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Session 1: Word List

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.

heel

n. the rounded back part of the foot below the ankle; someone who is morally reprehensible; (verb) to follow someone or something

synonym: hindfoot

(1) **heel** bone, (2) **heel** wrestler
She wore high **heels** to the party.

avatar

n. (the concept in Hinduism) a god appearing in human or superhuman or animal form; a graphical representation of a user or the user's character or persona in online games, chat rooms, etc.

synonym: embodiment, expression, apotheosis

(1) digital **avatar**, (2) the **avatar** of the authority
A person's cyberspace **avatar** often represents the appearance and behavior that the person wants to be.

trek

n. a long and difficult journey, typically on foot
synonym: journey, expedition, hike

(1) horseback **trek**, (2) **trek** expedition

He was preparing for a long **trek** through the mountains.

lord

n. a person who has general authority, control, or power over others; a man of noble rank or high office

synonym: master, noble, peer

(1) a young **lord**, (2) **lord** of castle

The feudal **lord** had ruled the land for many years.

trilogy

n. a series of three related works, such as books, plays, or movies, that are connected in some way, often by plot, characters, or theme

synonym: triple, triptych

(1) **trilogy** series, (2) **trilogy** format

The Lord of the Rings **trilogy** is a classic in the fantasy genre.

fantasy

n. a fiction with a large amount of imagination in it; a pleasant situation that you imagine but that is unlikely to happen

synonym: fiction, illusion, fabrication

(1) **fantasy** novel, (2) confuse **fantasy** with reality

Composition by artificial intelligence is no longer a **fantasy**.

conlang

n. (short for "constructed language") an artificial language created by individuals or communities for artistic, scientific, or cultural purposes

synonym: constructed language, artificial language

(1) **conlang** dictionary, (2) **conlang** grammar

The **conlang** community has grown tremendously with the rise of fantasy literature and films.

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.

fabric

n. cloth or other material produced by weaving wool, cotton, silk, etc., used for making clothes, covering furniture, etc.

synonym : cloth, material, goods

(1) a hand-loomed **fabric**, (2) **fabric** of creation

These synthetic **fabrics** are used in military vests because of their excellent abrasion resistance.

slang

n. informal or non-standard language that is often used within a specific group or culture and may not be considered appropriate in a professional or formal context

synonym : lingo, jargon, vernacular

(1) **slang** phrases, (2) Internet **slang**

A lot of **slang** words and phrases were popularized by hip-hop music.

lingo

n. the special vocabulary or terminology used by a particular group or profession

synonym : language, jargon, slang

(1) computer **lingo**, (2) medical **lingo**

The language used in the article was technical **lingo**, making it difficult for non-experts to understand.

hoodlum

n. a person who engages in criminal or violent behavior; a thug or gangster

synonym : thug, delinquent, gangster

(1) **hoodlum** behavior, (2) notorious **hoodlum**

The police arrested the juvenile **hoodlum** responsible for the recent string of burglaries in the neighborhood.

clockwork

n. a mechanism in which a series of gears, springs and other mechanical elements are used to power a device, especially a clock

synonym : mechanism, movement, gears

(1) run like **clockwork**, (2) **clockwork** precision

The **clockwork** mechanism in the grandfather clock needed to be wound up every week.

fan

n. a person who admires and supports a person, group, sport, sports team, etc.; a device for creating a current of air by the movement of a surface or surfaces

synonym: lover, devotee, blade

(1) a film **fan**, (2) engine cooling **fan**

I'm a big **fan** of French food.

steady

adj. firmly fixed, supported, or balanced; not shaking or moving

synonym: stable, solid, secure

(1) **steady** increase, (2) take a **steady** job

The patient's vital signs are **steady**, indicating a stable condition.

vocabulary

n. the words used by a language, group, or individual; the knowledge and understanding of words and their meanings that a person possesses

synonym: lexicon, glossary, dictionary

(1) **vocabulary** list, (2) academic **vocabulary**

Using proper **vocabulary** is essential for writing a good essay.

grand

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

synonym: impressive, great, ambitious

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

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

memorize

v. to learn something carefully so that you will remember it exactly

synonym: learn, remember, remind

(1) **memorize** musical scores, (2) try hard to **memorize** the lines

Lawyers need to **memorize** even the most minor provisions of the law.

grammar

n. the set of structural constraints on speakers' or writers' composition of clauses, phrases, and words

synonym : syntax, elements

(1) **grammar** checker, (2) Latin **grammar**

Mastering **grammar** takes a lot of time for those learning a foreign language.

verb

n. a word or phrase that describes an action, state, or experience

(1) complex **verb**, (2) an auxiliary **verb**

Use a singular **verb** if the subject is singular.

