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Session 1: Word List

commonplace

adj. occurring very often; lacking originality or interest

synonym: ordinary, routine, mundane

(1) become a **commonplace** sight, (2) **commonplace** event

Forgetting someone's name is a **commonplace** occurrence.

cliche

n. a phrase or expression that has become overused to the point that it has lost its original impact or meaning; a trite or unoriginal idea or statement

synonym: truism, platitude, stereotype

(1) **cliche** plot, (2) age-old **cliche**

Using the same **cliche** phrase in every conversation can take time and effort.

claim

v. to assert that something is true; to demand or request something as one's own; to lay legal or moral right to something; (noun) a demand or assertion of a right or something that one believes to be true

synonym: assert, declare, maintain

(1) **claim** responsibility, (2) false **claim**

He wants to **claim** ownership of the abandoned property.

decline

v. to become gradually smaller, fewer, worse, etc.; to refuse to accept

synonym: descend, drop, deny

(1) **decline** a job offer, (2) **decline** in quality

As people age, their digestive capacity also gradually **declines**.

aim

v. to try or plan to get or achieve something

synonym: aspire, direct, target

(1) **aim** at a specific target, (2) **aim** to be a nurse

We **aim** for an overseas expansion.

rebuild

v. to build again or anew

synonym: reconstruct, renovate, restore

(1) **rebuild** a company, (2) **rebuild** communities

They are planning to **rebuild** the house after the fire.

misconception

n. a belief or an idea that is wrong because it has been based on faulty thinking, understanding, or hypothesis

synonym: fallacy, incomprehension, misunderstanding

(1) dispel the **misconception**, (2) commonly held **misconception**

There are numerous **misconceptions** about food and health.

basis

n. the most important facts, ideas, or events from which something is developed; the way how things are organized or arranged

synonym: foundation, base, ground

(1) on an equal **basis**, (2) **basis** for calculation

This evidence will form the **basis** for our discussion.

inclined

adj. having a tendency or preference for something; likely or disposed to think, feel, or behave in a certain way

synonym: disposed, prone, likely

(1) **inclined** to think, (2) **inclined** angle

I am **inclined** to believe that she is telling the truth.

institute

n. an organization that has a specific purpose, particularly one dealing with science, education, or a particular profession; (verb) to initiate, introduce, or establish something

synonym : academy, university, college

(1) **institute** a lawsuit, (2) research **institutes**

This region has many **institutes** offering higher education.

overview

n. a general description or summary of a subject

synonym : outline, summary, recap

(1) give an **overview**, (2) **overview** of recent trends

A well-known analyst described the market **overview** in the morning session.

poll

n. an inquiry into public opinion conducted by interviewing a random sample of people; the process of voting at an election

synonym : survey, ballot, voting

(1) a pre-election **poll**, (2) public opinion **polls**

Several **polls** show a decline in the president's approval rating.

supposedly

adv. according to what is generally assumed or believed without actually knowing for sure

synonym : seemingly, allegedly, purportedly

(1) **supposedly** identical, (2) neckless **supposedly** made of pure gold

He is **supposedly** nominated for a Nobel Prize.

mistrust

v. to have doubts or suspicions about the honesty or sincerity of someone

synonym : doubt, suspect, question

(1) **mistrust** a young man, (2) **mistrust** the government

He **mistrusted** her apology because of her past lies.

principal

adj. most important, main, or chief

synonym : main, leading, chief

(1) **principal** actor, (2) **principal** responsible

The **principal** reason for the company's success is its innovative products.

journalist

n. a person who collects and writes news stories or articles for newspapers, magazines, radio, television, or other online media

synonym: reporter, newsperson, press

(1) a China-based **journalist**, (2) **journalist** on a magazine
Foreign TV crews and **journalists** can go as they please in various locations during the Olympics.

politician

n. a person who is a member of a government or law-making organization, especially as an elected member of parliament, etc.

synonym: congressperson, lawmaker, legislator

(1) a **politician** in the ruling party, (2) a corrupt **politician**
The **politician** lost his position in the end due to the scandal.

judge

n. a person who makes decisions in a court of law; (verb) to determine the result of or form a critical opinion of something

synonym: arbiter, justice, (verb) deduce

(1) **judge** a competition, (2) an associate **judge**

The strict **judge** ruled in favor of the plaintiff in the case.

nurse

n. a healthcare professional who is trained to provide care for the sick or injured; (verb) to try to cure by special care or treatment of an illness or injury

synonym: healthcare worker, caregiver, medic

(1) **nurse** practitioner, (2) a volunteer **nurse**

The night shift **nurse** checked my vital signs before administering the medication.

midway

adv. in the middle of a process or journey; halfway between two points or stages

synonym: halfway, in the middle

(1) **midway** between our houses, (2) **midway** through the flight

We stopped at a restaurant **midway** through our road trip for lunch.

generic

adj. not specific; not linked to a particular brand or product
synonym: common, ordinary, typical

(1) a **generic** product, (2) **generic** version

The **generic** aspirin brand was just as effective as the name brand but much cheaper.

attitude

n. the way you think and feel about someone or something
synonym: mindset, perspective, philosophy

(1) **attitude** toward mistakes, (2) **attitude** control

She had the **attitude** that work was fun.

grocer

n. a person who owns a shop that sells foodstuffs and some household supplies

synonym: storekeeper

(1) a green- **grocer**, (2) an old **grocer**

The natural foods **grocer** took advantage of the recent vegan craze.

