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Session 1: Word List

olympiad

n. a period of four years, originally the time between the ancient Olympic Games and now commonly used to refer to the modern Olympic Games, which are held every four years

(1) the modern **olympiad**, (2) summer **olympiad**

She won a gold medal in the physics **olympiad** and was praised by her teachers and peers.

makeshift

adj. serving as a temporary substitute or solution; improvised
synonym: improvised, temporary, ad-hoc

(1) **makeshift** shelter, (2) a **makeshift** solution

The team set up a **makeshift** tent for shelter during the storm.

juxtaposition

n. the act or an instance of placing two or more things close to one another, often to highlight a contrast or comparison between them

synonym: apposition, contrast, adjacency

(1) artistic **juxtaposition**, (2) unusual **juxtaposition**

The painting's **juxtaposition** of bright colors and dark shadows created a striking effect.

fascination

n. the state of being intensely interested in someone or something, or a powerful attraction

synonym: allure, attraction, charm

(1) rapt in **fascination**, (2) the **fascination** with classical music

I looked at the painting in **fascination**.

obsession

n. the state in which a person's mind is filled with thoughts of one single object or particular person

synonym: compulsion, fixation, enthusiasm

(1) **obsession** with character, (2) national **obsession**

Gambling became an **obsession** for him, and he eventually lost everything.

amaze

v. to fill with wonder, surprise, or admiration

synonym: astound, surprise, stagger

(1) **amaze** and entertain visitors, (2) **amaze** everyone

The magician's tricks **amazed** the audience.

slum

n. a heavily populated urban area characterized by poor, run-down housing and infrastructure, often associated with poverty and social neglect

synonym: shantytown, slumdwelling, ghetto

(1) **slum** area, (2) **slum** dwellers

The government needs to invest more in affordable housing options to reduce the number of people living in **slums**.

drape

v. to arrange or hang cloth or clothing loosely over something, typically in a decorative way; to cover or decorate loosely with material

synonym: cover, hang, arrange

(1) **drape** a coat, (2) **drape** a curtain

She **draped** a shawl over her shoulders to keep warm.

inhabitant

n. a person or an animal that lives in a particular place

synonym: dweller, occupant, resident

(1) the early **inhabitants** of Europe, (2) **inhabitant** tax

His family is the oldest **inhabitant** of the island.

inventive

adj. able to come up with novel and unique ideas

synonym: imaginative, creative, innovative

(1) have the **inventive** talent, (2) **inventive** approach

All language around the world is consistently **inventive** but not intrusive.

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.

reclaim

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

synonym: recoup, regain, retake

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

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

rev

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

synonym: revolution, RPM, speed

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

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

instill

v. to impart, introduce, or cause to be absorbed gradually

synonym: implant, ingrain, inculcate

(1) **instill** confidence, (2) **instill** medication into my eye

The teacher attempted to **instill** the importance of hard work in her students.

barber

n. a person who cuts men's hair and shaves beards as a profession; a shop or establishment where such services are offered

synonym : hairdresser, stylist, shaver

(1) favorite **barber**, (2) **barber** pole

The **barber** shop was closed on Monday, much to the disappointment of many customers.

barbell

n. a long metal bar with weights attached to either end, used for weightlifting or as a form of exercise and strengthening

synonym : weightlifting, dumbbell, exercise equipment

(1) **barbell** exercise, (2) **barbell** weight

He lifted the heavy **barbell** with ease during his weightlifting competition.

leftover

adj. not consumed or used at the end of something

synonym : extra, residual, unused

(1) **leftover** from a party, (2) **leftover** goods

The chef will make soup with the **leftover** ham bone.

pulley

n. a wheel or set of wheels with a grooved rim around which a cord or rope runs, used to change the direction or point of application of a force, especially to lift heavy objects

synonym : block and tackle, hoist, lift

(1) **pulley** system, (2) movable **pulley**

The construction worker used a fixed **pulley** to lift the heavy equipment to the top floor.