drift

v. to move smoothly and slowly in water or air, especially as a result of outside forces, with no control over the direction

synonym : float, wander, freewheel

(1) **drift** down the stream, (2) **drift** away on a raft

I **drifted** around for years in Europe before going to university.

creative

adj. relating to or involving the use of skill and original and unusual ideas to create something

synonym : imaginative, innovative, inventive

(1) **creative** writing, (2) barren of **creative** spirit

All the supervisor has to do is assign tasks that make his subordinates more **creative**.

urn

n. a large, typically rounded container, often made of ceramic, metal, or glass, used for storing the ashes of a cremated person or pet or for decorative purposes

synonym : vase, container, jar

(1) memorial **urn**, (2) **urn** decoration

The athlete's remains were scattered at sea rather than

placed in an **urn**.

chart

n. a visual display of information such as a diagram, lists of figures, etc.; a map designed to assist navigation by air or sea

synonym : diagram, graph, map

(1) a weather **chart**, (2) a statistical **chart**

This pie **chart** represents our market share.

ancient

adj. relating to the long ago, particularly the historical period preceding the fall of the Western Roman Empire; very old

synonym : archaic, age-old, obsolete

(1) pre-Christian **ancient**, (2) **ancient** stories

They have been living near water since **ancient** times.

elf

n. a mythical creature typically depicted as a small, mischievous being with pointed ears and magical powers

synonym : sprite, pixie, faerie

(1) mischievous **elf**, (2) helpful **elf**

I dressed up as an **elf** for the Christmas party.

split

v. to divide, or to make something divide into two or more parts, especially along a particular line

synonym : break, divide, break apart

(1) **split** a bill, (2) **split** a reward equally

Companies often **split** their shares to lower the stock price and encourage investors to buy.

transplant

v. to move or transfer something from one place or person to another; to take living tissue or an organ from one person, animal, part of the body, etc. and put it into or onto another

synonym : relocate, emigrate, graft

(1) **transplant** a heart, (2) **transplant** my family to America

He tried to **transplant** the seedling into a larger pot.

flesh

n. the soft substance composing the body of a person or animal, as opposed to bones and other structures

synonym : meat, muscle, tissue

(1) grow in **flesh**, (2) **flesh** eating

The **flesh** of the fruit is sweet and juicy.

span

n. the entire length of something, such as time or space from beginning to end; the amount of space that something covers

synonym : interval, period, length

(1) the **span** of a bird's wings, (2) the average life **span**

He slightly modified the **span** of training because it was just before a match.

soak

v. to allow liquid to be absorbed, typically by immersing in it; to leave as a guarantee in return for money

synonym : saturate, steep, douse

(1) **soak** in a hot spring, (2) **soak** away stress

I **soaked** the shirt in the sink before washing it.

messy

adj. disorganized and untidy

synonym : cluttered, disorganized, untidy

(1) **messy** data, (2) **messy** handling

His **messy** bedroom is always a source of frustration for his mother.

conjugate

v. to give the different forms of a verb, as they vary according to voice, mood, tense, number, and person

synonym : catenate, concatenate

(1) **conjugate** the verb, (2) a **conjugated** protein

The verb is **conjugated** in the main alternative form.

sketch

n. a simple, quickly-made picture that does not have many details; a short descriptive summary of something

synonym : drawing, outline, blueprint

(1) a penciled **sketch**, (2) first design **sketches**

Yesterday, I created a rough **sketch** of the plan.

attempt

n. an act or effort of trying to do something, especially something difficult

synonym: endeavor, effort, try

(1) the **attempt** to rescue the hostages, (2) a reckless **attempt**

The third **attempt** was far more successful.

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.

modern

adj. of or belonging to the present time or recent times

synonym: contemporary, stylish, current

(1) **modern** poetry, (2) pre- **modern** agricultural society

Their headquarters are in a **modern** skyscraper.

develop

v. to grow or expand; to improve or refine through a process of progress and refinement, often to achieve greater sophistication or complexity; to elaborate or add detail to something that is in the process of being created

synonym: evolve, progress, advance

(1) **develop** a strategy, (2) **develop** a skill

We must **develop** a new system to streamline our workflow and increase efficiency.

translate

v. to convert or change words into another language

synonym: convert, transcribe, render

(1) **translate** a document into English, (2) **translate** the emotion to a movement

Translate the text from Italian into English.

hamlet

n. a small village or settlement, often without a church
synonym: village, settlement, community

(1) **hamlet** village, (2) historic **hamlet**

The winter snowstorm entirely engulfed the small **hamlet**.

pronounce

v. to say or speak (a word or words) correctly or in a particular way

synonym: articulate, enunciate, voice

(1) **pronounce** a judgment, (2) **pronounce** a name

She struggled to **pronounce** the word in a foreign language.

