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Session 1: Word List

physicist

n. a scientist who specializes in the field of physics

(1) talented **physicist**, (2) theoretical **physicist**

Einstein was an outstanding and famous **physicist** of the 20th century.

calculated

adj. done with careful thought or planning; deliberate and intentional; based on a process of reasoning or estimation rather than on instinct or chance

synonym: premeditated, willful, deliberate

(1) **calculated** bankruptcy, (2) **calculated** crime

The company made a **calculated** decision to invest in new technology.

bacteria

n. single-celled or noncellular spherical or spiral or rod-shaped organisms that exist in large numbers in the air, water, and soil, and also in living and dead creatures and plants, and are often a cause of disease

synonym: microorganism, microbe

(1) pathogenic **bacteria**, (2) harmless **bacteria**

Bacteria prevalent in hospitals are often resistant to antibiotics.

atom

n. the smallest unit of ordinary matter that forms a chemical element, composed of a nucleus and one or more electrons bound to the nucleus

synonym : particle, element, fraction

(1) oxygen **atom**, (2) neutral hydrogen **atoms**

The outermost electron shell of an **atom** determines its chemical characteristics.

sperm

n. the reproductive cell produced by a man or male animal

synonym : seed, semen, seminal fluid

(1) man with a low **sperm** count, (2) production of **sperm**

The male **sperm** fertilizes the female egg.

microbe

n. a tiny living thing that can only be seen with a microscope and that may cause disease

synonym : germ, microorganism, bacterium

(1) pathogenic **microbe**, (2) **microbes** sterilizer

Microbes thrive on the surface of the human skin.

microscopic

adj. tiny; exceedingly precise and detail-oriented; of or used in microscopy

synonym : infinitesimal, tiny, atomic

(1) **microscopic** inquiry, (2) **microscopic** analysis

Inspectors noticed **microscopic** cracks in the submarine's hull.

creature

n. a living being, especially an animal

synonym : being, animal, organism

(1) **creature** of habit, (2) artificial **creature**

The deep sea **creature** was unlike anything the scientists had ever seen before.

inhabit

v. to live in a specific location; to reside

synonym : settle, occupy, populate

(1) **inhabit** a cave, (2) **inhabit** the stomach

I have no idea what sort of folks **inhabit** the neighborhood.

alien

n. a person who comes from a different country, race, or group; a form of life assumed to exist outside the Earth or its atmosphere

synonym : foreigner, unfamiliar, unknown

(1) **alien** fungi, (2) resident **aliens**

Alien species have drastically altered the ecosystem in this area.

incredible

adj. unbelievable; enormous

synonym : unbelievable, fantastical, inconceivable

(1) **incredible** amount, (2) at **incredible** speed

Her response revealed **incredible** idiocy.

endeavor

v. to make an earnest attempt or effort; to strive or work hard towards a goal or objective

synonym : attempt, strive, undertake

(1) **endeavor** to succeed, (2) **endeavor** as much as possible

We will **endeavor** to find a solution to the problem as quickly as possible.

fundamental

adj. forming an essential base or core from which everything else develops or is affected

synonym : basic, essential, entire

(1) **fundamental** education, (2) **fundamental** rights

Human behavior has **fundamental** characteristics.

whale

n. a very large sea mammal that has a streamlined body and breathes through a blowhole on the head; a very large person; impressive in size or qualities

synonym : porpoise, giant

(1) a bull **whale**, (2) **whale** watching

Some countries have a culture of eating the flesh of a **whale**.

dive

v. to jump into the water with your head and arms going in first, or to move down to a deeper level underwater

synonym : dip, leap, plunge

(1) **dive** into anime communities, (2) **dive** off a cliff
The sperm whale can **dive** to 1,000 meters.

physics

n. the science of matter and energy and their interactions
(1) nuclear **physics**, (2) laws of **physics**
He studied the **physics** of radiation.

fluid

n. a substance that can flow and is not solid
synonym: liquid, aqua, sap
(1) plenty of **fluids**, (2) **fluid** assets
She was diagnosed with a **fluid** buildup in her lungs.

bunch

n. a grouping of several similar things which are growing or fastened together
synonym: group, assemblage, bundle
(1) a **bunch** of trees, (2) a **bunch** of schoolgirls
One bad apple spoils the whole **bunch**.

molecule

n. a group of two or more atoms held together by attractive forces known as chemical bonds
synonym: particle, element, atom
(1) small **molecules**, (2) **molecule** behavior
The shape of the DNA **molecule** is a double helix.

outnumber

v. to be more numerous or greater in number than another group or entity; to exceed in quantity or number
synonym: surpass, exceed
(1) **outnumber** our opponents, (2) **outnumber** males
The number of tourists in the city now **outnumbers** the locals.

trillion

n. the number 1,000,000,000,000; a million million
(1) **trillion** cubic feet, (2) many **trillions** of dollars
One light year is nearly 6 **trillion** miles.

gigantic

adj. extremely large

synonym : huge, enormous, immense

(1) **gigantic** proportions, (2) **gigantic** monsters

He was so hungry from the long journey that he had a **gigantic** appetite.

swish

v. to move or cause to move with a hissing or rustling sound

synonym : rustle, hiss, flick

(1) **swish** a whip, (2) **swish** her hair

He **swished** his sword back and forth, trying to intimidate his opponent.

teeny

adj. extremely small; tiny

synonym : tiny, mini, minuscule

(1) **teeny** bit, (2) so **teeny** tiny

The ring was so **teeny** that it almost looked like a toy.