fishmonger

n. a person who sells fish, typically at a fish market or shop; a merchant or retailer who specializes in selling fresh or preserved fish and seafood

synonym: fish seller, piscator

(1) local **fishmonger**, (2) friendly **fishmonger**

The **fishmonger** at the market displayed an impressive variety of fresh seafood.

differentiate

v. to recognize or establish as being distinct; to distinguish between things that are compared; to calculate a derivative

synonym: discern, distinguish, separate

(1) **differentiate** between fact and fiction, (2) **differentiate** a

function

The teacher asked the students to **differentiate** between the two similar species of birds.

assume

v. to think or accept something to be true without having proof of it; to take or begin to have power; to begin to exhibit a specific quality or appearance

synonym : guess, presume, suppose

(1) **assume** a lousy attitude to his boss, (2) **assume** an important role

The following example **assumes** that the capacity of each battery is the same.

instance

n. a particular example or single occurrence of something

synonym : example, sample, illustration

(1) for **instance**, (2) notable **instance**

These articles cite five **instances** of climate change.

uniform

adj. always the same; showing a single form or character in all occurrences; (noun) the special set of clothes worn by members of a particular group as a means of identification

synonym : livery, outfit

(1) at a **uniform** temperature, (2) our school **uniform**

This country has a nationally **uniform** culture.

reception

n. the act of receiving or the state of being received, especially warmly or kindly; a formal party of people

synonym : welcome, greeting, party

(1) a cold **reception**, (2) **reception** desk

The wedding **reception** was held in the grand ballroom of the hotel.

minibus

n. a small bus designed to carry a limited number of passengers, usually between 8 and 15, often used for public transportation, shuttle services, or private hire

synonym : shuttle, van, microbus

(1) **minibus** taxi, (2) crowded **minibus**

I took a **minibus** to get to the city center since the bus service was disrupted.

loquacious

adj. very talkative; tending to talk a lot and at length

synonym: chatty, talkative, garrulous

(1) **loquacious** chatter, (2) **loquacious** interviewee

The **loquacious** salesman talked for hours without letting the customer get a word in.

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.

ordinary

adj. not different, exceptional, or unexpected in any way, especially in quality, ability, size, or degree

synonym: mundane, prosaic, average

(1) an **ordinary** school, (2) **ordinary** annual revenue

The **ordinary** session of the Diet opened.

intelligence

n. the ability to learn, comprehend, or make judgments or conclusions based on reasons

synonym: brains, brightness, cleverness

(1) an **intelligence** test, (2) field of artificial **intelligence**

In terms of **intelligence**, he was head and shoulders above his classmates.

abstract

adj. based on general ideas, feelings, or qualities and not on any a physical or concrete existence

synonym: conceptual, theoretical, ideational

(1) an **abstract** noun, (2) **abstract** science

The invention of the camera triggered the development of **abstract** painting.

obliterate

v. to wipe out, destroy, or conceal all signs of something utterly; to remove completely from recognition or memory

synonym : destroy, eliminate, erase

(1) **obliterate** all traces, (2) **obliterate** data

The accident at that nuclear power plant **obliterated** the local ecosystem.

judgment

n. the ability to form valuable opinions and make reasonable decisions

synonym : conclusion, decision, determination

(1) an emotional **judgment** , (2) deliver a **judgment**

Her **judgments** are consistently rational and sensible.

secondly

adv. used to introduce the second point or item in a list or series of statements, considerations, etc.

synonym : in the second place, next, subsequently

(1) **secondly** connected, (2) **secondly**, it is important

Firstly, we will discuss the budget; **secondly**, we will go over the schedule.

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.

trustworthy

adj. reliable and dependable

synonym : reliable, dependable, honest

(1) **trustworthy** ally, (2) **trustworthy** source

People tend to believe **trustworthy** friends with their secrets.

posit

v. to suggest or accept something as fact or as a basis for argument or consideration

synonym : assert, declare, assume

(1) **posit** the existence of life after death, (2) **posit** the premise

We should **posit** several hypotheses to discuss the matter.

aptly

adv. in a way that is appropriate or fitting; in a way that demonstrates understanding or intelligence

synonym : appropriately, fittingly, properly

(1) **aptly** named, (2) **aptly** timed

She **aptly** described the complex scientific concept in simple terms everyone could understand.

intelligent

adj. having the capacity for thought and reason, especially to a high degree

synonym : brilliant, clever, competent

(1) an **intelligent** person, (2) **intelligent** assisting system

Intelligent robots that can cooperate with humans have limited motor output for safety.

refuse

v. to show that one is not willing to do or accept something

synonym : turn down, deny, decline

(1) **refuse** a request, (2) **refuse** the company

My initial reaction was to **refuse**.

competent

adj. having the necessary ability, knowledge, or skill to do something successfully

synonym : skilled, able, capable

(1) **competent** authority, (2) **competent** personnel

The judge ruled that the defendant was **competent** to stand trial.

reliable

adj. worthy of being relied on; trustworthy

synonym : dependable, trustworthy, dedicated

(1) **reliable** access, (2) guarantee **reliable** delivery

Trains are **reliable**, inexpensive, and ideal for long-distance travel.

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.

unreliable

adj. not able to be trusted or depended on

synonym: inconsistent, erratic, undependable

(1) prove **unreliable**, (2) **unreliable** source of information

By incorrect assumption, statistics can be notoriously **unreliable**.