uvula

n. a fleshy, cone-shaped structure that hangs down from the soft palate at the back of the throat, playing a role in speech and swallowing

synonym: dangly bit, throat punchbag

(1) infected **uvula**, (2) sore **uvula**

The doctor recommended surgery to address the enlarged **uvula** causing sleep apnea.

weird

adj. extraordinary, unexpected, or difficult to explain

synonym: bizarre, creepy, peculiar

(1) a **weird** dress, (2) the state of being **weird**

My computer has been acting **weird** recently.

cartoon

n. a simple drawing depicting a humorous or critical situation, often accompanied by a caption

synonym: illustration, drawing, caricature

(1) **cartoon** character, (2) **cartoon** industry

He spent his afternoon watching **cartoon** movies on TV.

introduction

n. a preliminary explanation or remarks given before the start of a text, performance, or event; the act of bringing something new into existence or introducing something to a wider audience or new market

synonym: initiation, preamble, prologue

(1) **introduction** education, (2) self- **introduction**

The **introduction** to the new class was informative and

engaging.

discuss

v. to talk about or examine in detail through conversation or debate; to exchange ideas, opinions, or information on a particular topic

synonym: talk about, converse, debate

(1) **discuss** options, (2) **discuss** solutions

We need to **discuss** the next steps for the project during our meeting tomorrow.

heartfelt

adj. genuine, sincere, and expressing deep feelings or emotions

synonym: sincere, genuine, heartfelt

(1) **heartfelt** apology, (2) **heartfelt** condolence

The letter was a **heartfelt** expression of gratitude to her parents.

quad

n. (short for quadrangle) a square or rectangular open area or courtyard, often surrounded by buildings or used for recreational or social purposes

synonym: quadrangle, square, block

(1) **quad** room, (2) **quad** biking

We met at the campus **quad** to study for our upcoming exams.

valedictory

adj. relating to a farewell or final address, typically delivered at a graduation ceremony or on leaving a position or place; bidding goodbye

synonym: farewell, goodbye, parting

(1) **valedictory** letter, (2) **valedictory** address

The **valedictory** speech left the graduating class feeling inspired and motivated.

Session 2: Spelling

1. st___y increase *adj.* firmly fixed, supported, or balanced; not shaking or moving
2. confuse fa____y with reality *n.* a fiction with a large amount of imagination in it; a pleasant situation that you imagine but that is unlikely to happen
3. dr__t down the stream *v.* to move smoothly and slowly in water or air, especially as a result of outside forces, with no control over the direction
4. int_____ion education *n.* a preliminary explanation or remarks given before the start of a text, performance, or event; the act of bringing something new into existence or introducing something to a wider audience or new market
5. dr__t away on a raft *v.* to move smoothly and slowly in water or air, especially as a result of outside forces, with no control over the direction
6. a gr__d meal *adj.* important and large in size, scope, or extent
7. co_____g dictionary *n.* (short for "constructed language") an artificial language created by individuals or communities for artistic, scientific, or cultural purposes
8. me__y data *adj.* disorganized and untidy
9. s__k in a hot spring *v.* to allow liquid to be absorbed, typically by immersing in it; to leave as a guarantee in return for money

ANSWERS: 1. steady, 2. fantasy, 3. drift, 4. introduction, 5. drift, 6. grand, 7. conlang, 8. messy, 9. soak

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| 10. a penciled sk___h | <i>n.</i> a simple, quickly-made picture that does not have many details; a short descriptive summary of something |
| 11. ca_____n character | <i>n.</i> a simple drawing depicting a humorous or critical situation, often accompanied by a caption |
| 12. cl_____rk precision | <i>n.</i> a mechanism in which a series of gears, springs and other mechanical elements are used to power a device, especially a clock |
| 13. complex v__b | <i>n.</i> a word or phrase that describes an action, state, or experience |
| 14. infected uv__a | <i>n.</i> a fleshy, cone-shaped structure that hangs down from the soft palate at the back of the throat, playing a role in speech and swallowing |
| 15. co_____te the verb | <i>v.</i> to give the different forms of a verb, as they vary according to voice, mood, tense, number, and person |
| 16. co_____ct a 3D image | <i>v.</i> to build or create something; to assemble or combine different parts to form something whole |
| 17. take a st___y job | <i>adj.</i> firmly fixed, supported, or balanced; not shaking or moving |
| 18. me__y handling | <i>adj.</i> disorganized and untidy |
| 19. the av___r of the authority | <i>n.</i> (the concept in Hinduism) a god appearing in human or superhuman or animal form; a graphical representation of a user or the user's character or persona in online games, chat rooms, etc. |

