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Session 1: Word List

chant

n. a simple melody or tune, typically one that is repeated or sung in a monotonous way; (verb) recite with musical intonation

synonym: hymn, mantra, (verb) recite

(1) **chant** melodies, (2) **chant** in the chapel

The soccer game crowd broke into a **chant** of "Go, team, go!"

repetition

n. the act of doing or saying something many times

synonym: duplication, iteration, recurrence

(1) **repetition** of the word, (2) habitual **repetition**

Repetition is the mother of all learning.

feat

n. a notable or impressive achievement, especially one that requires great skill or bravery

synonym: achievement, accomplishment, exploit

(1) intellectual **feat**, (2) **feat** accomplishment

It is an incredible **feat** to climb Mount Everest, the highest mountain in the world.

rely

v. to require a specific thing or the assistance and support of someone or something to continue, run properly, or succeed.

synonym: depend, count, lean

(1) **rely** on convenience stores, (2) **rely** entirely on him
Babies heavily **rely** on others for food.

psychology

n. the scientific study of mind and behavior

(1) **psychology** experiment, (2) **psychology** of crowd
She had a master's degree in **psychology**.

mere

adj. used to emphasize how insignificant or minor someone or something is

synonym: bare, minor, sheer

(1) **mere** acquaintance, (2) **mere** incident
He lost the election by **mere** votes.

exposure

n. the state of being in a particular situation or place where there is no protection from or guarantee to something harmful; the disclosure of something secret

synonym: vulnerability, disclosure, uncovering

(1) a southern **exposure**, (2) the **exposure** of a fraud
The long **exposure** to the air tarnished the antique tableware.

prefer

v. to like, choose, or want one thing or person better than another

synonym: choose, like, favor

(1) **prefer** physics to chemistry, (2) **prefer** a window seat
The birds **prefer** open water areas with reeds around them.

exposed

adj. having no protection or shield from something, such as bad weather, attack, or criticism

synonym: endangered, revealed, disclosed

(1) **exposed** to radiation, (2) an **exposed** rock
Tech companies often employ **exposed** ducts and other materials in their office interiors.

grocery

n. a shop that sells food and other household items

synonym: foodstuff, market

(1) the **grocery** business, (2) run a **grocery**

I will go to the **grocery** store to buy food for dinner.

tap

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

synonym: knock, exploit, use

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

download

v. to transfer data or files from the Internet or computer network to a user's computer or device; (noun) the process of transferring data or information from a remote or central computer to a local computer or device

synonym: load, save, transfer

(1) **download** files from the Internet, (2) **download** the assignment from the website

I need to **download** the latest update for my computer's operating system.

prevalent

adj. existing very commonly in a particular area or in a specific time

synonym: common, ubiquitous, rampant

(1) **prevalent** in Japan, (2) **prevalent** belief

This virus is **prevalent** in many tropical nations.

investigate

v. to conduct a systematic or formal inquiry to identify and evaluate the facts of a crime, problem, statement, etc. to establish the truth

synonym: examine, analyze, look into

(1) **investigate** the matter, (2) **investigate** a data leak

The committee **investigated** several apparent inconsistencies.

composition

n. the different parts of something's elements or ingredients; the way in which the different components are organized; a piece of music written by someone

synonym: creating, formatting, arrangement

(1) age **composition** of the population, (2) the piano passages in the **composition**

Their innovative concepts were consistent across their bodies of **composition**.

excerpt

v. to take a short piece of speech, book, film, etc. from a longer whole; (noun) a short extract from a speech, book, film, etc.

synonym: extract, take out, quote

(1) **excerpt** a passage from a book, (2) **excerpt** comments from the news release

Here are **excerpts** from several recent books on quantum computing.

digital

adj. processing or storing information as a succession of 1 and 0 to show that a signal is present or missing; relating to the use of computer technology, especially the internet

synonym: numerical, computerized, cyber

(1) a **digital** watch, (2) **digital** electronic signature

Sensors convert physical phenomena into **digital** signals.

compose

v. to write music, poetry, or formal writing; to constitute or make up a whole, or a specified part of it

synonym: compile, constitute, build

(1) **compose** an essay, (2) **compose** my thoughts

The structure is **composed** of three main components.

assemble

v. to collect in one place as a single group

synonym: gather, congregate, collect

(1) **assemble** your colleagues, (2) **assemble** a jigsaw puzzle

The president began to **assemble** an army.

brute

n. a violent, wild, or feral animal; a person who is cruel, uncivilized, or lacking in intelligence or sensitivity; a physical force or power

synonym : beast, savage, animal

(1) **brute** beasts, (2) **brute** force

The **brute** behavior of the football players caused the game to be canceled.