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.

overestimate

v. to estimate something to be greater in amount or importance than it really is

synonym: overrate, overvalue, embellish

(1) **overestimate** the value, (2) **overestimate** the amount of time spent

He tends to **overestimate** his abilities.

competence

n. the ability to do something well or efficiently; the knowledge, skill, and ability required to perform a task or job effectively

synonym: ability, proficiency, skill

(1) **competence** evaluation, (2) proven **competence**

The company is looking for candidates with the necessary **competence** and skills.

dishonest

adj. capable of being corrupted, not honest

synonym: fraudulent, deceitful, untrustworthy

(1) **dishonest** politicians, (2) promote **dishonest** behavior

Often in drama, **dishonest** personalities gain popularity.

spot

n. a particular location or place; a small round or roundish area, differing in color or feels from the surface around it

synonym : dot, mark, place

(1) beauty **spot**, (2) a **spot** on his honor

This remote **spot** is rarely visited.

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.

converse

v. to talk informally

synonym : discourse, discuss, exchange

(1) **converse** with an acquaintance, (2) ask a **converse** question

She enjoyed the opportunity to **converse** with a person who spoke her language.

suppose

v. to think that something is likely to be actual or possible

synonym : guess, assume, presume

(1) **suppose** you're right, (2) **suppose** beforehand

What do you **suppose** the culprit's motive was?

midwife

n. a person trained to assist women during childbirth and to provide care for the mother and baby

synonym : obstetrician, gynecologist, accoucheuse

(1) professional **midwife**, (2) serve as **midwife**

The clinical **midwife** assisted with the delivery of the baby.

paperwork

n. administrative tasks that involve writing or typing documents

synonym : documentation, filing, office work

(1) **paperwork** process, (2) bureaucratic **paperwork**

The **paperwork** for the loan application was extensive.

institutional

adj. of, in, or relating to a large important organization, such as a university or bank; organized as or forming part of the standard systems, practices, etc.

synonym : corporate, governmental

(1) **institutional** bank, (2) address **institutional** constraints
We have to discuss the **institutional** reforms of our country.

opposition

n. the act of disagreeing or resisting; the state of strong disagreement

synonym : resistance, hostility, antagonism

(1) **opposition** campaign, (2) meet with **opposition**
The **opposition** party strongly disagreed with the government's proposed legislation.

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.

tick

n. a light, sharp, repetitive sound or action; a mark indicating that something is correct or has been done; any of two families of small parasitic arachnids with barbed proboscis

synonym : sound, noise, beat

(1) **tick** of the clock, (2) **tick** fever
I always put a **tick** mark next to the items on my grocery list after buying them.

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.

reaction

n. a response that reveals a person's feelings or attitude;
(in chemistry) a process in which one or more
substances are changed into others

synonym : response, reply, answer

(1) chemical **reaction**, (2) trigger a **reaction**

There was a chemical **reaction** of the lime with the
groundwater.

adequate

adj. enough, acceptable, satisfactory for a particular purpose
or need

synonym : enough, acceptable, able

(1) **adequate** parking facilities, (2) provide **adequate**
funding

This argument is still not **adequate**.

backward

adv. at, to, or toward the direction or place that is behind or
rear

synonym : back, rearward, in reverse

(1) walk **backward**, (2) **backward** angle

She falls over **backward** when she sees her mother-in-law.

improve

v. to make or become better

synonym : enhance, ameliorate, enrich

(1) **improve** a process, (2) **improve** the test score

We want to **improve** ties between our two countries.

distinctive

adj. having a quality or characteristic that makes it stand out
from others

synonym : characteristic, individual, unique

(1) **distinctive** ability, (2) design to be **distinctive**

His writing style was **distinctive**, with a clear and concise
voice.

commerce

n. the activity of buying and selling things, especially on a
large scale

synonym : trade, transaction, dealings

(1) interstate **commerce**, (2) the local chamber of

commerce

This company has invested heavily in Internet **commerce**.

vulnerable

adj. capable of being hurt or influenced physically or mentally

synonym : susceptible, exposed, weak

(1) a **vulnerable** bridge, (2) **vulnerable** parts of the body
Infants and pregnant women are particularly **vulnerable**.

confidence

n. the feeling or attitude that one can trust or rely on the abilities or good qualities of someone or something

synonym : self-trust, certainty, belief

(1) **confidence** as a teacher, (2) boost my **confidence**
Skill and **confidence** are an unconquered army.

discern

v. to see, perceive, or understand something that is not obvious

synonym : determine, distinguish, sense

(1) **discern** the big picture, (2) **discern** friend from foe
Parents need to help their children **discern** right and wrong.

relation

n. the way two persons or groups of people feel and act toward one another

synonym : association, linkage, connection

(1) **relation** between cause and effect, (2) **relation** of inclusion

The industrial **relations** laws were passed with little to no alteration.

moral

adj. concerned with the principles of what is right and wrong, fairness, honesty, etc.

synonym : honest, ethical, conscientious

(1) **moral** hazard, (2) **moral** burden

Ethics deals with **moral** conduct.

detect

v. to find or recognize something, especially something difficult to see, hear, etc.

synonym : catch, observe, notice

(1) **detect** a bad event, (2) **detect** smuggling across borders

The security camera has **detected** four intruders.

Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. ba__s for calculation | <i>n.</i> the most important facts, ideas, or events from which something is developed; the way how things are organized or arranged |
| 2. im_____e a process | <i>v.</i> to make or become better |
| 3. a volunteer nu__e | <i>n.</i> a healthcare professional who is trained to provide care for the sick or injured; (verb) to try to cure by special care or treatment of an illness or injury |
| 4. re___e the company | <i>v.</i> to show that one is not willing to do or accept something |
| 5. on an equal ba__s | <i>n.</i> the most important facts, ideas, or events from which something is developed; the way how things are organized or arranged |
| 6. jou_____st on a magazine | <i>n.</i> a person who collects and writes news stories or articles for newspapers, magazines, radio, television, or other online media |
| 7. ad_____te parking facilities | <i>adj.</i> enough, acceptable, satisfactory for a particular purpose or need |
| 8. com_____ce evaluation | <i>n.</i> the ability to do something well or efficiently; the knowledge, skill, and ability required to perform a task or job effectively |
| 9. make a fr__k apology | <i>adj.</i> honest and sincere; open and candid in expression |

ANSWERS: 1. basis, 2. improve, 3. nurse, 4. refuse, 5. basis, 6. journalist, 7. adequate, 8. competence, 9. frank

10. mi_____st the government *v.* to have doubts or suspicions about the honesty or sincerity of someone
11. an int_____nt person *adj.* having the capacity for thought and reason, especially to a high degree
12. di_____st politicians *adj.* capable of being corrupted, not honest
13. re_____on between cause and effect *n.* the way two persons or groups of people feel and act toward one another
14. a pre-election p__l *n.* an inquiry into public opinion conducted by interviewing a random sample of people; the process of voting at an election
15. di_____n the big picture *v.* to see, perceive, or understand something that is not obvious
16. re_____on of inclusion *n.* the way two persons or groups of people feel and act toward one another
17. at a un_____m temperature *adj.* always the same; showing a single form or character in all occurrences; (noun) the special set of clothes worn by members of a particular group as a means of identification
18. ba_____rd angle *adv.* at, to, or toward the direction or place that is behind or rear
19. public opinion p__ls *n.* an inquiry into public opinion conducted by interviewing a random sample of people; the process of voting at an election
20. tru_____hy ally *adj.* reliable and dependable
21. di_____ct public opinion *v.* to draw someone's attention away from what they are trying to do

ANSWERS: 10. mistrust, 11. intelligent, 12. dishonest, 13. relation, 14. poll, 15. discern, 16. relation, 17. uniform, 18. backward, 19. poll, 20. trustworthy, 21. distract

22. an old gr___r *n.* a person who owns a shop that sells foodstuffs and some household supplies
23. pa_____rk process *n.* administrative tasks that involve writing or typing documents
24. re_____on desk *n.* the act of receiving or the state of being received, especially warmly or kindly; a formal party of people
25. a co_____nt remark *adj.* feeling sure about your abilities or qualities or having trust in people, plans, or the future
26. an ab_____ct noun *adj.* based on general ideas, feelings, or qualities and not on any a physical or concrete existence
27. feel co_____nt *adj.* feeling sure about your abilities or qualities or having trust in people, plans, or the future
28. promote di_____st behavior *adj.* capable of being corrupted, not honest
29. re___e a request *v.* to show that one is not willing to do or accept something
30. design to be dis_____ve *adj.* having a quality or characteristic that makes it stand out from others
31. pr_____al responsible *adj.* most important, main, or chief
32. notable in_____ce *n.* a particular example or single occurrence of something
33. po__t the existence of life after death *v.* to suggest or accept something as fact or as a basis for argument or consideration

ANSWERS: 22. grocer, 23. paperwork, 24. reception, 25. confident, 26. abstract, 27. confident, 28. dishonest, 29. refuse, 30. distinctive, 31. principal, 32. instance, 33. posit

34. serve as mi____e *n.* a person trained to assist women during childbirth and to provide care for the mother and baby
35. ins_____nal bank *adj.* of, in, or relating to a large important organization, such as a university or bank; organized as or forming part of the standard systems, practices, etc.
36. a green-gr____r *n.* a person who owns a shop that sells foodstuffs and some household supplies
37. commonly held mis_____ion *n.* a belief or an idea that is wrong because it has been based on faulty thinking, understanding, or hypothesis
38. a s__t on his honor *n.* a particular location or place; a small round or roundish area, differing in color or feels from the surface around it
39. or____ry annual revenue *adj.* not different, exceptional, or unexpected in any way, especially in quality, ability, size, or degree
40. ab____ct science *adj.* based on general ideas, feelings, or qualities and not on any a physical or concrete existence
41. at____de toward mistakes *n.* the way you think and feel about someone or something
42. in____ed to think *adj.* having a tendency or preference for something; likely or disposed to think, feel, or behave in a certain way
43. as____e an important role *v.* to think or accept something to be true without having proof of it; to take or begin to have power; to begin to exhibit a specific quality or appearance

ANSWERS: 34. midwife, 35. institutional, 36. grocer, 37. misconception, 38. spot, 39. ordinary, 40. abstract, 41. attitude, 42. inclined, 43. assume

44. a friendly con_____ion *n.* an informal talk between two or more people to exchange their views, ideas, information, etc.
45. 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
46. se_____ly, it is important *adv.* used to introduce the second point or item in a list or series of statements, considerations, etc.
47. obl_____te data *v.* to wipe out, destroy, or conceal all signs of something utterly; to remove completely from recognition or memory
48. mi_____st a young man *v.* to have doubts or suspicions about the honesty or sincerity of someone
49. se_____ly connected *adv.* used to introduce the second point or item in a list or series of statements, considerations, etc.
50. a pol_____an in the ruling party *n.* a person who is a member of a government or law-making organization, especially as an elected member of parliament, etc.
51. in_____te a lawsuit *n.* an organization that has a specific purpose, particularly one dealing with science, education, or a particular profession; (verb) to initiate, introduce, or establish something
52. research in_____tes *n.* an organization that has a specific purpose, particularly one dealing with science, education, or a particular profession; (verb) to initiate, introduce, or establish something

