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Session 1: Word List

fellowship

n. an association of people who share common interests or goals, typically involving research, study, or a specific profession

synonym: association, society, group

(1) research **fellowship**, (2) postdoctoral **fellowship**

The **fellowship** of scientists worked together to conduct research and make important discoveries.

high-rise

adj. describing a tall building or structure that has many floors or levels above the ground, often used to describe residential or commercial buildings in urban areas with multiple stories

synonym: tall building, skyscraper, high building

(1) **high-rise** building, (2) **high-rise** office

Living in a **high-rise** apartment offers spectacular views of the city.

suburb

n. an outlying district or residential area of a city or town, typically comprising middle-class and affluent neighborhoods

synonym: outskirts, district, quarter

(1) **suburb** development, (2) **suburb** life

He grew up in the **suburbs** but always dreamed of living in

the city.

reinvent

v. to change something so drastically that it looks to be completely new

synonym: recreate, remake, revive

(1) **reinvent** local dishes, (2) **reinvent** our life

They have tried to **reinvent** their grocery stores.

sustain

v. to supply enough of what somebody or something needs to survive or exist; to accept as valid

synonym: maintain, nurture, support

(1) **sustain** a good relationship with him, (2) **sustain** a wellness lifestyle

She struggled to **sustain** the children's reading habits.

habitat

n. the type of natural environment in which an organism or group usually lives or occurs

synonym: dwelling, environment, home ground

(1) a marine **habitat**, (2) threatened **habitat**

The **habitat** of this bird is freshwater areas and saltwater marshes.

corridor

n. a hallway or passageway, especially one connecting rooms or areas within a building or structure

synonym: hallway, passageway, aisle

(1) walk along a **corridor**, (2) air **corridor**

The long **corridor** was filled with people rushing to get to their rooms before the meeting began.

prefabricated

adj. constructed or made in advance, often in sections or components, before being assembled on-site; manufactured or built in a factory rather than on-site

synonym: prebuilt, prefab, factory-made

(1) **prefabricated** building, (2) **prefabricated** home

The new office building was constructed with **prefabricated** materials, which helped save time and money.

achieve

v. to successfully complete a task or goal, often through hard work, perseverance, and dedication; to attain or accomplish something that one has set out to do

synonym : accomplish, attain, reach

(1) **achieve** success, (2) **achieve** milestones

I will work hard to **achieve** my goals and realize my dreams.

economy

n. the system by which a country or region produces, manages, and distributes goods and services, including the money and finances involved in these activities; (of an airline) the lowest-priced, most basic option for seating in commercial travel

synonym : finance, trade, business

(1) **economy** of scale, (2) **economy** class

The **economy** of the country is struggling due to the recent political instability.

desirable

adj. worth having or achieving; pleasing, attractive, or sought after

synonym : appealing, attractive, advisable

(1) **desirable** effect, (2) **desirable** result

The beachfront property had a **desirable** location with stunning ocean views.

heritage

n. the culture and traditions that are passed down from previous generations

synonym : legacy, tradition, inheritance

(1) **heritage** site, (2) historical **heritage**

The **heritage** of the city is reflected in its architecture.

proliferate

v. to grow or increase rapidly in number; to reproduce or spread rapidly, especially in an uncontrolled manner

synonym : multiply, spread, propagate

(1) **proliferate** cells, (2) **proliferate** weeds

The number of COVID cases continued to **proliferate** in many countries worldwide.

- cult**
- n.* a small religious group, especially one that is not part of a larger religion and that is regarded as outside the norm; followers of an exclusive system of beliefs and practices
- synonym*: sect, faith, religion
- (1) **cult** members, (2) **cult's** practices
- The **cult** leader promised his followers that they would achieve enlightenment if they followed his teachings.
- revolution**
- n.* a large-scale attempt to overthrow the government of a country, often using violence or war;
- synonym*: coup, innovation, rebellion
- (1) beginning of the industrial **revolution**, (2) a political **revolution**
- The **revolution** by the citizen resulted in a redistribution of wealth.
- architect**
- n.* a person whose job is to design plans to be used in making something, such as buildings
- synonym*: creator, designer, planner
- (1) landscape **architect**, (2) **architect** of the peace accord
- The building **architect** tried to build the house above the tree.
- wealth**
- n.* a large amount of money, property, or other things that someone or an organization owns
- synonym*: affluence, assets, fortunate
- (1) majority of his **wealth**, (2) material **wealth**
- The **wealth** inequality was unavoidable.
- density**
- n.* the quality of compactness of a substance
- synonym*: tightness, viscosity
- (1) population **density**, (2) higher pixel **density**
- Do you know the **density** of the population in Hong Kong?
- helicopter**
- n.* a type of aircraft that is capable of hovering in place and moving vertically, as well as flying horizontally; often used for emergency medical services, military

operations, and transport in areas with limited access

synonym: chopper, copter, whirlybird

(1) **helicopter** ride, (2) police **helicopter**

The company's CEO arrived at the meeting via **helicopter** to avoid traffic congestion

consume

v. to spend something, especially fuel, energy, or time, in a large amount

synonym: absorb, ingest, use up

(1) **consume** a large of alcohol, (2) **consume** electricity

A smaller car will **consume** less fuel.

low-rise

adj. referring to clothing or building design that sits, begins, or ends at a relatively low point on the body or structure, such as the hips, waist, or foundation

synonym: low-cut, hip-hugging, hipster

(1) **low-rise** shorts, (2) **low-rise** buildings

I prefer wearing **low-rise** jeans because they are more comfortable for me.

environment

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

synonym: atmosphere, surroundings, climate

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

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

congest

v. to make something blocked or crowded so as to hinder or prevent freedom of movement or flow of liquid

synonym: clog, choke, crowd

(1) **congest** in a vein, (2) **congest** a highway

The roads to the airport were heavily **congested**.

mobility

n. the ability to move or be moved freely or easily from one place, job, or social class to another

synonym: flexibility, maneuverability

(1) lack in **mobility**, (2) improve social **mobility**
I have limited **mobility** in my arms.

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.

rethink

v. to consider again a plan, idea, etc., especially to change it

synonym: reexplore, review, reconsider

(1) **rethink** a marketing plan, (2) **rethink** the role of the manager
We have to **rethink** our company's product lineup for further growth.

affordable

adj. not expensive and able to pay

synonym: cheap, reasonable, inexpensive

(1) **affordable** housing, (2) **affordable** solution
The automaker has been providing **affordable** car financing options since last year.

prevailing

adj. most frequent, widespread, or currently dominant, usually referring to a particular opinion, attitude, or trend

synonym: dominant, prevalent, current

(1) **prevailing** wind, (2) **prevailing** trend
The **prevailing** opinion was that the project would be a success.

fractal

n. a complex geometric pattern or shape that repeats itself on smaller and smaller scales, often occurring in nature or mathematical equations

synonym: pattern, design, geometry

(1) **fractal** pattern, (2) **fractal** art

The coastline of Norway is one of the most famous examples of **fractal** geometry in nature.

exterior

adj. situated in or suitable for the outdoors or outside of something

synonym : external, outward, outer

(1) glass **exterior**, (2) new **exterior** design

Four **exterior** walls surround the courtyard.

compact

adj. closely and firmly united or packed together, using very little space; smaller than is usual

synonym : packed, tight, consolidated

(1) a **compact** camera, (2) extremely **compact** device

Two countries acted together as if by **compact**.

membrane

n. a soft, thin layer that forms animal or vegetable tissue

synonym : tissue layer

(1) cell **membranes**, (2) nuclear **membrane**

Loud noises might harm the fragile ear **membrane**.

retail

n. the sale of goods or services to consumers, especially in small quantities, either directly to the end customer or through retail outlets

synonym : sales, trade, commerce

(1) **retail** store, (2) a **retail** dealer

The **retail** industry has been affected by the rise of online shopping.

reconfigure

v. to change the configuration or arrangement of something, often to improve its performance or functionality

synonym : reshape, restructure, realign

(1) **reconfigure** the network, (2) **reconfigure** the operating system

We need to **reconfigure** the office layout to use the space better.

communal

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

synonym : collaborative, combined, collective

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

Communal elections were held in several European countries.

permeable

adj. capable of being penetrated, passed through, or absorbed; allowing liquids, gases, or other substances to pass through a surface or material, often with ease

synonym : porous, absorbent, permeative

(1) **permeable** membrane, (2) air- **permeable** fabric

The soil needs to be **permeable** so water can easily drain through it.

obstruction

n. something that blocks the path or progress of something else; an obstacle or barrier that impedes movement, action, or progress

synonym : barrier, obstacle, hindrance

(1) airway **obstruction**, (2) **obstruction** of justice

The tree branch in the middle of the walking path created an **obstruction** for pedestrians.