edit

v. to prepare written material for publication by correcting, condensing, or otherwise modifying it

synonym : revise, modify, adjust

(1) **edit** a history book, (2) **edit** a video

I need to **edit** this document before submitting it to my boss.

compelling

adj. arousing strong and irresistible interest, attention, or admiration

synonym : tempting, captivating, influential

(1) tell a **compelling** story, (2) new and **compelling** evidence

His **compelling** presentation deeply moved everyone.

puppet

n. a doll or figure that is manipulated by strings, wires, or hands to represent a person or animal; a person who is controlled or manipulated by someone else

synonym : marionette, dummy, mannequin

(1) **puppet** theater, (2) corporate **puppet**

The politician was merely a **puppet** for the wealthy elite.

classic

adj. judged or deserving to be regarded as one of the best or most important of its kind over a period of time; of a well-known type

synonym : definitive, traditional, typical

(1) a **classic** experiment, (2) Chinese **classic** literature

He displayed the **classic** symptoms of depression.

irresistible

adj. impossible to resist or refuse; very attractive, appealing, or compelling

synonym : resistless, overpowering, compelling

(1) **irresistible** charm, (2) **irresistible** force

The aroma of freshly baked cookies was **irresistible** to her.

unconscious

adj. in the state of lacking awareness and the capacity for sensory perception, especially as the result of a head injury or illness

synonym : comatose, paralyzed, senseless

(1) **unconscious** bias, (2) a person who is **unconscious**
I know his **unconscious** habit that he touches his face when he lies.

humming

adj. producing a continuous, low, vibrating sound like that of the bee

synonym : buzzing, droning, vibrating

(1) **humming** sound, (2) **humming** bird

The **humming** of the bees filled the air as she walked through the garden.

segment

n. a part or section of something; a distinct group within a larger whole

synonym : section, part, division

(1) **segment** analysis, (2) market **segment**

The report divided the data into **segments** based on age, gender, and income level.

invite

v. to ask someone to come or join; to offer an opportunity or possibility for something to happen or take place

synonym : ask, request, summon

(1) **invite** guests, (2) **invite** criticism

We want to **invite** you to our annual charity event.

participate

v. to take part in something

synonym : take part, partake, enter

(1) **participate** fully in conversation, (2) **participate** in the program

The majority of students actively **participated** in the college's intramural sports program.

shift

n. a slight transition in position, direction, or trend

synonym : transition, change, modification

(1) Doppler **shift**, (2) major paradigm **shift**
Could you help me **shift** some furniture?

aspect

n. one part or feature of a situation, problem, subject, etc.
synonym: characteristic, element, factor

(1) nontechnical **aspects** of the job, (2) **aspects** of social, political, and economic life

His professional experience includes all **aspects** of media production.

melody

n. a succession of musical tones forming part of a larger piece of music

synonym: tune, song, piece

(1) a simple **melody**, (2) the **melody** of a tune

This harmonious **melody** immortalized its composer.

phrase

n. a group of words that mean something specific when used together

synonym: expression, idiom, term

(1) ready-made **phrases**, (2) noun **phrase**

We bought a Spanish **phrase** book.

pitch

n. the property of sound that varies with variation in the frequency of vibration; the degree of a slope, especially of a roof; short presentation for selling or sharing something

synonym: angle, gradient, slope

(1) make a **pitch** for a new product, (2) a low- **pitched** sound

Her voice gradually increased in **pitch**.

semantics

n. the branch of linguistics and logic concerned with meaning

synonym: meaning, connotation, denotation

(1) lexical **semantics**, (2) information **semantics**

The **semantics** of the sentence could have been clearer and

easier to understand.

satiate

v. to satisfy or fulfill an appetite or desire completely; to fill or gratify to excess; to quench or extinguish a thirst or hunger

synonym: satisfy, quench, appease

(1) **satiate** thirst, (2) **satiate** desire

Eating a healthy and balanced meal can **satiate** hunger and provide essential nutrients for the body.

atlas

n. a book of maps or charts; a figure in Greek mythology who bore the weight of the world on his shoulders

synonym: map, chart, gazetteer

(1) **atlas** map, (2) **atlas** of anatomy

The world **atlas** showed me the locations of all the countries.

nauseam

n. (also used as "ad nauseam") a feeling of sickness with an inclination to vomit; commonly associated with dizziness, weakness, and a loss of appetite; (ad nauseam, adjective or) repeated or discussed excessively, to the point where it becomes annoying, tedious, or boring

synonym: sickness, queasiness, nausea

(1) **nauseam** feeling, (2) ad **nauseam** repetition

The song played on the radio to an ad **nauseam** degree.

odd

adj. strange or unexpected; not divisible by two

synonym: strange, bizarre, abnormal

(1) in an **odd** way, (2) **odd** behavior

His grandfather was an **odd** man.

aesthetic

adj. connected with the enjoyment or study of beauty

synonym: beautiful, artistic, esthetic

(1) **aesthetic** value, (2) **aesthetic** feeling

My **aesthetic** standards are quite different from hers.

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.

critic

n. someone who expresses opinions about the quality of books, music, etc.

synonym: pundit, analyst, attacker

(1) art **critic**, (2) severe **critic**

Advocates for legal reform hear less harsh words from their **critics**.

importance

n. the quality of being important and worthy of note

synonym: significance, primacy, matter

(1) a man of **importance**, (2) high **importance**

I stopped by the branch though I have no business of **importance**.

illusion

n. a false idea or belief, especially about somebody or about a situation

synonym: delusion, fallacy, magic trick

(1) optical **illusion**, (2) the **illusion** of being in the forest

He could no longer tell the difference between **illusion** and reality.

capture

v. to catch a person or an animal and confine them in an area which they cannot escape

synonym: catch, arrest, imprison

(1) **capture** a glimpse, (2) **capture** customers' hearts

I was able to **capture** the moment on film.

temporal

adj. of or relating to time as opposed to eternity

synonym: transient, fleeting, temporary

(1) a **temporal** restriction, (2) **temporal** history

The **temporal** nature of the universe is a subject of much debate among scientists.

random

adj. made, done, or happening without method, conscious decision, or any regular pattern

synonym: incidental, arbitrary, unanticipated

(1) a **random** choice, (2) bombs fell at **random**

To find drunk drivers, police conduct **random** tests.

sequence

n. a series of related events, actions, numbers, etc., which have a particular order

synonym: arrangement, succession, series

(1) the **sequence** of the seasons, (2) the DNA **sequence**

We do move forward with those tasks in **sequence** next week.

loop

n. a shape like a curve or a circle made by something long and thin, such as a piece of string, that bends round and crosses itself

synonym: circle, curl, spiral

(1) exit from a **loop**, (2) positive feedback **loop**

Many people in this city use the **loop** railway for transportation.

orientation

n. a person's basic attitudes, beliefs, and preferences about particular things; a course introducing a new situation or environment

synonym: direction, introduction, frontage

(1) sexual **orientation**, (2) the school **orientation**

There will be an **orientation** lecture for new students this afternoon.

distinctively

adv. in a way that is distinguishable, unique, or characterized by a particular quality or feature

synonym: uniquely, characteristically, peculiarly

(1) **distinctively** different, (2) **distinctively** bold

The dish's **distinctively** spicy flavor resulted from the unique

blend of spices used.

engaging

adj. attracting, pleasant, or charming

synonym: alluring, interesting, engrossing

(1) **engaging** story, (2) an **engaging** smile

She was disbarred for her **engaging** in fraud.

imaginative

adj. having or showing new and creative ideas

synonym: creative, innovative, inventive

(1) capable of **imaginative** creation, (2) **imaginative** as a child

She is a hard worker but not very **imaginative**.

susceptibility

n. the state of being easily influenced or vulnerable to some external influence, such as a disease, idea, or emotional state; the ability to be easily affected by something

synonym: vulnerability, proneness, openness

(1) **susceptibility** to peer pressure, (2) chemical **susceptibility**

Certain individuals have a higher **susceptibility** to certain diseases due to genetic factors.

worm

n. a long, thin creature with a soft and long cylindrical tube-like body, no limbs, and a lack of eyes

(1) wiggly **worms**, (2) can of **worms**

Worms help dispose of the food waste produced by humans.

burrow

v. to excavate a hole or make a tunnel in the ground by digging, typically for use as a dwelling of an animal

synonym: tunnel, dig, excavate

(1) **burrow** through the forest, (2) **burrow** into a mystery

You can't **burrow** through solid metal.

stick

v. to put something, usually a sharp object, into something; to restrict yourself to doing or using one certain thing and not change; (noun) a thin piece of wood or other

material

synonym : pierce, adhere, stay

(1) **stick** a key in a lock, (2) fire **stick**

You **stick** a bill in the change machine, and the coins pop out.

embarrass

v. to cause someone to feel awkward, worried, or ashamed

synonym : disconcert, unsettle, agitate

(1) **embarrass** political enemy, (2) **embarrass** my project

He looked for an opportunity to **embarrass** that actor in public.

regress

v. to move or develop backward; to return to an earlier or less advanced state or condition; to decline or deteriorate

synonym : retrovert, deteriorate, decline

(1) **regress** to childhood, (2) **regress** in skills

The team's failure to win games has caused them to **regress** in confidence.