ANSWERS: 44. conversation, 45. communicate, 46. secondly, 47. obliterate, 48. mistrust, 49. secondly, 50. politician, 51. institute, 52. institute

53. vul_____le parts of the body *adj.* capable of being hurt or influenced physically or mentally
54. loq_____us chatter *adj.* very talkative; tending to talk a lot and at length
55. co_____nt authority *adj.* having the necessary ability, knowledge, or skill to do something successfully
56. co_____ct a 3D image *v.* to build or create something; to assemble or combine different parts to form something whole
57. false cl__m *v.* to assert that something is true; to demand or request something as one's own; to lay legal or moral right to something; (noun) a demand or assertion of a right or something that one believes to be true
58. have no re_____ce *n.* the state or degree of being closely connected or appropriate to the matter at hand
59. friendly fis_____er *n.* a person who sells fish, typically at a fish market or shop; a merchant or retailer who specializes in selling fresh or preserved fish and seafood
60. fr__k and open discussion *adj.* honest and sincere; open and candid in expression
61. an emotional ju_____nt *n.* the ability to form valuable opinions and make reasonable decisions
62. bureaucratic pa_____rk *n.* administrative tasks that involve writing or typing documents

ANSWERS: 53. vulnerable, 54. loquacious, 55. competent, 56. construct, 57. claim, 58. relevance, 59. fishmonger, 60. frank, 61. judgment, 62. paperwork

63. de____e in quality *v.* to become gradually smaller, fewer, worse, etc.; to refuse to accept
64. re____le access *adj.* worthy of being relied on; trustworthy
65. dispel the mis_____ion *n.* a belief or an idea that is wrong because it has been based on faulty thinking, understanding, or hypothesis
66. su____e beforehand *v.* to think that something is likely to be actual or possible
67. interstate co____ce *n.* the activity of buying and selling things, especially on a large scale
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71. di____ct attention from the real issue *v.* to draw someone's attention away from what they are trying to do
72. cl____e plot *n.* a phrase or expression that has become overused to the point that it has lost its original impact or meaning; a trite or unoriginal idea or statement

ANSWERS: 63. decline, 64. reliable, 65. misconception, 66. suppose, 67. commerce, 68. detect, 69. minibus, 70. differentiate, 71. distract, 72. cliché

73. guarantee re_____le delivery *adj.* worthy of being relied on; trustworthy
74. for in_____ce *n.* a particular example or single occurrence of something
75. mi_____y through the flight *adv.* in the middle of a process or journey; halfway between two points or stages
76. the local chamber of co_____ce *n.* the activity of buying and selling things, especially on a large scale
77. ask a co_____se question *v.* to talk informally
78. t__k of the clock *n.* a light, sharp, repetitive sound or action; a mark indicating that something is correct or has been done; any of two families of small parasitic arachnids with barbed proboscis
79. opp_____on campaign *n.* the act of disagreeing or resisting; the state of strong disagreement
80. ge_____c version *adj.* not specific; not linked to a particular brand or product
81. our school un_____m *adj.* always the same; showing a single form or character in all occurrences; (noun) the special set of clothes worn by members of a particular group as a means of identification
82. in_____ed angle *adj.* having a tendency or preference for something; likely or disposed to think, feel, or behave in a certain way
83. ap__y timed *adv.* in a way that is appropriate or fitting; in a way that demonstrates understanding or intelligence

ANSWERS: 73. reliable, 74. instance, 75. midway, 76. commerce, 77. converse, 78. tick, 79. opposition, 80. generic, 81. uniform, 82. inclined, 83. aptly

84. beauty s__t *n.* a particular location or place; a small round or roundish area, differing in color or feels from the surface around it
85. de_____e a job offer *v.* to become gradually smaller, fewer, worse, etc.; to refuse to accept
86. com_____te well with my advisor *v.* to share or exchange information with others by speaking, writing, moving your body, or using other signals
87. loq_____us interviewee *adj.* very talkative; tending to talk a lot and at length
88. cl__m responsibility *v.* to assert that something is true; to demand or request something as one's own; to lay legal or moral right to something; (noun) a demand or assertion of a right or something that one believes to be true
89. a cold re_____on *n.* the act of receiving or the state of being received, especially warmly or kindly; a formal party of people
90. sup_____ly identical *adv.* according to what is generally assumed or believed without actually knowing for sure
91. re_____ce category *n.* the state or degree of being closely connected or appropriate to the matter at hand
92. a_m to be a nurse *v.* to try or plan to get or achieve something
93. re_____d a company *v.* to build again or anew
94. pr_____al actor *adj.* most important, main, or chief

ANSWERS: 84. spot, 85. decline, 86. communicate, 87. loquacious, 88. claim, 89. reception, 90. supposedly, 91. relevance, 92. aim, 93. rebuild, 94. principal

