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Session 1: Word List

underground

adj. under the surface of the ground; a secret group organized to achieve a specific purpose, such as overthrowing the government or occupying a force

synonym: subterranean, subsurface, confidential

(1) water flowing **underground**, (2) **underground** activist

Having **underground** parking has been very beneficial throughout the winter.

bug

n. any tiny insect; a fault or defect in a computer program, system, or machine

synonym: insect, bacterium, microbe

(1) **bug** bites, (2) number of **bug** fixes

I found a stink **bug** crawling across the ceiling.

immigrate

v. to come to live permanently in a foreign country

synonym: migrate, relocate, settle

(1) **immigrate** to the country, (2) **immigrate** through available legal processes

He **immigrated** to the United States in search of a better life.

statistics

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

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

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

immigrant

n. a person who has come to a country where they were not born to live there permanently

synonym: settler, expatriate, emigrant

(1) **immigrant** communities, (2) an **immigrant** from the country

Police received a report of illegal **immigrants** in the area.

encounter

v. to face something, particularly something unpleasant or difficult, while attempting to do something else; to meet, especially unexpectedly

synonym: meet, run into, come across

(1) **encounter** a crisis, (2) **encounter** a storm

I'm prepared to **encounter** challenges throughout this adventure.

crazy

adj. stupid or not sensible; very angry

synonym: insane, absurd, bizarre

(1) **crazy** about cars and racing, (2) a **crazy** scheme

The rain and thunder are **crazy** today.

melt

v. to turn from something solid into something soft or liquid as a result of heating

synonym: disintegrate, soften, disappear

(1) **melt** the ice, (2) **melt** down gold

Her resistance **melted** under his persuasion.

amazing

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

synonym: exceptional, extraordinary, wonderful

(1) **amazing** advances, (2) the most **amazing** feeling

The golfer recorded an **amazing** distance.

unfamiliar

adj. not known or recognized; not experienced or encountered before

synonym: unknown, strange, foreign

(1) the **unfamiliar** surroundings, (2) around **unfamiliar** people

She was **unfamiliar** with the city and got lost while trying to find her way back to the hotel.

fascinate

v. to attract and hold the attention of someone deeply and irresistibly

synonym: captivate, intrigue, mesmerize

(1) **fascinate** the public, (2) **fascinate** the young

The magic tricks **fascinated** the children.

beg

v. to ask for something urgently or earnestly; to appeal to someone to do something

synonym: plead, implore, entreat

(1) **beg** the question, (2) **beg** for help

She **begged** her parents to let her go to the concert.

shrug

v. to raise your shoulders and then drop them to say you do not know or are not interested

(1) **shrug** off the importance, (2) **shrug** his shoulders sadly

I respect her ability to **shrug** off harsh criticism.

weird

adj. extraordinary, unexpected, or difficult to explain

synonym: bizarre, creepy, peculiar

(1) a **weird** dress, (2) the state of being **weird**

My computer has been acting **weird** recently.

hometown

n. the town or city where one was born or grew up

synonym: birthplace, home, native place

(1) **hometown** celebrity, (2) **hometown** memory

I always look forward to going back to my **hometown** during the holidays.

frustrate

v. to hinder or prevent efforts, plans, or desires from doing, succeeding, or being fulfilled; to make someone feel

upset or annoyed because they are unable to change or achieve something

synonym: hinder, thwart, dishearten

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

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

government

n. the group of people with authority to control a country or state

synonym: administration, regime, state

(1) **government** bureaucracy, (2) **government** funding

The federal **government** is planning to increase taxes for the next fiscal year.

bureaucracy

n. a system of government in which most of the important decisions are made by state officials rather than by elected representatives

synonym: administration, government, system

(1) government **bureaucracy**, (2) arbitrary **bureaucracy**

The bumbling **bureaucracy** made it difficult to get the permits we needed.

wholehearted

adj. sincere, genuine, and enthusiastic; with complete devotion or commitment

synonym: passionate, enthusiastic, devoted

(1) **wholehearted** support, (2) **wholehearted** commitment

She put her **wholehearted** effort into finishing the project on time.

alert

v. to warn or arouse to a sense of danger; (adjective) paying close attention or being in a state of readiness for action

synonym: warn, inform, (adjective) vigilant

(1) **alert** consumers to the dangers, (2) **alert** system

The company's cybersecurity team **alerted** the CEO to

potential threats.

locate

v. to specify or determine the exact position of someone or something

synonym: discover, find, place

(1) **locate** a missing pet, (2) **locate** a tumor

The robot can accurately **locate** construction material.

spectacular

adj. striking or impressive to look at or in performance or achievement

synonym: breathtaking, impressive, grand

(1) **spectacular** view, (2) achieve **spectacular** growth

The **spectacular** fireworks display was the highlight of the festival.

trolley

n. a wheeled cart or platform used for transporting items or goods; (in British English) a device for collecting electrical power from an overhead line to power an electric vehicle; (in American English) a shopping cart used in supermarkets

synonym: cart, tram, tramcar

(1) **trolley** cart, (2) shopping **trolley**

The tourists enjoyed taking a ride on the historic **trolley** in the city.

terminal

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

synonym: endpoint, final, concluding

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

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

depot

n. a place or a building where goods, materials, or equipment are stored, manufactured, or distributed; a transportation hub where buses or trains start or end

their journeys

synonym: warehouse, storage, station

(1) weapon **depot**, (2) food **depot**

The train **depot** was a hub for commuters and travelers.

grandparent

n. a parent of one's father or mother

(1) great- **grandparent**, (2) person of **grandparent** age

She was close to her paternal **grandparents** and often spent summers with them.

entirely

adv. completely

synonym: completely, fully, totally

(1) **entirely** satisfied with the meal, (2) he was **entirely** to blame

Later, his claim was found to be **entirely** false.

abandon

v. to leave a place, thing, or person with no intention of returning; (noun) a feeling of extreme emotional intensity

synonym: relinquish, leave behind, disregard

(1) **abandon** a friend, (2) **abandon** the practice

The castle was **abandoned** several years later.

discovery

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

synonym: finding, uncovering, detection

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

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

unbelievable

adj. beyond belief or understanding and extremely surprising

synonym: unimaginable, incredible, fantastical

(1) **unbelievable** beauty, (2) cause **unbelievable** damage

He drinks an **unbelievable** amount of beer.

magical

adj. produced by or containing supernatural powers

synonym: enchanting, occult, supernatural

(1) **magical** place, (2) **magical** powers

When I was a child, my mother often cast **magical** spells to ease my pain whenever I was injured.

unused

adj. not being used, or never having been used

synonym: pristine, untouched, unaccustomed

(1) a bullet left **unused**, (2) an **unused** place

The old entrance area is now **unused**.

immediately

adv. now or without delay

synonym: directly, instantly, promptly

(1) **immediately** recall a product, (2) write him an answer **immediately**

A suspension order from the court is effective **immediately**.

archaeology

n. the branch of anthropology that studies prehistoric people and their cultures

(1) the institute of **archaeology**, (2) prehistoric **archaeology**

She teaches **archaeology** at the local university.

remarkable

adj. worthy of attention because unusual or special

synonym: outstanding, exceptional, extraordinary

(1) **remarkable** achievement, (2) the **remarkable** breadth of knowledge

The election was a **remarkable** success for the Whigs.

resident

n. a person who lives in a particular place or has their home in a place

synonym: dweller, inhabitant, inhabitant

(1) a **resident** of the city, (2) **resident** tax

Visa renewal for **resident** foreigners in this country is once every five years.

nutshell

n. the hard, outer covering or protective casing that encloses the kernel or fruit of certain types of nuts, such as walnuts or acorns; a concise and condensed summary or explanation of something

synonym: summary, essence, covering

(1) move into a **nutshell**, (2) **nutshell** version

Can you explain your argument in a **nutshell**?

sunlight

n. the light emitted by the sun; the rays of the sun

synonym: daylight, rays, sunshine

(1) a glare of **sunlight**, (2) in direct **sunlight**

Radiation from **sunlight** has a different wavelength.

harvest

n. yields of plants in a single growing season; the period of the year when gathering occurs on a farm

synonym: crop, reaping, yield

(1) a scanty **harvest**, (2) reap a **harvest**

During **harvest**, farmers are incredibly busy.

underneath

adv. under or below something else

synonym: below, under, beneath

(1) **underneath** the surface of the water, (2) **underneath** the laughter

The penny fell **underneath** the piano.

transform

v. to change in outward structure or looks;

synonym: alter, convert, change

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

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

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.

nickname

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

synonym: moniker, sobriquet, handle

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

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

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.

decide

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

synonym: choose, determine, settle

(1) **decide** a question, (2) **decide** on a course of action

She couldn't **decide** whether to order the pizza or the pasta for dinner.

quitter

n. a person who gives up easily or does not have the determination to finish what they have started

synonym: coward, deserter, surrender

(1) easy **quitter**, (2) serial **quitter**

He was labeled as a **quitter** after he abandoned the project halfway.

demonstration

n. a display or show, often of a particular skill or product, intended to convince or persuade others

synonym: manifestation, presentation, show

(1) **demonstration** project, (2) a campus **demonstration**

Thousands of people attended the protest **demonstration** against the proposed policy.

warehouse

n. a large building for storing goods and merchandise, especially before they are sold, used, or sent out to shops

synonym : storage, repository, depot

(1) a rental **warehouse**, (2) **warehouse** debt

The fire ruined all the food stored in the **warehouse**.

belly

n. the front part of the body below the chest, containing the stomach and bowels; the rounded or curved part of an object, such as a ship or aircraft

synonym : stomach, abdomen, gut

(1) the **belly** of the ship, (2) with an empty **belly**

She had a tattoo just above her **belly** button.

canopy

n. a covering, typically of fabric, supported on poles or suspended above a bed, throne, or other object, used to shelter or screen the person or object below it

synonym : cover, top, shade

(1) **canopy** layer, (2) under a **canopy** of smoke

The forest's **canopy** provides shade and protection for the plants and animals below.

exhibit

v. to show something in public for people to enjoy or to provide them with information

synonym : display, expose, show

(1) **exhibit** a bad attitude, (2) **exhibit** a great talent

Other technology industries **exhibit** similarly explosive growth.

overhead

n. the expense of maintaining something that is involved in operating a business, such as rent and heating; (adverb) above your head; in the sky

synonym : expense, upkeep, (adverb) aloft

(1) **overhead** capital, (2) a cloud passing **overhead**

This merger will help them reduce **overhead** costs substantially.

stream

n. a small, narrow river; a continuous flow of something, such as liquid, gas, people, vehicles, etc.

synonym: flow, current, brook

(1) the **stream** of time, (2) an endless **stream** of cars

Jet **streams** are the common name for air currents that form high in the atmosphere.

enthusiast

n. a person having a strong liking for something

synonym: buff, aficionado, devotee

(1) classic car **enthusiasts**, (2) an **enthusiastic** response

The country's economic situation has improved markedly due to reform **enthusiasts**.

render

v. to bring someone or something into a particular state; to provide something such as service, help, etc.

synonym: deliver, give, provide

(1) **render** an assessment, (2) **render** the contract void

The jury must **render** a decision on this complex case.

develop

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

synonym: evolve, progress, advance

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

We must **develop** a new system to streamline our workflow and increase efficiency.

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.

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.

communal

adj. belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use

synonym : collaborative, combined, collective

(1) **communal** swimming pool, (2) **communal** combination of funds

Communal elections were held in several European countries.

gentrify

v. to renovate, revitalize, or develop a deteriorated, predominantly urban area, often leading to the displacement of low-income or minority residents and the influx of more affluent residents and businesses

synonym : revitalize, renovate, renew

(1) **gentrify** a community, (2) **gentrify** a street

The new coffee shops and high-end boutiques are starting to **gentrify** the neighborhood.

engage

v. to attract and keep someone's attention and interest; to participate in or obtain services of something

synonym : confront, employ, amuse

(1) **engage** in environmental protection activities,
(2) **engage** a new employee

Many multinational companies are **engaged** in the reconstruction of that country.

ecosystem

n. all the plants and living creatures in an area and the way they affect each other and the environment

(1) marine **ecosystem**, (2) change the **ecosystem**

Human conservation efforts often fail unexpectedly because

they disturb the balance of the **ecosystem**.

integrate

v. to combine one thing with another so that they form a whole or work together; to accept equal participation for members of all races and ethnic groups

synonym: mix, merge, combine

(1) **integrate** into the existing system, (2) **integrate** both businesses

He found that it is difficult to **integrate** socially.

invite

v. to ask someone to come or join; to offer an opportunity or possibility for something to happen or take place

synonym: ask, request, summon

(1) **invite** guests, (2) **invite** criticism

We want to **invite** you to our annual charity event.

icon

n. a picture or statue of a holy person considered to be a sacred thing; a little icon on the screen of a computer or smartphone that denotes an application or a file

synonym: figure, hero, idol

(1) **icon** for young people, (2) television **icon**

Some comic book characters are considered gay **icons**.

peel

v. to remove the skin of fruit and vegetables

synonym: pare, unclothe, disrobe

(1) **peel** a fruit, (2) **peel** off easily

The storm had **peeled** all paint off the siding.

rev

n. a measure of the rate at which an engine or motor rotates, often expressed in revolutions per minute (RPM); (verb) to increase the number of rotations per minute

synonym: revolution, RPM, speed

(1) low- **rev** engine, (2) **rev** up the crowd

He stepped on the gas pedal, and the engine released a loud **rev**.

historic

adj. famous or significant in history, or potentially so

synonym: memorable, momentous, historical

(1) **historic** accomplishment, (2) achieve the **historic** feat

The Chinese people have accomplished several **historic** feats.

absolutely

adv. without restriction or limitation; completely or utterly

synonym: completely, utterly, definitely

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

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

outdo

v. to do better than someone; to surpass

synonym: excel, surpass, outshine

(1) **outdo** him in trickery, (2) **outdo** the competition

He tried to **outdo** his rival by breaking the world record.

respite

n. a brief period of rest, relief, or delay from something difficult or unpleasant; a short break or vacation from regular activities or responsibilities

synonym: break, interval, pause

(1) **respite** care, (2) a short **respite**

The vacation gave her a much-needed **respite** from work.

reclaim

v. to take back something previously lost, given, or paid, or ask to have it back

synonym: recoup, regain, retake

(1) **reclaim** a competitive position, (2) **reclaim** land from the sea

You may be entitled to **reclaim** some tax.

rediscover

v. to discover or find again something that was previously known but lost

synonym: recover, get back, revive

(1) **rediscover** a value, (2) **rediscover** an old truth

The painting was **rediscovered** in an attic and turned out to

be a long-lost masterpiece.

reimagine

v. to imagine or conceive of something in a new or different way

synonym: re-conceptualize, re-envision, re-create

(1) **reimagine** the future, (2) **reimagine** the possibilities

The company is trying to **reimagine** its business model to stay competitive.

Session 2: Spelling

1. st__k a key in a lock
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2. with an empty be__y
n. the front part of the body below the chest, containing the stomach and bowels; the rounded or curved part of an object, such as a ship or aircraft
3. und_____th the laughter
adv. under or below something else
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n. a small, narrow river; a continuous flow of something, such as liquid, gas, people, vehicles, etc.
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6. write him an answer imm_____ly
adv. now or without delay
7. ge_____fy a street
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8. reap a ha_____t
n. yields of plants in a single growing season; the period of the year when gathering occurs on a farm

ANSWERS: 1. stick, 2. belly, 3. underneath, 4. stream, 5. invite, 6. immediately, 7. gentrify, 8. harvest

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10. fr_____te other team members *v.* to hinder or prevent efforts, plans, or desires from doing, succeeding, or being fulfilled; to make someone feel upset or annoyed because they are unable to change or achieve something
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17. gov_____nt funding *n.* the group of people with authority to control a country or state
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ANSWERS: 9. alert, 10. frustrate, 11. warehouse, 12. communal, 13. fascinate, 14. decide, 15. immigrant, 16. historic, 17. government, 18. canopy

19. an ent_____stic response *n.* a person having a strong liking for something
20. re____r an assessment *v.* to bring someone or something into a particular state; to provide something such as service, help, etc.
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27. en_____er a storm *v.* to face something, particularly something unpleasant or difficult, while attempting to do something else; to meet, especially unexpectedly
28. a rental wa_____se *n.* a large building for storing goods and merchandise, especially before they are sold, used, or sent out to shops
29. move into a nu_____ll *n.* the hard, outer covering or protective casing that encloses the kernel or fruit of certain types of nuts, such as walnuts or acorns; a concise and condensed summary or explanation of something

ANSWERS: 19. enthusiast, 20. render, 21. demonstration, 22. resident, 23. crazy, 24. immigrate, 25. locate, 26. discovery, 27. encounter, 28. warehouse, 29. nutshell

30. official sta_____cs *n.* the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data
31. food de__t *n.* a place or a building where goods, materials, or equipment are stored, manufactured, or distributed; a transportation hub where buses or trains start or end their journeys
32. co_____al swimming pool *adj.* belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use
33. water flowing und_____nd *adj.* under the surface of the ground; a secret group organized to achieve a specific purpose, such as overthrowing the government or occupying a force
34. an un___d place *adj.* not being used, or never having been used
35. sta_____cs for cancer *n.* the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data
36. red_____er a value *v.* to discover or find again something that was previously known but lost
37. imm_____ly recall a product *adv.* now or without delay
38. the institute of arc_____gy *n.* the branch of anthropology that studies prehistoric people and their cultures
39. re_____m a competitive position *v.* to take back something previously lost, given, or paid, or ask to have it back
40. p__l off easily *v.* to remove the skin of fruit and vegetables

ANSWERS: 30. statistics, 31. depot, 32. communal, 33. underground, 34. unused, 35. statistics, 36. rediscover, 37. immediately, 38. archaeology, 39. reclaim, 40. peel

41. tr_____m an education system *v.* to change in outward structure or looks;
42. a te_____al syllable *n.* a building or place where buses, trains, or airplanes stop and where passengers or goods can be picked up or dropped off; (adjective) of or situated at the ends of a delivery route
43. re_____e care *n.* a brief period of rest, relief, or delay from something difficult or unpleasant; a short break or vacation from regular activities or responsibilities
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ANSWERS: 41. transform, 42. terminal, 43. respite, 44. gentrify, 45. spectacular, 46. introduction, 47. magical, 48. terminal

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65. easy qu_____r *n.* a person who gives up easily or does not have the determination to finish what they have started
66. the most am_____g feeling *adj.* extremely surprising, especially in a way that you like or admire
67. in_____te into the existing system *v.* to combine one thing with another so that they form a whole or work together; to accept equal participation for members of all races and ethnic groups
68. re_____nt tax *n.* a person who lives in a particular place or has their home in a place

ANSWERS: 58. introduction, 59. outdo, 60. sunlight, 61. nickname, 62. remarkable, 63. unfamiliar, 64. engage, 65. quitter, 66. amazing, 67. integrate, 68. resident

69. arbitrary bur_____cy *n.* a system of government in which most of the important decisions are made by state officials rather than by elected representatives
70. weapon de__t *n.* a place or a building where goods, materials, or equipment are stored, manufactured, or distributed; a transportation hub where buses or trains start or end their journeys
71. classic car ent_____sts *n.* a person having a strong liking for something
72. shopping tr_____y *n.* a wheeled cart or platform used for transporting items or goods; (in British English) a device for collecting electrical power from an overhead line to power an electric vehicle; (in American English) a shopping cart used in supermarkets
73. a cr__y scheme *adj.* stupid or not sensible; very angry
74. und_____th the surface of the water *adv.* under or below something else
75. ho_____wn memory *n.* the town or city where one was born or grew up
76. the st___m of time *n.* a small, narrow river; a continuous flow of something, such as liquid, gas, people, vehicles, etc.
77. re_____e CO2 into the air *v.* to set free or allow to escape from confinement
78. im_____nt communities *n.* a person who has come to a country where they were not born to live there permanently

ANSWERS: 69. bureaucracy, 70. depot, 71. enthusiast, 72. trolley, 73. crazy, 74. underneath, 75. hometown, 76. stream, 77. release, 78. immigrant

79. person of gra_____nt age *n.* a parent of one's father or mother
80. nu_____ll version *n.* the hard, outer covering or protective casing that encloses the kernel or fruit of certain types of nuts, such as walnuts or acorns; a concise and condensed summary or explanation of something
81. a we__d dress *adj.* extraordinary, unexpected, or difficult to explain
82. de_____p a strategy *v.* to grow or expand; to improve or refine through a process of progress and refinement, often to achieve greater sophistication or complexity; to elaborate or add detail to something that is in the process of being created
83. im_____te to the country *v.* to come to live permanently in a foreign country
84. change the ec_____em *n.* all the plants and living creatures in an area and the way they affect each other and the environment
85. abs_____ly against *adv.* without restriction or limitation; completely or utterly
86. b_g for help *v.* to ask for something urgently or earnestly; to appeal to someone to do something
87. fa_____te the public *v.* to attract and hold the attention of someone deeply and irresistibly
88. sh__g off the importance *v.* to raise your shoulders and then drop them to say you do not know or are not interested

ANSWERS: 79. grandparent, 80. nutshell, 81. weird, 82. develop, 83. immigrate, 84. ecosystem, 85. absolutely, 86. beg, 87. fascinate, 88. shrug

89. the state of being we__d *adj.* extraordinary, unexpected, or difficult to explain
90. b_g bites *n.* any tiny insect; a fault or defect in a computer program, system, or machine
91. tr_____rm heat into power *v.* to change in outward structure or looks;
92. r_v up the crowd *n.* a measure of the rate at which an engine or motor rotates, often expressed in revolutions per minute (RPM); (verb) to increase the number of rotations per minute
93. m__t the ice *v.* to turn from something solid into something soft or liquid as a result of heating
94. number of b_g fixes *n.* any tiny insect; a fault or defect in a computer program, system, or machine
95. television i__n *n.* a picture or statue of a holy person considered to be a sacred thing; a little icon on the screen of a computer or smartphone that denotes an application or a file
96. re_____ne the possibilities *v.* to imagine or conceive of something in a new or different way
97. a glare of su_____ht *n.* the light emitted by the sun; the rays of the sun
98. p__l a fruit *v.* to remove the skin of fruit and vegetables
99. re_____e a prisoner *v.* to set free or allow to escape from confinement

ANSWERS: 89. weird, 90. bug, 91. transform, 92. rev, 93. melt, 94. bug, 95. icon, 96. reimagine, 97. sunlight, 98. peel, 99. release

100. gov_____nt bureaucracy *n.* the group of people with authority to control a country or state
101. achieve spe_____ar growth *adj.* striking or impressive to look at or in performance or achievement
102. who_____ted commitment *adj.* sincere, genuine, and enthusiastic; with complete devotion or commitment
103. government bur_____cy *n.* a system of government in which most of the important decisions are made by state officials rather than by elected representatives
104. i__n for young people *n.* a picture or statue of a holy person considered to be a sacred thing; a little icon on the screen of a computer or smartphone that denotes an application or a file
105. ho_____wn celebrity *n.* the town or city where one was born or grew up
106. de_____p a skill *v.* to grow or expand; to improve or refine through a process of progress and refinement, often to achieve greater sophistication or complexity; to elaborate or add detail to something that is in the process of being created
107. 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
108. in___e guests *v.* to ask someone to come or join; to offer an opportunity or possibility for something to happen or take place

ANSWERS: 100. government, 101. spectacular, 102. wholehearted, 103. bureaucracy, 104. icon, 105. hometown, 106. develop, 107. stick, 108. invite

109. ou__o him in trickery *v.* to do better than someone; to surpass
110. who_____ted support *adj.* sincere, genuine, and enthusiastic; with complete devotion or commitment
111. fr_____te the advancement *v.* to hinder or prevent efforts, plans, or desires from doing, succeeding, or being fulfilled; to make someone feel upset or annoyed because they are unable to change or achieve something
112. a bullet left un___d *adj.* not being used, or never having been used
113. in_____te both businesses *v.* to combine one thing with another so that they form a whole or work together; to accept equal participation for members of all races and ethnic groups
114. pr_____e changes *v.* to make a proposal, declare a plan for something
115. de___e on a course of action *v.* to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options
116. re_____ne the future *v.* to imagine or conceive of something in a new or different way
117. ma_____l powers *adj.* produced by or containing supernatural powers
118. re___r the contract void *v.* to bring someone or something into a particular state; to provide something such as service, help, etc.
119. a cloud passing ov____ad *n.* the expense of maintaining something that is involved in operating a business, such as rent and heating; (adverb) above your head; in the sky

ANSWERS: 109. outdo, 110. wholehearted, 111. frustrate, 112. unused, 113. integrate, 114. propose, 115. decide, 116. reimagine, 117. magical, 118. render, 119. overhead

120. pr_____e the amendment *v.* to make a proposal, declare a plan for something
121. en_____ly satisfied with the meal *adv.* completely
122. serial qu_____r *n.* a person who gives up easily or does not have the determination to finish what they have started
123. ab_____n the practice *v.* to leave a place, thing, or person with no intention of returning; (noun) a feeling of extreme emotional intensity
124. ni_____me for a person *n.* a familiar or humorous name given to a person or thing instead of or as well as the real name
125. unb_____ble beauty *adj.* beyond belief or understanding and extremely surprising
126. achieve the hi_____ic feat *adj.* famous or significant in history, or potentially so
127. prehistoric arc_____gy *n.* the branch of anthropology that studies prehistoric people and their cultures
128. ex_____t a bad attitude *v.* to show something in public for people to enjoy or to provide them with information
129. the great di_____ry of the century *n.* the act or process of finding information, a place, or an object, or learning about something that was previously not known
130. cause unb_____ble damage *adj.* beyond belief or understanding and extremely surprising
131. the rem_____le breadth of knowledge *adj.* worthy of attention because unusual or special

ANSWERS: 120. propose, 121. entirely, 122. quitter, 123. abandon, 124. nickname, 125. unbelievable, 126. historic, 127. archaeology, 128. exhibit, 129. discovery, 130. unbelievable, 131. remarkable

132. und_____nd activist *adj.* under the surface of the ground; a secret group organized to achieve a specific purpose, such as overthrowing the government or occupying a force
133. en_____er a crisis *v.* to face something, particularly something unpleasant or difficult, while attempting to do something else; to meet, especially unexpectedly
134. red_____er an old truth *v.* to discover or find again something that was previously known but lost
135. ov_____ad capital *n.* the expense of maintaining something that is involved in operating a business, such as rent and heating; (adverb) above your head; in the sky
136. marine ec_____em *n.* all the plants and living creatures in an area and the way they affect each other and the environment
137. dem_____ion project *n.* a display or show, often of a particular skill or product, intended to convince or persuade others
138. lo___e a missing pet *v.* to specify or determine the exact position of someone or something
139. m__t down gold *v.* to turn from something solid into something soft or liquid as a result of heating
140. en___e a new employee *v.* to attract and keep someone's attention and interest; to participate in or obtain services of something
141. great-gra_____nt *n.* a parent of one's father or mother

ANSWERS: 132. underground, 133. encounter, 134. rediscover, 135. overhead, 136. ecosystem, 137. demonstration, 138. locate, 139. melt, 140. engage, 141. grandparent

142. ca___y layer *n.* a covering, typically of fabric, supported on poles or suspended above a bed, throne, or other object, used to shelter or screen the person or object below it
143. he was en_____ly to blame *adv.* completely
144. b_g the question *v.* to ask for something urgently or earnestly; to appeal to someone to do something
145. al__t consumers to the dangers *v.* to warn or arouse to a sense of danger; (adjective) paying close attention or being in a state of readiness for action
146. am_____g advances *adj.* extremely surprising, especially in a way that you like or admire
147. the be__y of the ship *n.* the front part of the body below the chest, containing the stomach and bowels; the rounded or curved part of an object, such as a ship or aircraft
148. the unf_____ar surroundings *adj.* not known or recognized; not experienced or encountered before

ANSWERS: 142. canopy, 143. entirely, 144. beg, 145. alert, 146. amazing, 147. belly, 148. unfamiliar

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The penny fell _____ the piano.

adv. under or below something else

2. I am _____ opposed to his idea because of morality.

adv. without restriction or limitation; completely or utterly

3. She teaches _____ at the local university.

n. the branch of anthropology that studies prehistoric people and their cultures

4. He _____ to the United States in search of a better life.

v. to come to live permanently in a foreign country

5. The forest's _____ provides shade and protection for the plants and animals below.

n. a covering, typically of fabric, supported on poles or suspended above a bed, throne, or other object, used to shelter or screen the person or object below it

6. He was labeled as a _____ after he abandoned the project halfway.

n. a person who gives up easily or does not have the determination to finish what they have started

7. Thousands of people attended the protest _____ against the proposed policy.

n. a display or show, often of a particular skill or product, intended to convince or persuade others

8. The tourists enjoyed taking a ride on the historic _____ in the city.

n. a wheeled cart or platform used for transporting items or goods; (in British English) a device for collecting electrical power from an overhead line to power an electric vehicle; (in American English) a shopping cart used in supermarkets

ANSWERS: 1. underneath, 2. absolutely, 3. archaeology, 4. immigrated, 5. canopy, 6. quitter, 7. demonstration, 8. trolley

9. Having _____ parking has been very beneficial throughout the winter.
adj. under the surface of the ground; a secret group organized to achieve a specific purpose, such as overthrowing the government or occupying a force
10. We want to _____ you to our annual charity event.
v. to ask someone to come or join; to offer an opportunity or possibility for something to happen or take place
11. The coach explained a strategy to _____ the opponent's schemes to the players.
v. to hinder or prevent efforts, plans, or desires from doing, succeeding, or being fulfilled; to make someone feel upset or annoyed because they are unable to change or achieve something
12. Many multinational companies are _____ in the reconstruction of that country.
v. to attract and keep someone's attention and interest; to participate in or obtain services of something
13. The vacation gave her a much-needed _____ from work.
n. a brief period of rest, relief, or delay from something difficult or unpleasant; a short break or vacation from regular activities or responsibilities
14. Can you explain your argument in a _____
n. the hard, outer covering or protective casing that encloses the kernel or fruit of certain types of nuts, such as walnuts or acorns; a concise and condensed summary or explanation of something
15. We must _____ a new system to streamline our workflow and increase efficiency.
v. to grow or expand; to improve or refine through a process of progress and refinement, often to achieve greater sophistication or complexity; to elaborate or add detail to something that is in the process of being created

ANSWERS: 9. underground, 10. invite, 11. frustrate, 12. engaged, 13. respite, 14. nutshell?, 15. develop

16. Other technology industries _____ similarly explosive growth.

- v.* to show something in public for people to enjoy or to provide them with information

17. The castle was _____ several years later.

- v.* to leave a place, thing, or person with no intention of returning; (noun) a feeling of extreme emotional intensity

18. During _____ farmers are incredibly busy.

- n.* yields of plants in a single growing season; the period of the year when gathering occurs on a farm

19. The magic tricks _____ the children.

- v.* to attract and hold the attention of someone deeply and irresistibly

20. The Chinese people have accomplished several _____ feats.

- adj.* famous or significant in history, or potentially so

21. Her resistance _____ under his persuasion.

- v.* to turn from something solid into something soft or liquid as a result of heating

22. Later, his claim was found to be _____ false.

- adv.* completely

23. The country's economic situation has improved markedly due to reform _____.

- n.* a person having a strong liking for something

24. The _____ at the airport is where passengers catch their flights.

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

ANSWERS: 16. exhibit, 17. abandoned, 18. harvest, 19. fascinated, 20. historic, 21. melted, 22. entirely, 23. enthusiasts, 24. terminal

25. My computer has been acting _____ recently.

adj. extraordinary, unexpected, or difficult to explain

26. The storm had _____ all paint off the siding.

v. to remove the skin of fruit and vegetables

27. Radiation from _____ has a different wavelength.

n. the light emitted by the sun; the rays of the sun

28. You may be entitled to _____ some tax.

v. to take back something previously lost, given, or paid, or ask to have it back

29. The rain and thunder are _____ today.

adj. stupid or not sensible; very angry

30. A suspension order from the court is effective _____.

adv. now or without delay

31. _____ elections were held in several European countries.

adj. belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use

32. Her research team made an important _____.

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

33. 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

ANSWERS: 25. weird, 26. peeled, 27. sunlight, 28. reclaim, 29. crazy, 30. immediately, 31. Communal, 32. discovery, 33. introduction

34. She had a tattoo just above her _____ button.
- n.* the front part of the body below the chest, containing the stomach and bowels; the rounded or curved part of an object, such as a ship or aircraft
35. I respect her ability to _____ off harsh criticism.
- v.* to raise your shoulders and then drop them to say you do not know or are not interested
36. Some comic book characters are considered gay _____.
- n.* a picture or statue of a holy person considered to be a sacred thing; a little icon on the screen of a computer or smartphone that denotes an application or a file
37. The bumbling _____ made it difficult to get the permits we needed.
- n.* a system of government in which most of the important decisions are made by state officials rather than by elected representatives
38. I want to _____ a toast in honor of our longstanding relationship.
- v.* to make a proposal, declare a plan for something
39. She _____ her parents to let her go to the concert.
- v.* to ask for something urgently or earnestly; to appeal to someone to do something
40. Human conservation efforts often fail unexpectedly because they disturb the balance of the _____.
- n.* all the plants and living creatures in an area and the way they affect each other and the environment
41. The team has a _____ for their star player: "The Ace."
- n.* a familiar or humorous name given to a person or thing instead of or as well as the real name

ANSWERS: 34. belly, 35. shrug, 36. icons, 37. bureaucracy, 38. propose, 39. begged, 40. ecosystem, 41. nickname

42. The company's cybersecurity team _____ the CEO to potential threats.

- v.* to warn or arouse to a sense of danger; (adjective) paying close attention or being in a state of readiness for action

43. I'm prepared to _____ challenges throughout this adventure.

- v.* to face something, particularly something unpleasant or difficult, while attempting to do something else; to meet, especially unexpectedly

44. He stepped on the gas pedal, and the engine released a loud ____.

- n.* a measure of the rate at which an engine or motor rotates, often expressed in revolutions per minute (RPM); (verb) to increase the number of rotations per minute

45. He drinks an _____ amount of beer.

- adj.* beyond belief or understanding and extremely surprising

46. She couldn't _____ whether to order the pizza or the pasta for dinner.

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

47. Police received a report of illegal _____ in the area.

- n.* a person who has come to a country where they were not born to live there permanently

48. When I was a child, my mother often cast _____ spells to ease my pain whenever I was injured.

- adj.* produced by or containing supernatural powers

49. The golfer recorded an _____ distance.

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

ANSWERS: 42. alerted, 43. encounter, 44. rev, 45. unbelievable, 46. decide, 47. immigrants, 48. magical, 49. amazing

50. She was close to her paternal _____ and often spent summers with them.
n. a parent of one's father or mother
51. He found that it is difficult to _____ socially.
v. to combine one thing with another so that they form a whole or work together; to accept equal participation for members of all races and ethnic groups
52. Visa renewal for _____ foreigners in this country is once every five years.
n. a person who lives in a particular place or has their home in a place
53. The fire ruined all the food stored in the _____.
n. a large building for storing goods and merchandise, especially before they are sold, used, or sent out to shops
54. He tried to _____ his rival by breaking the world record.
v. to do better than someone; to surpass
55. This merger will help them reduce _____ costs substantially.
n. the expense of maintaining something that is involved in operating a business, such as rent and heating; (adverb) above your head; in the sky
56. She put her _____ effort into finishing the project on time.
adj. sincere, genuine, and enthusiastic; with complete devotion or commitment
57. 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: 50. grandparents, 51. integrate, 52. resident, 53. warehouse, 54. outdo, 55. overhead, 56. wholehearted, 57. stick

58. Jet _____ are the common name for air currents that form high in the atmosphere.
- n.* a small, narrow river; a continuous flow of something, such as liquid, gas, people, vehicles, etc.
59. The election was a _____ success for the Whigs.
- adj.* worthy of attention because unusual or special
60. The animal rights group worked to _____ the dolphins back into the wild.
- v.* to set free or allow to escape from confinement
61. The federal _____ is planning to increase taxes for the next fiscal year.
- n.* the group of people with authority to control a country or state
62. The company is trying to _____ its business model to stay competitive.
- v.* to imagine or conceive of something in a new or different way
63. She was _____ with the city and got lost while trying to find her way back to the hotel.
- adj.* not known or recognized; not experienced or encountered before
64. The robot can accurately _____ construction material.
- v.* to specify or determine the exact position of someone or something
65. The jury must _____ a decision on this complex case.
- v.* to bring someone or something into a particular state; to provide something such as service, help, etc.
66. The old entrance area is now _____.
- adj.* not being used, or never having been used

ANSWERS: 58. streams, 59. remarkable, 60. release, 61. government, 62. reimagine, 63. unfamiliar, 64. locate, 65. render, 66. unused

67. The _____ demonstrate that poverty and unemployment are genuine problems.
- n.* the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data
68. I found a stink ____ crawling across the ceiling.
- n.* any tiny insect; a fault or defect in a computer program, system, or machine
69. I always look forward to going back to my _____ during the holidays.
- n.* the town or city where one was born or grew up
70. The train _____ was a hub for commuters and travelers.
- n.* a place or a building where goods, materials, or equipment are stored, manufactured, or distributed; a transportation hub where buses or trains start or end their journeys
71. The _____ fireworks display was the highlight of the festival.
- adj.* striking or impressive to look at or in performance or achievement
72. The new coffee shops and high-end boutiques are starting to _____ the neighborhood.
- v.* to renovate, revitalize, or develop a deteriorated, predominantly urban area, often leading to the displacement of low-income or minority residents and the influx of more affluent residents and businesses
73. The painting was _____ in an attic and turned out to be a long-lost masterpiece.
- v.* to discover or find again something that was previously known but lost
74. My father's death _____ my life completely.
- v.* to change in outward structure or looks;

ANSWERS: 67. statistics, 68. bug, 69. hometown, 70. depot, 71. spectacular, 72. gentrify, 73. rediscovered, 74. transformed

ANSWERS: