underemployed** graduates

The **underemployed** worker was grateful for any job opportunities that came their way

cheat

v. to act dishonestly or unfairly to gain an advantage or to deceive someone; to break the rules or laws

synonym: deceive, swindle, defraud

(1) **cheat** on my taxes, (2) **cheat** in a game

Even though he knew it was wrong, he **cheated** on the exam.

grab

v. to take hold of something or someone suddenly with a hand, especially in a violent way

synonym: clutch, snatch, grasp

(1) **grab** an audience, (2) **grab** an opportunity

Shall we **grab** a bite to eat?

aisle

n. a passage between rows of seats in a theater, airplane, or other public building, typically one of two or more running parallel with the main body of the structure

synonym: corridor, passageway, gangway

(1) **aisle** seat, (2) the center **aisle** of a church

She walked down the **aisle** to the front of the church.

progression

n. the act or process of changing to the next stage or phase or moving forward

synonym: advancement, development, evolution

(1) **progression** of civilization, (2) **progression** of disease

The company has made great strides in its **progression** toward sustainability.

intentional

adj. done, made or performed with purpose and intent

synonym: deliberate, intended, preplanned

(1) **intentional** destruction of evidence, (2) an **intentional** walk

The law distinguishes between accidental and **intentional** killing.

consciously

adv. with awareness; in a deliberate manner

synonym: intentionally, deliberately, knowingly

(1) **consciously** aware of a problem, (2) act **consciously**

He **consciously** criticizes her in the publicity.

cousin

n. the child of your aunt or uncle

synonym : relative

(1) cross- **cousin** marriage, (2) **cousin's** family

I used to play with my younger male **cousins** when I was a little girl.

lax

adj. not strict or severe; relaxed or lenient

synonym : loose, slack, relaxed

(1) **lax** border controls, (2) **lax** attitude

The **lax** security measures allowed the thief to enter the building easily.

bound

v. to move forward by leaps and bounds; to form the boundary of something

synonym : jump, bounce, leap

(1) **bounded** with delight, (2) **bound** up a staircase

Canada **bounds** on the United States.

takeoff

n. a departure, especially of airplanes; the initial ascent of an airplane as it becomes airborne

synonym : leaving, departure, liftoff

(1) vertical **takeoff**, (2) **takeoff** run

Our aircraft is now ready for **takeoff**.

slight

adj. very small in degree or amount

synonym : feeble, nuanced, subtle

(1) feel a **slight** concern, (2) **slight** increase

We made **slight** modifications to reflect the views of both sides.

likewise

adv. in the same way

synonym : alike, correspondingly, similarly

(1) do **likewise**, (2) please revise **likewise**

He is tall and **likewise** strong.

conversation

n. an informal talk between two or more people to exchange their views, ideas, information, etc.

synonym: chat, discussion, dialogue

(1) **conversation** in English, (2) a friendly **conversation**

Your **conversation** reflects your thoughts.

privilege

n. a special right or advantage that only one person or group of people has, usually because they are rich and powerful in a society

synonym: benefit, authorization, advantage

(1) a breach of **privilege**, (2) **privilege** of membership

In the Middle Ages, the right to hunt in the wild was the **privilege** of royalty and nobility.

Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. get hys_____al easily | <i>adj.</i> marked by or in a state of excessive or uncontrollable emotion |
| 2. a tr___y recipe to follow | <i>adj.</i> requiring care and skill because challenging to do or deal with |
| 3. execution by burning at a st___e | <i>n.</i> a share or financial investment in something such as a business; a wooden or metal post set up to mark something |
| 4. ca___r research | <i>n.</i> abnormal growth of cells that can invade and destroy surrounding tissues and organs; a disease characterized by the uncontrolled growth and spread of abnormal cells |
| 5. ch___t in a game | <i>v.</i> to act dishonestly or unfairly to gain an advantage or to deceive someone; to break the rules or laws |
| 6. hu___e in a temporary shelter | <i>v.</i> to crowd or press closely together; cuddle |
| 7. sl___h down in a chair | <i>v.</i> to stand, sit, or walk in a lazy, drooping way, often with the shoulders hanging forward and the head bent forward |
| 8. unintended con_____ces | <i>n.</i> the outcome of a particular action or event, especially relative to an individual |
| 9. vertical ta_____f | <i>n.</i> a departure, especially of airplanes; the initial ascent of an airplane as it becomes airborne |

ANSWERS: 1. hysterical, 2. tricky, 3. stake, 4. cancer, 5. cheat, 6. huddle, 7. slouch, 8. consequence, 9. takeoff

10. an elegant ent_____ent *n.* public shows, films, television, or other performances or activities of enjoying people
11. de___e my position *v.* to state or explain precisely the nature, scope, or meaning of something
12. abs_____ly obsessed with the girl *adv.* without restriction or limitation; completely or utterly
13. abs_____ly against *adv.* without restriction or limitation; completely or utterly
14. se___e down in the town *v.* to reach an agreement of disagreement
15. in___t in stocks *v.* to put money, effort, time, etc. into something to make a profit or achieve a result
16. j___n denim *n.* a sturdy cotton twill fabric, typically blue, used for jeans and other clothing
17. hu___e around the open fire *v.* to crowd or press closely together; cuddle
18. play with my si_____gs *n.* a brother or sister; member of a family born to the same parents
19. g__b an opportunity *v.* to take hold of something or someone suddenly with a hand, especially in a violent way
20. please revise li_____se *adv.* in the same way
21. the court se_____n *n.* a formal meeting or series of meetings for the execution of a particular group's functions; a period spent doing a particular activity
22. g__b an audience *v.* to take hold of something or someone suddenly with a hand, especially in a violent way

