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Session 1: Word List

constantly

adv. all the time

synonym: continuously, always, frequently

(1) a **constantly** innovative enterprise, (2) a **constantly** varying mind

The mobile application industry is **constantly** changing.

struggle

v. to make a great effort to do something when it is difficult, or there are a lot of problems; to use force or violence to break away from restraint or constriction

synonym: toil, strive, compete

(1) **struggle** against discrimination, (2) **struggle** to get the job

He could not **struggle** against temptation.

poverty

n. the condition of being extremely poor

synonym: deprivation, destitution, poorness

(1) **poverty** alleviation, (2) the cycle of **poverty**

Many studies have investigated the relationship between **poverty** and academic achievement.

famine

n. a severe shortage of food, often caused by drought, war, or economic reasons

synonym: hunger, starvation, drought

(1) **famine** relief, (2) coal **famine**

The severe **famine** caused by the drought has left many people without food.

firewood

n. wood used as fuel for fires, particularly for heating, cooking, or other purposes

synonym: fire logs, fire sticks, kindling

(1) chop **firewood**, (2) stacks of **firewood**

My neighbor gave me some extra **firewood** from their own supply.

midnight

n. the middle point of the night, usually defined as 12:00 AM or the start of a new day

synonym: middle of the night, witching hour

(1) **midnight** snack, (2) **midnight** shift

I stayed up until **midnight** watching my favorite movie.

wander

v. to walk around slowly or to a place, often without any clear purpose or direction

synonym: ramble, roam, stroll

(1) **wander** alone in a strange country, (2) **wander** far from home

I often **wander** around the park for half an hour.

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.

hunger

n. a strong desire or craving for something; a feeling of discomfort or weakness caused by lack of food; a chronic condition of insufficient food intake and malnutrition

synonym: appetite, craving, starvation

(1) **hunger** pangs, (2) chronic **hunger**

Many people in the world suffer from **hunger** and malnourishment every day.

humiliation

n. the feeling of being made to feel ashamed or foolish

synonym: mortification, degradation, embarrassment

(1) an intolerable **humiliation**, (2) a taste of **humiliation**

His public **humiliation** resulted from a cruel prank played by his colleagues.

hopeless

adj. having no hope; despairing; having no chance of success

synonym: despairing, helpless, futile

(1) **hopeless** situation, (2) **hopeless** at everything

After months of job searching, he felt **hopeless** and unsure of his future.

starvation

n. a severe lack of food that leads to malnutrition and, ultimately, death

synonym: hunger, malnutrition, emaciation

(1) die of **starvation**, (2) **starvation** wages

The drought led to widespread **starvation** in the region.

disappear

v. to cease to exist or be visible

synonym: fade, evaporate, vanish

(1) **disappear** without a trace, (2) **disappear** after a week

They watched the train **disappear** into the distance.

separate

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

synonym: disunite, isolate, ramify

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

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

suddenly

adv. quickly and unexpectedly

synonym: abruptly, unexpectedly, unawares

(1) **suddenly** attacked by an enemy, (2) die **suddenly**
Who answers **suddenly** knows little.

orphan

n. a child whose parents are dead or have abandoned them

synonym: waif, stray, fatherless child

(1) **orphan** care, (2) asylum for **orphan** children

The little girl was a war **orphan** and lived in a group home.

homeless

adj. without a home, and therefore typically living on the streets

synonym: destitute, displaced, transient

(1) **homeless** shelter, (2) a **homeless** cat

He became **homeless** after losing his job.

dusty

adj. covered with or characterized by dust; having a dry, powdery texture or appearance; having a lot of dust or dirt in the air

synonym: stale, filthy, grimy

(1) **dusty** road, (2) **dusty** bookshelf

The abandoned warehouse was covered in a thick layer of **dusty** debris.

trash

n. discarded material, refuse, or waste

synonym: garbage, waste, refuse

(1) **trash** bin, (2) **trash** disposal site

The city is taking measures to reduce the amount of **trash** in the streets.

survive

v. to live or exist despite a dangerous event or period

synonym: endure, persist, stay

(1) **survive** a blizzard, (2) **survive** a plane crash

These birds can only **survive** in temperate climates.

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.

illegal

adj. not allowed by law

synonym: banned, prohibited, illicit

(1) **illegal** drugs, (2) child of **illegal** immigrants

The customs agents seized the **illegal** shipment.

exchange

v. to give something and receive something else in return, often with the implication that the items being traded are of equal or comparable value; (noun) the act of giving or taking something in return for something else; a place or system where goods or services can be bought, sold, or traded

synonym: trade, swap, interchange

(1) **exchange** rate, (2) **exchange** a few friendly words

My sister and I frequently **exchange** books, as we love reading.

coal

n. a combustible black or brownish-black sedimentary rock that is found below the ground and burnt to produce heat

synonym: ember

(1) a **coal-fired** ship, (2) construction of new **coal** plants

We combust **coal** and other fossil fuels to generate electricity.

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.

uncommon

adj. not occurring or seen very often; rare

synonym: rare, scarce, unusual

(1) **uncommon** occurrence, (2) **uncommon** talents

It was **uncommon** for the store to have such a big sale.

asleep

adj. in a state of sleep

synonym: sleeping, fallen, at rest

(1) **asleep** at the wheel, (2) dead **asleep**

He lay down and fell **asleep** immediately.

grand

adj. important and large in size, scope, or extent

synonym: impressive, great, ambitious

(1) a **grand** meal, (2) **grand** bargain

This year's **grand** gathering will be held in Canada.

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.

risky

adj. involving the possibility of danger, failure, or loss

synonym: dangerous, perilous, scary

(1) change **risky** behavior, (2) a **risky** enterprise

It is extremely **risky** to sail in such a storm.

permission

n. consent or authorization given by someone in authority or by the owner of something, allowing someone to do something or allowing something to occur

synonym: approval, consent, authorization

(1) grant **permission**, (2) **permission** for permanent residence

I asked my boss for **permission** to leave early for a doctor's appointment.

severe

adj. extremely serious or bad in feeling, manner, or strict and harsh; extremely strong or vigorous

synonym : harsh, relentless, powerful

(1) **severe** heat, (2) a **severe** case of pneumonia

The senator received **severe** criticism from his opponent.

punishment

n. a penalty or consequence inflicted for wrongdoing or offense; a means of enforcing discipline or preventing further wrongdoing

synonym : penalty, discipline, retribution

(1) **punishment** for a crime, (2) humiliating **punishment**

The judge gave severe **punishment** to the criminal who committed the heinous crime.

scared

adj. afraid or frightened

synonym : frightened, fearful, dreading

(1) **scared** all the time, (2) **scared** dog

I'm **scared** of insects.

miracle

n. an act or occurrence that is not explicable by natural or scientific laws and is therefore believed to be caused by God

synonym : wonder, marvel, phenomenon

(1) **miracle** person, (2) economic **miracle**

The doctors said that her recovery was a **miracle**.

shelter

n. a structure built to protect from poor weather, danger, or attack; (verb) to protect or shield from harm or adversity, particularly relating to environmental conditions or danger

synonym : refuge, hideout, lair

(1) rainproof **shelter**, (2) anti-air raid **shelter**

They need food and **shelter**.

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.

refugee

n. a displaced person who has crossed national borders and who cannot or is unwilling to return home due to political, religious, or economic reasons or because of a war

synonym: emigrant, evacuee, exile

(1) global **refugee** crisis, (2) the **refugee** camp

The community warmly welcomed the **refugees**.

playground

n. an area where many people go for recreation, especially at a school or in a park

synonym: park, garden, sandbox

(1) a well-equipped **playground**, (2) a **playground** on the roof

There is a woods with a creek near the school **playground**.

motivate

v. to make someone want to do something, especially something that requires tremendous work and effort

synonym: boost, encourage, inspire

(1) **motivate** the students, (2) all ability to **motivate**

The ability to **motivate** people is a priceless asset.

nevertheless

adv. in spite of that; yet

synonym: nonetheless, yet, still

(1) keep working **nevertheless**, (2) **nevertheless**, she persevered

She was tired and hungry, but **nevertheless**, she persevered.

motivation

n. the reason or enthusiasm for acting or behaving in a particular way

synonym: inspiration, incentive, reason

(1) understand his **motivation**, (2) **motivation** for a change

A significant amount of **motivation** is required to be a

teacher.

ridiculous

adj. very silly or unreasonable and deserving to be laughed at

synonym: absurd, fatuous, foolish

(1) a **ridiculous** amount of money, (2) a **ridiculous** suggestion

Everyone regarded the theory he advocated as **ridiculous** but was later proven correct.

foster

v. to promote growth; to take care of another person's child, usually for a limited time, without becoming their legal parents

synonym: nurture, nourish, cultivate

(1) **foster** a better relationship, (2) **foster** two kids

The pastor contributed to **fostering** the sense of a community embracing all classes.

biology

n. the scientific study of life and the natural processes of living things

(1) evolutionary **biology**, (2) cell and molecular **biology**

In junior high school, we had to dissect a frog in **biology** class.

starve

v. to suffer or die from lack of food; to cause someone or something to suffer or die from lack of food; to deprive something of necessary nourishment or sustenance

synonym: famish, hunger

(1) **starve** for a victory, (2) **starve** to death

If you don't eat soon, you're going to **starve**.

suffocate

v. to die or cause someone to die from lack of air or inability to breathe; to be overwhelmed or constricted by a feeling or situation, such as anxiety or oppression

synonym: choke, smother, stifle

(1) **suffocate** to death, (2) **suffocate** fire

People can **suffocate** from a lack of oxygen in confined

spaces.

sacrifice

n. the act of killing an animal or person or surrendering a possession as an offering to a deity; (verb) to give up something important or valuable to help another person or get or do something that seems more important

synonym: forfeit, immolation, gift

(1) small **sacrifice** for a great cause, (2) **sacrifice** anything to get ahead

You cannot accomplish great things without a **sacrifice** of your time or money.

academic

adj. associated with schools, colleges, and universities, especially studying and thinking, not with practical skills

synonym: educational, scholarly, theoretical

(1) **academic** probation, (2) an **academic** discussion

An excellent historian must possess an **academic** mentality.

award

n. a prize or other mark of recognition given in honor of an achievement

synonym: prize, honor, accolade

(1) **award** ceremony, (2) participation **award**

He won the **award** for best actor at the film festival.

excellence

n. the quality of being extremely good

synonym: distinction, goodness, superiority

(1) **excellence** in product design, (2) highest standards of **excellence**

He has also won many marketing **excellence** awards.

dean

n. a person in charge of a college, faculty, or other academic departments, tasked with overseeing its operations, policies, and staff; a senior member of a profession or organization who is highly respected for their knowledge and experience

synonym: head, director, chancellor

(1) **dean's** list, (2) **dean** of faculty

The university's **dean** was responsible for overseeing the academic programs and policies.

semester

n. one of the periods that the school or university divided into, especially in the US and Australia; a half-year term
(1) end of the **semester**, (2) during the **semester** breaks
We must complete all of these courses in the following **semester**.

hop

v. to jump lightly and quickly on one foot or both feet; to move rapidly from one place to another; to travel using an aircraft, bus, etc.
synonym: jump, bounce, skip
(1) **hop** on one foot, (2) **hop** from one place to another
The rabbit **hopped** over the fence.

overwhelming

adj. very great or intense; so powerful that you cannot fight or react against it
synonym: overpowering, astounding, amazing
(1) **overwhelming** majority, (2) an **overwhelming** victory
He has shown signs of uneasiness and **overwhelming** worry.

motto

n. a phrase or slogan that expresses a guiding principle or goal
synonym: slogan, catchphrase, phrase
(1) the **motto** for safe traffic, (2) company **motto**
The company's **motto** is "Innovation and Service," which is reflected in its products and customer support.

intention

n. something you want to do and are going to do
synonym: purpose, connotation, will
(1) **intention** behind his decision, (2) clear **intention**
Our CEO's **intentions** are always transparent and straightforward.

satisfy

v. to make somebody pleased by giving them what they want or need

synonym: please, amuse, meet

(1) **satisfy** a desire, (2) **satisfy** a user's needs

Did this response **satisfy** your request?

confident

adj. feeling sure about your abilities or qualities or having trust in people, plans, or the future

synonym: certain, sure, convinced

(1) feel **confident**, (2) a **confident** remark

I'm not **confident** in our victory.

opportune

adj. suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose

synonym: suitable, timely, practical

(1) **opportune** occasion, (2) an **opportune** remark

The phone rang at the most **opportune** time.

pray

v. to make a request or petition to a higher power, especially in the form of a respectful or humble request

synonym: implore, supplicate, entreat

(1) **pray** devoutly, (2) **pray** for rain

She closed her eyes and **prayed** for strength to overcome difficult times.

Session 2: Spelling

1. ove_____ing majority *adj.* very great or intense; so powerful that you cannot fight or react against it
2. a taste of hum_____on *n.* the feeling of being made to feel ashamed or foolish
3. h_p on one foot *v.* to jump lightly and quickly on one foot or both feet; to move rapidly from one place to another; to travel using an aircraft, bus, etc.
4. su_____e a blizzard *v.* to live or exist despite a dangerous event or period
5. a ri__y enterprise *adj.* involving the possibility of danger, failure, or loss
6. ac_____ic probation *adj.* associated with schools, colleges, and universities, especially studying and thinking, not with practical skills
7. the cycle of po_____y *n.* the condition of being extremely poor
8. se___e heat *adj.* extremely serious or bad in feeling, manner, or strict and harsh; extremely strong or vigorous
9. small sa_____ce for a great cause *n.* the act of killing an animal or person or surrendering a possession as an offering to a deity; (verb) to give up something important or valuable to help another person or get or do something that seems more important
10. 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

ANSWERS: 1. overwhelming, 2. humiliation, 3. hop, 4. survive, 5. risky, 6. academic, 7. poverty, 8. severe, 9. sacrifice, 10. chip

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| 11. a rid_____us suggestion | <i>adj.</i> very silly or unreasonable and deserving to be laughed at |
| 12. anti-air raid sh_____r | <i>n.</i> a structure built to protect from poor weather, danger, or attack; (verb) to protect or shield from harm or adversity, particularly relating to environmental conditions or danger |
| 13. nev_____ess, she persevered | <i>adv.</i> in spite of that; yet |
| 14. cell and molecular bi_____y | <i>n.</i> the scientific study of life and the natural processes of living things |
| 15. su_____e a plane crash | <i>v.</i> to live or exist despite a dangerous event or period |
| 16. all ability to mo_____te | <i>v.</i> to make someone want to do something, especially something that requires tremendous work and effort |
| 17. die of sta_____on | <i>n.</i> a severe lack of food that leads to malnutrition and, ultimately, death |
| 18. participation aw__d | <i>n.</i> a prize or other mark of recognition given in honor of an achievement |
| 19. su_____ly attacked by an enemy | <i>adv.</i> quickly and unexpectedly |
| 20. the mo__o for safe traffic | <i>n.</i> a phrase or slogan that expresses a guiding principle or goal |
| 21. st___e to death | <i>v.</i> to suffer or die from lack of food; to cause someone or something to suffer or die from lack of food; to deprive something of necessary nourishment or sustenance |
| 22. sa_____ce anything to get ahead | <i>n.</i> the act of killing an animal or person or surrendering a possession as an offering to a deity; (verb) to give up something important or valuable to help another person or get or do something that seems more important |

ANSWERS: 11. ridiculous, 12. shelter, 13. nevertheless, 14. biology, 15. survive, 16. motivate, 17. starvation, 18. award, 19. suddenly, 20. motto, 21. starve, 22. sacrifice

23. construction of new c__l plants *n.* a combustible black or brownish-black sedimentary rock that is found below the ground and burnt to produce heat
24. an ac____ic discussion *adj.* associated with schools, colleges, and universities, especially studying and thinking, not with practical skills
25. ho____ss situation *adj.* having no hope; despairing; having no chance of success
26. keep working nev____ess *adv.* in spite of that; yet
27. coal fa____e *n.* a severe shortage of food, often caused by drought, war, or economic reasons
28. il____l drugs *adj.* not allowed by law
29. tr__h bin *n.* discarded material, refuse, or waste
30. pun____nt for a crime *n.* a penalty or consequence inflicted for wrongdoing or offense; a means of enforcing discipline or preventing further wrongdoing
31. company mo__o *n.* a phrase or slogan that expresses a guiding principle or goal
32. du__y bookshelf *adj.* covered with or characterized by dust; having a dry, powdery texture or appearance; having a lot of dust or dirt in the air
33. mot____on for a change *n.* the reason or enthusiasm for acting or behaving in a particular way
34. ex____ge a few friendly words *v.* to give something and receive something else in return, often with the implication that the items being traded are of equal or comparable value; (noun) the act of giving or taking something in return for something else; a place or system where goods or services can be bought, sold, or traded

ANSWERS: 23. coal, 24. academic, 25. hopeless, 26. nevertheless, 27. famine, 28. illegal, 29. trash, 30. punishment, 31. motto, 32. dusty, 33. motivation, 34. exchange

35. global re_____e crisis *n.* a displaced person who has crossed national borders and who cannot or is unwilling to return home due to political, religious, or economic reasons or because of a war
36. feel co_____nt *adj.* feeling sure about your abilities or qualities or having trust in people, plans, or the future
37. wa____r alone in a strange country *v.* to walk around slowly or to a place, often without any clear purpose or direction
38. de____e a question *v.* to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options
39. grant per_____on *n.* consent or authorization given by someone in authority or by the owner of something, allowing someone to do something or allowing something to occur
40. dead as____p *adj.* in a state of sleep
41. d__n of faculty *n.* a person in charge of a college, faculty, or other academic departments, tasked with overseeing its operations, policies, and staff; a senior member of a profession or organization who is highly respected for their knowledge and experience
42. p__y for rain *v.* to make a request or petition to a higher power, especially in the form of a respectful or humble request

ANSWERS: 35. refugee, 36. confident, 37. wander, 38. decide, 39. permission, 40. asleep, 41. dean, 42. pray

43. un_____on talents *adj.* not occurring or seen very often; rare
44. ho_____ss shelter *adj.* without a home, and therefore typically living on the streets
45. hu_____r pangs *n.* a strong desire or craving for something; a feeling of discomfort or weakness caused by lack of food; a chronic condition of insufficient food intake and malnutrition
46. evolutionary bi_____y *n.* the scientific study of life and the natural processes of living things
47. fo_____r two kids *v.* to promote growth; to take care of another person's child, usually for a limited time, without becoming their legal parents
48. su_____te fire *v.* to die or cause someone to die from lack of air or inability to breathe; to be overwhelmed or constricted by a feeling or situation, such as anxiety or oppression
49. a well-equipped pla_____nd *n.* an area where many people go for recreation, especially at a school or in a park
50. 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
51. humiliating pun_____nt *n.* a penalty or consequence inflicted for wrongdoing or offense; a means of enforcing discipline or preventing further wrongdoing

ANSWERS: 43. uncommon, 44. homeless, 45. hunger, 46. biology, 47. foster, 48. suffocate, 49. playground, 50. decide, 51. punishment

52. d__n's list *n.* a person in charge of a college, faculty, or other academic departments, tasked with overseeing its operations, policies, and staff; a senior member of a profession or organization who is highly respected for their knowledge and experience
53. mi_____e person *n.* an act or occurrence that is not explicable by natural or scientific laws and is therefore believed to be caused by God
54. sta_____on wages *n.* a severe lack of food that leads to malnutrition and, ultimately, death
55. tr__h disposal site *n.* discarded material, refuse, or waste
56. or___n care *n.* a child whose parents are dead or have abandoned them
57. di_____ar after a week *v.* to cease to exist or be visible
58. mi_____ht shift *n.* the middle point of the night, usually defined as 12:00 AM or the start of a new day
59. chop fi_____od *n.* wood used as fuel for fires, particularly for heating, cooking, or other purposes
60. p__y devoutly *v.* to make a request or petition to a higher power, especially in the form of a respectful or humble request
61. se_____te cream from milk *v.* to force, take, or pull apart; mark as different
62. op_____ne occasion *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose

ANSWERS: 52. dean, 53. miracle, 54. starvation, 55. trash, 56. orphan, 57. disappear, 58. midnight, 59. firewood, 60. pray, 61. separate, 62. opportune

63. in_____on behind his decision *n.* something you want to do and are going to do
64. end of the se_____er *n.* one of the periods that the school or university divided into, especially in the US and Australia; a half-year term
65. asylum for or____n children *n.* a child whose parents are dead or have abandoned them
66. understand his mot_____on *n.* the reason or enthusiasm for acting or behaving in a particular way
67. rainproof sh_____r *n.* a structure built to protect from poor weather, danger, or attack; (verb) to protect or shield from harm or adversity, particularly relating to environmental conditions or danger
68. chronic hu____r *n.* a strong desire or craving for something; a feeling of discomfort or weakness caused by lack of food; a chronic condition of insufficient food intake and malnutrition
69. aw__d ceremony *n.* a prize or other mark of recognition given in honor of an achievement
70. st_____le to get the job *v.* to make a great effort to do something when it is difficult, or there are a lot of problems; to use force or violence to break away from restraint or constriction
71. a gr__d meal *adj.* important and large in size, scope, or extent
72. per_____on for permanent residence *n.* consent or authorization given by someone in authority or by the owner of something, allowing someone to do something or allowing something to occur

ANSWERS: 63. intention, 64. semester, 65. orphan, 66. motivation, 67. shelter, 68. hunger, 69. award, 70. struggle, 71. grand, 72. permission

73. gr__d bargain *adj.* important and large in size, scope, or extent
74. an intolerable hum_____on *n.* the feeling of being made to feel ashamed or foolish
75. a ho____ss cat *adj.* without a home, and therefore typically living on the streets
76. po____y alleviation *n.* the condition of being extremely poor
77. a pla_____nd on the roof *n.* an area where many people go for recreation, especially at a school or in a park
78. mi____ht snack *n.* the middle point of the night, usually defined as 12:00 AM or the start of a new day
79. stacks of fi____od *n.* wood used as fuel for fires, particularly for heating, cooking, or other purposes
80. a se____e case of pneumonia *adj.* extremely serious or bad in feeling, manner, or strict and harsh; extremely strong or vigorous
81. sa____y a desire *v.* to make somebody pleased by giving them what they want or need
82. sc____d all the time *adj.* afraid or frightened
83. h_p from one place to another *v.* to jump lightly and quickly on one foot or both feet; to move rapidly from one place to another; to travel using an aircraft, bus, etc.
84. sta_____cs for cancer *n.* the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data

ANSWERS: 73. grand, 74. humiliation, 75. homeless, 76. poverty, 77. playground, 78. midnight, 79. firewood, 80. severe, 81. satisfy, 82. scared, 83. hop, 84. statistics

85. highest standards of exc_____ce *n.* the quality of being extremely good
86. an op_____ne remark *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
87. change ri___y behavior *adj.* involving the possibility of danger, failure, or loss
88. sc___d dog *adj.* afraid or frightened
89. clear in_____on *n.* something you want to do and are going to do
90. during the se_____er breaks *n.* one of the periods that the school or university divided into, especially in the US and Australia; a half-year term
91. 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
92. ex_____ge rate *v.* to give something and receive something else in return, often with the implication that the items being traded are of equal or comparable value; (noun) the act of giving or taking something in return for something else; a place or system where goods or services can be bought, sold, or traded
93. 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
94. un_____on occurrence *adj.* not occurring or seen very often; rare

ANSWERS: 85. excellence, 86. opportune, 87. risky, 88. scared, 89. intention, 90. semester, 91. underground, 92. exchange, 93. underground, 94. uncommon

95. ho____ss at everything *adj.* having no hope; despairing; having no chance of success
96. du__y road *adj.* covered with or characterized by dust; having a dry, powdery texture or appearance; having a lot of dust or dirt in the air
97. a con_____ly innovative enterprise *adv.* all the time
98. wa____r far from home *v.* to walk around slowly or to a place, often without any clear purpose or direction
99. a co_____nt remark *adj.* feeling sure about your abilities or qualities or having trust in people, plans, or the future
100. st____le against discrimination *v.* to make a great effort to do something when it is difficult, or there are a lot of problems; to use force or violence to break away from restraint or constriction
101. official sta_____cs *n.* the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data
102. fa____e relief *n.* a severe shortage of food, often caused by drought, war, or economic reasons
103. 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
104. di_____ar without a trace *v.* to cease to exist or be visible
105. se____te video into chapter *v.* to force, take, or pull apart; mark as different

ANSWERS: 95. hopeless, 96. dusty, 97. constantly, 98. wander, 99. confident, 100. struggle, 101. statistics, 102. famine, 103. chip, 104. disappear, 105. separate

106. an ove_____ing victory *adj.* very great or intense; so powerful that you cannot fight or react against it
107. su_____te to death *v.* to die or cause someone to die from lack of air or inability to breathe; to be overwhelmed or constricted by a feeling or situation, such as anxiety or oppression
108. exc_____ce in product design *n.* the quality of being extremely good
109. a rid_____us amount of money *adj.* very silly or unreasonable and deserving to be laughed at
110. st___e for a victory *v.* to suffer or die from lack of food; to cause someone or something to suffer or die from lack of food; to deprive something of necessary nourishment or sustenance
111. mo_____te the students *v.* to make someone want to do something, especially something that requires tremendous work and effort
112. child of il_____l immigrants *adj.* not allowed by law
113. economic mi_____e *n.* an act or occurrence that is not explicable by natural or scientific laws and is therefore believed to be caused by God
114. fo___r a better relationship *v.* to promote growth; to take care of another person's child, usually for a limited time, without becoming their legal parents
115. b_g for help *v.* to ask for something urgently or earnestly; to appeal to someone to do something

ANSWERS: 106. overwhelming, 107. suffocate, 108. excellence, 109. ridiculous, 110. starve, 111. motivate, 112. illegal, 113. miracle, 114. foster, 115. beg

116. sa____y a user's needs *v.* to make somebody pleased by giving them what they want or need
117. die su____ly *adv.* quickly and unexpectedly
118. as____p at the wheel *adj.* in a state of sleep
119. b_g the question *v.* to ask for something urgently or earnestly; to appeal to someone to do something
120. a c__l-fired ship *n.* a combustible black or brownish-black sedimentary rock that is found below the ground and burnt to produce heat
121. a con_____ly varying mind *adv.* all the time
122. the re_____e camp *n.* a displaced person who has crossed national borders and who cannot or is unwilling to return home due to political, religious, or economic reasons or because of a war

ANSWERS: 116. satisfy, 117. suddenly, 118. asleep, 119. beg, 120. coal, 121. constantly, 122. refugee

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The judge gave severe _____ to the criminal who committed the heinous crime.
 - n.* a penalty or consequence inflicted for wrongdoing or offense; a means of enforcing discipline or preventing further wrongdoing
2. I often _____ around the park for half an hour.
 - v.* to walk around slowly or to a place, often without any clear purpose or direction
3. The rabbit _____ over the fence.
 - v.* to jump lightly and quickly on one foot or both feet; to move rapidly from one place to another; to travel using an aircraft, bus, etc.
4. He has also won many marketing _____ awards.
 - n.* the quality of being extremely good
5. 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
6. My neighbor gave me some extra _____ from their own supply.
 - n.* wood used as fuel for fires, particularly for heating, cooking, or other purposes
7. Many studies have investigated the relationship between _____ and academic achievement.
 - n.* the condition of being extremely poor
8. If you don't eat soon, you're going to _____.
 - v.* to suffer or die from lack of food; to cause someone or something to suffer or die from lack of food; to deprive something of necessary nourishment or sustenance

ANSWERS: 1. punishment, 2. wander, 3. hopped, 4. excellence, 5. begged, 6. firewood, 7. poverty, 8. starve

9. There is a woods with a creek near the school _____.
- n.* an area where many people go for recreation, especially at a school or in a park
10. 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
11. It was _____ for the store to have such a big sale.
- adj.* not occurring or seen very often; rare
12. This year's _____ gathering will be held in Canada.
- adj.* important and large in size, scope, or extent
13. The pastor contributed to _____ the sense of a community embracing all classes.
- v.* to promote growth; to take care of another person's child, usually for a limited time, without becoming their legal parents
14. You cannot accomplish great things without a _____ of your time or money.
- n.* the act of killing an animal or person or surrendering a possession as an offering to a deity; (verb) to give up something important or valuable to help another person or get or do something that seems more important
15. He lay down and fell _____ immediately.
- adj.* in a state of sleep
16. The phone rang at the most _____ time.
- adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose

ANSWERS: 9. playground, 10. decide, 11. uncommon, 12. grand, 13. fostering, 14. sacrifice, 15. asleep, 16. opportune

17. The ability to _____ people is a priceless asset.

v. to make someone want to do something, especially something that requires tremendous work and effort

18. We combust _____ and other fossil fuels to generate electricity.

n. a combustible black or brownish-black sedimentary rock that is found below the ground and burnt to produce heat

19. She was tired and hungry, but _____ she persevered.

adv. in spite of that; yet

20. He became _____ after losing his job.

adj. without a home, and therefore typically living on the streets

21. Many people in the world suffer from _____ and malnourishment every day.

n. a strong desire or craving for something; a feeling of discomfort or weakness caused by lack of food; a chronic condition of insufficient food intake and malnutrition

22. The community warmly welcomed the _____.

n. a displaced person who has crossed national borders and who cannot or is unwilling to return home due to political, religious, or economic reasons or because of a war

23. Everyone regarded the theory he advocated as _____ but was later proven correct.

adj. very silly or unreasonable and deserving to be laughed at

24. These birds can only _____ in temperate climates.

v. to live or exist despite a dangerous event or period

ANSWERS: 17. motivate, 18. coal, 19. nevertheless, 20. homeless, 21. hunger, 22. refugees, 23. ridiculous, 24. survive

25. I stayed up until _____ watching my favorite movie.

n. the middle point of the night, usually defined as 12:00 AM or the start of a new day

26. Our CEO's _____ are always transparent and straightforward.

n. something you want to do and are going to do

27. The customs agents seized the _____ shipment.

adj. not allowed by law

28. It is extremely _____ to sail in such a storm.

adj. involving the possibility of danger, failure, or loss

29. People can _____ from a lack of oxygen in confined spaces.

v. to die or cause someone to die from lack of air or inability to breathe; to be overwhelmed or constricted by a feeling or situation, such as anxiety or oppression

30. They need food and _____.

n. a structure built to protect from poor weather, danger, or attack; (verb) to protect or shield from harm or adversity, particularly relating to environmental conditions or danger

31. The severe _____ caused by the drought has left many people without food.

n. a severe shortage of food, often caused by drought, war, or economic reasons

32. He won the _____ for best actor at the film festival.

n. a prize or other mark of recognition given in honor of an achievement

ANSWERS: 25. midnight, 26. intentions, 27. illegal, 28. risky, 29. suffocate, 30. shelter, 31. famine, 32. award

33. My sister and I frequently _____ books, as we love reading.
- v.* to give something and receive something else in return, often with the implication that the items being traded are of equal or comparable value; (noun) the act of giving or taking something in return for something else; a place or system where goods or services can be bought, sold, or traded
34. The drought led to widespread _____ in the region.
- n.* a severe lack of food that leads to malnutrition and, ultimately, death
35. He could not _____ against temptation.
- v.* to make a great effort to do something when it is difficult, or there are a lot of problems; to use force or violence to break away from restraint or constriction
36. The senator received _____ criticism from his opponent.
- adj.* extremely serious or bad in feeling, manner, or strict and harsh; extremely strong or vigorous
37. 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
38. I'm _____ of insects.
- adj.* afraid or frightened
39. She closed her eyes and _____ for strength to overcome difficult times.
- v.* to make a request or petition to a higher power, especially in the form of a respectful or humble request
40. The company's _____ is "Innovation and Service," which is reflected in its products and customer support.
- n.* a phrase or slogan that expresses a guiding principle or goal

ANSWERS: 33. exchange, 34. starvation, 35. struggle, 36. severe, 37. underground, 38. scared, 39. prayed, 40. motto

41. Did this response _____ your request?

v. to make somebody pleased by giving them what they want or need

42. The city is taking measures to reduce the amount of _____ in the streets.

n. discarded material, refuse, or waste

43. Who answers _____ knows little.

adv. quickly and unexpectedly

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

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

45. The university's _____ was responsible for overseeing the academic programs and policies.

n. a person in charge of a college, faculty, or other academic departments, tasked with overseeing its operations, policies, and staff; a senior member of a profession or organization who is highly respected for their knowledge and experience

46. I'm not _____ in our victory.

adj. feeling sure about your abilities or qualities or having trust in people, plans, or the future

47. After months of job searching, he felt _____ and unsure of his future.

adj. having no hope; despairing; having no chance of success

48. An excellent historian must possess an _____ mentality.

adj. associated with schools, colleges, and universities, especially studying and thinking, not with practical skills

ANSWERS: 41. satisfy, 42. trash, 43. suddenly, 44. separate, 45. dean, 46. confident, 47. hopeless, 48. academic

49. They watched the train _____ into the distance.

v. to cease to exist or be visible

50. He has shown signs of uneasiness and _____ worry.

adj. very great or intense; so powerful that you cannot fight or react against it

51. We must complete all of these courses in the following _____.

n. one of the periods that the school or university divided into, especially in the US and Australia; a half-year term

52. The little girl was a war _____ and lived in a group home.

n. a child whose parents are dead or have abandoned them

53. The _____ demonstrate that poverty and unemployment are genuine problems.

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

54. The mobile application industry is _____ changing.

adv. all the time

55. The doctors said that her recovery was a _____.

n. an act or occurrence that is not explicable by natural or scientific laws and is therefore believed to be caused by God

56. I asked my boss for _____ to leave early for a doctor's appointment.

n. consent or authorization given by someone in authority or by the owner of something, allowing someone to do something or allowing something to occur

ANSWERS: 49. disappear, 50. overwhelming, 51. semester, 52. orphan, 53. statistics, 54. constantly, 55. miracle, 56. permission

57. A significant amount of _____ is required to be a teacher.
n. the reason or enthusiasm for acting or behaving in a particular way
58. His public _____ resulted from a cruel prank played by his colleagues.
n. the feeling of being made to feel ashamed or foolish
59. In junior high school, we had to dissect a frog in _____ class.
n. the scientific study of life and the natural processes of living things
60. 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
61. The abandoned warehouse was covered in a thick layer of _____ debris.
adj. covered with or characterized by dust; having a dry, powdery texture or appearance; having a lot of dust or dirt in the air

ANSWERS: 57. motivation, 58. humiliation, 59. biology, 60. chip, 61. dusty