95. an int_____nce test *n.* the ability to learn, comprehend, or make judgments or conclusions based on reasons
96. nu__e practitioner *n.* a healthcare professional who is trained to provide care for the sick or injured; (verb) to try to cure by special care or treatment of an illness or injury
97. an or_____ry school *adj.* not different, exceptional, or unexpected in any way, especially in quality, ability, size, or degree
98. co_____se with an acquaintance *v.* to talk informally
99. de____t a bad event *v.* to find or recognize something, especially something difficult to see, hear, etc.
100. a_m at a specific target *v.* to try or plan to get or achieve something
101. at_____de control *n.* the way you think and feel about someone or something
102. meet with opp_____on *n.* the act of disagreeing or resisting; the state of strong disagreement
103. boost my con_____ce *n.* the feeling or attitude that one can trust or rely on the abilities or good qualities of someone or something
104. a China-based jou_____st *n.* a person who collects and writes news stories or articles for newspapers, magazines, radio, television, or other online media
105. an associate ju__e *n.* a person who makes decisions in a court of law; (verb) to determine the result of or form a critical opinion of something

ANSWERS: 95. intelligence, 96. nurse, 97. ordinary, 98. converse, 99. detect, 100. aim, 101. attitude, 102. opposition, 103. confidence, 104. journalist, 105. judge

106. address ins_____nal constraints *adj.* of, in, or relating to a large important organization, such as a university or bank; organized as or forming part of the standard systems, practices, etc.
107. ove_____ate the value *v.* to estimate something to be greater in amount or importance than it really is
108. co_____ct a dam *v.* to build or create something; to assemble or combine different parts to form something whole
109. as___e a lousy attitude to his boss *v.* to think or accept something to be true without having proof of it; to take or begin to have power; to begin to exhibit a specific quality or appearance
110. prove unr_____le *adj.* not able to be trusted or depended on
111. age-old cl___e *n.* a phrase or expression that has become overused to the point that it has lost its original impact or meaning; a trite or unoriginal idea or statement
112. ju___e a competition *n.* a person who makes decisions in a court of law; (verb) to determine the result of or form a critical opinion of something
113. dis_____ve ability *adj.* having a quality or characteristic that makes it stand out from others
114. ove_____ate the amount of time spent *v.* to estimate something to be greater in amount or importance than it really is
115. unr_____le source of information *adj.* not able to be trusted or depended on
116. con_____ce as a teacher *n.* the feeling or attitude that one can trust or rely on the abilities or good qualities of someone or something

ANSWERS: 106. institutional, 107. overestimate, 108. construct, 109. assume, 110. unreliable, 111. cliché, 112. judge, 113. distinctive, 114. overestimate, 115. unreliable, 116. confidence

117. chemical re_____on *n.* a response that reveals a person's feelings or attitude; (in chemistry) a process in which one or more substances are changed into others
118. a vul_____le bridge *adj.* capable of being hurt or influenced physically or mentally
119. deliver a ju_____nt *n.* the ability to form valuable opinions and make reasonable decisions
120. walk ba_____rd *adv.* at, to, or toward the direction or place that is behind or rear
121. ap__y named *adv.* in a way that is appropriate or fitting; in a way that demonstrates understanding or intelligence
122. int_____nt assisting system *adj.* having the capacity for thought and reason, especially to a high degree
123. po__t the premise *v.* to suggest or accept something as fact or as a basis for argument or consideration
124. tru_____hy source *adj.* reliable and dependable
125. field of artificial int_____nce *n.* the ability to learn, comprehend, or make judgments or conclusions based on reasons
126. a ge_____c product *adj.* not specific; not linked to a particular brand or product
127. neckless sup_____ly made of pure gold *adv.* according to what is generally assumed or believed without actually knowing for sure
128. su_____e you're right *v.* to think that something is likely to be actual or possible

ANSWERS: 117. reaction, 118. vulnerable, 119. judgment, 120. backward, 121. aptly, 122. intelligent, 123. posit, 124. trustworthy, 125. intelligence, 126. generic, 127. supposedly, 128. suppose

129. professional mi____e *n.* a person trained to assist women during childbirth and to provide care for the mother and baby
130. re____d communities *v.* to build again or anew
131. a corrupt pol____an *n.* a person who is a member of a government or law-making organization, especially as an elected member of parliament, etc.
132. give an ov____ew *n.* a general description or summary of a subject
133. obl____te all traces *v.* to wipe out, destroy, or conceal all signs of something utterly; to remove completely from recognition or memory
134. co____nt personnel *adj.* having the necessary ability, knowledge, or skill to do something successfully
135. local fis____er *n.* a person who sells fish, typically at a fish market or shop; a merchant or retailer who specializes in selling fresh or preserved fish and seafood
136. com____ce event *adj.* occurring very often; lacking originality or interest
137. crowded mi____s *n.* a small bus designed to carry a limited number of passengers, usually between 8 and 15, often used for public transportation, shuttle services, or private hire
138. di____n friend from foe *v.* to see, perceive, or understand something that is not obvious

ANSWERS: 129. midwife, 130. rebuild, 131. politician, 132. overview, 133. obliterate, 134. competent, 135. fishmonger, 136. commonplace, 137. minibus, 138. discern

139. t__k fever *n.* a light, sharp, repetitive sound or action; a mark indicating that something is correct or has been done; any of two families of small parasitic arachnids with barbed proboscis
140. provide ad_____te funding *adj.* enough, acceptable, satisfactory for a particular purpose or need
141. con_____ion in English *n.* an informal talk between two or more people to exchange their views, ideas, information, etc.
142. proven com_____ce *n.* the ability to do something well or efficiently; the knowledge, skill, and ability required to perform a task or job effectively
143. dif_____ate between fact and fiction *v.* to recognize or establish as being distinct; to distinguish between things that are compared; to calculate a derivative
144. trigger a re_____on *n.* a response that reveals a person's feelings or attitude; (in chemistry) a process in which one or more substances are changed into others
145. im_____e the test score *v.* to make or become better
146. mo__l burden *adj.* concerned with the principles of what is right and wrong, fairness, honesty, etc.
147. become a com_____ce sight *adj.* occurring very often; lacking originality or interest
148. ov_____ew of recent trends *n.* a general description or summary of a subject

ANSWERS: 139. tick, 140. adequate, 141. conversation, 142. competence, 143. differentiate, 144. reaction, 145. improve, 146. moral, 147. commonplace, 148. overview

149. mo__l hazard

adj. concerned with the principles of what is right and wrong, fairness, honesty, etc.

