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Session 1: Word List

shadowy

adj. dark, dim, or vague, as if obscured by shadows; mysterious or uncertain

synonym: dim, dark, obscure

(1) **shadowy** doorway, (2) **shadowy** past

The **shadowy** figure in the corner of the room made me uneasy.

ballet

n. a type of performance dance that tells a dramatic story or expresses an idea with music but no talking or singing

(1) a **ballet** enthusiast, (2) **ballet** lessons

She is a leading female classical **ballet** dancer

choreograph

v. to compose a sequence of dance steps, often to music

(1) **choreograph** a stage performance, (2) exquisitely **choreographed**

He had **choreographed** the dance in this play himself.

sequence

n. a series of related events, actions, numbers, etc., which have a particular order

synonym: arrangement, succession, series

(1) the **sequence** of the seasons, (2) the DNA **sequence**

We do move forward with those tasks in **sequence** next

week.

clam

n. a marine mollusk that burrows and lives on sand or mud, the shell closes with viselike firmness

(1) giant **clam**, (2) shuck a **clam**

The **clam** digs through the sand to a significant depth.

unfortunately

adv. by bad luck; unluckily

synonym: regrettably, unluckily, alas

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

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

manifestation

n. a visible or tangible form of something, especially a particular sign of a disease or condition

synonym: expression, embodiment, presentation

(1) **manifestation** of a deeper problem, (2) **manifestation** of psychological stress

The **manifestation** of his anxiety was evident in his shaking hands.

surplus

n. an amount of something more than what is needed or required; excess or extra supply

synonym: excess, surplusage, remainder

(1) budget **surplus**, (2) **surplus** of exports

The food **surplus** at the end of the event was donated to a local homeless shelter.

speculate

v. to form a theory or conjecture or guess about a subject without solid evidence

synonym: assume, conjecture, infer

(1) **speculate** about the reason, (2) **speculate** on the outcome

He **speculated** that this investment would lead to success.

introduction

n. a preliminary explanation or remarks given before the start of a text, performance, or event; the act of bringing something new into existence or introducing something to a wider audience or new market

synonym : initiation, preamble, prologue

(1) **introduction** education, (2) self- **introduction**

The **introduction** to the new class was informative and engaging.

attempt

n. an act or effort of trying to do something, especially something difficult

synonym : endeavor, effort, try

(1) the **attempt** to rescue the hostages, (2) a reckless **attempt**

The third **attempt** was far more successful.

phenomenon

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

synonym : marvel, wonder, splendor

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

A rainbow is a natural **phenomenon**.

advancement

n. the development, improvement, or progress of something

synonym : progression, breakthrough, improvement

(1) **advancement** of knowledge, (2) career **advancement**

Competition between countries resulted in fast technological **advancement**.

neuron

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

synonym : nerve cell

(1) excite the **neurons**, (2) **neuron** cell body

Our body transfers information along each **neuron** using an electrical impulse.

cognitive

adj. of or relating to mental processes of understanding
synonym : perceivable, mind, mental

(1) improve **cognitive** function, (2) research on **cognitive** psychology

His **cognitive** faculties were getting worse because of a lack of sleep.

psychology

n. the scientific study of mind and behavior

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

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

prospect

n. the possibility or likelihood of something happening or being successful; a person or thing that is likely to succeed or become popular; a potential customer or client; (verb) to explore for useful or valuable things or substances, such as minerals

synonym : hope, possibility, expectation

(1) **prospect** for gold, (2) job **prospects**

The **prospect** of starting a new business can be both exciting and daunting.

prevalent

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

synonym : common, ubiquitous, rampant

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

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

dual

adj. having two parts, aspects, or elements

synonym : twofold, binary, double

(1) **dual** purpose, (2) **dual** nationality

This laptop has a **dual-core** processor, making it fast and efficient.

process

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

for consumption or use in other dairy products

synonym : procedure, method, system

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

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

tray

n. a shallow, flat container or surface for holding or carrying objects, often with raised edges or handles

synonym : platter, dish, plate

(1) serving **tray**, (2) **tray** for drinks

She placed the dishes on the **tray** and carried them to the table.

unfold

v. to open up or spread out something that is folded or rolled up; to reveal or disclose something that was previously hidden or unknown

synonym : open, spread out, expose

(1) **unfold** the story, (2) **unfold** the stroller

The mystery **unfolded** as the detectives gathered more clues.

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**.

hemisphere

n. half of the terrestrial globe; half of a sphere

(1) northern **hemisphere**, (2) cerebral **hemisphere**

This weather pattern is unique to the southern **hemisphere**.

flurry

n. a sudden and brief burst of activity or emotion; a light snowfall with gusty winds and swirling snowflakes; a rapid or disorganized movement of small objects, such as leaves or petals

synonym : burst, storm, bustle

(1) **flurry** of activity, (2) **flurry** of emails

A **flurry** of snowflakes fell from the sky as we stepped outside.

flail

v. to wave or swing something wildly or uncontrollably; to thrash or beat something with a flail (= a type of farm tool used for threshing, which is the process of separating grains from their husks)

synonym: thrash, beat, whip

(1) **flail** in the strong winds, (2) **flail** at the air

The dancer's arms would **flail** gracefully as she moved to the music.

zip

n. a fastener made of interlocking teeth or ridges that is used to join two edges or pieces of fabric; a sound or motion that resembles the sound made by a zipper when it is pulled; (of a computer) a popular file compression and archiving format; (short for Zone Improvement Plan) a system of postal codes used in the United States to help facilitate mail delivery more efficiently

synonym: fastener, postcode, slide

(1) **zip** code, (2) **zip** file

She put her phone in the **zip** pocket of her backpack.

pathway

n. a track that constitutes or serves as a path; an approach or a way of doing something

synonym: route, footpath, trail

(1) **pathway** to understanding, (2) cellular signaling **pathways**

When the first molecule in the **pathway** receives a signal, it activates other molecules.

synchronize

v. to happen or cause to happen at the same time or rate

synonym: coordinate, accompany, harmonize

(1) **synchronize** movements, (2) **synchronize** our watches

The ball speed will increase when the lower body movements

are perfectly **synchronized**.

assert

v. to state something firmly and confidently, often in a way that is intended to convince others that it is true

synonym: maintain, state, declare

(1) **assert** a free society, (2) **assert** a claim for unjust enrichment

She **asserted** that she was innocent, despite the evidence against her.

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.

delay

v. to cause something to happen at a later time than originally intended or expected

synonym: block, adjourn, detain

(1) **delay** a flight three hours, (2) **delay** the new project

We **delayed** the payment because of an incorrect invoice.

interpret

v. to explain or assign the meaning of information, actions, etc.

synonym: decode, decipher, analyze

(1) **interpret** a graph, (2) **interpret** the question

Different people might **interpret** this news differently.

separate

v. to force, take, or pull apart; mark as different

synonym: disunite, isolate, ramify

(1) **separate** video into chapter, (2) **separate** cream from milk

We need to **separate** the aspect of his personality from the part of his competence when making an investment decision.

confusion

n. the state of being mixed up or unclear, or the state of disorder or uncertainty

synonym: disorder, disarray, chaos

(1) administrative **confusion**, (2) in great **confusion**

The sudden policy change has caused **confusion** among employees.

hologram

n. a three-dimensional image produced by the interference of light beams from a laser or other coherent light sources used for artistic, scientific, or commercial applications

synonym: 3D image, virtual image, projection

(1) **hologram** projection, (2) **hologram** technology

The museum had a **hologram** exhibit that was very popular with visitors.

tablecloth

n. a cloth used to cover a table, especially for protection or decoration

synonym: table cover, linens

(1) checkered **tablecloth**, (2) **tablecloth** size

The beautiful **tablecloth** added a touch of elegance to the dinner party.

examine

v. to study or consider a person or object attentively and thoroughly to learn something about them

synonym: study, probe, analyze

(1) **examine** the data studiously, (2) **examine** the issue

Initially, we must **examine** all project-related expenses.

scan

v. to examine something hastily, with the eyes or with a machine, to get information

synonym: look over, scrutinize, browse

(1) **scan** the face of the man, (2) **scan** a document into PDF

She stood on the podium and **scanned** an audience.

distant

adj. far away in space, time, or where you are; far apart in relevance, relationship, or kinship

synonym : far, isolated, remote

(1) a **distant** memory, (2) **distant** ancestors

The sun set over the crest of **distant** hills.

accord

n. an official agreement or treaty between two organizations, countries, etc.; (verb) allow to have

synonym : alliance, pact, agreement

(1) **accord** with public opinion, (2) binational **accord**

The organization finally signed a peace **accord**.

fragment

n. a small piece or part broken off or detached

synonym : piece, shard, segment

(1) **fragment** of a text, (2) a broken **fragment**

The archaeologist carefully pieced together the tiny **fragments** of pottery found at the dig site.

identify

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

synonym : determine, specify, recognize

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

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

summon

v. to order someone to come to or be present at a specific place such as a court, or to arrange a meeting formally

synonym : call for, muster, assemble

(1) **summon** a lawyer, (2) **summon** a city council

The chairperson was responsible for **summoning** committees.

stick

v. to put something, usually a sharp object, into something; to restrict yourself to doing or using one certain thing and not change; (noun) a thin piece of wood or other material

synonym : pierce, adhere, stay

(1) **stick** a key in a lock, (2) fire **stick**

You **stick** a bill in the change machine, and the coins pop out.

recollection

n. the act of remembering or the state of being remembered

synonym: memory, reminiscence, remembrance

(1) a vague **recollection**, (2) **recollection** of a traumatic event

The older man's **recollections** of his youth were filled with stories of adventure and romance.

divide

v. to separate or cause to separate into parts or groups

synonym: separate, disconnect, split

(1) **divide** the cake into two pieces, (2) **divide** money equally

Can you **divide** 123321 by eleven?

subliminal

adj. existing or operating below the threshold of consciousness; not immediately noticeable or perceivable

synonym: subconscious, latent, hidden

(1) **subliminal** effect, (2) **subliminal** advertising

The **subliminal** message in the advertisement was meant to influence consumers to buy the product.

environment

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

synonym: atmosphere, surroundings, climate

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

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

distracted

adj. having one's attention diverted or divided; being unable to concentrate because of being preoccupied or worried

synonym: preoccupied, inattentive, absent-minded

(1) get **distracted** by an urgent matter, (2) **distracted** by a

conversation

I was so **distracted** by my phone that I nearly walked into a lamppost.

observe

v. to watch or notice something carefully, often to gather information or insights; to take note of something or someone; to celebrate or commemorate a special event or occasion

synonym: watch, monitor, scrutinize

(1) **observe** a tradition, (2) **observe** wildlife

It is important to **observe** safety procedures in the workplace to prevent accidents.

peripheral

adj. relating to, located on or near, or constituting an outer boundary or edge; not central or essential

synonym: outer, minor, secondary

(1) **peripheral** vision, (2) **peripheral** devices

The city's **peripheral** areas should be given more attention regarding infrastructure and resources.

vision

n. the ability to think about or see the future with imagination and intelligence; the faculty of being able to see

synonym: sight, image, concept

(1) a prodigious **vision**, (2) telescopic **vision**

Driving is difficult for me because of my poor **vision**.

conscious

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

synonym: aware, cognizant, deliberate

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

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

feat

n. a notable or impressive achievement, especially one that requires great skill or bravery

synonym: achievement, accomplishment, exploit

(1) intellectual **feat**, (2) **feat** accomplishment

It is an incredible **feat** to climb Mount Everest, the highest mountain in the world.

propose

v. to make a proposal, declare a plan for something

synonym: suggest, offer, recommend

(1) **propose** the amendment, (2) **propose** changes

I want to **propose** a toast in honor of our longstanding relationship.

conclusive

adj. serving to settle an issue or put an end to doubt or uncertainty; irrefutable and leaves no room for doubt

synonym: decisive, definitive, convincing

(1) **conclusive** information, (2) **conclusive** statement

The research provided **conclusive** evidence that the new treatment was effective.

invention

n. the creation of a new device or process resulting from study and experimentation; the act of inventing

synonym: creation, design, innovation

(1) the **invention** of new techniques, (2) common **invention**

Necessity is the mother of **invention**.

capture

v. to catch a person or an animal and confine them in an area which they cannot escape

synonym: catch, arrest, imprison

(1) **capture** a glimpse, (2) **capture** customers' hearts

I was able to **capture** the moment on film.

fleeting

adj. brief or temporary, lasting only a short time

synonym: temporary, brief, transitory

(1) for a **fleeting** moment, (2) **fleeting** opportunity

She savored the **fleeting** happiness she felt during the vacation.

firsthand

adv. from the source; directly; (adjective) received directly from a source

synonym:

direct

(1) hear customer's voices **firsthand**, (2) conduct **firsthand** research

The manager tried to hear customers' voices **firsthand**.

Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. di___e the cake into two pieces | v. | to separate or cause to separate into parts or groups |
| 2. fl___y of activity | n. | a sudden and brief burst of activity or emotion; a light snowfall with gusty winds and swirling snowflakes; a rapid or disorganized movement of small objects, such as leaves or petals |
| 3. ba___t lessons | n. | a type of performance dance that tells a dramatic story or expresses an idea with music but no talking or singing |
| 4. syn_____ze our watches | v. | to happen or cause to happen at the same time or rate |
| 5. d__l purpose | adj. | having two parts, aspects, or elements |
| 6. for a fl_____ng moment | adj. | brief or temporary, lasting only a short time |
| 7. ca_____e customers' hearts | v. | to catch a person or an animal and confine them in an area which they cannot escape |
| 8. fl__l at the air | v. | to wave or swing something wildly or uncontrollably; to thrash or beat something with a flail (= a type of farm tool used for threshing, which is the process of separating grains from their husks) |
| 9. per_____al vision | adj. | relating to, located on or near, or constituting an outer boundary or edge; not central or essential |

ANSWERS: 1. divide, 2. flurry, 3. ballet, 4. synchronize, 5. dual, 6. fleeting, 7. capture, 8. flail, 9. peripheral

10. int_____ion education *n.* a preliminary explanation or remarks given before the start of a text, performance, or event; the act of bringing something new into existence or introducing something to a wider audience or new market
11. di___e money equally *v.* to separate or cause to separate into parts or groups
12. intellectual f__t *n.* a notable or impressive achievement, especially one that requires great skill or bravery
13. exquisitely cho_____phed *v.* to compose a sequence of dance steps, often to music
14. sp_____te about the reason *v.* to form a theory or conjecture or guess about a subject without solid evidence
15. cellular signaling pa_____ys *n.* a track that constitutes or serves as a path; an approach or a way of doing something
16. z_p code *n.* a fastener made of interlocking teeth or ridges that is used to join two edges or pieces of fabric; a sound or motion that resembles the sound made by a zipper when it is pulled; (of a computer) a popular file compression and archiving format; (short for Zone Improvement Plan) a system of postal codes used in the United States to help facilitate mail delivery more efficiently
17. sub_____al advertising *adj.* existing or operating below the threshold of consciousness; not immediately noticeable or perceivable

ANSWERS: 10. introduction, 11. divide, 12. feat, 13. choreograph, 14. speculate, 15. pathway, 16. zip, 17. subliminal

18. a reckless at_____t *n.* an act or effort of trying to do something, especially something difficult
19. conduct fi_____nd research *adv.* from the source; directly; (adjective) received directly from a source
20. pa_____y to understanding *n.* a track that constitutes or serves as a path; an approach or a way of doing something
21. co_____us of having succeeded *adj.* being aware of and able to respond to what is happening around you
22. get dis_____ed by an urgent matter *adj.* having one's attention diverted or divided; being unable to concentrate because of being preoccupied or worried
23. fr_____nt of a text *n.* a small piece or part broken off or detached
24. rec_____ion of a traumatic event *n.* the act of remembering or the state of being remembered
25. pr_____nt belief *adj.* existing very commonly in a particular area or in a specific time
26. ne_____n cell body *n.* a cell that is specialized to carry information within the brain and between the brain and other parts of the body
27. improve co_____ve function *adj.* of or relating to mental processes of understanding
28. as____t a free society *v.* to state something firmly and confidently, often in a way that is intended to convince others that it is true

ANSWERS: 18. attempt, 19. firsthand, 20. pathway, 21. conscious, 22. distracted, 23. fragment, 24. recollection, 25. prevalent, 26. neuron, 27. cognitive, 28. assert

29. excite the ne___ns *n.* a cell that is specialized to carry information within the brain and between the brain and other parts of the body
30. tab_____th size *n.* a cloth used to cover a table, especially for protection or decoration
31. historical phe_____on *n.* something that exists and can be perceptible, especially one that is not fully understood
32. id_____fy handwriting *v.* to recognize someone or something and say or prove who or what they are
33. checkered tab_____th *n.* a cloth used to cover a table, especially for protection or decoration
34. northern hem_____re *n.* half of the terrestrial globe; half of a sphere
35. the DNA se_____ce *n.* a series of related events, actions, numbers, etc., which have a particular order
36. man_____ion of a deeper problem *n.* a visible or tangible form of something, especially a particular sign of a disease or condition
37. chaotic env_____nt *n.* the natural world such as air, water, and land in which humans, animals, and plants live
38. unf_____ely caught in a shower *adv.* by bad luck; unluckily
39. in great co_____on *n.* the state of being mixed up or unclear, or the state of disorder or uncertainty
40. pr_____s improvement *n.* a series of actions or operations performed to achieve a particular outcome or goal; a systematic procedure or approach used to accomplish a specific task or objective; a method of treating milk to make it suitable for consumption or use in other dairy products

ANSWERS: 29. neuron, 30. tablecloth, 31. phenomenon, 32. identify, 33. tablecloth,

34. hemisphere, 35. sequence, 36. manifestation, 37. environment, 38. unfortunately,
39. confusion, 40. process

41. ex_____e the data studiously *v.* to study or consider a person or object attentively and thoroughly to learn something about them
42. pr_____ct for gold *n.* the possibility or likelihood of something happening or being successful; a person or thing that is likely to succeed or become popular; a potential customer or client; (verb) to explore for useful or valuable things or substances, such as minerals
43. even more unf_____ely *adv.* by bad luck; unluckily
44. ex_____e the issue *v.* to study or consider a person or object attentively and thoroughly to learn something about them
45. psy_____gy experiment *n.* the scientific study of mind and behavior
46. as____t a claim for unjust enrichment *v.* to state something firmly and confidently, often in a way that is intended to convince others that it is true
47. adv_____nt of knowledge *n.* the development, improvement, or progress of something
48. basic br__n function *n.* the organ inside the head that is responsible for one's movement, thought, memory, and feeling
49. ca_____e a glimpse *v.* to catch a person or an animal and confine them in an area which they cannot escape
50. ho_____am projection *n.* a three-dimensional image produced by the interference of light beams from a laser or other coherent light sources used for artistic, scientific, or commercial applications

ANSWERS: 41. examine, 42. prospect, 43. unfortunately, 44. examine, 45. psychology, 46. assert, 47. advancement, 48. brain, 49. capture, 50. hologram

51. telescopic vi___n *n.* the ability to think about or see the future with imagination and intelligence; the faculty of being able to see
52. fl_____ng opportunity *adj.* brief or temporary, lasting only a short time
53. a vague rec_____ion *n.* the act of remembering or the state of being remembered
54. un___d the stroller *v.* to open up or spread out something that is folded or rolled up; to reveal or disclose something that was previously hidden or unknown
55. serving t__y *n.* a shallow, flat container or surface for holding or carrying objects, often with raised edges or handles
56. pr_____e the amendment *v.* to make a proposal, declare a plan for something
57. env_____nt affairs *n.* the natural world such as air, water, and land in which humans, animals, and plants live
58. a prodigious vi___n *n.* the ability to think about or see the future with imagination and intelligence; the faculty of being able to see
59. s__n the face of the man *v.* to examine something hastily, with the eyes or with a machine, to get information
60. cho_____ph a stage performance *v.* to compose a sequence of dance steps, often to music
61. sh_____y doorway *adj.* dark, dim, or vague, as if obscured by shadows; mysterious or uncertain

ANSWERS: 51. vision, 52. fleeting, 53. recollection, 54. unfold, 55. tray, 56. propose, 57. environment, 58. vision, 59. scan, 60. choreograph, 61. shadowy

62. se____te video into chapter *v.* to force, take, or pull apart; mark as different
63. t__y for drinks *n.* a shallow, flat container or surface for holding or carrying objects, often with raised edges or handles
64. budget su____s *n.* an amount of something more than what is needed or required; excess or extra supply
65. f__t accomplishment *n.* a notable or impressive achievement, especially one that requires great skill or bravery
66. cerebral hem____re *n.* half of the terrestrial globe; half of a sphere
67. dis____ed by a conversation *adj.* having one's attention diverted or divided; being unable to concentrate because of being preoccupied or worried
68. self-int____ion *n.* a preliminary explanation or remarks given before the start of a text, performance, or event; the act of bringing something new into existence or introducing something to a wider audience or new market
69. giant c__m *n.* a marine mollusk that burrows and lives on sand or mud, the shell closes with viselike firmness
70. common in____on *n.* the creation of a new device or process resulting from study and experimentation; the act of inventing

ANSWERS: 62. separate, 63. tray, 64. surplus, 65. feat, 66. hemisphere, 67. distracted, 68. introduction, 69. clam, 70. invention

71. administrative co_____on *n.* the state of being mixed up or unclear, or the state of disorder or uncertainty
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ANSWERS: 71. confusion, 72. attempt, 73. sequence, 74. identify, 75. slight, 76. propose, 77. process, 78. distant, 79. delay, 80. psychology

81. s__n a document into PDF *v.* to examine something hastily, with the eyes or with a machine, to get information
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83. d__l nationality *adj.* having two parts, aspects, or elements
84. career adv_____nt *n.* the development, improvement, or progress of something
85. ac___d with public opinion *n.* an official agreement or treaty between two organizations, countries, etc.; (verb) allow to have
86. con_____ve statement *adj.* serving to settle an issue or put an end to doubt or uncertainty; irrefutable and leaves no room for doubt
87. co_____us effort *adj.* being aware of and able to respond to what is happening around you
88. ob_____e wildlife *v.* to watch or notice something carefully, often to gather information or insights; to take note of something or someone; to celebrate or commemorate a special event or occasion
89. research on co_____ve psychology *adj.* of or relating to mental processes of understanding
90. sub_____al effect *adj.* existing or operating below the threshold of consciousness; not immediately noticeable or perceivable
91. permanent br__n damage *n.* the organ inside the head that is responsible for one's movement, thought, memory, and feeling

ANSWERS: 81. scan, 82. summon, 83. dual, 84. advancement, 85. accord, 86. conclusive, 87. conscious, 88. observe, 89. cognitive, 90. subliminal, 91. brain

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95. in_____et a graph *v.* to explain or assign the meaning of information, actions, etc.
96. syn_____ze movements *v.* to happen or cause to happen at the same time or rate
97. job pr_____cts *n.* the possibility or likelihood of something happening or being successful; a person or thing that is likely to succeed or become popular; a potential customer or client; (verb) to explore for useful or valuable things or substances, such as minerals
98. hear customer's voices fi_____nd *adv.* from the source; directly; (adjective) received directly from a source
99. fl___l in the strong winds *v.* to wave or swing something wildly or uncontrollably; to thrash or beat something with a flail (= a type of farm tool used for threshing, which is the process of separating grains from their husks)
100. the in_____on of new techniques *n.* the creation of a new device or process resulting from study and experimentation; the act of inventing

ANSWERS: 92. speculate, 93. phenomenon, 94. flurry, 95. interpret, 96. synchronize, 97. prospect, 98. firsthand, 99. flail, 100. invention

101. a ba___t enthusiast *n.* a type of performance dance that tells a dramatic story or expresses an idea with music but no talking or singing
102. man_____ion of psychological stress *n.* a visible or tangible form of something, especially a particular sign of a disease or condition
103. ho_____am technology *n.* a three-dimensional image produced by the interference of light beams from a laser or other coherent light sources used for artistic, scientific, or commercial applications
104. st__k a key in a lock *v.* to put something, usually a sharp object, into something; to restrict yourself to doing or using one certain thing and not change; (noun) a thin piece of wood or other material
105. z_p file *n.* a fastener made of interlocking teeth or ridges that is used to join two edges or pieces of fabric; a sound or motion that resembles the sound made by a zipper when it is pulled; (of a computer) a popular file compression and archiving format; (short for Zone Improvement Plan) a system of postal codes used in the United States to help facilitate mail delivery more efficiently
106. fire st__k *v.* to put something, usually a sharp object, into something; to restrict yourself to doing or using one certain thing and not change; (noun) a thin piece of wood or other material

ANSWERS: 101. ballet, 102. manifestation, 103. hologram, 104. stick, 105. zip, 106. stick

107. sh____y past *adj.* dark, dim, or vague, as if obscured by shadows; mysterious or uncertain
108. un____d the story *v.* to open up or spread out something that is folded or rolled up; to reveal or disclose something that was previously hidden or unknown
109. su____n a lawyer *v.* to order someone to come to or be present at a specific place such as a court, or to arrange a meeting formally
110. per____al devices *adj.* relating to, located on or near, or constituting an outer boundary or edge; not central or essential
111. de__y the new project *v.* to cause something to happen at a later time than originally intended or expected
112. ob____e a tradition *v.* to watch or notice something carefully, often to gather information or insights; to take note of something or someone; to celebrate or commemorate a special event or occasion
113. con____ve information *adj.* serving to settle an issue or put an end to doubt or uncertainty; irrefutable and leaves no room for doubt
114. su____s of exports *n.* an amount of something more than what is needed or required; excess or extra supply
115. di____t ancestors *adj.* far away in space, time, or where you are; far apart in relevance, relationship, or kinship

ANSWERS: 107. shadowy, 108. unfold, 109. summon, 110. peripheral, 111. delay, 112. observe, 113. conclusive, 114. surplus, 115. distant

116. se_____te cream from milk *v.* to force, take, or pull apart; mark as different
117. shuck a c__m *n.* a marine mollusk that burrows and lives on sand or mud, the shell closes with viselike firmness
118. a broken fr_____nt *n.* a small piece or part broken off or detached
119. pr_____nt in Japan *adj.* existing very commonly in a particular area or in a specific time
120. binational ac____d *n.* an official agreement or treaty between two organizations, countries, etc.; (verb) allow to have
121. feel a sl____t concern *adj.* very small in degree or amount
122. in_____et the question *v.* to explain or assign the meaning of information, actions, etc.

ANSWERS: 116. separate, 117. clam, 118. fragment, 119. prevalent, 120. accord, 121. slight, 122. interpret

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. I was so _____ by my phone that I nearly walked into a lamppost.
adj. having one's attention diverted or divided; being unable to concentrate because of being preoccupied or worried
2. The city's _____ areas should be given more attention regarding infrastructure and resources.
adj. relating to, located on or near, or constituting an outer boundary or edge; not central or essential
3. The _____ figure in the corner of the room made me uneasy.
adj. dark, dim, or vague, as if obscured by shadows; mysterious or uncertain
4. Competition between countries resulted in fast technological _____.
n. the development, improvement, or progress of something
5. The chairperson was responsible for _____ committees.
v. to order someone to come to or be present at a specific place such as a court, or to arrange a meeting formally
6. When the first molecule in the _____ receives a signal, it activates other molecules.
n. a track that constitutes or serves as a path; an approach or a way of doing something
7. I will introduce you to how to _____ the leading causes of the malfunction.
v. to recognize someone or something and say or prove who or what they are

ANSWERS: 1. distracted, 2. peripheral, 3. shadowy, 4. advancement, 5. summoning, 6. pathway, 7. identify

8. A _____ of snowflakes fell from the sky as we stepped outside.
- n.* a sudden and brief burst of activity or emotion; a light snowfall with gusty winds and swirling snowflakes; a rapid or disorganized movement of small objects, such as leaves or petals
9. She _____ that she was innocent, despite the evidence against her.
- v.* to state something firmly and confidently, often in a way that is intended to convince others that it is true
10. The manager tried to hear customers' voices _____.
- adv.* from the source; directly; (adjective) received directly from a source
11. He had _____ the dance in this play himself.
- v.* to compose a sequence of dance steps, often to music
12. This weather pattern is unique to the southern _____.
- n.* half of the terrestrial globe; half of a sphere
13. This laptop has a _____ processor, making it fast and efficient.
- adj.* having two parts, aspects, or elements
14. Our body transfers information along each _____ using an electrical impulse.
- n.* a cell that is specialized to carry information within the brain and between the brain and other parts of the body
15. You _____ a bill in the change machine, and the coins pop out.
- v.* to put something, usually a sharp object, into something; to restrict yourself to doing or using one certain thing and not change; (noun) a thin piece of wood or other material

ANSWERS: 8. flurry, 9. asserted, 10. firsthand, 11. choreographed, 12. hemisphere, 13. dual-core, 14. neuron, 15. stick

16. I was able to _____ the moment on film.

- v. to catch a person or an animal and confine them in an area which they cannot escape

17. She stood on the podium and _____ an audience.

- v. to examine something hastily, with the eyes or with a machine, to get information

18. He _____ that this investment would lead to success.

- v. to form a theory or conjecture or guess about a subject without solid evidence

19. A rainbow is a natural _____.

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

20. She savored the _____ happiness she felt during the vacation.

- adj. brief or temporary, lasting only a short time

21. Every human is responsible for taking care of the Earth's _____.

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

22. The _____ of his anxiety was evident in his shaking hands.

- n. a visible or tangible form of something, especially a particular sign of a disease or condition

23. I want to _____ a toast in honor of our longstanding relationship.

- v. to make a proposal, declare a plan for something

ANSWERS: 16. capture, 17. scanned, 18. speculated, 19. phenomenon, 20. fleeting, 21. environment, 22. manifestation, 23. propose

24. The _____ for applying for a visa can be lengthy and complicated.
- n.* a series of actions or operations performed to achieve a particular outcome or goal; a systematic procedure or approach used to accomplish a specific task or objective; a method of treating milk to make it suitable for consumption or use in other dairy products
25. We need to _____ the aspect of his personality from the part of his competence when making an investment decision.
- v.* to force, take, or pull apart; mark as different
26. 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
27. The sudden policy change has caused _____ among employees.
- n.* the state of being mixed up or unclear, or the state of disorder or uncertainty
28. She is a leading female classical _____ dancer
- n.* a type of performance dance that tells a dramatic story or expresses an idea with music but no talking or singing
29. The ____ digs through the sand to a significant depth.
- n.* a marine mollusk that burrows and lives on sand or mud, the shell closes with viselike firmness
30. The treatments were done but, _____ were unsuccessful.
- adv.* by bad luck; unluckily
31. The sun set over the crest of _____ hills.
- adj.* far away in space, time, or where you are; far apart in relevance, relationship, or kinship

ANSWERS: 24. process, 25. separate, 26. brain, 27. confusion, 28. ballet, 29. clam, 30. unfortunately, 31. distant

32. We _____ the payment because of an incorrect invoice.
- v.* to cause something to happen at a later time than originally intended or expected
33. She had a master's degree in _____.
- n.* the scientific study of mind and behavior
34. The _____ to the new class was informative and engaging.
- n.* a preliminary explanation or remarks given before the start of a text, performance, or event; the act of bringing something new into existence or introducing something to a wider audience or new market
35. We made _____ modifications to reflect the views of both sides.
- adj.* very small in degree or amount
36. The ball speed will increase when the lower body movements are perfectly _____.
- v.* to happen or cause to happen at the same time or rate
37. The dancer's arms would _____ gracefully as she moved to the music.
- v.* to wave or swing something wildly or uncontrollably; to thrash or beat something with a flail (= a type of farm tool used for threshing, which is the process of separating grains from their husks)
38. Initially, we must _____ all project-related expenses.
- v.* to study or consider a person or object attentively and thoroughly to learn something about them
39. The _____ of starting a new business can be both exciting and daunting.
- n.* the possibility or likelihood of something happening or being successful; a person or thing that is likely to succeed or become popular; a potential customer or client; (verb) to explore for useful or valuable things or substances, such as minerals

ANSWERS: 32. delayed, 33. psychology, 34. introduction, 35. slight, 36. synchronized, 37. flail, 38. examine, 39. prospect

40. The food _____ at the end of the event was donated to a local homeless shelter.
- n.* an amount of something more than what is needed or required; excess or extra supply
41. Driving is difficult for me because of my poor _____.
- n.* the ability to think about or see the future with imagination and intelligence; the faculty of being able to see
42. The organization finally signed a peace _____.
- n.* an official agreement or treaty between two organizations, countries, etc.; (verb) allow to have
43. She put her phone in the ____ pocket of her backpack.
- n.* a fastener made of interlocking teeth or ridges that is used to join two edges or pieces of fabric; a sound or motion that resembles the sound made by a zipper when it is pulled; (of a computer) a popular file compression and archiving format; (short for Zone Improvement Plan) a system of postal codes used in the United States to help facilitate mail delivery more efficiently
44. The beautiful _____ added a touch of elegance to the dinner party.
- n.* a cloth used to cover a table, especially for protection or decoration
45. We do move forward with those tasks in _____ next week.
- n.* a series of related events, actions, numbers, etc., which have a particular order
46. The museum had a _____ exhibit that was very popular with visitors.
- n.* a three-dimensional image produced by the interference of light beams from a laser or other coherent light sources used for artistic, scientific, or commercial applications

ANSWERS: 40. surplus, 41. vision, 42. accord, 43. zip, 44. tablecloth, 45. sequence, 46. hologram

47. The older man's _____ of his youth were filled with stories of adventure and romance.
n. the act of remembering or the state of being remembered
48. The archaeologist carefully pieced together the tiny _____ of pottery found at the dig site.
n. a small piece or part broken off or detached
49. This virus is _____ in many tropical nations.
adj. existing very commonly in a particular area or in a specific time
50. Necessity is the mother of _____.
n. the creation of a new device or process resulting from study and experimentation; the act of inventing
51. The third _____ was far more successful.
n. an act or effort of trying to do something, especially something difficult
52. His _____ faculties were getting worse because of a lack of sleep.
adj. of or relating to mental processes of understanding
53. Can you _____ 123321 by eleven?
v. to separate or cause to separate into parts or groups
54. It is important to _____ safety procedures in the workplace to prevent accidents.
v. to watch or notice something carefully, often to gather information or insights; to take note of something or someone; to celebrate or commemorate a special event or occasion

ANSWERS: 47. recollections, 48. fragments, 49. prevalent, 50. invention, 51. attempt, 52. cognitive, 53. divide, 54. observe

55. The mystery _____ as the detectives gathered more clues.

- v.* to open up or spread out something that is folded or rolled up; to reveal or disclose something that was previously hidden or unknown

56. Different people might _____ this news differently.

- v.* to explain or assign the meaning of information, actions, etc.

57. The research provided _____ evidence that the new treatment was effective.

- adj.* serving to settle an issue or put an end to doubt or uncertainty; irrefutable and leaves no room for doubt

58. She placed the dishes on the _____ and carried them to the table.

- n.* a shallow, flat container or surface for holding or carrying objects, often with raised edges or handles

59. He became _____ that he was being followed.

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

60. The _____ message in the advertisement was meant to influence consumers to buy the product.

- adj.* existing or operating below the threshold of consciousness; not immediately noticeable or perceivable

61. It is an incredible _____ to climb Mount Everest, the highest mountain in the world.

- n.* a notable or impressive achievement, especially one that requires great skill or bravery

ANSWERS: 55. unfolded, 56. interpret, 57. conclusive, 58. tray, 59. conscious, 60. subliminal, 61. feat