facade

n. the face or front of a building, especially a large one; superficial or false appearance intended to conceal something unpleasant

synonym : front, camouflage, masquerade

(1) the outside **facade** of a castle, (2) **facade** of wealth

A gentle **facade** concealed his powerfulness.

lagoon

n. a shallow stretch of water separated from a larger body of water by sandbanks or coral reefs; a small saltwater lake near a sea or an ocean

synonym : pond, pool, bayou

(1) **lagoon** island, (2) **lagoon** paradise

The mangroves around the **lagoon** provide a habitat for a unique ecosystem

chaotic

adj. without any order or organization; extremely disorganized, unpredictable, and confusing

synonym : disorderly, cluttered, topsy-turvy

(1) the **chaotic** economic situation, (2) **chaotic** theory

Change is also occurring in Turkey as a result of **chaotic** reform.

canoe

n. a narrow, light boat with pointy ends and no keel that is propelled by a paddle

(1) **canoe** race, (2) make a **canoe** trip

After the accident, the police found an empty **canoe**.

expansive

adj. large or wide in extent or scope; friendly and open and willing to talk

synonym : large, extensive, vast

(1) with an **expansive** spirit, (2) **expansive** ocean views

The company has an **expansive** network of offices and locations around the world.

paddle

n. a flat, usually wooden implement with a handle used for stirring, mixing, or beating a liquid or substance

synonym : oar, oarlock, scull

(1) **paddle** strokes, (2) canoe **paddle**

The **paddle** boarders glided across the crystal-clear waters of the cove.

toothpaste

n. a paste or gel used for cleaning the teeth and freshening the breath

synonym : paste, gel, dentifrice

(1) **toothpaste** hygiene product, (2) **toothpaste** tube
I always use mint-flavored **toothpaste** to refresh my mouth in the morning and at night.

electrify

v. to make a machine or system work by using electricity; to make someone extremely enthusiastic about or interested in something

synonym : wire, amaze, astonish

(1) **electrify** the audience, (2) **electrify** a manufacturing process

The product developed through years of research continues to **electrify** the market.

aspiration

n. a strong desire to achieve something; the action or process of drawing breath

synonym : ambition, inhalation, intake

(1) no **aspiration** for fame, (2) **aspiration** into the lungs

He has an **aspiration** to become a doctor.

faraway

adj. located at a geographically distant place; remote or separated by distance; distant or not easily accessible

synonym : distant, remote, far-off

(1) **faraway** land, (2) **faraway** dream

The view from the **faraway** hilltop was breathtakingly beautiful.

nightfall

n. the time of day when the sun has set, also known as dusk or twilight

synonym : dusk, twilight, sundown

(1) early **nightfall**, (2) romantic **nightfall**

It is dangerous to walk alone through the forest after **nightfall**.

mend

v. to repair or fix something that is broken or damaged

synonym : fix, repair, rectify

(1) **mend** broken relationship, (2) **mend** my ways

He **mended** the torn shirt with a needle and thread.

shopkeeper

n. a person who owns or manages a shop, especially a small local business

synonym: merchant, storekeeper, retailer

(1) local **shopkeeper**, (2) general **shopkeeper**

The elderly **shopkeeper** greeted customers and helped them find what they sought.

descendant

n. children or offspring of a specific person, plant, or animal

synonym: child, offspring, heir

(1) **descendant** of a pioneer, (2) third-generation **descendant**

Those warriors' **descendants** are still skilled archers.

recycle

v. to sort and collect things to process them and produce valuable materials that can be used again

synonym: reclaim, reuse, reprocess

(1) **recycle** the cardboard boxes, (2) **recycle** milk packaging into new paper

We largely **recycle** the circuit board of cell phones because they contain a lot of valuable metals.

dedicate

v. to give all of your energy, time, etc., entirely to a specific person, activity, or cause; to set apart for a particular purpose or use

synonym: consecrate, devote, commit

(1) **dedicate** a few hours, (2) **dedicate** a chapter to the subject

He **dedicated** his life to helping others.

uninhabitable

adj. not suitable or safe for people to live in; lacking the necessary conditions for human habitation

synonym: desolate, dilapidated, unlivable

(1) **uninhabitable** conditions, (2) **uninhabitable** apartment

The hurricane left many coastal areas **uninhabitable** for a long time.

Christ

n. the man that Christians believe is the prophet and the son of God, and whose life and sermons form the basis for Christianity

synonym : Savior, Jesus Christ, Jesus

(1) teaching of **Christ**, (2) before **Christ**

Christmas is the day to celebrate the birth of Christ.

iconography

n. the visual images or symbols used in a particular field of study, worship, or art; a system or language of imagery used to represent ideas or concepts

synonym : symbolism, iconology, representation

(1) religious **iconography**, (2) digital **iconography**

The **iconography** of the logo was immediately recognizable as belonging to the famous brand.

individuality

n. the qualities or characters that distinguish a particular person or thing from others of the same kind

synonym : personality, distinctiveness, eccentricity

(1) your **individuality**, (2) emphasize **individuality**

He has a strong sense of **individuality**.

faux

adj. not genuine; fake, or artificial; made to resemble something that it is not

synonym : imitation, artificial, simulated

(1) **faux** painting, (2) **faux** fur

She was embarrassed to realize her designer handbag was a **faux** leather knockoff.

seep

v. to flow or leak slowly and gradually through small openings or spaces; to ooze or trickle out gradually

synonym : leak, ooze, trickle

(1) **seep** cool and moist air, (2) **seep** into paper

The rain began to **seep** through the roof, causing damage to the walls and floors.

graze

v. to feed on grass or other vegetation, especially by nibbling at it repeatedly; to break the skin of a body part

by scraping

synonym : nibble, feed, scrape

(1) turn cattle out to **graze**, (2) **graze** the left shoulder

The sheep **graze** on the green grass in the meadow.

astonished

adj. extremely surprised and upset

synonym : amazed, dumbfounded, flabbergasted

(1) **astonished** at the success, (2) cast **astonished** eyes

She was **astonished** by the news and could hardly believe it.

churning

n. the process of mixing or stirring something vigorously, often to create a frothy or creamy texture; a state of upheaval or turbulence, often referring to the stock market or economy

synonym : agitation, turmoil, commotion

(1) butter **churning**, (2) **churning** emotions

The **churning** of the waves on the beach made it difficult to swim.

inhospitable

adj. harsh and difficult to stay in or grow; unfriendly and unwelcoming towards people who visit you

synonym : sterile, unfriendly, unwelcoming

(1) **inhospitable** environment, (2) in an **inhospitable** manner

He trekked across some of the most **inhospitable** mountains in the world.

plateau

n. an elevated, relatively level expanse of land, typically vast and extending over a large area; a state or period of little or no change following a period of growth, development, or progress

synonym : mesa, tableland, plain

(1) **plateau** region, (2) **plateau** in performance

The hikers finally reached the **plateau** after a long climb up the mountain.

subtraction

n. the process or action of removing one number from another; the mathematical operation of finding the difference between two numbers or quantities

synonym: deduction, minus, withdrawal

(1) **subtraction** equation, (2) double-digit **subtraction**

The **subtraction** of expenses from revenue resulted in a net profit for the company.

mound

n. a raised area of ground or dirt, often used for burial, construction, or as a fortification; a large, rounded pile or heap

synonym: hill, knoll, rise

(1) **mound** of dirt, (2) burial **mound**

The team discovered a hidden **mound** in the desert.

ingenuity

n. the quality of inventing things or solving problems in clever new ways

synonym: creativity, invention, originality

(1) the infinite **ingenuity** of man, (2) abound in **ingenuity**

Creativity and **ingenuity** are often brought about by extreme concentration.

ingenious

adj. showing inventiveness and ability or skill

synonym: creative, innovative, inventive

(1) **ingenious** device, (2) **ingenious** idea

I always look forward to reading his stories since they're so **ingenious**.

Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. the infinite in _____ty of man | <i>n.</i> the quality of inventing things or solving problems in clever new ways |
| 2. uni_____ble conditions | <i>adj.</i> not suitable or safe for people to live in; lacking the necessary conditions for human habitation |
| 3. turn cattle out to gr__e | <i>v.</i> to feed on grass or other vegetation, especially by nibbling at it repeatedly; to break the skin of a body part by scraping |
| 4. pa___e strokes | <i>n.</i> a flat, usually wooden implement with a handle used for stirring, mixing, or beating a liquid or substance |
| 5. ba____l weight | <i>n.</i> a long metal bar with weights attached to either end, used for weightlifting or as a form of exercise and strengthening |
| 6. cast ast_____ed eyes | <i>adj.</i> extremely surprised and upset |
| 7. dr__e a curtain | <i>v.</i> to arrange or hang cloth or clothing loosely over something, typically in a decorative way; to cover or decorate loosely with material |
| 8. rapt in fas_____on | <i>n.</i> the state of being intensely interested in someone or something, or a powerful attraction |
| 9. f__x painting | <i>adj.</i> not genuine; fake, or artificial; made to resemble something that it is not |
| 10. ast_____ed at the success | <i>adj.</i> extremely surprised and upset |

ANSWERS: 1. ingenuity, 2. uninhabitable, 3. graze, 4. paddle, 5. barbell, 6. astonished, 7. drape, 8. fascination, 9. faux, 10. astonished

11. before Ch___t *n.* the man that Christians believe is the prophet and the son of God, and whose life and sermons form the basis for Christianity
12. pl____u in performance *n.* an elevated, relatively level expanse of land, typically vast and extending over a large area; a state or period of little or no change following a period of growth, development, or progress
13. re____e the cardboard boxes *v.* to sort and collect things to process them and produce valuable materials that can be used again
14. re____e milk packaging into new paper *v.* to sort and collect things to process them and produce valuable materials that can be used again
15. in an inh_____ble manner *adj.* harsh and difficult to stay in or grow; unfriendly and unwelcoming towards people who visit you
16. the modern ol____ad *n.* a period of four years, originally the time between the ancient Olympic Games and now commonly used to refer to the modern Olympic Games, which are held every four years
17. butter ch____ng *n.* the process of mixing or stirring something vigorously, often to create a frothy or creamy texture; a state of upheaval or turbulence, often referring to the stock market or economy
18. in____l medication into my eye *v.* to impart, introduce, or cause to be absorbed gradually

ANSWERS: 11. Christ, 12. plateau, 13. recycle, 14. recycle, 15. inhospitable, 16. olympiad, 17. churning, 18. instill

19. ob_____on with character *n.* the state in which a person's mind is filled with thoughts of one single object or particular person
20. in_____ve approach *adj.* able to come up with novel and unique ideas
21. le_____er from a party *adj.* not consumed or used at the end of something
22. am__e everyone *v.* to fill with wonder, surprise, or admiration
23. general sho_____er *n.* a person who owns or manages a shop, especially a small local business
24. le_____er goods *adj.* not consumed or used at the end of something
25. favorite ba____r *n.* a person who cuts men's hair and shaves beards as a profession; a shop or establishment where such services are offered
26. your ind_____ity *n.* the qualities or characters that distinguish a particular person or thing from others of the same kind
27. re_____m land from the sea *v.* to take back something previously lost, given, or paid, or ask to have it back
28. romantic ni_____ll *n.* the time of day when the sun has set, also known as dusk or twilight
29. m__d my ways *v.* to repair or fix something that is broken or damaged
30. sub_____on equation *n.* the process or action of removing one number from another; the mathematical operation of finding the difference between two numbers or quantities

ANSWERS: 19. obsession, 20. inventive, 21. leftover, 22. amaze, 23. shopkeeper, 24. leftover, 25. barber, 26. individuality, 27. reclaim, 28. nightfall, 29. mend, 30. subtraction

31. in_____us device *adj.* showing inventiveness and ability or skill
32. double-digit sub_____on *n.* the process or action of removing one number from another; the mathematical operation of finding the difference between two numbers or quantities
33. third-generation des_____nt *n.* children or offspring of a specific person, plant, or animal
34. canoe pa___e *n.* a flat, usually wooden implement with a handle used for stirring, mixing, or beating a liquid or substance
35. in_____us idea *adj.* showing inventiveness and ability or skill
36. f__x fur *adj.* not genuine; fake, or artificial; made to resemble something that it is not
37. emphasize ind_____ity *n.* the qualities or characters that distinguish a particular person or thing from others of the same kind
38. an op_____ne remark *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
39. the ch_____c economic situation *adj.* without any order or organization; extremely disorganized, unpredictable, and confusing
40. ca___e race *n.* a narrow, light boat with pointy ends and no keel that is propelled by a paddle
41. la___n island *n.* a shallow stretch of water separated from a larger body of water by sandbanks or coral reefs; a small saltwater lake near a sea or an ocean

ANSWERS: 31. ingenious, 32. subtraction, 33. descendant, 34. paddle, 35. ingenious, 36. faux, 37. individuality, 38. opportune, 39. chaotic, 40. canoe, 41. lagoon

42. des_____nt of a pioneer *n.* children or offspring of a specific person, plant, or animal
43. s__p cool and moist air *v.* to flow or leak slowly and gradually through small openings or spaces; to ooze or trickle out gradually
44. unusual jux_____ion *n.* the act or an instance of placing two or more things close to one another, often to highlight a contrast or comparison between them
45. am__e and entertain visitors *v.* to fill with wonder, surprise, or admiration
46. the early inh_____nts of Europe *n.* a person or an animal that lives in a particular place
47. el_____fy a manufacturing process *v.* to make a machine or system work by using electricity; to make someone extremely enthusiastic about or interested in something
48. burial mo__d *n.* a raised area of ground or dirt, often used for burial, construction, or as a fortification; a large, rounded pile or heap
49. pu__y system *n.* a wheel or set of wheels with a grooved rim around which a cord or rope runs, used to change the direction or point of application of a force, especially to lift heavy objects
50. the outside fa___e of a castle *n.* the face or front of a building, especially a large one; superficial or false appearance intended to conceal something unpleasant

ANSWERS: 42. descendant, 43. seep, 44. juxtaposition, 45. amaze, 46. inhabitant, 47. electrify, 48. mound, 49. pulley, 50. facade

51. s__p into paper *v.* to flow or leak slowly and gradually through small openings or spaces; to ooze or trickle out gradually
52. abound in in_____ty *n.* the quality of inventing things or solving problems in clever new ways
53. summer ol_____ad *n.* a period of four years, originally the time between the ancient Olympic Games and now commonly used to refer to the modern Olympic Games, which are held every four years
54. dr__e a coat *v.* to arrange or hang cloth or clothing loosely over something, typically in a decorative way; to cover or decorate loosely with material
55. fa_____y land *adj.* located at a geographically distant place; remote or separated by distance; distant or not easily accessible
56. ba_____l exercise *n.* a long metal bar with weights attached to either end, used for weightlifting or as a form of exercise and strengthening
57. de_____te a few hours *v.* to give all of your energy, time, etc., entirely to a specific person, activity, or cause; to set apart for a particular purpose or use
58. ch_____c theory *adj.* without any order or organization; extremely disorganized, unpredictable, and confusing
59. make a ca__e trip *n.* a narrow, light boat with pointy ends and no keel that is propelled by a paddle

ANSWERS: 51. seep, 52. ingenuity, 53. olympiad, 54. drape, 55. faraway, 56. barbell, 57. dedicate, 58. chaotic, 59. canoe

60. teaching of Ch___t *n.* the man that Christians believe is the prophet and the son of God, and whose life and sermons form the basis for Christianity
61. movable pu___y *n.* a wheel or set of wheels with a grooved rim around which a cord or rope runs, used to change the direction or point of application of a force, especially to lift heavy objects
62. s__m dwellers *n.* a heavily populated urban area characterized by poor, run-down housing and infrastructure, often associated with poverty and social neglect
63. no asp_____on for fame *n.* a strong desire to achieve something; the action or process of drawing breath
64. ba___r pole *n.* a person who cuts men's hair and shaves beards as a profession; a shop or establishment where such services are offered
65. mo__d of dirt *n.* a raised area of ground or dirt, often used for burial, construction, or as a fortification; a large, rounded pile or heap
66. have the in_____ve talent *adj.* able to come up with novel and unique ideas
67. el_____fy the audience *v.* to make a machine or system work by using electricity; to make someone extremely enthusiastic about or interested in something

ANSWERS: 60. Christ, 61. pulley, 62. slum, 63. aspiration, 64. barber, 65. mound, 66. inventive, 67. electrify

68. too_____te tube *n.* a paste or gel used for cleaning the teeth and freshening the breath
69. local sho_____er *n.* a person who owns or manages a shop, especially a small local business
70. ch_____ng emotions *n.* the process of mixing or stirring something vigorously, often to create a frothy or creamy texture; a state of upheaval or turbulence, often referring to the stock market or economy
71. inh_____ble environment *adj.* harsh and difficult to stay in or grow; unfriendly and unwelcoming towards people who visit you
72. digital ico_____hy *n.* the visual images or symbols used in a particular field of study, worship, or art; a system or language of imagery used to represent ideas or concepts
73. pl_____u region *n.* an elevated, relatively level expanse of land, typically vast and extending over a large area; a state or period of little or no change following a period of growth, development, or progress
74. ex_____ve ocean views *adj.* large or wide in extent or scope; friendly and open and willing to talk
75. artistic jux_____ion *n.* the act or an instance of placing two or more things close to one another, often to highlight a contrast or comparison between them
76. inh_____nt tax *n.* a person or an animal that lives in a particular place

ANSWERS: 68. toothpaste, 69. shopkeeper, 70. churning, 71. inhospitable, 72. iconography, 73. plateau, 74. expansive, 75. juxtaposition, 76. inhabitant

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78. religious ico_____hy *n.* the visual images or symbols used in a particular field of study, worship, or art; a system or language of imagery used to represent ideas or concepts
79. m__d broken relationship *v.* to repair or fix something that is broken or damaged
80. r_v up the crowd *n.* a measure of the rate at which an engine or motor rotates, often expressed in revolutions per minute (RPM); (verb) to increase the number of rotations per minute
81. early ni_____ll *n.* the time of day when the sun has set, also known as dusk or twilight
82. re_____m a competitive position *v.* to take back something previously lost, given, or paid, or ask to have it back
83. uni_____ble apartment *adj.* not suitable or safe for people to live in; lacking the necessary conditions for human habitation
84. de_____te a chapter to the subject *v.* to give all of your energy, time, etc., entirely to a specific person, activity, or cause; to set apart for a particular purpose or use
85. low-r_v engine *n.* a measure of the rate at which an engine or motor rotates, often expressed in revolutions per minute (RPM); (verb) to increase the number of rotations per minute

ANSWERS: 77. instill, 78. iconography, 79. mend, 80. rev, 81. nightfall, 82. reclaim, 83. uninhabitable, 84. dedicate, 85. rev

86. too_____te hygiene product *n.* a paste or gel used for cleaning the teeth and freshening the breath
87. fa___e of wealth *n.* the face or front of a building, especially a large one; superficial or false appearance intended to conceal something unpleasant
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89. s__m area *n.* a heavily populated urban area characterized by poor, run-down housing and infrastructure, often associated with poverty and social neglect
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92. op_____ne occasion *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
93. a ma_____ft solution *adj.* serving as a temporary substitute or solution; improvised
94. la___n paradise *n.* a shallow stretch of water separated from a larger body of water by sandbanks or coral reefs; a small saltwater lake near a sea or an ocean

ANSWERS: 86. toothpaste, 87. facade, 88. obsession, 89. slum, 90. graze, 91. faraway, 92. opportune, 93. makeshift, 94. lagoon

95. asp_____on into the lungs *n.* a strong desire to achieve something; the action or process of drawing breath
96. with an ex_____ve spirit *adj.* large or wide in extent or scope; friendly and open and willing to talk
97. the fas_____on with classical music *n.* the state of being intensely interested in someone or something, or a powerful attraction
98. ma_____ft shelter *adj.* serving as a temporary substitute or solution; improvised

ANSWERS: 95. aspiration, 96. expansive, 97. fascination, 98. makeshift

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. His family is the oldest _____ of the island.
n. a person or an animal that lives in a particular place
2. The chef will make soup with the _____ ham bone.
adj. not consumed or used at the end of something
3. The _____ boarders glided across the crystal-clear waters of the cove.
n. a flat, usually wooden implement with a handle used for stirring, mixing, or beating a liquid or substance
4. After the accident, the police found an empty _____.
n. a narrow, light boat with pointy ends and no keel that is propelled by a paddle
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6. The elderly _____ greeted customers and helped them find what they sought.
n. a person who owns or manages a shop, especially a small local business
7. The team discovered a hidden _____ in the desert.
n. a raised area of ground or dirt, often used for burial, construction, or as a fortification; a large, rounded pile or heap
8. I always look forward to reading his stories since they're so _____.
adj. showing inventiveness and ability or skill

ANSWERS: 1. inhabitant, 2. leftover, 3. paddle, 4. canoe, 5. inhospitable, 6. shopkeeper, 7. mound, 8. ingenious

9. Gambling became an _____ for him, and he eventually lost everything.
n. the state in which a person's mind is filled with thoughts of one single object or particular person
10. Change is also occurring in Turkey as a result of _____ reform.
adj. without any order or organization; extremely disorganized, unpredictable, and confusing
11. He _____ his life to helping others.
v. to give all of your energy, time, etc., entirely to a specific person, activity, or cause; to set apart for a particular purpose or use
12. The painting's _____ of bright colors and dark shadows created a striking effect.
n. the act or an instance of placing two or more things close to one another, often to highlight a contrast or comparison between them
13. The product developed through years of research continues to _____ the market.
v. to make a machine or system work by using electricity; to make someone extremely enthusiastic about or interested in something
14. She was _____ by the news and could hardly believe it.
adj. extremely surprised and upset
15. The teacher attempted to _____ the importance of hard work in her students.
v. to impart, introduce, or cause to be absorbed gradually
16. He stepped on the gas pedal, and the engine released a loud _____.
n. a measure of the rate at which an engine or motor rotates, often expressed in revolutions per minute (RPM); (verb) to increase the number of rotations per minute

ANSWERS: 9. obsession, 10. chaotic, 11. dedicated, 12. juxtaposition, 13. electrify, 14. astonished, 15. instill, 16. rev

17. The magician's tricks _____ the audience.

v. to fill with wonder, surprise, or admiration

18. The construction worker used a fixed _____ to lift the heavy equipment to the top floor.

n. a wheel or set of wheels with a grooved rim around which a cord or rope runs, used to change the direction or point of application of a force, especially to lift heavy objects

19. He has a strong sense of _____.

n. the qualities or characters that distinguish a particular person or thing from others of the same kind

20. He lifted the heavy _____ with ease during his weightlifting competition.

n. a long metal bar with weights attached to either end, used for weightlifting or as a form of exercise and strengthening

21. The team set up a _____ tent for shelter during the storm.

adj. serving as a temporary substitute or solution; improvised

22. The _____ of expenses from revenue resulted in a net profit for the company.

n. the process or action of removing one number from another; the mathematical operation of finding the difference between two numbers or quantities

23. She was embarrassed to realize her designer handbag was a _____ leather knockoff.

adj. not genuine; fake, or artificial; made to resemble something that it is not

24. Those warriors' _____ are still skilled archers.

n. children or offspring of a specific person, plant, or animal

ANSWERS: 17. amazed, 18. pulley, 19. individuality, 20. barbell, 21. makeshift, 22. subtraction, 23. faux, 24. descendants

25. The sheep _____ on the green grass in the meadow.

- v.* to feed on grass or other vegetation, especially by nibbling at it repeatedly; to break the skin of a body part by scraping

26. She won a gold medal in the physics _____ and was praised by her teachers and peers.

- n.* a period of four years, originally the time between the ancient Olympic Games and now commonly used to refer to the modern Olympic Games, which are held every four years

27. He _____ the torn shirt with a needle and thread.

- v.* to repair or fix something that is broken or damaged

28. The rain began to _____ through the roof, causing damage to the walls and floors.

- v.* to flow or leak slowly and gradually through small openings or spaces; to ooze or trickle out gradually

29. I always use mint-flavored _____ to refresh my mouth in the morning and at night.

- n.* a paste or gel used for cleaning the teeth and freshening the breath

30. The hikers finally reached the _____ after a long climb up the mountain.

- n.* an elevated, relatively level expanse of land, typically vast and extending over a large area; a state or period of little or no change following a period of growth, development, or progress

31. All language around the world is consistently _____ but not intrusive.

- adj.* able to come up with novel and unique ideas

32. You may be entitled to _____ some tax.

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

ANSWERS: 25. graze, 26. olympiad, 27. mended, 28. seep, 29. toothpaste, 30. plateau, 31. inventive, 32. reclaim

33. Creativity and _____ are often brought about by extreme concentration.
n. the quality of inventing things or solving problems in clever new ways
34. The company has an _____ network of offices and locations around the world.
adj. large or wide in extent or scope; friendly and open and willing to talk
35. The _____ of the waves on the beach made it difficult to swim.
n. the process of mixing or stirring something vigorously, often to create a frothy or creamy texture; a state of upheaval or turbulence, often referring to the stock market or economy
36. The phone rang at the most _____ time.
adj. suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
37. The _____ of the logo was immediately recognizable as belonging to the famous brand.
n. the visual images or symbols used in a particular field of study, worship, or art; a system or language of imagery used to represent ideas or concepts
38. He has an _____ to become a doctor.
n. a strong desire to achieve something; the action or process of drawing breath
39. _____ is the day to celebrate the birth of Christ.
n. the man that Christians believe is the prophet and the son of God, and whose life and sermons form the basis for Christianity
40. A gentle _____ concealed his powerfulness.
n. the face or front of a building, especially a large one; superficial or false appearance intended to conceal something unpleasant

ANSWERS: 33. ingenuity, 34. expansive, 35. churning, 36. opportune, 37. iconography, 38. aspiration, 39. Christmas, 40. facade

41. We largely _____ the circuit board of cell phones because they contain a lot of valuable metals.
- v.* to sort and collect things to process them and produce valuable materials that can be used again
42. The government needs to invest more in affordable housing options to reduce the number of people living in _____.
- n.* a heavily populated urban area characterized by poor, run-down housing and infrastructure, often associated with poverty and social neglect
43. She _____ a shawl over her shoulders to keep warm.
- v.* to arrange or hang cloth or clothing loosely over something, typically in a decorative way; to cover or decorate loosely with material
44. The view from the _____ hilltop was breathtakingly beautiful.
- adj.* located at a geographically distant place; remote or separated by distance; distant or not easily accessible
45. The mangroves around the _____ provide a habitat for a unique ecosystem
- n.* a shallow stretch of water separated from a larger body of water by sandbanks or coral reefs; a small saltwater lake near a sea or an ocean
46. It is dangerous to walk alone through the forest after _____.
- n.* the time of day when the sun has set, also known as dusk or twilight
47. I looked at the painting in _____.
- n.* the state of being intensely interested in someone or something, or a powerful attraction
48. The hurricane left many coastal areas _____ for a long time.
- adj.* not suitable or safe for people to live in; lacking the necessary conditions for human habitation

ANSWERS: 41. recycle, 42. slums, 43. draped, 44. faraway, 45. lagoon, 46. nightfall, 47. fascination, 48. uninhabitable

49. The _____ shop was closed on Monday, much to the disappointment of many customers.

- n.* a person who cuts men's hair and shaves beards as a profession; a shop or establishment where such services are offered

ANSWERS: 49. barber