150. mi___y between our houses

adv. in the middle of a process or journey; halfway between two points or stages

ANSWERS: 149. moral, 150. midway

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. I always put a _____ mark next to the items on my grocery list after buying them.
n. a light, sharp, repetitive sound or action; a mark indicating that something is correct or has been done; any of two families of small parasitic arachnids with barbed proboscis
2. This country has a nationally _____ culture.
adj. always the same; showing a single form or character in all occurrences; (noun) the special set of clothes worn by members of a particular group as a means of identification
3. _____ robots that can cooperate with humans have limited motor output for safety.
adj. having the capacity for thought and reason, especially to a high degree
4. 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
5. Please don't _____ me while I'm studying.
v. to draw someone's attention away from what they are trying to do
6. Ethics deals with _____ conduct.
adj. concerned with the principles of what is right and wrong, fairness, honesty, etc.
7. She falls over _____ when she sees her mother-in-law.
adv. at, to, or toward the direction or place that is behind or rear

ANSWERS: 1. tick, 2. uniform, 3. Intelligent, 4. constructs, 5. distract, 6. moral, 7. backward

8. Trains are _____ inexpensive, and ideal for long-distance travel.
adj. worthy of being relied on; trustworthy
9. Forgetting someone's name is a _____ occurrence.
adj. occurring very often; lacking originality or interest
10. The _____ salesman talked for hours without letting the customer get a word in.
adj. very talkative; tending to talk a lot and at length
11. Parents need to help their children _____ right and wrong.
v. to see, perceive, or understand something that is not obvious
12. The _____ at the market displayed an impressive variety of fresh seafood.
n. a person who sells fish, typically at a fish market or shop; a merchant or retailer who specializes in selling fresh or preserved fish and seafood
13. I am _____ to believe that she is telling the truth.
adj. having a tendency or preference for something; likely or disposed to think, feel, or behave in a certain way
14. What do you _____ the culprit's motive was?
v. to think that something is likely to be actual or possible
15. The _____ session of the Diet opened.
adj. not different, exceptional, or unexpected in any way, especially in quality, ability, size, or degree
16. People tend to believe _____ friends with their secrets.
adj. reliable and dependable

ANSWERS: 8. reliable, 9. commonplace, 10. loquacious, 11. discern, 12. fishmonger, 13. inclined, 14. suppose, 15. ordinary, 16. trustworthy

17. 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
18. The company is looking for candidates with the necessary _____ and skills.
- n.* the ability to do something well or efficiently; the knowledge, skill, and ability required to perform a task or job effectively
19. Infants and pregnant women are particularly _____.
- adj.* capable of being hurt or influenced physically or mentally
20. He wants to _____ ownership of the abandoned property.
- v.* to assert that something is true; to demand or request something as one's own; to lay legal or moral right to something; (noun) a demand or assertion of a right or something that one believes to be true
21. The wedding _____ was held in the grand ballroom of the hotel.
- n.* the act of receiving or the state of being received, especially warmly or kindly; a formal party of people
22. Often in drama, _____ personalities gain popularity.
- adj.* capable of being corrupted, not honest
23. The following example _____ that the capacity of each battery is the same.
- v.* to think or accept something to be true without having proof of it; to take or begin to have power; to begin to exhibit a specific quality or appearance
24. These articles cite five _____ of climate change.
- n.* a particular example or single occurrence of something

ANSWERS: 17. communicate, 18. competence, 19. vulnerable, 20. claim, 21. reception, 22. dishonest, 23. assumes, 24. instances

25. Foreign TV crews and _____ can go as they please in various locations during the Olympics.

n. a person who collects and writes news stories or articles for newspapers, magazines, radio, television, or other online media

26. The natural foods _____ took advantage of the recent vegan craze.

n. a person who owns a shop that sells foodstuffs and some household supplies

27. The _____ for the loan application was extensive.

n. administrative tasks that involve writing or typing documents

28. The clinical _____ assisted with the delivery of the baby.

n. a person trained to assist women during childbirth and to provide care for the mother and baby

29. A well-known analyst described the market _____ in the morning session.

n. a general description or summary of a subject

30. We stopped at a restaurant _____ through our road trip for lunch.

adv. in the middle of a process or journey; halfway between two points or stages

31. Your _____ reflects your thoughts.

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

32. My initial reaction was to _____.

v. to show that one is not willing to do or accept something

33. The _____ lost his position in the end due to the scandal.

n. a person who is a member of a government or law-making organization, especially as an elected member of parliament, etc.

ANSWERS: 25. journalists, 26. grocer, 27. paperwork, 28. midwife, 29. overview, 30. midway, 31. conversation, 32. refuse, 33. politician

34. I took a _____ to get to the city center since the bus service was disrupted.
n. a small bus designed to carry a limited number of passengers, usually between 8 and 15, often used for public transportation, shuttle services, or private hire
35. He _____ her apology because of her past lies.
v. to have doubts or suspicions about the honesty or sincerity of someone
36. The _____ reason for the company's success is its innovative products.
adj. most important, main, or chief
37. She had the _____ that work was fun.
n. the way you think and feel about someone or something
38. They are planning to _____ the house after the fire.
v. to build again or anew
39. The invention of the camera triggered the development of _____ painting.
adj. based on general ideas, feelings, or qualities and not on any a physical or concrete existence
40. We ____ for an overseas expansion.
v. to try or plan to get or achieve something
41. Firstly, we will discuss the budget; _____ we will go over the schedule.
adv. used to introduce the second point or item in a list or series of statements, considerations, etc.
42. The judge ruled that the defendant was _____ to stand trial.
adj. having the necessary ability, knowledge, or skill to do something successfully

ANSWERS: 34. minibus, 35. mistrusted, 36. principal, 37. attitude, 38. rebuild, 39. abstract, 40. aim, 41. secondly, 42. competent

43. He is _____ nominated for a Nobel Prize.

adv. according to what is generally assumed or believed without actually knowing for sure

44. This company has invested heavily in Internet _____.

n. the activity of buying and selling things, especially on a large scale

45. The industrial _____ laws were passed with little to no alteration.

n. the way two persons or groups of people feel and act toward one another

46. This remote _____ is rarely visited.

n. a particular location or place; a small round or roundish area, differing in color or feels from the surface around it

47. The accident at that nuclear power plant _____ the local ecosystem.

v. to wipe out, destroy, or conceal all signs of something utterly; to remove completely from recognition or memory

48. I'm not _____ in our victory.

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

49. We have to discuss the _____ reforms of our country.

adj. of, in, or relating to a large important organization, such as a university or bank; organized as or forming part of the standard systems, practices, etc.

50. This evidence will form the _____ for our discussion.

n. the most important facts, ideas, or events from which something is developed; the way how things are organized or arranged

ANSWERS: 43. supposedly, 44. commerce, 45. relations, 46. spot, 47. obliterated, 48. confident, 49. institutional, 50. basis

51. Using the same _____ phrase in every conversation can take time and effort.
n. a phrase or expression that has become overused to the point that it has lost its original impact or meaning; a trite or unoriginal idea or statement
52. The _____ aspirin brand was just as effective as the name brand but much cheaper.
adj. not specific; not linked to a particular brand or product
53. There are numerous _____ about food and health.
n. a belief or an idea that is wrong because it has been based on faulty thinking, understanding, or hypothesis
54. She enjoyed the opportunity to _____ with a person who spoke her language.
v. to talk informally
55. Several _____ show a decline in the president's approval rating.
n. an inquiry into public opinion conducted by interviewing a random sample of people; the process of voting at an election
56. Her _____ are consistently rational and sensible.
n. the ability to form valuable opinions and make reasonable decisions
57. The night shift _____ checked my vital signs before administering the medication.
n. a healthcare professional who is trained to provide care for the sick or injured; (verb) to try to cure by special care or treatment of an illness or injury
58. By incorrect assumption, statistics can be notoriously _____.
adj. not able to be trusted or depended on

ANSWERS: 51. cliché, 52. generic, 53. misconceptions, 54. converse, 55. polls, 56. judgments, 57. nurse, 58. unreliable

59. He tends to _____ his abilities.

- v. to estimate something to be greater in amount or importance than it really is

60. This region has many _____ offering higher education.

- n. an organization that has a specific purpose, particularly one dealing with science, education, or a particular profession; (verb) to initiate, introduce, or establish something

61. The teacher asked the students to _____ between the two similar species of birds.

- v. to recognize or establish as being distinct; to distinguish between things that are compared; to calculate a derivative

62. In terms of _____ he was head and shoulders above his classmates.

- n. the ability to learn, comprehend, or make judgments or conclusions based on reasons

63. There was a chemical _____ of the lime with the groundwater.

- n. a response that reveals a person's feelings or attitude; (in chemistry) a process in which one or more substances are changed into others

64. Skill and _____ are an unconquered army.

- n. the feeling or attitude that one can trust or rely on the abilities or good qualities of someone or something

65. We want to _____ ties between our two countries.

- v. to make or become better

66. The _____ party strongly disagreed with the government's proposed legislation.

- n. the act of disagreeing or resisting; the state of strong disagreement

ANSWERS: 59. overestimate, 60. institutes, 61. differentiate, 62. intelligence, 63. reaction, 64. confidence, 65. improve, 66. opposition

67. The security camera has _____ four intruders.
v. to find or recognize something, especially something difficult to see, hear, etc.
68. As people age, their digestive capacity also gradually _____.
v. to become gradually smaller, fewer, worse, etc.; to refuse to accept
69. His writing style was _____ with a clear and concise voice.
adj. having a quality or characteristic that makes it stand out from others
70. The strict _____ ruled in favor of the plaintiff in the case.
n. a person who makes decisions in a court of law; (verb) to determine the result of or form a critical opinion of something
71. This argument is still not _____.
adj. enough, acceptable, satisfactory for a particular purpose or need
72. Full involvement means _____ and prompt responses.
adj. honest and sincere; open and candid in expression
73. We should _____ several hypotheses to discuss the matter.
v. to suggest or accept something as fact or as a basis for argument or consideration
74. 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
75. She _____ described the complex scientific concept in simple terms everyone could understand.
adv. in a way that is appropriate or fitting; in a way that demonstrates understanding or intelligence

ANSWERS: 67. detected, 68. declines, 69. distinctive, 70. judge, 71. adequate, 72. frank, 73. posit, 74. relevance, 75. aptly

ANSWERS: