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Session 1: Word List

predict

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

synonym : forecast, anticipate, foresee

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

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

superpower

n. a country or nation that has significant global influence or formidable military, economic, or technological strength; a supernatural ability or force capable of extraordinary feats or feats beyond normal human capabilities

synonym : great power, empire, hegemony

(1) **superpower** country, (2) **superpower** leader

The ability to fly like a bird is often considered a **superpower** in comic books and movies.

evil

adj. profoundly immoral, cruel, and wicked; having or exerting a harmful effect on people

synonym : malign, corruption, immorality

(1) **evil** ways, (2) a charm against **evil**

Corruption is an **evil** act for any reason.

orthodox

adj. following or conforming to the traditional, normal, or commonly accepted beliefs, ideas, or activities; of or

relating to Judaism; of or relating to the Eastern Orthodox Church

synonym: traditional, conventional, established

(1) an **orthodox** doctrine, (2) **orthodox** thought
He challenged the **orthodox** views on business.

misdirect

v. to give someone the wrong order, information, etc.; to send someone or something to the wrong place or wrong direction

synonym: misguide, mislead, botch

(1) **misdirect** my anger, (2) **misdirect** the letter
I believe this analysis is **misdirected** to some extent.

blind

adj. unable to see; unable or unwilling to perceive or understand the true nature of something

synonym: sightless, unseeing, random

(1) **blind** to the beauties, (2) **blind** spot
She was nearly **blind** due to severe diabetes.

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**.

accurate

adj. correct and exact in all details

synonym: exact, precise, proper

(1) provide **accurate** information, (2) **accurate** measurements

The official transcript contains **accurate** academic records.

pickpocket

n. a person who steals from the pockets or bags of others, typically in crowded public places, often without their knowledge or detection; someone who engages in the act of pickpocketing

synonym: thief, pilferer, robber

(1) **pickpocket** incident, (2) notorious **pickpocket**
Beware of **pickpockets** in crowded tourist areas.

perceptive

adj. having or showing keen insight, sharp observation, or understanding; able to detect subtle nuances or differences in people, situations, or environments

synonym: insightful, observant, discerning

(1) **perceptive** comment, (2) **perceptive** reader

Her **perceptive** eye caught on to the subtle details in the artwork that others had missed.

fancy

v. to want to do or have something; (noun) something that many people believe but that is false, or that does not exist; imagination or fantasy

synonym: imagine, visualize, (noun) fantasy

(1) **fancy** a cup of coffee, (2) a flight of **fancy**

I don't **fancy** acting in such an important role.

trinity

n. the union of three people, especially the Christian doctrine of the three persons in one Godhead (the father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit)

synonym: triad, triune, three-in-one

(1) **trinity** doctrine, (2) the Blessed **Trinity**

The Christian doctrine of the Holy **Trinity** states that there is one God in three persons.

surveillance

n. the act of carefully monitoring a person suspected of a crime or a place where a crime may be committed or expected

synonym: administration, overseeing, control

(1) he is kept under **surveillance**, (2) **surveillance** cameras

The novel contains a criticism of the **surveillance** society.

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**.

frank

adj. honest and sincere; open and candid in expression

synonym : candid, direct, freehearted

(1) **frank** and open discussion, (2) make a **frank** apology

Full involvement means **frank** and prompt responses.

technological

adj. based on scientific and industrial progress

synonym : specialized, technical

(1) **technological** advancement, (2) **technological** policy

Technological advances have disrupted many industries.

equip

v. to provide a person or a place with the things that are needed for a particular purpose or activity

synonym : prepare, furnish, provide

(1) **equip** an army, (2) **equip** our children with some special skills

The construction company **equipped** the building with an earthquake-resistant device.

perception

n. a belief, opinion, or image you have based on how you regard, understand, or interpret something; the ability to see, hear, or notice something through the senses

synonym : understanding, idea, awareness

(1) keen **perception**, (2) **perception** of a stimulus

He is a man admired for the depth of his **perception**.

steer

v. to control the direction or movement of a vehicle; to direct a course of action; to guide or motivate someone

synonym : guide, direct, control

(1) **steer** a steady course, (2) **steer** a conversation

The captain told him to **steer** the ship north.

gateway

n. an entrance, door, or other openings that lead to a larger space, particularly one that serves as an entry point or access point to a larger area or system; a route, means, or method used to gain access to or acquire something

synonym : portal, entrance, access

(1) **gateway** drug, (2) airport **gateway**

The **gateway** to the city was a beautiful archway made of stone.

attend

v. to be present at an event, to go to a place

synonym : go, be present, accompany

(1) **attend** a meeting, (2) **attend** service

We must **attend** to this matter.

cocktail

n. a drink, usually an alcoholic one, made by mixing one or more spirits (= strong alcoholic drinks) and fruit juice; an appetizer served as a first course at a meal

synonym : appetizer, beverage

(1) a light **cocktail**, (2) **cocktail** of chemicals

We invited some friends for a **cocktail** party.

conversation

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

synonym : chat, discussion, dialogue

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

Your **conversation** reflects your thoughts.

recognize

v. to acknowledge or realize something or someone; to identify, remember, or become aware of something that was previously known or encountered

synonym : acknowledge, identify, admit

(1) **recognize** talent, (2) **recognize** achievement

It's important to **recognize** your strengths and weaknesses.

technique

n. a particular way or art of doing something that needs skill

synonym : approach, procedure, strategy

(1) a **technique** in martial arts, (2) the **technique** applied to construction

Jockey's superior **technique** brought him victory.

exploit

v. to make full use of and gain an advantage from resources, opportunities, etc.

synonym: use, abuse, control

(1) **exploit** a security hole, (2) **exploit** a valuable opportunity

We **exploit** our mining resources to strengthen our national power.

distract

v. to draw someone's attention away from what they are trying to do

synonym: divert, preoccupy, confuse

(1) **distract** attention from the real issue, (2) **distract** public opinion

Please don't **distract** me while I'm studying.

external

adj. belonging to or situated outside of someone or something

synonym: outside, exterior, foreign

(1) **external** factors, (2) **external** commerce

When a company discloses information to the market, an **external** auditor verifies them.

internal

adj. of or relating to the inside of something

synonym: interior, inner, domestic

(1) **internal** organs, (2) the **internal** economy

The prime minister canceled visits to other countries to resolve **internal** disputes.

rewind

v. to make something, such as a film or tape, go back to the beginning

synonym: wind back, back up, reverse

(1) **rewind** a film, (2) manually **rewind** the tape

Please **rewind** the thread onto the reel.

tap

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

synonym : knock, exploit, use

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

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.

onstage

adv. onto or on a stage in a theater; in front of an audience

(1) appeared **onstage**, (2) walk **onstage**

He performed his magic trick **onstage**, leaving the audience in awe.

inventory

n. a complete list of all the items or goods held in stock by a business or organization; the act of making such a list

synonym : stock, supplies, goods

(1) **inventory** control, (2) annual **inventory**

The store manager took **inventory** of the products on the shelves to know what needed restocking.

buffet

n. a meal where guests serve themselves from a counter or sideboard

synonym : sideboard, counter, smorgasbord

(1) **buffet** style, (2) have a **buffet** meal

The **buffet** at the hotel had a wide variety of food options.

applause

n. a demonstration of approval or praise by clapping the hands together

synonym : clapping, cheering, acclaim

(1) round of **applause**, (2) earn **applause**

The **applause** burst from the audience.

pardon

v. to forgive someone for something they have said or done, such as a crime; (noun) the act of excusing a mistake or offense

synonym: forgive, excuse, absolve

(1) **pardon** me, (2) supplicate for **pardon**

The governor decided to **pardon** the prisoner after reviewing the evidence of his innocence.

appreciate

v. to value and acknowledge the worth of someone or something; to be grateful for something or someone

synonym: acknowledge, admire, enjoy

(1) **appreciate** her feedback, (2) **appreciate** the value

We would **appreciate** an early reply.

belong

v. to be the property of someone or something; to be a member or part of a group; to be in the proper or appropriate place

synonym: fit, be appropriate, be suitable

(1) **belong** to different species, (2) **belong** to a group

All the books in this section **belong** to the library's rare collection and must be handled carefully.

poke

v. to push or prod with a sharp object or the finger

synonym: prod, jab, push

(1) **poke** around the desk, (2) **poke** a fire

They **poked** fun at each other's jokes, laughing and teasing.

chip

n. a small fragment of something broken off from the whole; a long and thin piece of potato fried in oil or fat

synonym: flake, fragment, chunk

(1) a **chip** of wood, (2) I don't care a **chip**

We can use this campaign as a bargaining **chip** in the negotiations.

commitment

n. a promise or firm decision to do something or to behave in a certain way

synonym: burden, obligation, promise

(1) a **commitment** to an alliance, (2) meet his

commitments

His business **commitments** took him to the United States.

trauma

n. an emotional wound or shock often has long-lasting effects caused by a highly upsetting or shocking experience

synonym: agony, injury, ordeal

(1) psychic **trauma**, (2) **trauma** care

Many civilians have suffered **trauma** as a result of the war.

communicate

v. to share or exchange information with others by speaking, writing, moving your body, or using other signals

synonym: convey, share, transmit

(1) **communicate** his anxieties to the psychiatrist,

(2) **communicate** well with my advisor

Dolphins use sound to **communicate** with each other.

squeeze

v. to apply pressure from two or more sides; to hold someone or something tightly in your arms, usually with fondness

synonym: compress, crush, clamp

(1) **squeeze** a lemon, (2) **squeeze** a confession

She **squeezed** the toothpaste tube from the middle to get the last bit out.

tight

adj. fixed, fastened, or kept together firmly or closely

synonym: closed, secured, cramped

(1) a **tight** game, (2) student on a **tight** budget

The national election was held amid **tight** security.

cheat

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

synonym : deceive, swindle, defraud

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

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

grab

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

synonym : clutch, snatch, grasp

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

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

wrist

n. the joint between the hand and the forearm; the narrow part of the hand near this joint

synonym : carpus

(1) **wrist** bones, (2) glance at my **wrist** watch

He sprained his **wrist** while playing basketball.

firm

adj. resolute or unwavering in decision-making or action; strong or secure in structure, make, or composition; reliable, trustworthy, or dependable; (noun) a business or company

synonym : stable, secure, steadfast

(1) **firm** grip, (2) accounting **firm**

The **firm** deadline for submitting the project is tomorrow, so we need to work efficiently to finish on time.

eventually

adv. finally, particularly after a long time or a lot of struggle, complications, and so on

synonym : finally, someday, ultimately

(1) **eventually** become obsolete, (2) **eventually** succeed

The corporation **eventually** dominated the entire tobacco business.

faith

n. complete trust in something or someone's ability or knowledge; a strong belief in religion, divine power, etc.

synonym : belief, trust, confidence

(1) religious **faith**, (2) **faith** in government

He kept his robust **faith** in his company.

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.

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.

obvious

adj. easy to see, discover or understand

synonym : apparent, conspicuous, evident

(1) **obvious** reasons, (2) his conclusion was **obvious**

There are **obvious** differences between the two wine-producing regions.

token

n. something that serves as a symbol, sign, or expression of something else; a physical object representing a particular idea or concept

synonym : symbol, emblem, representation

(1) digital **token**, (2) **token** payment

As a **token** of appreciation, the teacher gave each student a small gift at the end of the school year.

straight

adj. extending or moving in one direction without bending or curving; having no deviations

synonym : linear, honest, consecutive

(1) a **straight** line, (2) **straight** for two months

He was sick for five **straight** days.

squeak

v. to make a high-pitched, short, sharp noise; to speak or say something in a high-pitched, weak, or timid voice

synonym : squeal, whine, creak

(1) **squeak** out a few words, (2) mice **squeak**
The door **squeaked** when I opened it.

bizarre

adj. very strange or unusual

synonym: abnormal, freaky, outlandish

(1) the story is **bizarre**, (2) **bizarre** behavior
The truth was more **bizarre** than expected.

pants

n. an item of clothing that covers the lower part of the body and each leg separately, typically with a waistband and two legs

synonym: trousers, breeches, slacks

(1) woolly **pants**, (2) pajama **pants**
I always wear **pants** when I go outside, even in the summer.

shrimp

n. a small, freshwater or saltwater creature with a slender body and long legs

synonym: prawn, langoustine, scampi

(1) **shrimp** cocktail, (2) **shrimp** farming
The seafood restaurant had a variety of dishes featuring **shrimp**.

entertain

v. to keep a group of people interested or excited; to take into consideration an idea or feeling

synonym: amuse, delight, engage

(1) **entertain** a guest, (2) let me **entertain** you with music
He refused to **entertain** our proposal.

hesitant

adj. unsure or uncertain about what to do or how to act; reluctant or unwilling to take action or make a decision

synonym: indecisive, uncertain, reluctant

(1) **hesitant** response, (2) **hesitant** to take action
She was **hesitant** to speak in public but eventually overcame her fear.

pose

v. to present a risk, problem, or other issues that must be addressed

synonym : present, put, position

(1) **pose** a significant threat to my company, (2) **pose** a challenge

The chemicals **pose** a massive health risk.

Session 2: Spelling

1. fa__y a cup of coffee
v. to want to do or have something; (noun) something that many people believe but that is false, or that does not exist; imagination or fantasy
2. per_____ve reader
adj. having or showing keen insight, sharp observation, or understanding; able to detect subtle nuances or differences in people, situations, or environments
3. ch__t in a game
v. to act dishonestly or unfairly to gain an advantage or to deceive someone; to break the rules or laws
4. tec_____cal policy
adj. based on scientific and industrial progress
5. walk on_____e
adv. onto or on a stage in a theater; in front of an audience
6. 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
7. sup_____er country
n. a country or nation that has significant global influence or formidable military, economic, or technological strength; a supernatural ability or force capable of extraordinary feats or feats beyond normal human capabilities
8. fa__h in government
n. complete trust in something or someone's ability or knowledge; a strong belief in religion, divine power, etc.

ANSWERS: 1. fancy, 2. perceptive, 3. cheat, 4. technological, 5. onstage, 6. icon, 7. superpower, 8. faith

9. religious fa__h *n.* complete trust in something or someone's ability or knowledge; a strong belief in religion, divine power, etc.
10. eve_____ly succeed *adv.* finally, particularly after a long time or a lot of struggle, complications, and so on
11. sq___k out a few words *v.* to make a high-pitched, short, sharp noise; to speak or say something in a high-pitched, weak, or timid voice
12. have a bu___t meal *n.* a meal where guests serve themselves from a counter or sideboard
13. per_____on of a stimulus *n.* a belief, opinion, or image you have based on how you regard, understand, or interpret something; the ability to see, hear, or notice something through the senses
14. keen per_____on *n.* a belief, opinion, or image you have based on how you regard, understand, or interpret something; the ability to see, hear, or notice something through the senses
15. pajama pa__s *n.* an item of clothing that covers the lower part of the body and each leg separately, typically with a waistband and two legs
16. g__b an audience *v.* to take hold of something or someone suddenly with a hand, especially in a violent way
17. di_____ct attention from the real issue *v.* to draw someone's attention away from what they are trying to do

ANSWERS: 9. faith, 10. eventually, 11. squeak, 12. buffet, 13. perception, 14. perception, 15. pants, 16. grab, 17. distract

18. at___d service *v.* to be present at an event, to go to a place
19. a charm against e__l *adj.* profoundly immoral, cruel, and wicked; having or exerting a harmful effect on people
20. pic_____et incident *n.* a person who steals from the pockets or bags of others, typically in crowded public places, often without their knowledge or detection; someone who engages in the act of pickpocketing
21. the most am_____g feeling *adj.* extremely surprising, especially in a way that you like or admire
22. co_____il of chemicals *n.* a drink, usually an alcoholic one, made by mixing one or more spirits (= strong alcoholic drinks) and fruit juice; an appetizer served as a first course at a meal
23. sh___p farming *n.* a small, freshwater or saltwater creature with a slender body and long legs
24. notorious pic_____et *n.* a person who steals from the pockets or bags of others, typically in crowded public places, often without their knowledge or detection; someone who engages in the act of pickpocketing
25. a ti__t game *adj.* fixed, fastened, or kept together firmly or closely
26. am_____g advances *adj.* extremely surprising, especially in a way that you like or admire
27. mi_____ct the letter *v.* to give someone the wrong order, information, etc.; to send someone or something to the wrong place or wrong direction

ANSWERS: 18. attend, 19. evil, 20. pickpocket, 21. amazing, 22. cocktail, 23. shrimp, 24. pickpocket, 25. tight, 26. amazing, 27. misdirect

28. ex____t a valuable opportunity *v.* to make full use of and gain an advantage from resources, opportunities, etc.
29. st__r a steady course *v.* to control the direction or movement of a vehicle; to direct a course of action; to guide or motivate someone
30. com_____te his anxieties to the psychiatrist *v.* to share or exchange information with others by speaking, writing, moving your body, or using other signals
31. he is kept under sur_____nce *n.* the act of carefully monitoring a person suspected of a crime or a place where a crime may be committed or expected
32. 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
33. a te_____ue in martial arts *n.* a particular way or art of doing something that needs skill
34. app_____te her feedback *v.* to value and acknowledge the worth of someone or something; to be grateful for something or someone
35. let me en_____in you with music *v.* to keep a group of people interested or excited; to take into consideration an idea or feeling
36. sh___p cocktail *n.* a small, freshwater or saltwater creature with a slender body and long legs
37. ga_____y drug *n.* an entrance, door, or other openings that lead to a larger space, particularly one that serves as an entry point or access point to a larger area or system; a route, means, or method used to gain access to or acquire something

ANSWERS: 28. exploit, 29. steer, 30. communicate, 31. surveillance, 32. distracted, 33. technique, 34. appreciate, 35. entertain, 36. shrimp, 37. gateway

38. p__e a significant threat to my company
v. to present a risk, problem, or other issues that must be addressed
39. con_____ion in English
n. an informal talk between two or more people to exchange their views, ideas, information, etc.
40. mice sq___k
v. to make a high-pitched, short, sharp noise; to speak or say something in a high-pitched, weak, or timid voice
41. mi_____ct my anger
v. to give someone the wrong order, information, etc.; to send someone or something to the wrong place or wrong direction
42. re___d a film
v. to make something, such as a film or tape, go back to the beginning
43. ac_____te measurements
adj. correct and exact in all details
44. a light co_____il
n. a drink, usually an alcoholic one, made by mixing one or more spirits (= strong alcoholic drinks) and fruit juice; an appetizer served as a first course at a meal
45. bl__d spot
adj. unable to see; unable or unwilling to perceive or understand the true nature of something
46. airport ga_____y
n. an entrance, door, or other openings that lead to a larger space, particularly one that serves as an entry point or access point to a larger area or system; a route, means, or method used to gain access to or acquire something

ANSWERS: 38. pose, 39. conversation, 40. squeak, 41. misdirect, 42. rewind, 43. accurate, 44. cocktail, 45. blind, 46. gateway

47. bl__d to the beauties *adj.* unable to see; unable or unwilling to perceive or understand the true nature of something
48. appeared on ____e *adv.* onto or on a stage in a theater; in front of an audience
49. ex____al commerce *adj.* belonging to or situated outside of someone or something
50. the te____ue applied to construction *n.* a particular way or art of doing something that needs skill
51. tec____cal advancement *adj.* based on scientific and industrial progress
52. a st____ht line *adj.* extending or moving in one direction without bending or curving; having no deviations
53. meet his com____nts *n.* a promise or firm decision to do something or to behave in a certain way
54. the story is bi____e *adj.* very strange or unusual
55. fr__k and open discussion *adj.* honest and sincere; open and candid in expression
56. t_p keyboard with an index finger *v.* to hit someone or something quickly, gently, and often repeatedly; to use existing resources, such as energy, knowledge, etc.
57. pr____t the future *v.* to state beforehand that something will happen in the future, mainly based on knowledge or experience
58. at____d a meeting *v.* to be present at an event, to go to a place

ANSWERS: 47. blind, 48. onstage, 49. external, 50. technique, 51. technological, 52. straight, 53. commitment, 54. bizarre, 55. frank, 56. tap, 57. predict, 58. attend

59. g__b an opportunity *v.* to take hold of something or someone suddenly with a hand, especially in a violent way
60. a friendly con_____ion *n.* an informal talk between two or more people to exchange their views, ideas, information, etc.
61. basic br__n function *n.* the organ inside the head that is responsible for one's movement, thought, memory, and feeling
62. make a fr__k apology *adj.* honest and sincere; open and candid in expression
63. eq__p an army *v.* to provide a person or a place with the things that are needed for a particular purpose or activity
64. annual in_____ry *n.* a complete list of all the items or goods held in stock by a business or organization; the act of making such a list
65. p__e a challenge *v.* to present a risk, problem, or other issues that must be addressed
66. 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
67. dis_____ed by a conversation *adj.* having one's attention diverted or divided; being unable to concentrate because of being preoccupied or worried

ANSWERS: 59. grab, 60. conversation, 61. brain, 62. frank, 63. equip, 64. inventory, 65. pose, 66. icon, 67. distracted

68. digital to__n *n.* something that serves as a symbol, sign, or expression of something else; a physical object representing a particular idea or concept
69. pr____t when she will arrive *v.* to state beforehand that something will happen in the future, mainly based on knowledge or experience
70. re_____ze achievement *v.* to acknowledge or realize something or someone; to identify, remember, or become aware of something that was previously known or encountered
71. the Blessed Tr_____y *n.* the union of three people, especially the Christian doctrine of the three persons in one Godhead (the father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit)
72. ex_____t a security hole *v.* to make full use of and gain an advantage from resources, opportunities, etc.
73. a com_____nt to an alliance *n.* a promise or firm decision to do something or to behave in a certain way
74. accounting f__m *adj.* resolute or unwavering in decision-making or action; strong or secure in structure, make, or composition; reliable, trustworthy, or dependable; (noun) a business or company
75. provide ac_____te information *adj.* correct and exact in all details
76. com_____te well with my advisor *v.* to share or exchange information with others by speaking, writing, moving your body, or using other signals

ANSWERS: 68. token, 69. predict, 70. recognize, 71. trinity, 72. exploit, 73. commitment, 74. firm, 75. accurate, 76. communicate

77. psychic tr___a *n.* an emotional wound or shock often has long-lasting effects caused by a highly upsetting or shocking experience
78. he_____nt to take action *adj.* unsure or uncertain about what to do or how to act; reluctant or unwilling to take action or make a decision
79. wr__t bones *n.* the joint between the hand and the forearm; the narrow part of the hand near this joint
80. st_____ht for two months *adj.* extending or moving in one direction without bending or curving; having no deviations
81. p__e a fire *v.* to push or prod with a sharp object or the finger
82. earn ap_____se *n.* a demonstration of approval or praise by clapping the hands together
83. tr___a care *n.* an emotional wound or shock often has long-lasting effects caused by a highly upsetting or shocking experience
84. sq_____e a lemon *v.* to apply pressure from two or more sides; to hold someone or something tightly in your arms, usually with fondness
85. p__e around the desk *v.* to push or prod with a sharp object or the finger
86. student on a ti__t budget *adj.* fixed, fastened, or kept together firmly or closely
87. the in_____al economy *adj.* of or relating to the inside of something

ANSWERS: 77. trauma, 78. hesitant, 79. wrist, 80. straight, 81. poke, 82. applause, 83. trauma, 84. squeeze, 85. poke, 86. tight, 87. internal

88. glance at my wr__t watch *n.* the joint between the hand and the forearm; the narrow part of the hand near this joint
89. round of ap____se *n.* a demonstration of approval or praise by clapping the hands together
90. eve_____ly become obsolete *adv.* finally, particularly after a long time or a lot of struggle, complications, and so on
91. or_____ox thought *adj.* following or conforming to the traditional, normal, or commonly accepted beliefs, ideas, or activities; of or relating to Judaism; of or relating to the Eastern Orthodox Church
92. decision-making pr_____s *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
93. bu___t style *n.* a meal where guests serve themselves from a counter or sideboard
94. be___g to a group *v.* to be the property of someone or something; to be a member or part of a group; to be in the proper or appropriate place
95. sq_____e a confession *v.* to apply pressure from two or more sides; to hold someone or something tightly in your arms, usually with fondness

ANSWERS: 88. wrist, 89. applause, 90. eventually, 91. orthodox, 92. process, 93. buffet, 94. belong, 95. squeeze

96. f__m grip *adj.* resolute or unwavering in decision-making or action; strong or secure in structure, make, or composition; reliable, trustworthy, or dependable; (noun) a business or company
97. to__n payment *n.* something that serves as a symbol, sign, or expression of something else; a physical object representing a particular idea or concept
98. st__r a conversation *v.* to control the direction or movement of a vehicle; to direct a course of action; to guide or motivate someone
99. manually re___d the tape *v.* to make something, such as a film or tape, go back to the beginning
100. ob____s reasons *adj.* easy to see, discover or understand
101. en_____in a guest *v.* to keep a group of people interested or excited; to take into consideration an idea or feeling
102. pa___n me *v.* to forgive someone for something they have said or done, such as a crime; (noun) the act of excusing a mistake or offense
103. he_____nt response *adj.* unsure or uncertain about what to do or how to act; reluctant or unwilling to take action or make a decision
104. an or____ox doctrine *adj.* following or conforming to the traditional, normal, or commonly accepted beliefs, ideas, or activities; of or relating to Judaism; of or relating to the Eastern Orthodox Church

ANSWERS: 96. firm, 97. token, 98. steer, 99. rewind, 100. obvious, 101. entertain, 102. pardon, 103. hesitant, 104. orthodox

105. in_____ry control *n.* a complete list of all the items or goods held in stock by a business or organization; the act of making such a list
106. supplicate for pa____n *v.* to forgive someone for something they have said or done, such as a crime; (noun) the act of excusing a mistake or offense
107. e__l ways *adj.* profoundly immoral, cruel, and wicked; having or exerting a harmful effect on people
108. his conclusion was ob____s *adj.* easy to see, discover or understand
109. 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
110. be____g to different species *v.* to be the property of someone or something; to be a member or part of a group; to be in the proper or appropriate place
111. I don't care a c__p *n.* a small fragment of something broken off from the whole; a long and thin piece of potato fried in oil or fat
112. ch__t on my taxes *v.* to act dishonestly or unfairly to gain an advantage or to deceive someone; to break the rules or laws

ANSWERS: 105. inventory, 106. pardon, 107. evil, 108. obvious, 109. process, 110. belong, 111. chip, 112. cheat

113. sup_____er leader *n.* a country or nation that has significant global influence or formidable military, economic, or technological strength; a supernatural ability or force capable of extraordinary feats or feats beyond normal human capabilities
114. t_p a new market *v.* to hit someone or something quickly, gently, and often repeatedly; to use existing resources, such as energy, knowledge, etc.
115. di_____ct public opinion *v.* to draw someone's attention away from what they are trying to do
116. bi_____e behavior *adj.* very strange or unusual
117. in_____al organs *adj.* of or relating to the inside of something
118. permanent br__n damage *n.* the organ inside the head that is responsible for one's movement, thought, memory, and feeling
119. tr_____y doctrine *n.* the union of three people, especially the Christian doctrine of the three persons in one Godhead (the father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit)
120. ex_____al factors *adj.* belonging to or situated outside of someone or something
121. app_____te the value *v.* to value and acknowledge the worth of someone or something; to be grateful for something or someone
122. re_____ze talent *v.* to acknowledge or realize something or someone; to identify, remember, or become aware of something that was previously known or encountered

ANSWERS: 113. superpower, 114. tap, 115. distract, 116. bizarre, 117. internal, 118. brain, 119. trinity, 120. external, 121. appreciate, 122. recognize

123. woolly pa__s *n.* an item of clothing that covers the lower part of the body and each leg separately, typically with a waistband and two legs
124. a flight of fa__y *v.* to want to do or have something; (noun) something that many people believe but that is false, or that does not exist; imagination or fantasy
125. per____ve comment *adj.* having or showing keen insight, sharp observation, or understanding; able to detect subtle nuances or differences in people, situations, or environments
126. eq__p our children with some special skills *v.* to provide a person or a place with the things that are needed for a particular purpose or activity
127. a c__p of wood *n.* a small fragment of something broken off from the whole; a long and thin piece of potato fried in oil or fat
128. sur____nce cameras *n.* the act of carefully monitoring a person suspected of a crime or a place where a crime may be committed or expected

ANSWERS: 123. pants, 124. fancy, 125. perceptive, 126. equip, 127. chip, 128. surveillance

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The governor decided to _____ the prisoner after reviewing the evidence of his innocence.
v. to forgive someone for something they have said or done, such as a crime;
(noun) the act of excusing a mistake or offense

2. The official transcript contains _____ academic records.
adj. correct and exact in all details

3. His business _____ took him to the United States.
n. a promise or firm decision to do something or to behave in a certain way

4. The golfer recorded an _____ distance.
adj. extremely surprising, especially in a way that you like or admire

5. Even though he knew it was wrong, he _____ on the exam.
v. to act dishonestly or unfairly to gain an advantage or to deceive someone; to break the rules or laws

6. She was _____ to speak in public but eventually overcame her fear.
adj. unsure or uncertain about what to do or how to act; reluctant or unwilling to take action or make a decision

7. Beware of _____ in crowded tourist areas.
n. a person who steals from the pockets or bags of others, typically in crowded public places, often without their knowledge or detection; someone who engages in the act of pickpocketing

ANSWERS: 1. pardon, 2. accurate, 3. commitments, 4. amazing, 5. cheated, 6. hesitant, 7. pickpockets

8. 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
9. The _____ at the hotel had a wide variety of food options.
n. a meal where guests serve themselves from a counter or sideboard
10. The chemicals _____ a massive health risk.
v. to present a risk, problem, or other issues that must be addressed
11. Shall we _____ a bite to eat?
v. to take hold of something or someone suddenly with a hand, especially in a violent way
12. The truth was more _____ than expected.
adj. very strange or unusual
13. Please don't _____ me while I'm studying.
v. to draw someone's attention away from what they are trying to do
14. The corporation _____ dominated the entire tobacco business.
adv. finally, particularly after a long time or a lot of struggle, complications, and so on
15. They _____ fun at each other's jokes, laughing and teasing.
v. to push or prod with a sharp object or the finger
16. Please _____ the thread onto the reel.
v. to make something, such as a film or tape, go back to the beginning

ANSWERS: 8. distracted, 9. buffet, 10. pose, 11. grab, 12. bizarre, 13. distract, 14. eventually, 15. poked, 16. rewind

17. As a _____ of appreciation, the teacher gave each student a small gift at the end of the school year.
- n.* something that serves as a symbol, sign, or expression of something else; a physical object representing a particular idea or concept
18. When a company discloses information to the market, an _____ auditor verifies them.
- adj.* belonging to or situated outside of someone or something
19. It's important to _____ your strengths and weaknesses.
- v.* to acknowledge or realize something or someone; to identify, remember, or become aware of something that was previously known or encountered
20. The store manager took _____ of the products on the shelves to know what needed restocking.
- n.* a complete list of all the items or goods held in stock by a business or organization; the act of making such a list
21. To expand the company, we must ____ new human resources.
- v.* to hit someone or something quickly, gently, and often repeatedly; to use existing resources, such as energy, knowledge, etc.
22. The Christian doctrine of the Holy _____ states that there is one God in three persons.
- n.* the union of three people, especially the Christian doctrine of the three persons in one Godhead (the father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit)
23. There are _____ differences between the two wine-producing regions.
- adj.* easy to see, discover or understand

ANSWERS: 17. token, 18. external, 19. recognize, 20. inventory, 21. tap, 22. Trinity, 23. obvious

24. We _____ our mining resources to strengthen our national power.
- v.* to make full use of and gain an advantage from resources, opportunities, etc.
25. The _____ to the city was a beautiful archway made of stone.
- n.* an entrance, door, or other openings that lead to a larger space, particularly one that serves as an entry point or access point to a larger area or system; a route, means, or method used to gain access to or acquire something
26. 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
27. The national election was held amid _____ security.
- adj.* fixed, fastened, or kept together firmly or closely
28. All the books in this section _____ to the library's rare collection and must be handled carefully.
- v.* to be the property of someone or something; to be a member or part of a group; to be in the proper or appropriate place
29. _____ advances have disrupted many industries.
- adj.* based on scientific and industrial progress
30. Dolphins use sound to _____ with each other.
- v.* to share or exchange information with others by speaking, writing, moving your body, or using other signals
31. Full involvement means _____ and prompt responses.
- adj.* honest and sincere; open and candid in expression

ANSWERS: 24. exploit, 25. gateway, 26. process, 27. tight, 28. belong, 29. Technological, 30. communicate, 31. frank

32. The prime minister canceled visits to other countries to resolve _____ disputes.

adj. of or relating to the inside of something

33. The captain told him to _____ the ship north.

v. to control the direction or movement of a vehicle; to direct a course of action; to guide or motivate someone

34. Jockey's superior _____ brought him victory.

n. a particular way or art of doing something that needs skill

35. He was sick for five _____ days.

adj. extending or moving in one direction without bending or curving; having no deviations

36. 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

37. I always wear _____ when I go outside, even in the summer.

n. an item of clothing that covers the lower part of the body and each leg separately, typically with a waistband and two legs

38. We would _____ an early reply.

v. to value and acknowledge the worth of someone or something; to be grateful for something or someone

39. The construction company _____ the building with an earthquake-resistant device.

v. to provide a person or a place with the things that are needed for a particular purpose or activity

ANSWERS: 32. internal, 33. steer, 34. technique, 35. straight, 36. brain, 37. pants, 38. appreciate, 39. equipped

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

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

41. Corruption is an _____ act for any reason.

- adj.* profoundly immoral, cruel, and wicked; having or exerting a harmful effect on people

42. She was nearly _____ due to severe diabetes.

- adj.* unable to see; unable or unwilling to perceive or understand the true nature of something

43. The door _____ when I opened it.

- v.* to make a high-pitched, short, sharp noise; to speak or say something in a high-pitched, weak, or timid voice

44. He refused to _____ our proposal.

- v.* to keep a group of people interested or excited; to take into consideration an idea or feeling

45. Many civilians have suffered _____ as a result of the war.

- n.* an emotional wound or shock often has long-lasting effects caused by a highly upsetting or shocking experience

46. Her _____ eye caught on to the subtle details in the artwork that others had missed.

- adj.* having or showing keen insight, sharp observation, or understanding; able to detect subtle nuances or differences in people, situations, or environments

47. I believe this analysis is _____ to some extent.

- v.* to give someone the wrong order, information, etc.; to send someone or something to the wrong place or wrong direction

ANSWERS: 40. predict, 41. evil, 42. blind, 43. squeaked, 44. entertain, 45. trauma, 46. perceptive, 47. misdirected

48. He sprained his _____ while playing basketball.

n. the joint between the hand and the forearm; the narrow part of the hand near this joint

49. He performed his magic trick _____ leaving the audience in awe.

adv. onto or on a stage in a theater; in front of an audience

50. The _____ deadline for submitting the project is tomorrow, so we need to work efficiently to finish on time.

adj. resolute or unwavering in decision-making or action; strong or secure in structure, make, or composition; reliable, trustworthy, or dependable; (noun) a business or company

51. The novel contains a criticism of the _____ society.

n. the act of carefully monitoring a person suspected of a crime or a place where a crime may be committed or expected

52. Your _____ reflects your thoughts.

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

53. We must _____ to this matter.

v. to be present at an event, to go to a place

54. We invited some friends for a _____ party.

n. a drink, usually an alcoholic one, made by mixing one or more spirits (= strong alcoholic drinks) and fruit juice; an appetizer served as a first course at a meal

55. I don't _____ acting in such an important role.

v. to want to do or have something; (noun) something that many people believe but that is false, or that does not exist; imagination or fantasy

ANSWERS: 48. wrist, 49. onstage, 50. firm, 51. surveillance, 52. conversation, 53. attend, 54. cocktail, 55. fancy

56. He kept his robust _____ in his company.

- n.* complete trust in something or someone's ability or knowledge; a strong belief in religion, divine power, etc.

57. The _____ burst from the audience.

- n.* a demonstration of approval or praise by clapping the hands together

58. We can use this campaign as a bargaining _____ in the negotiations.

- n.* a small fragment of something broken off from the whole; a long and thin piece of potato fried in oil or fat

59. The seafood restaurant had a variety of dishes featuring _____.

- n.* a small, freshwater or saltwater creature with a slender body and long legs

60. The ability to fly like a bird is often considered a _____ in comic books and movies.

- n.* a country or nation that has significant global influence or formidable military, economic, or technological strength; a supernatural ability or force capable of extraordinary feats or feats beyond normal human capabilities

61. 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

62. He challenged the _____ views on business.

- adj.* following or conforming to the traditional, normal, or commonly accepted beliefs, ideas, or activities; of or relating to Judaism; of or relating to the Eastern Orthodox Church

63. He is a man admired for the depth of his _____.

- n.* a belief, opinion, or image you have based on how you regard, understand, or interpret something; the ability to see, hear, or notice something through the senses

ANSWERS: 56. faith, 57. applause, 58. chip, 59. shrimp, 60. superpower, 61. icons, 62. orthodox, 63. perception

64. She _____ the toothpaste tube from the middle to get the last bit out.

- v. to apply pressure from two or more sides; to hold someone or something tightly in your arms, usually with fondness

ANSWERS: 64. squeezed