permanent

adj. lasting for a long time without essential change

synonym : lasting, ceaseless, endless

(1) literature of **permanent** value, (2) **permanent** life insurance

She is searching for a **permanent** residence.

by-law

n. a rule or regulation made by a local governing authority, typically at a municipal or organizational level, to govern specific activities or behavior within a jurisdiction

synonym : regulation, ordinance, rule

(1) **by-law** amendment, (2) local **by-law**

The new **by-law** restricts the maximum height of buildings in the area.

sunlight

n. the light emitted by the sun; the rays of the sun
synonym: daylight, rays, sunshine

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

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

solstice

n. either of the two moments in a year when the sun is at its greatest distance from the celestial equator, resulting in the shortest or longest day of the year; the time of year associated with these events

(1) celebrate **solstice**, (2) summer **solstice**

The winter **solstice** marks the shortest day of the year in the Northern Hemisphere.

construct

v. to build or create something; to assemble or combine different parts to form something whole

synonym: build, assemble, create

(1) **construct** a 3D image, (2) **construct** a dam

He **constructs** hypotheses that no mathematician has ever imagined before.

realm

n. a domain of activity, interest, or knowledge

synonym: domain, empire, kingdom

(1) public **realm**, (2) beyond the **realm** of possibility

Her passions are in the **realm** of real-world political affairs.

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.

concept

n. an idea or principle associated with something abstract

synonym: idea, notion, vision

(1) learn new **concepts**, (2) **concept** car

One such rapidly growing **concept** is quantum cryptography.

outdo

v. to do better than someone; to surpass

synonym: excel, surpass, outshine

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

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

indoor

adj. located, happened, or used inside a building

(1) an **indoor** pool, (2) designed for **indoor** use

Table tennis is an **indoor** sport.

promenade

n. a stroll or walk, often taken in a public place or park; a public place for walking or strolling, often filled with shops or vendors; a dance movement in which the partners move around the floor in a circle or similar pattern

synonym: stroll, walkway, boulevard

(1) evening **promenade**, (2) **promenade** in the park

The boardwalk by the beach was a beautiful **promenade** for tourists and locals alike.

integrate

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

synonym: mix, merge, combine

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

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

intense

adj. (especially of a feeling) very strong; extremely sharp or severe

synonym: extreme, fierce, harsh

(1) **intense** heat, (2) develop **intense** itching

That statement by the prime minister drew **intense** international criticism.

urban

adj. relating to or located in a town or city

synonym: metropolitan, civic

(1) **urban** planning, (2) **urban** property owners

Only a small number of **urban** utilities offer sanitation services.

relevance

n. the state or degree of being closely connected or appropriate to the matter at hand

synonym: pertinence, applicability, connection

(1) have no **relevance**, (2) **relevance** category

The **relevance** of this information to the current situation needs to be investigated.

structure

n. the way of construction of something and the arrangement of its parts, or a complex thing constructed of many parts

synonym: construction, architecture, establishment

(1) the **structure** of a machine, (2) **structure** and function of the brain

The organizational **structure** of start-ups is often flat and straightforward.

podium

n. a raised platform or stand that is used for delivering speeches, conducting meetings, or presenting awards

synonym: lectern, stand, dais

(1) win a **podium** position, (2) **podium** finisher

The speaker stood confidently on the **podium** while delivering their speech.

tower

n. a structure that is exceptionally high in proportion to its width and either forms part of a building or stands alone

synonym: building, belfry, edifice

(1) a bell **tower**, (2) the **tower** on a cliff

She is a **tower** of strength for our team in trouble.

acre

n. a unit of land area in the US Customary System and the British Imperial System, equal to 4,840 square yards (= 4,047 square meters)

(1) half- **acre** parcel, (2) an **acre** of forest

The farm covers over 200 **acres** of land.

jog

v. to run or move at a slow or leisurely pace, typically for exercise; to continue talking or writing without a definite plan or purpose

synonym: run, sprint, trot

(1) **jog** in place, (2) **jog** my memory

She decided to **jog** around the park to clear her head.

Session 2: Spelling

1. pre_____ted home *adj.* constructed or made in advance, often in sections or components, before being assembled on-site; manufactured or built in a factory rather than on-site
2. nuclear me_____ne *n.* a soft, thin layer that forms animal or vegetable tissue
3. threatened ha_____t *n.* the type of natural environment in which an organism or group usually lives or occurs
4. landscape ar_____ct *n.* a person whose job is to design plans to be used in making something, such as buildings
5. pr_____de in the park *n.* a stroll or walk, often taken in a public place or park; a public place for walking or strolling, often filled with shops or vendors; a dance movement in which the partners move around the floor in a circle or similar pattern
6. co_____al swimming pool *adj.* belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use
7. co_____t a highway *v.* to make something blocked or crowded so as to hinder or prevent freedom of movement or flow of liquid
8. hi_____se building *adj.* describing a tall building or structure that has many floors or levels above the ground, often used to describe residential or commercial buildings in urban areas with multiple stories

ANSWERS: 1. prefabricated, 2. membrane, 3. habitat, 4. architect, 5. promenade, 6. communal, 7. congest, 8. high-rise

9. ec____y class *n.* the system by which a country or region produces, manages, and distributes goods and services, including the money and finances involved in these activities; (of an airline) the lowest-priced, most basic option for seating in commercial travel
10. material we___h *n.* a large amount of money, property, or other things that someone or an organization owns
11. pe_____nt life insurance *adj.* lasting for a long time without essential change
12. pe_____le membrane *adj.* capable of being penetrated, passed through, or absorbed; allowing liquids, gases, or other substances to pass through a surface or material, often with ease
13. de_____le result *adj.* worth having or achieving; pleasing, attractive, or sought after
14. obs_____on of justice *n.* something that blocks the path or progress of something else; an obstacle or barrier that impedes movement, action, or progress
15. majority of his we___h *n.* a large amount of money, property, or other things that someone or an organization owns
16. population de_____y *n.* the quality of compactness of a substance
17. have no re_____ce *n.* the state or degree of being closely connected or appropriate to the matter at hand

ANSWERS: 9. economy, 10. wealth, 11. permanent, 12. permeable, 13. desirable, 14. obstruction, 15. wealth, 16. density, 17. relevance

18. he_____ge site *n.* the culture and traditions that are passed down from previous generations
19. a marine ha_____t *n.* the type of natural environment in which an organism or group usually lives or occurs
20. the st_____re of a machine *n.* the way of construction of something and the arrangement of its parts, or a complex thing constructed of many parts
21. develop in_____e itching *adj.* (especially of a feeling) very strong; extremely sharp or severe
22. in_____te both businesses *v.* to combine one thing with another so that they form a whole or work together; to accept equal participation for members of all races and ethnic groups
23. co_____e a large of alcohol *v.* to spend something, especially fuel, energy, or time, in a large amount
24. pre_____ng trend *adj.* most frequent, widespread, or currently dominant, usually referring to a particular opinion, attitude, or trend
25. co_____t car *n.* an idea or principle associated with something abstract
26. re_____nt local dishes *v.* to change something so drastically that it looks to be completely new
27. re____l store *n.* the sale of goods or services to consumers, especially in small quantities, either directly to the end customer or through retail outlets
28. air co_____or *n.* a hallway or passageway, especially one connecting rooms or areas within a building or structure

ANSWERS: 18. heritage, 19. habitat, 20. structure, 21. intense, 22. integrate, 23. consume, 24. prevailing, 25. concept, 26. reinvent, 27. retail, 28. corridor

29. de_____le effect *adj.* worth having or achieving; pleasing, attractive, or sought after
30. co_____e electricity *v.* to spend something, especially fuel, energy, or time, in a large amount
31. pro_____te weeds *v.* to grow or increase rapidly in number; to reproduce or spread rapidly, especially in an uncontrolled manner
32. airway obs_____on *n.* something that blocks the path or progress of something else; an obstacle or barrier that impedes movement, action, or progress
33. in direct su_____ht *n.* the light emitted by the sun; the rays of the sun
34. historical he_____ge *n.* the culture and traditions that are passed down from previous generations
35. in_____te into the existing system *v.* to combine one thing with another so that they form a whole or work together; to accept equal participation for members of all races and ethnic groups
36. research fel_____ip *n.* an association of people who share common interests or goals, typically involving research, study, or a specific profession
37. extremely co_____t device *adj.* closely and firmly united or packed together, using very little space; smaller than is usual
38. c__t members *n.* a small religious group, especially one that is not part of a larger religion and that is regarded as outside the norm; followers of an exclusive system of beliefs and practices

ANSWERS: 29. desirable, 30. consume, 31. proliferate, 32. obstruction, 33. sunlight, 34. heritage, 35. integrate, 36. fellowship, 37. compact, 38. cult

39. a political rev_____on *n.* a large-scale attempt to overthrow the government of a country, often using violence or war;
40. pre_____ted building *adj.* constructed or made in advance, often in sections or components, before being assembled on-site; manufactured or built in a factory rather than on-site
41. win a po___m position *n.* a raised platform or stand that is used for delivering speeches, conducting meetings, or presenting awards
42. aff_____le solution *adj.* not expensive and able to pay
43. re_____k the role of the manager *v.* to consider again a plan, idea, etc., especially to change it
44. literature of pe_____nt value *adj.* lasting for a long time without essential change
45. su_____n a wellness lifestyle *v.* to supply enough of what somebody or something needs to survive or exist; to accept as valid
46. cell me_____nes *n.* a soft, thin layer that forms animal or vegetable tissue
47. hi_____se office *adj.* describing a tall building or structure that has many floors or levels above the ground, often used to describe residential or commercial buildings in urban areas with multiple stories
48. ac_____e milestones *v.* to successfully complete a task or goal, often through hard work, perseverance, and dedication; to attain or accomplish something that one has set out to do

ANSWERS: 39. revolution, 40. prefabricated, 41. podium, 42. affordable, 43. rethink, 44. permanent, 45. sustain, 46. membrane, 47. high-rise, 48. achieve

49. an a__e of forest *n.* a unit of land area in the US Customary System and the British Imperial System, equal to 4,840 square yards (= 4,047 square meters)
50. half-a__e parcel *n.* a unit of land area in the US Customary System and the British Imperial System, equal to 4,840 square yards (= 4,047 square meters)
51. by___w amendment *n.* a rule or regulation made by a local governing authority, typically at a municipal or organizational level, to govern specific activities or behavior within a jurisdiction
52. a glare of su_____ht *n.* the light emitted by the sun; the rays of the sun
53. env_____nt affairs *n.* the natural world such as air, water, and land in which humans, animals, and plants live
54. po___m finisher *n.* a raised platform or stand that is used for delivering speeches, conducting meetings, or presenting awards
55. public re__m *n.* a domain of activity, interest, or knowledge
56. 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
57. ur__n planning *adj.* relating to or located in a town or city
58. evening pr_____de *n.* a stroll or walk, often taken in a public place or park; a public place for walking or strolling, often filled with shops or vendors; a dance movement in which the partners move around the floor in a circle or similar pattern

ANSWERS: 49. acre, 50. acre, 51. by-law, 52. sunlight, 53. environment, 54. podium, 55. realm, 56. decide, 57. urban, 58. promenade

59. de___e a question *v.* to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options
60. higher pixel de____y *n.* the quality of compactness of a substance
61. an in___r pool *adj.* located, happened, or used inside a building
62. celebrate so____ce *n.* either of the two moments in a year when the sun is at its greatest distance from the celestial equator, resulting in the shortest or longest day of the year; the time of year associated with these events
63. new ex____or design *adj.* situated in or suitable for the outdoors or outside of something
64. co____al combination of funds *adj.* belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use
65. ar____ct of the peace accord *n.* a person whose job is to design plans to be used in making something, such as buildings
66. ou__o him in trickery *v.* to do better than someone; to surpass
67. re____k a marketing plan *v.* to consider again a plan, idea, etc., especially to change it
68. lo____se buildings *adj.* referring to clothing or building design that sits, begins, or ends at a relatively low point on the body or structure, such as the hips, waist, or foundation
69. an op____ne remark *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose

ANSWERS: 59. decide, 60. density, 61. indoor, 62. solstice, 63. exterior, 64. communal, 65. architect, 66. outdo, 67. rethink, 68. low-rise, 69. opportune

70. postdoctoral fel_____ip *n.* an association of people who share common interests or goals, typically involving research, study, or a specific profession
71. pro_____te cells *v.* to grow or increase rapidly in number; to reproduce or spread rapidly, especially in an uncontrolled manner
72. su___b life *n.* an outlying district or residential area of a city or town, typically comprising middle-class and affluent neighborhoods
73. op_____ne occasion *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
74. aff_____le housing *adj.* not expensive and able to pay
75. j_g in place *v.* to run or move at a slow or leisurely pace, typically for exercise; to continue talking or writing without a definite plan or purpose
76. fr_____l art *n.* a complex geometric pattern or shape that repeats itself on smaller and smaller scales, often occurring in nature or mathematical equations
77. a re___l dealer *n.* the sale of goods or services to consumers, especially in small quantities, either directly to the end customer or through retail outlets
78. co_____ct a 3D image *v.* to build or create something; to assemble or combine different parts to form something whole

ANSWERS: 70. fellowship, 71. proliferate, 72. suburb, 73. opportune, 74. affordable, 75. jog, 76. fractal, 77. retail, 78. construct

79. st_____re and function of the brain *n.* the way of construction of something and the arrangement of its parts, or a complex thing constructed of many parts
80. c__t's practices *n.* a small religious group, especially one that is not part of a larger religion and that is regarded as outside the norm; followers of an exclusive system of beliefs and practices
81. glass ex_____or *adj.* situated in or suitable for the outdoors or outside of something
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86. lack in mo_____ty *n.* the ability to move or be moved freely or easily from one place, job, or social class to another
87. ou__o the competition *v.* to do better than someone; to surpass

ANSWERS: 79. structure, 80. cult, 81. exterior, 82. urban, 83. economy, 84. construct, 85. relevance, 86. mobility, 87. outdo

88. fr____l pattern *n.* a complex geometric pattern or shape that repeats itself on smaller and smaller scales, often occurring in nature or mathematical equations
89. summer so____ce *n.* either of the two moments in a year when the sun is at its greatest distance from the celestial equator, resulting in the shortest or longest day of the year; the time of year associated with these events
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91. learn new co____ts *n.* an idea or principle associated with something abstract
92. rec____re the network *v.* to change the configuration or arrangement of something, often to improve its performance or functionality
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ANSWERS: 88. fractal, 89. solstice, 90. tower, 91. concept, 92. reconfigure, 93. corridor, 94. revolution, 95. low-rise, 96. suburb

97. chaotic env_____nt
n. the natural world such as air, water, and land in which humans, animals, and plants live
98. in_____e heat
adj. (especially of a feeling) very strong; extremely sharp or severe
99. the to__r on a cliff
n. a structure that is exceptionally high in proportion to its width and either forms part of a building or stands alone
100. rec_____re the operating system
v. to change the configuration or arrangement of something, often to improve its performance or functionality
101. co_____t in a vein
v. to make something blocked or crowded so as to hinder or prevent freedom of movement or flow of liquid
102. police hel_____er
n. a type of aircraft that is capable of hovering in place and moving vertically, as well as flying horizontally; often used for emergency medical services, military operations, and transport in areas with limited access
103. re_____nt our life
v. to change something so drastically that it looks to be completely new
104. ac_____e success
v. to successfully complete a task or goal, often through hard work, perseverance, and dedication; to attain or accomplish something that one has set out to do
105. pre_____ng wind
adj. most frequent, widespread, or currently dominant, usually referring to a particular opinion, attitude, or trend

ANSWERS: 97. environment, 98. intense, 99. tower, 100. reconfigure, 101. congest, 102. helicopter, 103. reinvent, 104. achieve, 105. prevailing

106. local by___w *n.* a rule or regulation made by a local governing authority, typically at a municipal or organizational level, to govern specific activities or behavior within a jurisdiction
107. air-pe_____le fabric *adj.* capable of being penetrated, passed through, or absorbed; allowing liquids, gases, or other substances to pass through a surface or material, often with ease
108. beyond the re__m of possibility *n.* a domain of activity, interest, or knowledge
109. a co_____t camera *adj.* closely and firmly united or packed together, using very little space; smaller than is usual
110. designed for in___r use *adj.* located, happened, or used inside a building
111. improve social mo_____ty *n.* the ability to move or be moved freely or easily from one place, job, or social class to another
112. j_g my memory *v.* to run or move at a slow or leisurely pace, typically for exercise; to continue talking or writing without a definite plan or purpose
113. hel_____er ride *n.* a type of aircraft that is capable of hovering in place and moving vertically, as well as flying horizontally; often used for emergency medical services, military operations, and transport in areas with limited access

ANSWERS: 106. by-law, 107. permeable, 108. realm, 109. compact, 110. indoor, 111. mobility, 112. jog, 113. helicopter

114. su____n a good relationship with
him

v. to supply enough of what somebody or
something needs to survive or exist; to
accept as valid

ANSWERS: 114. sustain

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. I prefer wearing _____ jeans because they are more comfortable for me.
adj. referring to clothing or building design that sits, begins, or ends at a relatively low point on the body or structure, such as the hips, waist, or foundation

2. The soil needs to be _____ so water can easily drain through it.
adj. capable of being penetrated, passed through, or absorbed; allowing liquids, gases, or other substances to pass through a surface or material, often with ease

3. The _____ by the citizen resulted in a redistribution of wealth.
n. a large-scale attempt to overthrow the government of a country, often using violence or war;

4. The _____ of this information to the current situation needs to be investigated.
n. the state or degree of being closely connected or appropriate to the matter at hand

5. We need to _____ the office layout to use the space better.
v. to change the configuration or arrangement of something, often to improve its performance or functionality

6. The automaker has been providing _____ car financing options since last year.
adj. not expensive and able to pay

7. Do you know the _____ of the population in Hong Kong?
n. the quality of compactness of a substance

ANSWERS: 1. low-rise, 2. permeable, 3. revolution, 4. relevance, 5. reconfigure, 6. affordable, 7. density

8. They have tried to _____ their grocery stores.
v. to change something so drastically that it looks to be completely new
9. The long _____ was filled with people rushing to get to their rooms before the meeting began.
n. a hallway or passageway, especially one connecting rooms or areas within a building or structure
10. One such rapidly growing _____ is quantum cryptography.
n. an idea or principle associated with something abstract
11. The beachfront property had a _____ location with stunning ocean views.
adj. worth having or achieving; pleasing, attractive, or sought after
12. A smaller car will _____ less fuel.
v. to spend something, especially fuel, energy, or time, in a large amount
13. I will work hard to _____ my goals and realize my dreams.
v. to successfully complete a task or goal, often through hard work, perseverance, and dedication; to attain or accomplish something that one has set out to do
14. She is searching for a _____ residence.
adj. lasting for a long time without essential change
15. Only a small number of _____ utilities offer sanitation services.
adj. relating to or located in a town or city
16. He tried to _____ his rival by breaking the world record.
v. to do better than someone; to surpass

ANSWERS: 8. reinvent, 9. corridor, 10. concept, 11. desirable, 12. consume, 13. achieve, 14. permanent, 15. urban, 16. outdo

17. He _____ hypotheses that no mathematician has ever imagined before.
v. to build or create something; to assemble or combine different parts to form something whole
18. Her passions are in the _____ of real-world political affairs.
n. a domain of activity, interest, or knowledge
19. Living in a _____ apartment offers spectacular views of the city.
adj. describing a tall building or structure that has many floors or levels above the ground, often used to describe residential or commercial buildings in urban areas with multiple stories
20. The farm covers over 200 _____ of land.
n. a unit of land area in the US Customary System and the British Imperial System, equal to 4,840 square yards (= 4,047 square meters)
21. The _____ of this bird is freshwater areas and saltwater marshes.
n. the type of natural environment in which an organism or group usually lives or occurs
22. _____ elections were held in several European countries.
adj. belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use
23. The _____ of scientists worked together to conduct research and make important discoveries.
n. an association of people who share common interests or goals, typically involving research, study, or a specific profession
24. That statement by the prime minister drew _____ international criticism.
adj. (especially of a feeling) very strong; extremely sharp or severe

ANSWERS: 17. constructs, 18. realm, 19. high-rise, 20. acres, 21. habitat, 22. Communal, 23. fellowship, 24. intense

25. Two countries acted together as if by _____.

adj. closely and firmly united or packed together, using very little space; smaller than is usual

26. We have to _____ our company's product lineup for further growth.

v. to consider again a plan, idea, etc., especially to change it

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

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

28. The coastline of Norway is one of the most famous examples of _____ geometry in nature.

n. a complex geometric pattern or shape that repeats itself on smaller and smaller scales, often occurring in nature or mathematical equations

29. The _____ of the country is struggling due to the recent political instability.

n. the system by which a country or region produces manages, and distributes goods and services, including the money and finances involved in these activities; (of an airline) the lowest-priced, most basic option for seating in commercial travel

30. 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

31. The number of COVID cases continued to _____ in many countries worldwide.

v. to grow or increase rapidly in number; to reproduce or spread rapidly, especially in an uncontrolled manner

ANSWERS: 25. compact, 26. rethink, 27. environment, 28. fractal, 29. economy, 30. decide, 31. proliferate

32. The new office building was constructed with _____ materials, which helped save time and money.
- adj.* constructed or made in advance, often in sections or components, before being assembled on-site; manufactured or built in a factory rather than on-site
33. The boardwalk by the beach was a beautiful _____ for tourists and locals alike.
- n.* a stroll or walk, often taken in a public place or park; a public place for walking or strolling, often filled with shops or vendors; a dance movement in which the partners move around the floor in a circle or similar pattern
34. The phone rang at the most _____ time.
- adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
35. The winter _____ marks the shortest day of the year in the Northern Hemisphere.
- n.* either of the two moments in a year when the sun is at its greatest distance from the celestial equator, resulting in the shortest or longest day of the year; the time of year associated with these events
36. Table tennis is an _____ sport.
- adj.* located, happened, or used inside a building
37. The roads to the airport were heavily _____.
- v.* to make something blocked or crowded so as to hinder or prevent freedom of movement or flow of liquid
38. He grew up in the _____ but always dreamed of living in the city.
- n.* an outlying district or residential area of a city or town, typically comprising middle-class and affluent neighborhoods

ANSWERS: 32. prefabricated, 33. promenade, 34. opportune, 35. solstice, 36. indoor, 37. congested, 38. suburbs

39. I have limited _____ in my arms.
- n.* the ability to move or be moved freely or easily from one place, job, or social class to another
40. The organizational _____ of start-ups is often flat and straightforward.
- n.* the way of construction of something and the arrangement of its parts, or a complex thing constructed of many parts
41. The _____ inequality was unavoidable.
- n.* a large amount of money, property, or other things that someone or an organization owns
42. She is a _____ of strength for our team in trouble.
- n.* a structure that is exceptionally high in proportion to its width and either forms part of a building or stands alone
43. The _____ leader promised his followers that they would achieve enlightenment if they followed his teachings.
- n.* a small religious group, especially one that is not part of a larger religion and that is regarded as outside the norm; followers of an exclusive system of beliefs and practices
44. The _____ opinion was that the project would be a success.
- adj.* most frequent, widespread, or currently dominant, usually referring to a particular opinion, attitude, or trend
45. The building _____ tried to build the house above the tree.
- n.* a person whose job is to design plans to be used in making something, such as buildings

ANSWERS: 39. mobility, 40. structure, 41. wealth, 42. tower, 43. cult, 44. prevailing, 45. architect

46. The tree branch in the middle of the walking path created an _____ for pedestrians.
- n.* something that blocks the path or progress of something else; an obstacle or barrier that impedes movement, action, or progress
47. He found that it is difficult to _____ socially.
- v.* to combine one thing with another so that they form a whole or work together; to accept equal participation for members of all races and ethnic groups
48. Loud noises might harm the fragile ear _____.
- n.* a soft, thin layer that forms animal or vegetable tissue
49. Radiation from _____ has a different wavelength.
- n.* the light emitted by the sun; the rays of the sun
50. The new _____ restricts the maximum height of buildings in the area.
- n.* a rule or regulation made by a local governing authority, typically at a municipal or organizational level, to govern specific activities or behavior within a jurisdiction
51. The speaker stood confidently on the _____ while delivering their speech.
- n.* a raised platform or stand that is used for delivering speeches, conducting meetings, or presenting awards
52. She struggled to _____ the children's reading habits.
- v.* to supply enough of what somebody or something needs to survive or exist; to accept as valid
53. The company's CEO arrived at the meeting via _____ to avoid traffic congestion
- n.* a type of aircraft that is capable of hovering in place and moving vertically, as well as flying horizontally; often used for emergency medical services, military operations, and transport in areas with limited access

ANSWERS: 46. obstruction, 47. integrate, 48. membrane, 49. sunlight, 50. by-law, 51. podium, 52. sustain, 53. helicopter

54. The _____ of the city is reflected in its architecture.

n. the culture and traditions that are passed down from previous generations

55. She decided to ____ around the park to clear her head.

v. to run or move at a slow or leisurely pace, typically for exercise; to continue talking or writing without a definite plan or purpose

56. Four _____ walls surround the courtyard.

adj. situated in or suitable for the outdoors or outside of something

57. The _____ industry has been affected by the rise of online shopping.

n. the sale of goods or services to consumers, especially in small quantities, either directly to the end customer or through retail outlets

ANSWERS: 54. heritage, 55. jog, 56. exterior, 57. retail