ANSWERS: 10. entertainment, 11. define, 12. absolutely, 13. absolutely, 14. settle, 15. invest, 16. jean, 17. huddle, 18. sibling, 19. grab, 20. likewise, 21. session, 22. grab

23. a friendly con_____ion *n.* an informal talk between two or more people to exchange their views, ideas, information, etc.
24. leather co__h *n.* a piece of furniture made for sitting, usually with a back and armrests, designed to seat more than one person
25. ne_____t ethical issues *v.* to not give enough care or attention to something; to leave something undone
26. ph scale *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
27. re___e a program *v.* to replace or repair the wiring of something, especially an electrical system; to make significant changes in one's thoughts or behavior patterns
28. ed_____e public *v.* to provide or receive instruction or training over a period of time at a school, university, etc.
29. early-stage st_____up *n.* a newly established company or business
30. religious soc_____st *n.* a person who studies the institutions and development of human society
31. de___e a question *v.* to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options
32. spe_____ze in child care *v.* to become an expert in a specific career field, study, or business

ANSWERS: 23. conversation, 24. couch, 25. neglect, 26. ph, 27. rewire, 28. educate, 29. start-up, 30. sociologist, 31. decide, 32. specialize

33. cognitive ne_____gy *n.* the branch of medicine that deals with the diagnosis and treatment of disorders of the nervous system
34. con_____ion in English *n.* an informal talk between two or more people to exchange their views, ideas, information, etc.
35. mi_____e depression *n.* the period of life between young adulthood and old age, typically characterized by a sense of maturity, stability, and sometimes, dissatisfaction or restlessness
36. or_____ry annual revenue *adj.* not different, exceptional, or unexpected in any way, especially in quality, ability, size, or degree
37. find a lik_____ed friend *adj.* having the same ideas or interests
38. juvenile ar_____st *n.* a person who intentionally sets fire to property or structures, often for malicious or criminal purposes
39. pro_____ate about a big challenge *v.* to postpone doing what you should do, often because it is unpleasant or boring
40. re_____e his thirst *v.* to make something burdensome, unpleasant, or painful less severe
41. bo__ded with delight *v.* to move forward by leaps and bounds; to form the boundary of something
42. have a si_____g quarrel *n.* a brother or sister; member of a family born to the same parents
43. hys_____al laughter *adj.* marked by or in a state of excessive or uncontrollable emotion

ANSWERS: 33. neurology, 34. conversation, 35. midlife, 36. ordinary, 37. like-minded, 38. arsonist, 39. procrastinate, 40. relieve, 41. bound, 42. sibling, 43. hysterical

44. ca___r diagnosis *n.* abnormal growth of cells that can invade and destroy surrounding tissues and organs; a disease characterized by the uncontrolled growth and spread of abnormal cells
45. professional r[]___[] *n.* a summary of a person's education, work experience, and qualifications, often used in job applications as a way to showcase their skills and achievements
46. in___n civilians *v.* to put someone in prison, especially for political or military reasons; (noun) a student or trainee who works, sometimes for free, to get work experience or to fulfill qualification criteria
47. lik____ed group *adj.* having the same ideas or interests
48. stand mixer fitted with the paddle att____nt *n.* a feeling of affection for someone or something
49. sp__t across the table *v.* to suddenly burst forth or flow out powerfully or suddenly; to make a sudden effort or increase in activity or energy
50. ur____y in the use of force *n.* the quality of being very important and needing to be dealt with immediately
51. pr____ge of membership *n.* a special right or advantage that only one person or group of people has, usually because they are rich and powerful in a society

ANSWERS: 44. cancer, 45. résumé, 46. intern, 47. like-minded, 48. attachment, 49. spurt, 50. urgency, 51. privilege

52. en____us potential *adj.* extremely large or great
53. official sta_____cs *n.* the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data
54. id_____ty as an individual *n.* the fact of being who or what somebody or something is; the features, emotions, or ideas that distinguish persons from one another
55. mil_____al record *adj.* relating to a period of a thousand years or the year 2000; (noun) a person born between the early 1980s and the late 1990s, also called Generation Y
56. participate in cl_____al trials *adj.* of or relating to the examination and treatment of patients rather than theoretical or laboratory studies
57. sta_____cs for cancer *n.* the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data
58. a pa__c reaction *n.* a sudden strong feeling of fear that cannot be controlled and prevents reasonable thought and action
59. und_____yed graduates *adj.* employed in a job that does not fully utilize one's skills, education, or experience; employed in a job that is below one's qualifications or aspirations
60. mistaken id_____ty *n.* the fact of being who or what somebody or something is; the features, emotions, or ideas that distinguish persons from one another

ANSWERS: 52. enormous, 53. statistics, 54. identity, 55. millennial, 56. clinical, 57. statistics, 58. panic, 59. underemployed, 60. identity

61. basic br__n function *n.* the organ inside the head that is responsible for one's movement, thought, memory, and feeling
62. ta_____f run *n.* a departure, especially of airplanes; the initial ascent of an airplane as it becomes airborne
63. se___e a dispute *v.* to reach an agreement of disagreement
64. su_____e you're right *v.* to think that something is likely to be actual or possible
65. fe_____ty above replacement *n.* the state or quality of being able to produce babies, young animals, fruit, or new plants
66. ur__n property owners *adj.* relating to or located in a town or city
67. the morning se_____n *n.* a formal meeting or series of meetings for the execution of a particular group's functions; a period spent doing a particular activity
68. be__t children *v.* to cause or produce something as a result or effect; to become the father of
69. act con_____ly *adv.* with awareness; in a deliberate manner
70. aboriginal tr__e *n.* a social group made up of members who live together, sharing the same language, culture, religion, etc., especially those who do not live in towns or cities
71. ur__n planning *adj.* relating to or located in a town or city
72. feel a sl___t concern *adj.* very small in degree or amount

ANSWERS: 61. brain, 62. takeoff, 63. settle, 64. suppose, 65. fertility, 66. urban, 67. session, 68. beget, 69. consciously, 70. tribe, 71. urban, 72. slight

73. French soc_____st *n.* a person who studies the institutions and development of human society
74. pre-ado_____nt children *n.* a young person who is in the process of developing from a child into an adult
75. an int_____al walk *adj.* done, made or performed with purpose and intent
76. bl__k expression *adj.* without any writing or printing; empty or devoid of ideas, information, or meaning; unable to remember or recall information
77. bl__k paper *adj.* without any writing or printing; empty or devoid of ideas, information, or meaning; unable to remember or recall information
78. buy the company's st__e *n.* a share or financial investment in something such as a business; a wooden or metal post set up to mark something
79. st_____up business *n.* a newly established company or business
80. the house was a wr__k *n.* a ship that has sunk or has been destroyed; a vehicle that has been badly damaged in an accident
81. be____n tumor *adj.* kind and gentle; not harmful or malicious
82. mi_____e changes *n.* the period of life between young adulthood and old age, typically characterized by a sense of maturity, stability, and sometimes, dissatisfaction or restlessness

ANSWERS: 73. sociologist, 74. adolescent, 75. intentional, 76. blank, 77. blank, 78. stake, 79. start-up, 80. wreck, 81. benign, 82. midlife

83. field of psy_____apy *n.* the treatment of mental or emotional problems by talking with a therapist
84. p_t on the back *v.* to touch or tap something lightly and usually in a friendly or encouraging manner; to apply or rub lightly and repetitively
85. di_____y artwork *v.* to exhibit or show something to others, often to attract attention or demonstrate its features, properties, or value
86. pa____e route *n.* a public procession, especially one celebrating a special day or event
87. ha____ed the incident *v.* to deal with a situation, problem, or strong emotion
88. pro_____ate on my homework *v.* to postpone doing what you should do, often because it is unpleasant or boring
89. ed_____e student *v.* to provide or receive instruction or training over a period of time at a school, university, etc.
90. inc_____ble personalities *adj.* so different as to not be able to exist or work with another thing or person
91. de____e a word *v.* to state or explain precisely the nature, scope, or meaning of something
92. ac_____e milestones *v.* to successfully complete a task or goal, often through hard work, perseverance, and dedication; to attain or accomplish something that one has set out to do
93. re____e a house *v.* to replace or repair the wiring of something, especially an electrical system; to make significant changes in one's thoughts or behavior patterns

ANSWERS: 83. psychotherapy, 84. pat, 85. display, 86. parade, 87. handle, 88. procrastinate, 89. educate, 90. incompatible, 91. define, 92. achieve, 93. rewire

94. de____e respect *v.* to be worthy of or entitled to something, especially something good or valuable
95. bare-kn____e boxer *n.* one of the joint-like parts of the fingers and toes, especially of the hand
96. art cr____c *n.* someone who expresses opinions about the quality of books, music, etc.
97. inc____ble colors *adj.* so different as to not be able to exist or work with another thing or person
98. cr____s management *n.* a time of great disagreement, confusion, or danger when problems must be resolved or critical decisions must be taken
99. permanent br__n damage *n.* the organ inside the head that is responsible for one's movement, thought, memory, and feeling
100. system do____me *n.* a period of time when a person or system is not active or operating, often due to technical issues or maintenance work
101. mountain tr__e *n.* a social group made up of members who live together, sharing the same language, culture, religion, etc., especially those who do not live in towns or cities
102. de____on authority *n.* the act or process of making up someone's mind about something; a choice or judgment reached after considering options
103. ha____e a precious object *v.* to deal with a situation, problem, or strong emotion

ANSWERS: 94. deserve, 95. knuckle, 96. critic, 97. incompatible, 98. crisis, 99. brain, 100. downtime, 101. tribe, 102. decision, 103. handle

104. de___e on a course of action *v.* to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options
105. exp_____al growth *adj.* becoming more and more rapid; of or involving mathematical exponents
106. jou_____st on a magazine *n.* a person who collects and writes news stories or articles for newspapers, magazines, radio, television, or other online media
107. cro_____try skiing *adj.* relating to or taking place across the open country rather than on roads or tracks; involving travel by foot, horse, or vehicle over rough terrain or through wilderness areas; (*noun*) a long-distance race or journey that takes place over rough or varied terrain, such as hills, forests, or fields
108. con_____ly aware of a problem *adv.* with awareness; in a deliberate manner
109. di_____y merchandise *v.* to exhibit or show something to others, often to attract attention or demonstrate its features, properties, or value
110. a j__n skirt *n.* a sturdy cotton twill fabric, typically blue, used for jeans and other clothing
111. s_b quietly *v.* to cry or weep with short, sudden sounds
112. the rise of tw_____rs *n.* a person, typically in their twenties, who delays or avoids the traditional responsibilities and markers of adulthood, often choosing to extend their youth and engage in a more carefree lifestyle

ANSWERS: 104. decide, 105. exponential, 106. journalist, 107. cross-country, 108. consciously, 109. display, 110. jean, 111. sob, 112. twixter

113. acute em_____cy *n.* a sudden unforeseen crisis usually involving danger that requires immediate action
114. ex_____ed payment *adj.* longer than usual or anticipated
115. th_____y for a patient *n.* the act of caring for someone through medication, remedial training, etc.
116. en_____us amount *adj.* extremely large or great
117. unexpected do_____me *n.* a period of time when a person or system is not active or operating, often due to technical issues or maintenance work
118. gr_____ed taxation *adj.* having received a degree from a school, college, or university; marked with or divided into levels or degrees
119. n_d at each other *v.* to lower and raise one's head, sometimes several times, as to show approval, agreement, greeting, or confirmation
120. int_____al destruction of evidence *adj.* done, made or performed with purpose and intent
121. tw_____r lifestyle *n.* a person, typically in their twenties, who delays or avoids the traditional responsibilities and markers of adulthood, often choosing to extend their youth and engage in a more carefree lifestyle
122. ac_____e success *v.* to successfully complete a task or goal, often through hard work, perseverance, and dedication; to attain or accomplish something that one has set out to do

ANSWERS: 113. emergency, 114. extended, 115. therapy, 116. enormous, 117. downtime, 118. graduated, 119. nod, 120. intentional, 121. twixter, 122. achieve

123. the mil_____al reign *adj.* relating to a period of a thousand years or the year 2000; (noun) a person born between the early 1980s and the late 1990s, also called Generation Y
124. immediate sup_____or *n.* a person who oversees or directs the work of others
125. 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
126. an or_____ry school *adj.* not different, exceptional, or unexpected in any way, especially in quality, ability, size, or degree
127. a be____n smile *adj.* kind and gentle; not harmful or malicious
128. re_____on of inclusion *n.* the way two persons or groups of people feel and act toward one another
129. ino_____te ambition *adj.* excessive, unreasonable, or disproportionate; beyond what is considered normal or appropriate
130. ado_____nt girl *n.* a young person who is in the process of developing from a child into an adult
131. ex_____ed vacation *adj.* longer than usual or anticipated
132. be__t fear *v.* to cause or produce something as a result or effect; to become the father of
133. cross-co____n marriage *n.* the child of your aunt or uncle
134. soil fe_____ty *n.* the state or quality of being able to produce babies, young animals, fruit, or new plants

ANSWERS: 123. millennial, 124. supervisor, 125. ph, 126. ordinary, 127. benign, 128. relation, 129. inordinate, 130. adolescent, 131. extended, 132. beget, 133. cousin, 134. fertility

135. ne_____gy department *n.* the branch of medicine that deals with the diagnosis and treatment of disorders of the nervous system
136. adjust the ti_____le *n.* a schedule or plan that shows the times at which particular events or activities are intended to occur; a list of train, bus, or airplane departures and arrivals
137. spe_____ze in market research *v.* to become an expert in a specific career field, study, or business
138. ino_____te interest *adj.* excessive, unreasonable, or disproportionate; beyond what is considered normal or appropriate
139. l_x attitude *adj.* not strict or severe; relaxed or lenient
140. co___n's family *n.* the child of your aunt or uncle
141. financial cr___s *n.* a time of great disagreement, confusion, or danger when problems must be resolved or critical decisions must be taken
142. 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
143. psy_____gy of crowd *n.* the scientific study of mind and behavior
144. f__p a coin *v.* to turn over into a different position quickly; to throw or toss with a light motion

ANSWERS: 135. neurology, 136. timetable, 137. specialize, 138. inordinate, 139. lax, 140. cousin, 141. crisis, 142. develop, 143. psychology, 144. flip

145. att_____nt to a formal plan *n.* a feeling of affection for someone or something
146. de_____e this prize *v.* to be worthy of or entitled to something, especially something good or valuable
147. a co__h potato *n.* a piece of furniture made for sitting, usually with a back and armrests, designed to seat more than one person
148. su_____e beforehand *v.* to think that something is likely to be actual or possible
149. bo__d up a staircase *v.* to move forward by leaps and bounds; to form the boundary of something
150. an am_____on for political power *n.* a strong wish to do or achieve something
151. tr_____rm heat into power *v.* to change in outward structure or looks;
152. em_____cy action *n.* a sudden unforeseen crisis usually involving danger that requires immediate action
153. sup_____or of elections *n.* a person who oversees or directs the work of others
154. a breach of pr_____ge *n.* a special right or advantage that only one person or group of people has, usually because they are rich and powerful in a society
155. de_____p a skill *v.* to grow or expand; to improve or refine through a process of progress and refinement, often to achieve greater sophistication or complexity; to elaborate or add detail to something that is in the process of being created

ANSWERS: 145. attachment, 146. deserve, 147. couch, 148. suppose, 149. bound, 150. ambition, 151. transform, 152. emergency, 153. supervisor, 154. privilege, 155. develop

156. a tr____l man *adj.* of little value or importance
157. cl____al surgery *adj.* of or relating to the examination and treatment of patients rather than theoretical or laboratory studies
158. tr____y problem *adj.* requiring care and skill because challenging to do or deal with
159. re____e stress *v.* to make something burdensome, unpleasant, or painful less severe
160. bridle my te____r *n.* a person's state of mind, emotions, or attitude; a tendency to become angry or excited easily; the elasticity and hardness of a metal object
161. l_x border controls *adj.* not strict or severe; relaxed or lenient
162. tr____rm an education system *v.* to change in outward structure or looks;
163. do li____se *adv.* in the same way
164. hour of ent____ent *n.* public shows, films, television, or other performances or activities of enjoying people
165. the p__k current in the circuit *n.* the point to which something or someone is at its strongest, best, or most successful; the pointed top of a mountain
166. di____nt a draft *n.* a reduction in the original price of an item, product, or service; a deduction from the usual cost or value of something; (verb) to disregard or minimize the importance of something; to offer a lower price for a product or service than its original price

ANSWERS: 156. trivial, 157. clinical, 158. tricky, 159. relieve, 160. temper, 161. lax, 162. transform, 163. likewise, 164. entertainment, 165. peak, 166. discount

167. for tr____l reasons *adj.* of little value or importance
168. pa__c buying *n.* a sudden strong feeling of fear that cannot be controlled and prevents reasonable thought and action
169. the center ai__e of a church *n.* a passage between rows of seats in a theater, airplane, or other public building, typically one of two or more running parallel with the main body of the structure
170. sl____h along the street *v.* to stand, sit, or walk in a lazy, drooping way, often with the shoulders hanging forward and the head bent forward
171. und_____yed population *adj.* employed in a job that does not fully utilize one's skills, education, or experience; employed in a job that is below one's qualifications or aspirations
172. boundless am____on *n.* a strong wish to do or achieve something
173. di____nt store *n.* a reduction in the original price of an item, product, or service; a deduction from the usual cost or value of something; (verb) to disregard or minimize the importance of something; to offer a lower price for a product or service than its original price
174. a hasty te____r *n.* a person's state of mind, emotions, or attitude; a tendency to become angry or excited easily; the elasticity and hardness of a metal object

ANSWERS: 167. trivial, 168. panic, 169. aisle, 170. slouch, 171. underemployed, 172. ambition, 173. discount, 174. temper

175. p__r review *n.* a person who has the same age, status, or ability
176. pro_____on of disease *n.* the act or process of changing to the next stage or phase or moving forward
177. have an aw_____e birthday *adj.* inspiring fear, admiration, or respect; very good, nice, fun, etc.
178. matter of ur_____y *n.* the quality of being very important and needing to be dealt with immediately
179. psy_____apy for depression *n.* the treatment of mental or emotional problems by talking with a therapist
180. exp_____al function *adj.* becoming more and more rapid; of or involving mathematical exponents
181. cro_____try road trip *adj.* relating to or taking place across the open country rather than on roads or tracks; involving travel by foot, horse, or vehicle over rough terrain or through wilderness areas; (noun) a long-distance race or journey that takes place over rough or varied terrain, such as hills, forests, or fields
182. severe cr____c *n.* someone who expresses opinions about the quality of books, music, etc.
183. a selfish de_____on *n.* the act or process of making up someone's mind about something; a choice or judgment reached after considering options
184. p_t a dog *v.* to touch or tap something lightly and usually in a friendly or encouraging manner; to apply or rub lightly and repetitively

ANSWERS: 175. peer, 176. progression, 177. awesome, 178. urgency, 179. psychotherapy, 180. exponential, 181. cross-country, 182. critic, 183. decision, 184. pat

185. p__r group *n.* a person who has the same age, status, or ability
186. exam ti_____le *n.* a schedule or plan that shows the times at which particular events or activities are intended to occur; a list of train, bus, or airplane departures and arrivals
187. a military pa___e *n.* a public procession, especially one celebrating a special day or event
188. re_____on between cause and effect *n.* the way two persons or groups of people feel and act toward one another
189. aw_____e mental faculty *adj.* inspiring fear, admiration, or respect; very good, nice, fun, etc.
190. gr_____ed flask *adj.* having received a degree from a school, college, or university; marked with or divided into levels or degrees
191. ni_____me for a person *n.* a familiar or humorous name given to a person or thing instead of or as well as the real name
192. false cl__m *v.* to assert that something is true; to demand or request something as one's own; to lay legal or moral right to something; (noun) a demand or assertion of a right or something that one believes to be true
193. r□___□ template *n.* a summary of a person's education, work experience, and qualifications, often used in job applications as a way to showcase their skills and achievements

ANSWERS: 185. peer, 186. timetable, 187. parade, 188. relation, 189. awesome, 190. graduated, 191. nickname, 192. claim, 193. résumé

194. endearing ni____me *n.* a familiar or humorous name given to a person or thing instead of or as well as the real name
195. a s__t on his honor *n.* a particular location or place; a small round or roundish area, differing in color or feels from the surface around it
196. a worthless wr__k *n.* a ship that has sunk or has been destroyed; a vehicle that has been badly damaged in an accident
197. kn____e sandwich *n.* one of the joint-like parts of the fingers and toes, especially of the hand
198. f__p over the pork chop *v.* to turn over into a different position quickly; to throw or toss with a light motion
199. serial ar____st *n.* a person who intentionally sets fire to property or structures, often for malicious or criminal purposes
200. the con____ce of an argument *n.* the outcome of a particular action or event, especially relative to an individual
201. field of gene th____y *n.* the act of caring for someone through medication, remedial training, etc.
202. ne____t to call *v.* to not give enough care or attention to something; to leave something undone
203. jum____rt an economy *v.* to start or revitalize something stagnant or slow-moving, often by introducing new ideas or energy; to kick-start a car or other vehicle by connecting it to another vehicle's battery

ANSWERS: 194. nickname, 195. spot, 196. wreck, 197. knuckle, 198. flip, 199. arsonist, 200. consequence, 201. therapy, 202. neglect, 203. jump-start

204. sl__t increase *adj.* very small in degree or amount
205. ch__t on my taxes *v.* to act dishonestly or unfairly to gain an advantage or to deceive someone; to break the rules or laws
206. cl__m responsibility *v.* to assert that something is true; to demand or request something as one's own; to lay legal or moral right to something; (noun) a demand or assertion of a right or something that one believes to be true
207. ai__e seat *n.* a passage between rows of seats in a theater, airplane, or other public building, typically one of two or more running parallel with the main body of the structure
208. unexpectedly sp__t *v.* to suddenly burst forth or flow out powerfully or suddenly; to make a sudden effort or increase in activity or energy
209. a China-based jou_____st *n.* a person who collects and writes news stories or articles for newspapers, magazines, radio, television, or other online media
210. beauty s__t *n.* a particular location or place; a small round or roundish area, differing in color or feels from the surface around it
211. pro_____on of civilization *n.* the act or process of changing to the next stage or phase or moving forward
212. jum_____rt a career *v.* to start or revitalize something stagnant or slow-moving, often by introducing new ideas or energy; to kick-start a car or other vehicle by connecting it to another vehicle's battery

ANSWERS: 204. slight, 205. cheat, 206. claim, 207. aisle, 208. spurt, 209. journalist, 210. spot, 211. progression, 212. jump-start

213. at p__k hour
214. in___t capital
215. medical in___n
216. psy_____gy experiment
217. s_b out a story
218. n_d courteously
- n.* the point to which something or someone is at its strongest, best, or most successful; the pointed top of a mountain
- v.* to put money, effort, time, etc. into something to make a profit or achieve a result
- v.* to put someone in prison, especially for political or military reasons; (noun) a student or trainee who works, sometimes for free, to get work experience or to fulfill qualification criteria
- n.* the scientific study of mind and behavior
- v.* to cry or weep with short, sudden sounds
- v.* to lower and raise one's head, sometimes several times, as to show approval, agreement, greeting, or confirmation

ANSWERS: 213. peak, 214. invest, 215. intern, 216. psychology, 217. sob, 218. nod

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. She had a master's degree in _____.
n. the scientific study of mind and behavior
2. The annual Fourth of July _____ is popular in the town square.
n. a public procession, especially one celebrating a special day or event
3. The president declared a state of _____.
n. a sudden unforeseen crisis usually involving danger that requires immediate action
4. He took _____ to help him deal with his accident trauma.
n. the treatment of mental or emotional problems by talking with a therapist
5. Breast _____ is the most common type of cancer in women.
n. abnormal growth of cells that can invade and destroy surrounding tissues and organs; a disease characterized by the uncontrolled growth and spread of abnormal cells
6. I need to _____ the faulty electrical system in my house to prevent a fire.
v. to replace or repair the wiring of something, especially an electrical system; to make significant changes in one's thoughts or behavior patterns
7. Shakespeare's output of poetry was _____.
adj. extremely large or great
8. 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

ANSWERS: 1. psychology, 2. parade, 3. emergency, 4. psychotherapy, 5. cancer, 6. rewire, 7. enormous, 8. ph

9. I don't want to _____ for second best.
v. to reach an agreement of disagreement
10. She received special _____ training at the hospital.
adj. of or relating to the examination and treatment of patients rather than theoretical or laboratory studies
11. He _____ when he heard that he had been accepted into the university.
v. to turn over into a different position quickly; to throw or toss with a light motion
12. 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
13. She couldn't _____ whether to order the pizza or the pasta for dinner.
v. to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options
14. She is studying clinical _____ to become a brain surgeon.
n. the branch of medicine that deals with the diagnosis and treatment of disorders of the nervous system
15. The problem seemed _____ initially, but it became a significant issue.
adj. of little value or importance
16. The ___ security measures allowed the thief to enter the building easily.
adj. not strict or severe; relaxed or lenient

ANSWERS: 9. settle, 10. clinical, 11. flipped, 12. develop, 13. decide, 14. neurology, 15. trivial, 16. lax

17. We need to _____ our products in an attractive way to attract customers.
- v.* to exhibit or show something to others, often to attract attention or demonstrate its features, properties, or value
18. The participation of oil-producing countries in the war caused _____ in the financial markets.
- n.* a sudden strong feeling of fear that cannot be controlled and prevents reasonable thought and action
19. Canada _____ on the United States.
- v.* to move forward by leaps and bounds; to form the boundary of something
20. The lump was discovered to be _____ and no further treatment was needed.
- adj.* kind and gentle; not harmful or malicious
21. Our company's services are targeted at _____ executives.
- n.* a newly established company or business
22. The water hose suddenly _____ out a strong jet of water.
- v.* to suddenly burst forth or flow out powerfully or suddenly; to make a sudden effort or increase in activity or energy
23. The government should view children as national assets and actively _____ in them.
- v.* to put money, effort, time, etc. into something to make a profit or achieve a result
24. You need to update your _____ before submitting it for the job application.
- n.* a summary of a person's education, work experience, and qualifications, often used in job applications as a way to showcase their skills and achievements

ANSWERS: 17. display, 18. panic, 19. bounds, 20. benign, 21. start-up, 22. spurted, 23. invest, 24. résumé

25. Children often copy their parents or elder _____.
- n.* a brother or sister; member of a family born to the same parents
26. She walked down the _____ to the front of the church.
- n.* a passage between rows of seats in a theater, airplane, or other public building, typically one of two or more running parallel with the main body of the structure
27. This measurement aims to reduce traffic at _____ periods.
- n.* the point to which something or someone is at its strongest, best, or most successful; the pointed top of a mountain
28. Your _____ reflects your thoughts.
- n.* an informal talk between two or more people to exchange their views, ideas, information, etc.
29. She had an _____ amount of work to complete before the deadline.
- adj.* excessive, unreasonable, or disproportionate; beyond what is considered normal or appropriate
30. The children _____ together for warmth in the cold winter storm.
- v.* to crowd or press closely together; cuddle
31. The medicine _____ his headache, and he felt much better.
- v.* to make something burdensome, unpleasant, or painful less severe
32. I have no _____ to the countryside.
- n.* a feeling of affection for someone or something
33. I am _____ opposed to his idea because of morality.
- adv.* without restriction or limitation; completely or utterly

ANSWERS: 25. siblings, 26. aisle, 27. peak, 28. conversation, 29. inordinate, 30. huddled, 31. relieved, 32. attachment, 33. absolutely

34. This remote _____ is rarely visited.

- n.* a particular location or place; a small round or roundish area, differing in color or feels from the surface around it

35. To advance this discussion, we must _____ "success" rigorously.

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

36. The _____ had distinctly defined gender roles.

- n.* a social group made up of members who live together, sharing the same language, culture, religion, etc., especially those who do not live in towns or cities

37. The airline's _____ showed a delay of three hours for our flight to London.

- n.* a schedule or plan that shows the times at which particular events or activities are intended to occur; a list of train, bus, or airplane departures and arrivals

38. I will work hard to _____ my goals and realize my dreams.

- v.* to successfully complete a task or goal, often through hard work, perseverance, and dedication; to attain or accomplish something that one has set out to do

39. Since the 1990s, the Internet has continued to experience _____ growth.

- adj.* becoming more and more rapid; of or involving mathematical exponents

40. Among young people, _____ pressure can be pretty influential.

- n.* a person who has the same age, status, or ability

41. I got a massive _____ on my new laptop during the Black Friday sale.

- n.* a reduction in the original price of an item, product, or service; a deduction from the usual cost or value of something; (verb) to disregard or minimize the importance of something; to offer a lower price for a product or service than its original price

ANSWERS: 34. spot, 35. define, 36. tribe, 37. timetable, 38. achieve, 39. exponential, 40. peer, 41. discount

42. Our aircraft is now ready for _____.

n. a departure, especially of airplanes; the initial ascent of an airplane as it becomes airborne

43. The company has made great strides in its _____ toward sustainability.

n. the act or process of changing to the next stage or phase or moving forward

44. We made _____ modifications to reflect the views of both sides.

adj. very small in degree or amount

45. Even though he knew it was wrong, he _____ on the exam.

v. to act dishonestly or unfairly to gain an advantage or to deceive someone; to break the rules or laws

46. She was struggling to make a _____ between two job offers.

n. the act or process of making up someone's mind about something; a choice or judgment reached after considering options

47. Greed and _____ composed his personality.

n. a strong wish to do or achieve something

48. It is a religion _____ with the western country.

adj. so different as to not be able to exist or work with another thing or person

49. The navy _____ ships of defeated nations.

v. to put someone in prison, especially for political or military reasons; (noun) a student or trainee who works, sometimes for free, to get work experience or to fulfill qualification criteria

ANSWERS: 42. takeoff, 43. progression, 44. slight, 45. cheated, 46. decision, 47. ambition, 48. incompatible, 49. interned

50. The team has a _____ for their star player: "The Ace."
n. a familiar or humorous name given to a person or thing instead of or as well as the real name
51. The _____ of the steel needs to be just right to ensure the product's durability.
n. a person's state of mind, emotions, or attitude; a tendency to become angry or excited easily; the elasticity and hardness of a metal object
52. The employee _____ the promotion for their hard work and dedication.
v. to be worthy of or entitled to something, especially something good or valuable
53. I underwent aversion _____ for my addiction to alcohol.
n. the act of caring for someone through medication, remedial training, etc.
54. I love to relax on the _____ and watch movies on the weekends.
n. a piece of furniture made for sitting, usually with a back and armrests, designed to seat more than one person
55. The Chinese word for _____ comprises two characters, one for danger and the other for opportunity.
n. a time of great disagreement, confusion, or danger when problems must be resolved or critical decisions must be taken
56. I had to _____ my car's battery this morning because it was dead.
v. to start or revitalize something stagnant or slow-moving, often by introducing new ideas or energy; to kick-start a car or other vehicle by connecting it to another vehicle's battery
57. The restaurant has chefs who _____ in beef.
v. to become an expert in a specific career field, study, or business

ANSWERS: 50. nickname, 51. temper, 52. deserved, 53. therapy, 54. couch, 55. crisis, 56. jump-start, 57. specialize

58. Many people go through a _____ crisis and contemplate major life changes.
n. the period of life between young adulthood and old age, typically characterized by a sense of maturity, stability, and sometimes, dissatisfaction or restlessness
59. My father's death _____ my life completely.
v. to change in outward structure or looks;
60. The _____ demonstrate that poverty and unemployment are genuine problems.
n. the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data
61. We have discussed the entirety of this _____ problem.
adj. requiring care and skill because challenging to do or deal with
62. He is tall and _____ strong.
adv. in the same way
63. 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
64. The factory had to schedule _____ for maintenance work, causing a temporary shutdown in production
n. a period of time when a person or system is not active or operating, often due to technical issues or maintenance work
65. His irresponsible behavior may _____ many problems for him in the future.
v. to cause or produce something as a result or effect; to become the father of

ANSWERS: 58. midlife, 59. transformed, 60. statistics, 61. tricky, 62. likewise, 63. blank, 64. downtime, 65. beget

66. The _____ airport runways may accommodate larger jets.

adj. longer than usual or anticipated

67. I used to play with my younger male _____ when I was a little girl.

n. the child of your aunt or uncle

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

adj. relating to or located in a town or city

69. The _____ worker was grateful for any job opportunities that came their way

adj. employed in a job that does not fully utilize one's skills, education, or experience; employed in a job that is below one's qualifications or aspirations

70. There is a lot of _____ nature and food in Hawaii.

adj. inspiring fear, admiration, or respect; very good, nice, fun, etc.

71. He _____ criticizes her in the publicity.

adv. with awareness; in a deliberate manner

72. He wants to _____ ownership of the abandoned property.

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

73. They formed a group of _____ individuals who shared a common goal.

adj. having the same ideas or interests

74. What do you _____ the culprit's motive was?

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

ANSWERS: 66. extended, 67. cousins, 68. urban, 69. underemployed, 70. awesome, 71. consciously, 72. claim, 73. like-minded, 74. suppose

75. The sperm count is used as an indicator of male _____.
- n.* the state or quality of being able to produce babies, young animals, fruit, or new plants
76. She _____ uncontrollably after hearing the news.
- v.* to cry or weep with short, sudden sounds
77. These economic activities had disastrous environmental _____.
- n.* the outcome of a particular action or event, especially relative to an individual
78. The frustration that had accumulated for a long time made her _____.
- adj.* marked by or in a state of excessive or uncontrollable emotion
79. The hotel is famous for its _____ including the casino.
- n.* public shows, films, television, or other performances or activities of enjoying people
80. She wore her favorite pair of _____ to the party.
- n.* a sturdy cotton twill fabric, typically blue, used for jeans and other clothing
81. The insurance company suspected the property owner of being the _____ for financial gain.
- n.* a person who intentionally sets fire to property or structures, often for malicious or criminal purposes
82. I have to check with my _____ before making any changes.
- n.* a person who oversees or directs the work of others
83. The _____ of the company is too high nowadays.
- n.* a share or financial investment in something such as a business; a wooden or metal post set up to mark something

ANSWERS: 75. fertility, 76. sobbed, 77. consequences, 78. hysterical, 79. entertainment, 80. jeans, 81. arsonist, 82. supervisor, 83. stake

84. She was a _____ student of a prestigious university.

adj. having received a degree from a school, college, or university; marked with or divided into levels or degrees

85. Earth's ecosystems are greatly affected by _____ changes in climate.

adj. relating to a period of a thousand years or the year 2000; (noun) a person born between the early 1980s and the late 1990s, also called Generation Y

86. In the Middle Ages, the right to hunt in the wild was the _____ of royalty and nobility.

n. a special right or advantage that only one person or group of people has, usually because they are rich and powerful in a society

87. The _____ generation is often criticized for lacking ambition and responsibility.

n. a person, typically in their twenties, who delays or avoids the traditional responsibilities and markers of adulthood, often choosing to extend their youth and engage in a more carefree lifestyle

88. He _____ his health to make the project a success.

v. to not give enough care or attention to something; to leave something undone

89. 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

90. Shall we _____ a bite to eat?

v. to take hold of something or someone suddenly with a hand, especially in a violent way

ANSWERS: 84. graduated, 85. millennial-scale, 86. privilege, 87. twixter, 88. neglected, 89. nodded, 90. grab

91. She departed hurriedly because of some significant _____ in their affairs.
n. the quality of being very important and needing to be dealt with immediately
92. _____ studies the changes in family structure due to modernization.
n. a person who studies the institutions and development of human society
93. He cracked his _____ nervously before the presentation.
n. one of the joint-like parts of the fingers and toes, especially of the hand
94. We all should learn how to _____ stress.
v. to deal with a situation, problem, or strong emotion
95. Foreign TV crews and _____ can go as they please in various locations during the Olympics.
n. a person who collects and writes news stories or articles for newspapers, magazines, radio, television, or other online media
96. Parliament is now in _____.
n. a formal meeting or series of meetings for the execution of a particular group's functions; a period spent doing a particular activity
97. 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
98. After hearing the results, he _____ against a wall.
v. to stand, sit, or walk in a lazy, drooping way, often with the shoulders hanging forward and the head bent forward

ANSWERS: 91. urgency, 92. Sociologist, 93. knuckles, 94. handle, 95. journalists, 96. session, 97. brain, 98. slouched

99. We had to take a _____ flight because no direct flights were available.

adj. relating to or taking place across the open country rather than on roads or tracks; involving travel by foot, horse, or vehicle over rough terrain or through wilderness areas; (noun) a long-distance race or journey that takes place over rough or varied terrain, such as hills, forests, or fields

100. The terrorist's _____ remains unknown.

n. the fact of being who or what somebody or something is; the features, emotions, or ideas that distinguish persons from one another

101. The divers accidentally discovered a _____ on the ocean floor.

n. a ship that has sunk or has been destroyed; a vehicle that has been badly damaged in an accident

102. The school's mission is to _____ young children and prepare them for the future.

v. to provide or receive instruction or training over a period of time at a school, university, etc.

103. The law distinguishes between accidental and _____ killing.

adj. done, made or performed with purpose and intent

104. Advocates for legal reform hear less harsh words from their _____.

n. someone who expresses opinions about the quality of books, music, etc.

105. She _____ the puppy on the head and gave it a treat.

v. to touch or tap something lightly and usually in a friendly or encouraging manner; to apply or rub lightly and repetitively

106. He _____ the matter until it was almost too late.

v. to postpone doing what you should do, often because it is unpleasant or boring

ANSWERS: 99. cross-country, 100. identity, 101. wreck, 102. educate, 103. intentional, 104. critics, 105. patted, 106. procrastinated

107. The industrial _____ laws were passed with little to no alteration.

n. the way two persons or groups of people feel and act toward one another

108. The _____ session of the Diet opened.

adj. not different, exceptional, or unexpected in any way, especially in quality, ability, size, or degree

109. Timely education about birth control might help reduce _____ pregnancies.

n. a young person who is in the process of developing from a child into an adult

ANSWERS: 107. relations, 108. ordinary, 109. adolescent