Session 2: Spelling

1. intellectual f__t *n.* a notable or impressive achievement, especially one that requires great skill or bravery
2. have no re_____ce *n.* the state or degree of being closely connected or appropriate to the matter at hand
3. di_____l electronic signature *adj.* processing or storing information as a succession of 1 and 0 to show that a signal is present or missing; relating to the use of computer technology, especially the internet
4. e__t a history book *v.* to prepare written material for publication by correcting, condensing, or otherwise modifying it
5. r__y on convenience stores *v.* to require a specific thing or the assistance and support of someone or something to continue, run properly, or succeed.
6. bu___w through the forest *v.* to excavate a hole or make a tunnel in the ground by digging, typically for use as a dwelling of an animal
7. r__y entirely on him *v.* to require a specific thing or the assistance and support of someone or something to continue, run properly, or succeed.
8. ca_____e customers' hearts *v.* to catch a person or an animal and confine them in an area which they cannot escape

ANSWERS: 1. feat, 2. relevance, 3. digital, 4. edit, 5. rely, 6. burrow, 7. rely, 8. capture

9. tell a com_____ng story *adj.* arousing strong and irresistible interest, attention, or admiration
10. a southern ex_____re *n.* the state of being in a particular situation or place where there is no protection from or guarantee to something harmful; the disclosure of something secret
11. hu_____g bird *adj.* producing a continuous, low, vibrating sound like that of the bee
12. ae_____ic feeling *adj.* connected with the enjoyment or study of beauty
13. dis_____ely different *adv.* in a way that is distinguishable, unique, or characterized by a particular quality or feature
14. br__e force *n.* a violent, wild, or feral animal; a person who is cruel, uncivilized, or lacking in intelligence or sensitivity; a physical force or power
15. sa_____e desire *v.* to satisfy or fulfill an appetite or desire completely; to fill or gratify to excess; to quench or extinguish a thirst or hunger
16. par_____te fully in conversation *v.* to take part in something
17. unc_____us bias *adj.* in the state of lacking awareness and the capacity for sensory perception, especially as the result of a head injury or illness
18. ch__t melodies *n.* a simple melody or tune, typically one that is repeated or sung in a monotonous way; (verb) recite with musical intonation

ANSWERS: 9. compelling, 10. exposure, 11. humming, 12. aesthetic, 13. distinctively, 14. brute, 15. satiate, 16. participate, 17. unconscious, 18. chant

19. ready-made ph___es *n.* a group of words that mean something specific when used together
20. nontechnical as___ts of the job *n.* one part or feature of a situation, problem, subject, etc.
21. e__t a video *v.* to prepare written material for publication by correcting, condensing, or otherwise modifying it
22. the me___y of a tune *n.* a succession of musical tones forming part of a larger piece of music
23. irr_____ble charm *adj.* impossible to resist or refuse; very attractive, appealing, or compelling
24. bombs fell at ra___m *adj.* made, done, or happening without method, conscious decision, or any regular pattern
25. f__t accomplishment *n.* a notable or impressive achievement, especially one that requires great skill or bravery
26. a cl_____c experiment *adj.* judged or deserving to be regarded as one of the best or most important of its kind over a period of time; of a well-known type
27. en_____ng story *adj.* attracting, pleasant, or charming
28. high imp_____ce *n.* the quality of being important and worthy of note
29. capable of ima_____ve creation *adj.* having or showing new and creative ideas
30. Doppler sh__t *n.* a slight transition in position, direction, or trend

ANSWERS: 19. phrase, 20. aspect, 21. edit, 22. melody, 23. irresistible, 24. random, 25. feat, 26. classic, 27. engaging, 28. importance, 29. imaginative, 30. shift

31. ima_____ve as a child *adj.* having or showing new and creative ideas
32. pr___r a window seat *v.* to like, choose, or want one thing or person better than another
33. hu_____g sound *adj.* producing a continuous, low, vibrating sound like that of the bee
34. positive feedback l__p *n.* a shape like a curve or a circle made by something long and thin, such as a piece of string, that bends round and crosses itself
35. an en_____ng smile *adj.* attracting, pleasant, or charming
36. lexical se_____cs *n.* the branch of linguistics and logic concerned with meaning
37. make a pi__h for a new product *n.* the property of sound that varies with variation in the frequency of vibration; the degree of a slope, especially of a roof; short presentation for selling or sharing something
38. pr_____nt belief *adj.* existing very commonly in a particular area or in a specific time
39. m__e incident *adj.* used to emphasize how insignificant or minor someone or something is
40. Chinese cl_____c literature *adj.* judged or deserving to be regarded as one of the best or most important of its kind over a period of time; of a well-known type
41. age com_____on of the population *n.* the different parts of something's elements or ingredients; the way in which the different components are organized; a piece of music written by someone

ANSWERS: 31. imaginative, 32. prefer, 33. humming, 34. loop, 35. engaging, 36. semantics, 37. pitch, 38. prevalent, 39. mere, 40. classic, 41. composition

42. the school ori_____on *n.* a person's basic attitudes, beliefs, and preferences about particular things; a course introducing a new situation or environment
43. do_____ad files from the Internet *v.* to transfer data or files from the Internet or computer network to a user's computer or device; (noun) the process of transferring data or information from a remote or central computer to a local computer or device
44. sus_____ity to peer pressure *n.* the state of being easily influenced or vulnerable to some external influence, such as a disease, idea, or emotional state; the ability to be easily affected by something
45. an ex_____d rock *adj.* having no protection or shield from something, such as bad weather, attack, or criticism
46. as_____le a jigsaw puzzle *v.* to collect in one place as a single group
47. ae_____ic value *adj.* connected with the enjoyment or study of beauty
48. sexual ori_____on *n.* a person's basic attitudes, beliefs, and preferences about particular things; a course introducing a new situation or environment
49. a person who is unc_____us *adj.* in the state of lacking awareness and the capacity for sensory perception, especially as the result of a head injury or illness

ANSWERS: 42. orientation, 43. download, 44. susceptibility, 45. exposed, 46. assemble, 47. aesthetic, 48. orientation, 49. unconscious

50. corporate pu___t *n.* a doll or figure that is manipulated by strings, wires, or hands to represent a person or animal; a person who is controlled or manipulated by someone else
51. re_____ce category *n.* the state or degree of being closely connected or appropriate to the matter at hand
52. inv_____te a data leak *v.* to conduct a systematic or formal inquiry to identify and evaluate the facts of a crime, problem, statement, etc. to establish the truth
53. bu___w into a mystery *v.* to excavate a hole or make a tunnel in the ground by digging, typically for use as a dwelling of an animal
54. habitual rep_____on *n.* the act of doing or saying something many times
55. te_____al history *adj.* of or relating to time as opposed to eternity
56. severe cr___c *n.* someone who expresses opinions about the quality of books, music, etc.
57. par_____te in the program *v.* to take part in something
58. market se_____t *n.* a part or section of something; a distinct group within a larger whole
59. irr_____ble force *adj.* impossible to resist or refuse; very attractive, appealing, or compelling
60. se_____t analysis *n.* a part or section of something; a distinct group within a larger whole

ANSWERS: 50. puppet, 51. relevance, 52. investigate, 53. burrow, 54. repetition, 55. temporal, 56. critic, 57. participate, 58. segment, 59. irresistible, 60. segment

61. new and com_____ng evidence *adj.* arousing strong and irresistible interest, attention, or admiration
62. the gr_____y business *n.* a shop that sells food and other household items
63. ex_____d to radiation *adj.* having no protection or shield from something, such as bad weather, attack, or criticism
64. pu____t theater *n.* a doll or figure that is manipulated by strings, wires, or hands to represent a person or animal; a person who is controlled or manipulated by someone else
65. co_____e my thoughts *v.* to write music, poetry, or formal writing; to constitute or make up a whole, or a specified part of it
66. ca_____e a glimpse *v.* to catch a person or an animal and confine them in an area which they cannot escape
67. psy_____gy experiment *n.* the scientific study of mind and behavior
68. noun ph____e *n.* a group of words that mean something specific when used together
69. the ex_____re of a fraud *n.* the state of being in a particular situation or place where there is no protection from or guarantee to something harmful; the disclosure of something secret
70. information se_____cs *n.* the branch of linguistics and logic concerned with meaning
71. t_p a new market *v.* to hit someone or something quickly, gently, and often repeatedly; to use existing resources, such as energy, knowledge, etc.

ANSWERS: 61. compelling, 62. grocery, 63. exposed, 64. puppet, 65. compose, 66. capture, 67. psychology, 68. phrase, 69. exposure, 70. semantics, 71. tap

72. as____le your colleagues *v.* to collect in one place as a single group
73. o_d behavior *adj.* strange or unexpected; not divisible by two
74. a di____l watch *adj.* processing or storing information as a succession of 1 and 0 to show that a signal is present or missing; relating to the use of computer technology, especially the internet
75. the il____on of being in the forest *n.* a false idea or belief, especially about somebody or about a situation
76. run a gr____y *n.* a shop that sells food and other household items
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78. na____m feeling *n.* (also used as "ad nauseam") a feeling of sickness with an inclination to vomit; commonly associated with dizziness, weakness, and a loss of appetite; (ad nauseam, adjective or) repeated or discussed excessively, to the point where it becomes annoying, tedious, or boring
79. fire st__k *v.* to put something, usually a sharp object, into something; to restrict yourself to doing or using one certain thing and not change; (noun) a thin piece of wood or other material

ANSWERS: 72. assemble, 73. odd, 74. digital, 75. illusion, 76. grocery, 77. pitch, 78. nauseam, 79. stick

80. at__s map *n.* a book of maps or charts; a figure in Greek mythology who bore the weight of the world on his shoulders
81. re____s in skills *v.* to move or develop backward; to return to an earlier or less advanced state or condition; to decline or deteriorate
82. chemical sus_____ity *n.* the state of being easily influenced or vulnerable to some external influence, such as a disease, idea, or emotional state; the ability to be easily affected by something
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84. a man of imp_____ce *n.* the quality of being important and worthy of note
85. ad na_____m repetition *n.* (also used as "ad nauseam") a feeling of sickness with an inclination to vomit; commonly associated with dizziness, weakness, and a loss of appetite; (ad nauseam, adjective or) repeated or discussed excessively, to the point where it becomes annoying, tedious, or boring
86. rep_____on of the word *n.* the act of doing or saying something many times
87. a simple me___y *n.* a succession of musical tones forming part of a larger piece of music
88. ex_____t comments from the news release *v.* to take a short piece of speech, book, film, etc. from a longer whole; (noun) a short extract from a speech, book, film, etc.

ANSWERS: 80. atlas, 81. regress, 82. susceptibility, 83. chant, 84. importance, 85. nauseam, 86. repetition, 87. melody, 88. excerpt

89. t_p keyboard with an index finger *v.* to hit someone or something quickly, gently, and often repeatedly; to use existing resources, such as energy, knowledge, etc.
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96. the se_____ce of the seasons *n.* a series of related events, actions, numbers, etc., which have a particular order
97. psy_____gy of crowd *n.* the scientific study of mind and behavior
98. pr_____nt in Japan *adj.* existing very commonly in a particular area or in a specific time

ANSWERS: 89. tap, 90. mere, 91. shift, 92. loop, 93. compose, 94. composition, 95. sequence, 96. sequence, 97. psychology, 98. prevalent

99. in an o_d way *adj.* strange or unexpected; not divisible by two
100. ex_____t a passage from a book *v.* to take a short piece of speech, book, film, etc. from a longer whole; (noun) a short extract from a speech, book, film, etc.
101. re_____s to childhood *v.* to move or develop backward; to return to an earlier or less advanced state or condition; to decline or deteriorate
102. as___ts of social, political, and economic life *n.* one part or feature of a situation, problem, subject, etc.
103. st__k a key in a lock *v.* to put something, usually a sharp object, into something; to restrict yourself to doing or using one certain thing and not change; (noun) a thin piece of wood or other material
104. em_____ss my project *v.* to cause someone to feel awkward, worried, or ashamed
105. a ra___m choice *adj.* made, done, or happening without method, conscious decision, or any regular pattern
106. a te_____al restriction *adj.* of or relating to time as opposed to eternity
107. em_____ss political enemy *v.* to cause someone to feel awkward, worried, or ashamed
108. br__e beasts *n.* a violent, wild, or feral animal; a person who is cruel, uncivilized, or lacking in intelligence or sensitivity; a physical force or power

ANSWERS: 99. odd, 100. excerpt, 101. regress, 102. aspect, 103. stick, 104. embarrass, 105. random, 106. temporal, 107. embarrass, 108. brute

109. in___e criticism *v.* to ask someone to come or join; to offer an opportunity or possibility for something to happen or take place
110. dis_____ely bold *adv.* in a way that is distinguishable, unique, or characterized by a particular quality or feature
111. inv_____te the matter *v.* to conduct a systematic or formal inquiry to identify and evaluate the facts of a crime, problem, statement, etc. to establish the truth
112. art cr___c *n.* someone who expresses opinions about the quality of books, music, etc.
113. in___e guests *v.* to ask someone to come or join; to offer an opportunity or possibility for something to happen or take place
114. at__s of anatomy *n.* a book of maps or charts; a figure in Greek mythology who bore the weight of the world on his shoulders
115. wiggly w__ms *n.* a long, thin creature with a soft and long cylindrical tube-like body, no limbs, and a lack of eyes
116. pr___r physics to chemistry *v.* to like, choose, or want one thing or person better than another
117. do_____ad the assignment from the website *v.* to transfer data or files from the Internet or computer network to a user's computer or device; (noun) the process of transferring data or information from a remote or central computer to a local computer or device

ANSWERS: 109. invite, 110. distinctively, 111. investigate, 112. critic, 113. invite, 114. atlas, 115. worm, 116. prefer, 117. download

118. sa____e thirst *v.* to satisfy or fulfill an appetite or desire completely; to fill or gratify to excess; to quench or extinguish a thirst or hunger
119. optical il____on *n.* a false idea or belief, especially about somebody or about a situation
120. can of w__ms *n.* a long, thin creature with a soft and long cylindrical tube-like body, no limbs, and a lack of eyes

ANSWERS: 118. satiate, 119. illusion, 120. worm

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. I need to _____ the latest update for my computer's operating system.
 - v. to transfer data or files from the Internet or computer network to a user's computer or device; (noun) the process of transferring data or information from a remote or central computer to a local computer or device

2. The structure is _____ of three main components.
 - v. to write music, poetry, or formal writing; to constitute or make up a whole, or a specified part of it

3. Babies heavily _____ on others for food.
 - v. to require a specific thing or the assistance and support of someone or something to continue, run properly, or succeed.

4. I was able to _____ the moment on film.
 - v. to catch a person or an animal and confine them in an area which they cannot escape

5. The majority of students actively _____ in the college's intramural sports program.
 - v. to take part in something

6. The aroma of freshly baked cookies was _____ to her.
 - adj. impossible to resist or refuse; very attractive, appealing, or compelling

7. The song played on the radio to an ad _____ degree.
 - n. (also used as "ad nauseam") a feeling of sickness with an inclination to vomit; commonly associated with dizziness, weakness, and a loss of appetite; (ad nauseam, adjective or) repeated or discussed excessively, to the point where it becomes annoying, tedious, or boring

ANSWERS: 1. download, 2. composed, 3. rely, 4. capture, 5. participated, 6. irresistible, 7. nauseam

8. The _____ of the sentence could have been clearer and easier to understand.
n. the branch of linguistics and logic concerned with meaning
9. Tech companies often employ _____ ducts and other materials in their office interiors.
adj. having no protection or shield from something, such as bad weather, attack, or criticism
10. I know his _____ habit that he touches his face when he lies.
adj. in the state of lacking awareness and the capacity for sensory perception, especially as the result of a head injury or illness
11. His grandfather was an ____ man.
adj. strange or unexpected; not divisible by two
12. She had a master's degree in _____.
n. the scientific study of mind and behavior
13. I need to ____ this document before submitting it to my boss.
v. to prepare written material for publication by correcting, condensing, or otherwise modifying it
14. He lost the election by ____ votes.
adj. used to emphasize how insignificant or minor someone or something is
15. The team's failure to win games has caused them to _____ in confidence.
v. to move or develop backward; to return to an earlier or less advanced state or condition; to decline or deteriorate

ANSWERS: 8. semantics, 9. exposed, 10. unconscious, 11. odd, 12. psychology, 13. edit, 14. mere, 15. regress

16. She was disbarred for her _____ in fraud.

adj. attracting, pleasant, or charming

17. Could you help me _____ some furniture?

n. a slight transition in position, direction, or trend

18. His _____ presentation deeply moved everyone.

adj. arousing strong and irresistible interest, attention, or admiration

19. The _____ of the bees filled the air as she walked through the garden.

adj. producing a continuous, low, vibrating sound like that of the bee

20. _____ help dispose of the food waste produced by humans.

n. a long, thin creature with a soft and long cylindrical tube-like body, no limbs, and a lack of eyes

21. The world _____ showed me the locations of all the countries.

n. a book of maps or charts; a figure in Greek mythology who bore the weight of the world on his shoulders

22. I will go to the _____ store to buy food for dinner.

n. a shop that sells food and other household items

23. He looked for an opportunity to _____ that actor in public.

v. to cause someone to feel awkward, worried, or ashamed

24. I stopped by the branch though I have no business of _____.

n. the quality of being important and worthy of note

ANSWERS: 16. engaging, 17. shift, 18. compelling, 19. humming, 20. Worms, 21. atlas, 22. grocery, 23. embarrass, 24. importance

25. The dish's _____ spicy flavor resulted from the unique blend of spices used.

adv. in a way that is distinguishable, unique, or characterized by a particular quality or feature

26. Many people in this city use the _____ railway for transportation.

n. a shape like a curve or a circle made by something long and thin, such as a piece of string, that bends round and crosses itself

27. You can't _____ through solid metal.

v. to excavate a hole or make a tunnel in the ground by digging, typically for use as a dwelling of an animal

28. Certain individuals have a higher _____ to certain diseases due to genetic factors.

n. the state of being easily influenced or vulnerable to some external influence, such as a disease, idea, or emotional state; the ability to be easily affected by something

29. Their innovative concepts were consistent across their bodies of _____.

n. the different parts of something's elements or ingredients; the way in which the different components are organized; a piece of music written by someone

30. The _____ behavior of the football players caused the game to be canceled.

n. a violent, wild, or feral animal; a person who is cruel, uncivilized, or lacking in intelligence or sensitivity; a physical force or power

31. She is a hard worker but not very _____.

adj. having or showing new and creative ideas

ANSWERS: 25. distinctively, 26. loop, 27. burrow, 28. susceptibility, 29. composition, 30. brute, 31. imaginative

32. The committee _____ several apparent inconsistencies.
- v.* to conduct a systematic or formal inquiry to identify and evaluate the facts of a crime, problem, statement, etc. to establish the truth
33. Advocates for legal reform hear less harsh words from their _____.
- n.* someone who expresses opinions about the quality of books, music, etc.
34. It is an incredible _____ to climb Mount Everest, the highest mountain in the world.
- n.* a notable or impressive achievement, especially one that requires great skill or bravery
35. The birds _____ open water areas with reeds around them.
- v.* to like, choose, or want one thing or person better than another
36. Sensors convert physical phenomena into _____ signals.
- adj.* processing or storing information as a succession of 1 and 0 to show that a signal is present or missing; relating to the use of computer technology, especially the internet
37. The long _____ to the air tarnished the antique tableware.
- n.* the state of being in a particular situation or place where there is no protection from or guarantee to something harmful; the disclosure of something secret
38. 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
39. Here are _____ from several recent books on quantum computing.
- v.* to take a short piece of speech, book, film, etc. from a longer whole; (noun) a short extract from a speech, book, film, etc.

ANSWERS: 32. investigated, 33. critics, 34. feat, 35. prefer, 36. digital, 37. exposure, 38. relevance, 39. excerpts

40. You _____ a bill in the change machine, and the coins pop out.
- v. to put something, usually a sharp object, into something; to restrict yourself to doing or using one certain thing and not change; (noun) a thin piece of wood or other material
41. Her voice gradually increased in _____.
- n. the property of sound that varies with variation in the frequency of vibration; the degree of a slope, especially of a roof; short presentation for selling or sharing something
42. Eating a healthy and balanced meal can _____ hunger and provide essential nutrients for the body.
- v. to satisfy or fulfill an appetite or desire completely; to fill or gratify to excess; to quench or extinguish a thirst or hunger
43. We want to _____ you to our annual charity event.
- v. to ask someone to come or join; to offer an opportunity or possibility for something to happen or take place
44. We do move forward with those tasks in _____ next week.
- n. a series of related events, actions, numbers, etc., which have a particular order
45. To expand the company, we must ____ new human resources.
- v. to hit someone or something quickly, gently, and often repeatedly; to use existing resources, such as energy, knowledge, etc.
46. To find drunk drivers, police conduct _____ tests.
- adj. made, done, or happening without method, conscious decision, or any regular pattern

ANSWERS: 40. stick, 41. pitch, 42. satiate, 43. invite, 44. sequence, 45. tap, 46. random

47. This harmonious _____ immortalized its composer.

n. a succession of musical tones forming part of a larger piece of music

48. He displayed the _____ symptoms of depression.

adj. judged or deserving to be regarded as one of the best or most important of its kind over a period of time; of a well-known type

49. His professional experience includes all _____ of media production.

n. one part or feature of a situation, problem, subject, etc.

50. The report divided the data into _____ based on age, gender, and income level.

n. a part or section of something; a distinct group within a larger whole

51. The soccer game crowd broke into a _____ of "Go, team, go!"

n. a simple melody or tune, typically one that is repeated or sung in a monotonous way; (verb) recite with musical intonation

52. We bought a Spanish _____ book.

n. a group of words that mean something specific when used together

53. The president began to _____ an army.

v. to collect in one place as a single group

54. The politician was merely a _____ for the wealthy elite.

n. a doll or figure that is manipulated by strings, wires, or hands to represent a person or animal; a person who is controlled or manipulated by someone else

55. This virus is _____ in many tropical nations.

adj. existing very commonly in a particular area or in a specific time

ANSWERS: 47. melody, 48. classic, 49. aspects, 50. segments, 51. chant, 52. phrase, 53. assemble, 54. puppet, 55. prevalent

56. _____ is the mother of all learning.

n. the act of doing or saying something many times

57. He could no longer tell the difference between _____ and reality.

n. a false idea or belief, especially about somebody or about a situation

58. The _____ nature of the universe is a subject of much debate among scientists.

adj. of or relating to time as opposed to eternity

59. My _____ standards are quite different from hers.

adj. connected with the enjoyment or study of beauty

60. There will be an _____ lecture for new students this afternoon.

n. a person's basic attitudes, beliefs, and preferences about particular things; a course introducing a new situation or environment

ANSWERS: 56. Repetition, 57. illusion, 58. temporal, 59. aesthetic, 60. orientation