predict

v. to state beforehand that something will happen in the future, mainly based on knowledge or experience

synonym : forecast, anticipate, foresee

(1) **predict** the future, (2) **predict** when she will arrive

It's notoriously challenging to **predict** birth rates.

density

n. the quality of compactness of a substance

synonym : tightness, viscosity

(1) population **density**, (2) higher pixel **density**

Do you know the **density** of the population in Hong Kong?

sticky

adj. made of or covered with an adhesive substance; hot or warm and humid

synonym : adhesive, gluey, clingy

(1) **sticky** weather, (2) **sticky** situation

A peculiar **sticky** material coated the foliage.

viscosity

n. the state or quality of being thick, sticky, and semi-fluid in consistency; resistance to flow

synonym : thickness, consistency, texture

(1) high **viscosity**, (2) dynamic **viscosity**

The **viscosity** of the oil made it difficult to pour.

vast

adj. enormous in size, number, amount, or quantity

synonym : expansive, extended, boundless

(1) **vast** majority, (2) **vast** desert

A **vast** audience viewed the broadcast.

flap

n. a piece of material attached to a garment, sail, or aircraft which flaps in the wind; (verb) to move in a wavy pattern or with an up-and-down motion

synonym : winged object, cover, (verb) flutter

(1) the **flap** of wings, (2) **flap** out a candle

The **flap** of the tent was open, letting in the fresh air.

distance

n. the amount of space between two points, measured in units such as miles, meters, or kilometers; the extent, scope, or range between two things, such as distance or emotional distance

synonym : space, gap, span

(1) driving **distance**, (2) social **distance**

The marathon runner covered a long **distance** in a short amount of time.

tub

n. a large, deep, round container, typically made of metal or plastic, used for washing or soaking things, especially clothes or a person's body

synonym : bathtub, bath, basin

(1) **tub** for foot soaking, (2) **tub** for washing

I like to take a long soak in the **tub** after a long day.

molasses

n. a thick, dark syrup made from boiled sugar cane or sugar beet juice, often used as a sweetener in cooking and baking

synonym :

treacle, syrup, honey

(1) **molasses** cookies, (2) thick **molasses**

The recipe calls for a tablespoon of **molasses** to add sweetness.

drift

v. to move smoothly and slowly in water or air, especially as a result of outside forces, with no control over the direction

synonym: float, wander, freewheel

(1) **drift** down the stream, (2) **drift** away on a raft

I **drifted** around for years in Europe before going to university.

cow

n. a domesticated mammal with characteristic features such as a hump, large udders, and curved horns that is raised for its milk or meat

synonym: bovine, cattle, kine

(1) **cow** herd, (2) dairy **cow**

The farmer milked the **cows** every morning before breakfast.

adaptation

n. the action or process of changing to suit different conditions

synonym: adaption, adjustment, transformation

(1) **adaptation** ability, (2) language **adaptation**

The company's **adaptation** approach has been highly effective.

deform

v. to change or distort the shape or appearance of something; to become misshapen or distorted

synonym: distort, contort, mangle

(1) **deform** the shape, (2) **deform** his way of life

The heat from the fire **deformed** the plastic parts of the appliance.

paddle

n. a flat, usually wooden implement with a handle used for stirring, mixing, or beating a liquid or substance

synonym:

oar, oarlock, scull

(1) **paddle** strokes, (2) canoe **paddle**

The **paddle** boarders glided across the crystal-clear waters of the cove.

cleverly

adv. in a way that demonstrates intelligence or ability

synonym: smartly, shrewdly, wittily

(1) **cleverly** devised trap, (2) guess **cleverly**

The dog jumped **cleverly** to one side.

flex

v. to show off one's strength, power, or possessions; to bend or be capable of bending easily

synonym: bend, stretch, extend

(1) **flex** a finger, (2) **flex** diplomatic muscle

The gymnast was able to **flex** his muscles to perform the difficult routine.

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.

stroke

n. a medical condition in which poor blood flow to the brain causes cell death; the act of swinging or striking at a ball with a club, racket, etc.

synonym: blow

(1) suffer **stroke**, (2) a **stroke** of the putter

This year's extreme heat has resulted in many heat **stroke** cases.

recover

v. to return to a former condition, health, mind, or strength

synonym: come back, convalesce, heal

(1) **recover** a loss, (2) **recover** approval ratings

She is still **recovering** from a shot to her shoulder.

paramecium

n. a single-celled freshwater organism characterized by a slipper-like shape and the presence of cilia, used for movement and food gathering

synonym : slipper animalcule, ciliate

(1) **paramecium** species, (2) **paramecium** reproduction
The **paramecium** colony flourished in the petri dish, providing a perfect sample for our experiment.

ingenious

adj. showing inventiveness and ability or skill

synonym : creative, innovative, inventive

(1) **ingenious** device, (2) **ingenious** idea

I always look forward to reading his stories since they're so **ingenious**.

wag

v. to move or swing back and forth or up and down in a lively or playful manner; to shake or quiver

synonym : waggle, swish, wave

(1) **wag** their laughter, (2) **wag** a forefinger

The cow lazily continued to **wag** its tail while grazing in the field.

cork

n. a type of light and buoyant material that comes from the bark of the cork oak tree often used as a stopper for bottles or as a material for insulation or flooring; (verb) to close or seal something with a cork or similar stopper

synonym : stopper, bung, plug

(1) **cork** a bottle, (2) **cork** flooring

She used a **cork** board to display her favorite photographs.

screw

v. to turn something, such as a bolt, with a driver or wrench to tighten or loosen it; (noun) a cylindrical rod with a helical ridge used to fasten things together

synonym : tighten, fix, secure

(1) **screw** the cap, (2) a female **screw**

He had to **screw** the loose knob back onto the cabinet door.

convert

v. to have a talk with someone; (adjective) reversed in order, relation, or action

synonym: alter, remake, transform

(1) **convert** fat into energy, (2) **convert** base 10 to base 16

I want to **convert** my sadness into strength.

spin

v. to cause something to rotate rapidly; to cause someone to feel dizzy or disoriented

synonym: rotate, twirl, swirl

(1) **spin** a top, (2) **spin** thread out of cotton

The tornado is **spinning** across the countryside, destroying everything in its path.

helix

n. a three-dimensional spiral shape or structure, particularly like that of a spring or a DNA molecule

synonym: coil, spiral, twist

(1) **helix** structure, (2) alpha **helix**

The DNA molecule is shaped like a double **helix**.

strategy

n. a detailed plan of action designed to achieve a long-term or overall goal.

synonym: approach, procedure, scenario

(1) military **strategy**, (2) develop a **strategy**

Our plan includes a comprehensive marketing **strategy**.

grapple

v. to make a strenuous effort to solve a problem; to engage in a close fight or conflict without weapons

synonym: brawl, scuffle, wrestle

(1) **grapple** with problem, (2) **grapple** with each other

He needed to **grapple** with structural reforms to improve the company's revenue.

hook

n. a curved device used for suspending, holding, or pulling something, especially one attached to a surface for hanging things on; a sharp curve or crook

synonym: buckle, pin, curve

(1) a hat **hook**, (2) the curved shape of a **hook**

Please hang your towel on a **hook**.

sling

v. to throw or drop something somewhere carelessly; to hang loosely or freely; (noun) a length of rope, fabric, or chain used to support or lift something

synonym: throw, hang, (noun) harness

(1) **sling** an arrow, (2) **sling** shot

The children were playing by **slinging** stones at the monument.

fling

v. to throw or push something or someone with force or recklessness, especially because you are angry

synonym: throw, dump, hurl

(1) **fling** a stream of abuse, (2) **fling** a door open forcefully

He was provoked to **fling** the draft on the floor.

chemical

adj. relating to or connected with chemistry;

synonym: chemic, synthetic

(1) toxic **chemicals**, (2) a **chemical** compound

The firm has grown into a large **chemical** manufacturing.

engineer

n. a person whose job is designing, building, or maintaining something such as machines, structures, or software

synonym: architect, creator, builder

(1) a civil **engineer**, (2) **engineer** shortage

The **engineer** will repair my telephone tomorrow morning.

pylorus

n. the valve at the exit of the stomach that regulates food in the small intestine

(1) **pylorus** sphincter, (2) **pylorus** stenosis

The doctor ordered an endoscopy to examine the patient's **pylorus** for possible ulcers.

slimy

adj. covered with or having a slippery, viscous coating; repulsively slippery or oozy; containing or resembling slime

synonym: slippery, mucky, mucous

(1) **slimy** substance, (2) **slimy** green algae

The **slimy** texture of the seafood dish made me feel queasy.

acidic

adj. having a pH lower than 7; having characteristics of an acid, such as tasting sour or corroding metal

synonym : sour, tart, acrid

(1) **acidic** solution, (2) **acidic** taste

The soil in this region is too **acidic** for most crops to grow well.

mucus

n. a slimy liquid produced inside the nose and other body parts for lubrication, protection, etc.

synonym : secretion, slime, saliva

(1) airway **mucus**, (2) nasal **mucus**

When the body temperature drops, **mucus** secretion fails.

stomach

n. the internal organ in the body where food is digested, situated in the abdomen; the part of the body below the chest that contains the stomach

synonym : belly, abdomen, gut

(1) upset **stomach**, (2) **stomach** virus

I have a **stomach** ache after overeating junk food.

release

v. to set free or allow to escape from confinement

synonym : free, let go, discharge

(1) **release** a prisoner, (2) **release** CO₂ into the air

The animal rights group worked to **release** the dolphins back into the wild.

surrounding

adj. that is near or around, or closely encircling something

synonym : circumferent, encircling, neighboring

(1) **surrounding** areas, (2) a fence **surrounding** a castle

The **surrounding** mountains make the city difficult to be invaded.

glide

v. to move smoothly and effortlessly

synonym: slide, skim, coast

(1) **glide** through the water, (2) **glide** down the mountain

The eagle gracefully **glided** on the thermals, soaring above the mountains.

slime

n. a thick, slippery substance that is usually soft and wet

synonym: muck, ooze, gunk

(1) **slime** bacteria, (2) **slime** mold

The kids loved playing with the green **slime**, but it was a nightmare to clean up.

responsible

adj. answerable or accountable for something within one's power, control, or management

synonym: accountable, answerable, liable

(1) **responsible** action, (2) **responsible** for a customer service

She's a **responsible** pet owner who ensures her dog gets enough exercise and a healthy diet.

ulcer

n. a sore or erosion in the skin or mucous membrane, often caused by infection or inflammation; a persistent, painful cavity in the stomach or intestinal wall that can lead to digestive problems

synonym: lesion, sore, wound

(1) mouth **ulcer**, (2) gastric **ulcer**

The stress of the job caused him to develop an **ulcer** in his stomach.

Session 2: Spelling

1. c__k flooring *n.* a type of light and buoyant material that comes from the bark of the cork oak tree often used as a stopper for bottles or as a material for insulation or flooring; (verb) to close or seal something with a cork or similar stopper
2. pr____t the future *v.* to state beforehand that something will happen in the future, mainly based on knowledge or experience
3. at inc_____le speed *adj.* unbelievable; enormous
4. tr_____on cubic feet *n.* the number 1,000,000,000,000; a million million
5. de___m his way of life *v.* to change or distort the shape or appearance of something; to become misshapen or distorted
6. en_____or as much as possible *v.* to make an earnest attempt or effort; to strive or work hard towards a goal or objective
7. w_g a forefinger *v.* to move or swing back and forth or up and down in a lively or playful manner; to shake or quiver
8. nuclear ph____s *n.* the science of matter and energy and their interactions
9. alpha he__x *n.* a three-dimensional spiral shape or structure, particularly like that of a spring or a DNA molecule

ANSWERS: 1. cork, 2. predict, 3. incredible, 4. trillion, 5. deform, 6. endeavor, 7. wag, 8. physics, 9. helix

10. mo____es cookies *n.* a thick, dark syrup made from boiled sugar cane or sugar beet juice, often used as a sweetener in cooking and baking
11. co____t fat into energy *v.* to have a talk with someone; (adjective) reversed in order, relation, or action
12. suffer st____e *n.* a medical condition in which poor blood flow to the brain causes cell death; the act of swinging or striking at a ball with a club, racket, etc.
13. the f__p of wings *n.* a piece of material attached to a garment, sail, or aircraft which flaps in the wind; (verb) to move in a wavy pattern or with an up-and-down motion
14. v__t majority *adj.* enormous in size, number, amount, or quantity
15. theoretical ph____st *n.* a scientist who specializes in the field of physics
16. population de____y *n.* the quality of compactness of a substance
17. al__n fungi *n.* a person who comes from a different country, race, or group; a form of life assumed to exist outside the Earth or its atmosphere
18. cl____ly devised trap *adv.* in a way that demonstrates intelligence or ability
19. mi____es sterilizer *n.* a tiny living thing that can only be seen with a microscope and that may cause disease

ANSWERS: 10. molasses, 11. convert, 12. stroke, 13. flap, 14. vast, 15. physicist, 16. density, 17. alien, 18. cleverly, 19. microbe

20. t_b for foot soaking *n.* a large, deep, round container, typically made of metal or plastic, used for washing or soaking things, especially clothes or a person's body
21. ou_____er our opponents *v.* to be more numerous or greater in number than another group or entity; to exceed in quantity or number
22. mouth ul__r *n.* a sore or erosion in the skin or mucous membrane, often caused by infection or inflammation; a persistent, painful cavity in the stomach or intestinal wall that can lead to digestive problems
23. en_____er shortage *n.* a person whose job is designing, building, or maintaining something such as machines, structures, or software
24. sw__h her hair *v.* to move or cause to move with a hissing or rustling sound
25. sw__h a whip *v.* to move or cause to move with a hissing or rustling sound
26. artificial cr_____re *n.* a living being, especially an animal
27. pa___e strokes *n.* a flat, usually wooden implement with a handle used for stirring, mixing, or beating a liquid or substance
28. sl__g an arrow *v.* to throw or drop something somewhere carelessly; to hang loosely or freely; (noun) a length of rope, fabric, or chain used to support or lift something
29. de___m the shape *v.* to change or distort the shape or appearance of something; to become misshapen or distorted

ANSWERS: 20. tub, 21. outnumber, 22. ulcer, 23. engineer, 24. swish, 25. swish, 26. creature, 27. paddle, 28. sling, 29. deform

30. cr____re of habit *n.* a living being, especially an animal
31. sl__e mold *n.* a thick, slippery substance that is usually soft and wet
32. pathogenic mi____e *n.* a tiny living thing that can only be seen with a microscope and that may cause disease
33. dr__t down the stream *v.* to move smoothly and slowly in water or air, especially as a result of outside forces, with no control over the direction
34. en____or to succeed *v.* to make an earnest attempt or effort; to strive or work hard towards a goal or objective
35. inc____le amount *adj.* unbelievable; enormous
36. t_b for washing *n.* a large, deep, round container, typically made of metal or plastic, used for washing or soaking things, especially clothes or a person's body
37. sc__w the cap *v.* to turn something, such as a bolt, with a driver or wrench to tighten or loosen it; (noun) a cylindrical rod with a helical ridge used to fasten things together
38. py____s stenosis *n.* the valve at the exit of the stomach that regulates food in the small intestine
39. nasal mu__s *n.* a slimy liquid produced inside the nose and other body parts for lubrication, protection, etc.
40. a bu__h of schoolgirls *n.* a grouping of several similar things which are growing or fastened together

ANSWERS: 30. creature, 31. slime, 32. microbe, 33. drift, 34. endeavor, 35. incredible, 36. tub, 37. screw, 38. pylorus, 39. mucus, 40. bunch

41. laws of ph____s *n.* the science of matter and energy and their interactions
42. d__e off a cliff *v.* to jump into the water with your head and arms going in first, or to move down to a deeper level underwater
43. f__p out a candle *n.* a piece of material attached to a garment, sail, or aircraft which flaps in the wind; (verb) to move in a wavy pattern or with an up-and-down motion
44. in_____us idea *adj.* showing inventiveness and ability or skill
45. man with a low sp__m count *n.* the reproductive cell produced by a man or male animal
46. sl__e bacteria *n.* a thick, slippery substance that is usually soft and wet
47. gi_____ic monsters *adj.* extremely large
48. gi_____ic proportions *adj.* extremely large
49. thick mo_____es *n.* a thick, dark syrup made from boiled sugar cane or sugar beet juice, often used as a sweetener in cooking and baking
50. language ada_____on *n.* the action or process of changing to suit different conditions
51. c_w herd *n.* a domesticated mammal with characteristic features such as a hump, large udders, and curved horns that is raised for its milk or meat
52. sl__g shot *v.* to throw or drop something somewhere carelessly; to hang loosely or freely; (noun) a length of rope, fabric, or chain used to support or lift something

ANSWERS: 41. physics, 42. dive, 43. flap, 44. ingenious, 45. sperm, 46. slime, 47. gigantic, 48. gigantic, 49. molasses, 50. adaptation, 51. cow, 52. sling

53. py____s sphincter *n.* the valve at the exit of the stomach that regulates food in the small intestine
54. gl__e down the mountain *v.* to move smoothly and effortlessly
55. sl__y substance *adj.* covered with or having a slippery, viscous coating; repulsively slippery or oozy; containing or resembling slime
56. re____e CO2 into the air *v.* to set free or allow to escape from confinement
57. dynamic vi____ty *n.* the state or quality of being thick, sticky, and semi-fluid in consistency; resistance to flow
58. talented ph____st *n.* a scientist who specializes in the field of physics
59. c__k a bottle *n.* a type of light and buoyant material that comes from the bark of the cork oak tree often used as a stopper for bottles or as a material for insulation or flooring; (verb) to close or seal something with a cork or similar stopper
60. st___y situation *adj.* made of or covered with an adhesive substance; hot or warm and humid
61. par____um reproduction *n.* a single-celled freshwater organism characterized by a slipper-like shape and the presence of cilia, used for movement and food gathering
62. develop a st____gy *n.* a detailed plan of action designed to achieve a long-term or overall goal.
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ANSWERS: 53. pylorus, 54. glide, 55. slimy, 56. release, 57. viscosity, 58. physicist, 59. cork, 60. sticky, 61. paramecium, 62. strategy, 63. predict

64. pathogenic ba____ia *n.* single-celled or noncellular spherical or spiral or rod-shaped organisms that exist in large numbers in the air, water, and soil, and also in living and dead creatures and plants, and are often a cause of disease
65. a hat h__k *n.* a curved device used for suspending, holding, or pulling something, especially one attached to a surface for hanging things on; a sharp curve or crook
66. wh__e watching *n.* a very large sea mammal that has a streamlined body and breathes through a blowhole on the head; a very large person; impressive in size or qualities
67. s__n a top *v.* to cause something to rotate rapidly; to cause someone to feel dizzy or disoriented
68. a civil en____er *n.* a person whose job is designing, building, or maintaining something such as machines, structures, or software
69. small mo____les *n.* a group of two or more atoms held together by attractive forces known as chemical bonds
70. canoe pa____e *n.* a flat, usually wooden implement with a handle used for stirring, mixing, or beating a liquid or substance
71. te__y bit *adj.* extremely small; tiny
72. gl__e through the water *v.* to move smoothly and effortlessly
73. fun____al education *adj.* forming an essential base or core from which everything else develops or is affected

ANSWERS: 64. bacteria, 65. hook, 66. whale, 67. spin, 68. engineer, 69. molecule, 70. paddle, 71. teeny, 72. glide, 73. fundamental

74. st____h virus *n.* the internal organ in the body where food is digested, situated in the abdomen; the part of the body below the chest that contains the stomach
75. a fence sur_____ng a castle *adj.* that is near or around, or closely encircling something
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78. driving di_____ce *n.* the amount of space between two points, measured in units such as miles, meters, or kilometers; the extent, scope, or range between two things, such as distance or emotional distance
79. military st_____gy *n.* a detailed plan of action designed to achieve a long-term or overall goal.
80. airway mu__s *n.* a slimy liquid produced inside the nose and other body parts for lubrication, protection, etc.
81. re_____r approval ratings *v.* to return to a former condition, health, mind, or strength
82. resident al__ns *n.* a person who comes from a different country, race, or group; a form of life assumed to exist outside the Earth or its atmosphere
83. v__t desert *adj.* enormous in size, number, amount, or quantity

ANSWERS: 74. stomach, 75. surrounding, 76. viscosity, 77. convert, 78. distance, 79. strategy, 80. mucus, 81. recover, 82. alien, 83. vast

84. fun_____al rights *adj.* forming an essential base or core from which everything else develops or is affected
85. a ch_____al compound *adj.* relating to or connected with chemistry;
86. s__n thread out of cotton *v.* to cause something to rotate rapidly; to cause someone to feel dizzy or disoriented
87. dairy c_w *n.* a domesticated mammal with characteristic features such as a hump, large udders, and curved horns that is raised for its milk or meat
88. toxic ch_____als *adj.* relating to or connected with chemistry;
89. plenty of fl__ds *n.* a substance that can flow and is not solid
90. upset st_____h *n.* the internal organ in the body where food is digested, situated in the abdomen; the part of the body below the chest that contains the stomach
91. gastric ul__r *n.* a sore or erosion in the skin or mucous membrane, often caused by infection or inflammation; a persistent, painful cavity in the stomach or intestinal wall that can lead to digestive problems
92. many tr_____ons of dollars *n.* the number 1,000,000,000,000; a million million
93. re_____e a prisoner *v.* to set free or allow to escape from confinement
94. harmless ba_____ia *n.* single-celled or noncellular spherical or spiral or rod-shaped organisms that exist in large numbers in the air, water, and soil, and also in living and dead creatures and plants, and are often a cause of disease

ANSWERS: 84. fundamental, 85. chemical, 86. spin, 87. cow, 88. chemical, 89. fluid, 90. stomach, 91. ulcer, 92. trillion, 93. release, 94. bacteria

95. fl__d assets *n.* a substance that can flow and is not solid
96. a female sc__w *v.* to turn something, such as a bolt, with a driver or wrench to tighten or loosen it; (noun) a cylindrical rod with a helical ridge used to fasten things together
97. cal_____ed crime *adj.* done with careful thought or planning; deliberate and intentional; based on a process of reasoning or estimation rather than on instinct or chance
98. social di_____ce *n.* the amount of space between two points, measured in units such as miles, meters, or kilometers; the extent, scope, or range between two things, such as distance or emotional distance
99. sl__y green algae *adj.* covered with or having a slippery, viscous coating; repulsively slippery or oozy; containing or resembling slime
100. in_____t a cave *v.* to live in a specific location; to reside
101. higher pixel de_____y *n.* the quality of compactness of a substance
102. w_g their laughter *v.* to move or swing back and forth or up and down in a lively or playful manner; to shake or quiver
103. in_____us device *adj.* showing inventiveness and ability or skill
104. sur_____ng areas *adj.* that is near or around, or closely encircling something
105. the curved shape of a h__k *n.* a curved device used for suspending, holding, or pulling something, especially one attached to a surface for hanging things on; a sharp curve or crook

ANSWERS: 95. fluid, 96. screw, 97. calculated, 98. distance, 99. slimy, 100. inhabit, 101. density, 102. wag, 103. ingenious, 104. surrounding, 105. hook

106. res_____le for a customer service *adj.* answerable or accountable for something within one's power, control, or management
107. dr__t away on a raft *v.* to move smoothly and slowly in water or air, especially as a result of outside forces, with no control over the direction
108. st___y weather *adj.* made of or covered with an adhesive substance; hot or warm and humid
109. neutral hydrogen a__ms *n.* the smallest unit of ordinary matter that forms a chemical element, composed of a nucleus and one or more electrons bound to the nucleus
110. ou_____er males *v.* to be more numerous or greater in number than another group or entity; to exceed in quantity or number
111. in_____t the stomach *v.* to live in a specific location; to reside
112. fl__g a door open forcefully *v.* to throw or push something or someone with force or recklessness, especially because you are angry
113. oxygen a__m *n.* the smallest unit of ordinary matter that forms a chemical element, composed of a nucleus and one or more electrons bound to the nucleus
114. mo_____le behavior *n.* a group of two or more atoms held together by attractive forces known as chemical bonds
115. he__x structure *n.* a three-dimensional spiral shape or structure, particularly like that of a spring or a DNA molecule

ANSWERS: 106. responsible, 107. drift, 108. sticky, 109. atom, 110. outnumber, 111. inhabit, 112. fling, 113. atom, 114. molecule, 115. helix

116. d__e into anime communities *v.* to jump into the water with your head and arms going in first, or to move down to a deeper level underwater
117. a bu__h of trees *n.* a grouping of several similar things which are growing or fastened together
118. mic_____ic inquiry *adj.* tiny; exceedingly precise and detail-oriented; of or used in microscopy
119. res_____le action *adj.* answerable or accountable for something within one's power, control, or management
120. a bull wh__e *n.* a very large sea mammal that has a streamlined body and breathes through a blowhole on the head; a very large person; impressive in size or qualities
121. fl__g a stream of abuse *v.* to throw or push something or someone with force or recklessness, especially because you are angry
122. ada_____on ability *n.* the action or process of changing to suit different conditions
123. gr_____e with each other *v.* to make a strenuous effort to solve a problem; to engage in a close fight or conflict without weapons
124. production of sp__m *n.* the reproductive cell produced by a man or male animal
125. ac___c taste *adj.* having a pH lower than 7; having characteristics of an acid, such as tasting sour or corroding metal
126. ac___c solution *adj.* having a pH lower than 7; having characteristics of an acid, such as tasting sour or corroding metal

ANSWERS: 116. dive, 117. bunch, 118. microscopic, 119. responsible, 120. whale, 121. fling, 122. adaptation, 123. grapple, 124. sperm, 125. acidic, 126. acidic

127. so te__y tiny *adj.* extremely small; tiny
128. d__g a team down *v.* to pull or haul with force
129. f__x a finger *v.* to show off one's strength, power, or possessions; to bend or be capable of bending easily
130. par_____um species *n.* a single-celled freshwater organism characterized by a slipper-like shape and the presence of cilia, used for movement and food gathering
131. mic_____ic analysis *adj.* tiny; exceedingly precise and detail-oriented; of or used in microscopy
132. f__x diplomatic muscle *v.* to show off one's strength, power, or possessions; to bend or be capable of bending easily
133. re_____r a loss *v.* to return to a former condition, health, mind, or strength
134. a st___e of the putter *n.* a medical condition in which poor blood flow to the brain causes cell death; the act of swinging or striking at a ball with a club, racket, etc.
135. d__g a chair over *v.* to pull or haul with force
136. gr_____e with problem *v.* to make a strenuous effort to solve a problem; to engage in a close fight or conflict without weapons
137. guess cl_____ly *adv.* in a way that demonstrates intelligence or ability
138. cal_____ed bankruptcy *adj.* done with careful thought or planning; deliberate and intentional; based on a process of reasoning or estimation rather than on instinct or chance

ANSWERS: 127. teeny, 128. drag, 129. flex, 130. paramecium, 131. microscopic, 132. flex, 133. recover, 134. stroke, 135. drag, 136. grapple, 137. cleverly, 138. calculated

ANSWERS:

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The eagle gracefully _____ on the thermals, soaring above the mountains.
v. to move smoothly and effortlessly
2. The _____ texture of the seafood dish made me feel queasy.
adj. covered with or having a slippery, viscous coating; repulsively slippery or oozy; containing or resembling slime
3. I have a _____ ache after overeating junk food.
n. the internal organ in the body where food is digested, situated in the abdomen; the part of the body below the chest that contains the stomach
4. A peculiar _____ material coated the foliage.
adj. made of or covered with an adhesive substance; hot or warm and humid
5. The gymnast was able to _____ his muscles to perform the difficult routine.
v. to show off one's strength, power, or possessions; to bend or be capable of bending easily
6. I always look forward to reading his stories since they're so _____.
adj. showing inventiveness and ability or skill
7. He was so hungry from the long journey that he had a _____ appetite.
adj. extremely large
8. The _____ will repair my telephone tomorrow morning.
n. a person whose job is designing, building, or maintaining something such as machines, structures, or software

ANSWERS: 1. glided, 2. slimy, 3. stomach, 4. sticky, 5. flex, 6. ingenious, 7. gigantic, 8. engineer

9. Human behavior has _____ characteristics.

adj. forming an essential base or core from which everything else develops or is affected

10. The ring was so _____ that it almost looked like a toy.

adj. extremely small; tiny

11. The number of tourists in the city now _____ the locals.

v. to be more numerous or greater in number than another group or entity; to exceed in quantity or number

12. Our plan includes a comprehensive marketing _____.

n. a detailed plan of action designed to achieve a long-term or overall goal.

13. He needed to _____ with structural reforms to improve the company's revenue.

v. to make a strenuous effort to solve a problem; to engage in a close fight or conflict without weapons

14. _____ thrive on the surface of the human skin.

n. a tiny living thing that can only be seen with a microscope and that may cause disease

15. The _____ of the oil made it difficult to pour.

n. the state or quality of being thick, sticky, and semi-fluid in consistency; resistance to flow

16. Do you know the _____ of the population in Hong Kong?

n. the quality of compactness of a substance

ANSWERS: 9. fundamental, 10. teeny, 11. outnumber, 12. strategy, 13. grapple, 14. Microbes, 15. viscosity, 16. density

17. The children were playing by _____ stones at the monument.

- v. to throw or drop something somewhere carelessly; to hang loosely or freely;
(noun) a length of rope, fabric, or chain used to support or lift something

18. He had to _____ the loose knob back onto the cabinet door.

- v. to turn something, such as a bolt, with a driver or wrench to tighten or loosen it;
(noun) a cylindrical rod with a helical ridge used to fasten things together

19. The stress of the job caused him to develop an _____ in his stomach.

- n. a sore or erosion in the skin or mucous membrane, often caused by infection or inflammation; a persistent, painful cavity in the stomach or intestinal wall that can lead to digestive problems

20. The _____ boarders glided across the crystal-clear waters of the cove.

- n. a flat, usually wooden implement with a handle used for stirring, mixing, or beating a liquid or substance

21. It's notoriously challenging to _____ birth rates.

- v. to state beforehand that something will happen in the future, mainly based on knowledge or experience

22. Her response revealed _____ idiocy.

- adj. unbelievable; enormous

23. The company made a _____ decision to invest in new technology.

- adj. done with careful thought or planning; deliberate and intentional; based on a process of reasoning or estimation rather than on instinct or chance

24. He _____ the heavy suitcase behind him as he walked.

- v. to pull or haul with force

ANSWERS: 17. slinging, 18. screw, 19. ulcer, 20. paddle, 21. predict, 22. incredible, 23. calculated, 24. dragged

25. _____ prevalent in hospitals are often resistant to antibiotics.
- n.* single-celled or noncellular spherical or spiral or rod-shaped organisms that exist in large numbers in the air, water, and soil, and also in living and dead creatures and plants, and are often a cause of disease
26. The _____ mountains make the city difficult to be invaded.
- adj.* that is near or around, or closely encircling something
27. When the body temperature drops, _____ secretion fails.
- n.* a slimy liquid produced inside the nose and other body parts for lubrication, protection, etc.
28. I like to take a long soak in the ____ after a long day.
- n.* a large, deep, round container, typically made of metal or plastic, used for washing or soaking things, especially clothes or a person's body
29. The DNA molecule is shaped like a double _____.
- n.* a three-dimensional spiral shape or structure, particularly like that of a spring or a DNA molecule
30. Inspectors noticed _____ cracks in the submarine's hull.
- adj.* tiny; exceedingly precise and detail-oriented; of or used in microscopy
31. The firm has grown into a large _____ manufacturing.
- adj.* relating to or connected with chemistry;
32. The marathon runner covered a long _____ in a short amount of time.
- n.* the amount of space between two points, measured in units such as miles, meters, or kilometers; the extent, scope, or range between two things, such as distance or emotional distance

ANSWERS: 25. Bacteria, 26. surrounding, 27. mucus, 28. tub, 29. helix, 30. microscopic, 31. chemical, 32. distance

33. The kids loved playing with the green _____ but it was a nightmare to clean up.
n. a thick, slippery substance that is usually soft and wet
34. The dog jumped _____ to one side.
adv. in a way that demonstrates intelligence or ability
35. I want to _____ my sadness into strength.
v. to have a talk with someone; (adjective) reversed in order, relation, or action
36. The heat from the fire _____ the plastic parts of the appliance.
v. to change or distort the shape or appearance of something; to become misshapen or distorted
37. We will _____ to find a solution to the problem as quickly as possible.
v. to make an earnest attempt or effort; to strive or work hard towards a goal or objective
38. I have no idea what sort of folks _____ the neighborhood.
v. to live in a specific location; to reside
39. The animal rights group worked to _____ the dolphins back into the wild.
v. to set free or allow to escape from confinement
40. One bad apple spoils the whole _____.
n. a grouping of several similar things which are growing or fastened together
41. He was provoked to _____ the draft on the floor.
v. to throw or push something or someone with force or recklessness, especially because you are angry

ANSWERS: 33. slime, 34. cleverly, 35. convert, 36. deformed, 37. endeavor, 38. inhabit, 39. release, 40. bunch, 41. fling

42. The farmer milked the _____ every morning before breakfast.
n. a domesticated mammal with characteristic features such as a hump, large udders, and curved horns that is raised for its milk or meat
43. A _____ audience viewed the broadcast.
adj. enormous in size, number, amount, or quantity
44. The doctor ordered an endoscopy to examine the patient's _____ for possible ulcers.
n. the valve at the exit of the stomach that regulates food in the small intestine
45. The company's _____ approach has been highly effective.
n. the action or process of changing to suit different conditions
46. The male _____ fertilizes the female egg.
n. the reproductive cell produced by a man or male animal
47. She was diagnosed with a _____ buildup in her lungs.
n. a substance that can flow and is not solid
48. Some countries have a culture of eating the flesh of a _____.
n. a very large sea mammal that has a streamlined body and breathes through a blowhole on the head; a very large person; impressive in size or qualities
49. I _____ around for years in Europe before going to university.
v. to move smoothly and slowly in water or air, especially as a result of outside forces, with no control over the direction
50. Please hang your towel on a _____.
n. a curved device used for suspending, holding, or pulling something, especially one attached to a surface for hanging things on; a sharp curve or crook

ANSWERS: 42. cows, 43. vast, 44. pylorus, 45. adaptation, 46. sperm, 47. fluid, 48. whale, 49. drifted, 50. hook

51. The cow lazily continued to ____ its tail while grazing in the field.

- v.* to move or swing back and forth or up and down in a lively or playful manner; to shake or quiver

52. The tornado is _____ across the countryside, destroying everything in its path.

- v.* to cause something to rotate rapidly; to cause someone to feel dizzy or disoriented

53. The deep sea _____ was unlike anything the scientists had ever seen before.

- n.* a living being, especially an animal

54. He _____ his sword back and forth, trying to intimidate his opponent.

- v.* to move or cause to move with a hissing or rustling sound

55. The ____ of the tent was open, letting in the fresh air.

- n.* a piece of material attached to a garment, sail, or aircraft which flaps in the wind; (verb) to move in a wavy pattern or with an up-and-down motion

56. The sperm whale can ____ to 1,000 meters.

- v.* to jump into the water with your head and arms going in first, or to move down to a deeper level underwater

57. The soil in this region is too _____ for most crops to grow well.

- adj.* having a pH lower than 7; having characteristics of an acid, such as tasting sour or corroding metal

58. She used a ____ board to display her favorite photographs.

- n.* a type of light and buoyant material that comes from the bark of the cork oak tree often used as a stopper for bottles or as a material for insulation or flooring; (verb) to close or seal something with a cork or similar stopper

ANSWERS: 51. wag, 52. spinning, 53. creature, 54. swished, 55. flap, 56. dive, 57. acidic, 58. cork

59. Einstein was an outstanding and famous _____ of the 20th century.
n. a scientist who specializes in the field of physics
60. _____ species have drastically altered the ecosystem in this area.
n. a person who comes from a different country, race, or group; a form of life assumed to exist outside the Earth or its atmosphere
61. This year's extreme heat has resulted in many heat _____ cases.
n. a medical condition in which poor blood flow to the brain causes cell death; the act of swinging or striking at a ball with a club, racket, etc.
62. One light year is nearly 6 _____ miles.
n. the number 1,000,000,000,000; a million million
63. The shape of the DNA _____ is a double helix.
n. a group of two or more atoms held together by attractive forces known as chemical bonds
64. The outermost electron shell of an _____ determines its chemical characteristics.
n. the smallest unit of ordinary matter that forms a chemical element, composed of a nucleus and one or more electrons bound to the nucleus
65. The _____ colony flourished in the petri dish, providing a perfect sample for our experiment.
n. a single-celled freshwater organism characterized by a slipper-like shape and the presence of cilia, used for movement and food gathering
66. He studied the _____ of radiation.
n. the science of matter and energy and their interactions

ANSWERS: 59. physicist, 60. Alien, 61. stroke, 62. trillion, 63. molecule, 64. atom, 65. paramecium, 66. physics

67. She's a _____ pet owner who ensures her dog gets enough exercise and a healthy diet.

adj. answerable or accountable for something within one's power, control, or management

68. The recipe calls for a tablespoon of _____ to add sweetness.

n. a thick, dark syrup made from boiled sugar cane or sugar beet juice, often used as a sweetener in cooking and baking

69. She is still _____ from a shot to her shoulder.

v. to return to a former condition, health, mind, or strength

ANSWERS: 67. responsible, 68. molasses, 69. recovering