ANSWERS: 10. sketch, 11. cartoon, 12. clockwork, 13. verb, 14. uvula, 15. conjugate, 16. construct, 17. steady, 18. messy, 19. avatar

20. fl__h eating *n.* the soft substance composing the body of a person or animal, as opposed to bones and other structures
21. l__d of castle *n.* a person who has general authority, control, or power over others; a man of noble rank or high office
22. memorial u_n *n.* a large, typically rounded container, often made of ceramic, metal, or glass, used for storing the ashes of a cremated person or pet or for decorative purposes
23. de____p a strategy *v.* to grow or expand; to improve or refine through a process of progress and refinement, often to achieve greater sophistication or complexity; to elaborate or add detail to something that is in the process of being created
24. pr_____ce a judgment *v.* to say or speak (a word or words) correctly or in a particular way
25. the early inh_____nts of Europe *n.* a person or an animal that lives in a particular place
26. he_____lt apology *adj.* genuine, sincere, and expressing deep feelings or emotions
27. co_____g grammar *n.* (short for "constructed language") an artificial language created by individuals or communities for artistic, scientific, or cultural purposes
28. ho_____m behavior *n.* a person who engages in criminal or violent behavior; a thug or gangster

ANSWERS: 20. flesh, 21. lord, 22. urn, 23. develop, 24. pronounce, 25. inhabitant, 26. heartfelt, 27. conlang, 28. hoodlum

29. pre-Christian an____t *adj.* relating to the long ago, particularly the historical period preceding the fall of the Western Roman Empire; very old
30. a statistical ch__t *n.* a visual display of information such as a diagram, lists of figures, etc.; a map designed to assist navigation by air or sea
31. gr____r checker *n.* the set of structural constraints on speakers' or writers' composition of clauses, phrases, and words
32. tr____y series *n.* a series of three related works, such as books, plays, or movies, that are connected in some way, often by plot, characters, or theme
33. h__l bone *n.* the rounded back part of the foot below the ankle; someone who is morally reprehensible; (verb) to follow someone or something
34. val____ry letter *adj.* relating to a farewell or final address, typically delivered at a graduation ceremony or on leaving a position or place; bidding goodbye
35. fa____y novel *n.* a fiction with a large amount of imagination in it; a pleasant situation that you imagine but that is unlikely to happen
36. a weather ch__t *n.* a visual display of information such as a diagram, lists of figures, etc.; a map designed to assist navigation by air or sea

ANSWERS: 29. ancient, 30. chart, 31. grammar, 32. trilogy, 33. heel, 34. valedictory, 35. fantasy, 36. chart

37. medical li__o *n.* the special vocabulary or terminology used by a particular group or profession
38. 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
39. a we__d dress *adj.* extraordinary, unexpected, or difficult to explain
40. he_____lt condolence *adj.* genuine, sincere, and expressing deep feelings or emotions
41. gr__d bargain *adj.* important and large in size, scope, or extent
42. notorious ho_____m *n.* a person who engages in criminal or violent behavior; a thug or gangster
43. digital av___r *n.* (the concept in Hinduism) a god appearing in human or superhuman or animal form; a graphical representation of a user or the user's character or persona in online games, chat rooms, etc.
44. the state of being we__d *adj.* extraordinary, unexpected, or difficult to explain
45. di_____s solutions *v.* to talk about or examine in detail through conversation or debate; to exchange ideas, opinions, or information on a particular topic
46. q__d biking *n.* (short for quadrangle) a square or rectangular open area or courtyard, often surrounded by buildings or used for recreational or social purposes

ANSWERS: 37. lingo, 38. dedicate, 39. weird, 40. heartfelt, 41. grand, 42. hoodlum, 43. avatar, 44. weird, 45. discuss, 46. quad

47. a hand-loomed fa___c *n.* cloth or other material produced by weaving wool, cotton, silk, etc., used for making clothes, covering furniture, etc.
48. mischievous e_f *n.* a mythical creature typically depicted as a small, mischievous being with pointed ears and magical powers
49. h__l wrestler *n.* the rounded back part of the foot below the ankle; someone who is morally reprehensible; (verb) to follow someone or something
50. me_____ze musical scores *v.* to learn something carefully so that you will remember it exactly
51. the at_____t to rescue the hostages *n.* an act or effort of trying to do something, especially something difficult
52. sp__t a bill *v.* to divide, or to make something divide into two or more parts, especially along a particular line
53. co_____ct a dam *v.* to build or create something; to assemble or combine different parts to form something whole
54. try hard to me_____ze the lines *v.* to learn something carefully so that you will remember it exactly
55. tra_____nt my family to America *v.* to move or transfer something from one place or person to another; to take living tissue or an organ from one person, animal, part of the body, etc. and put it into or onto another
56. sl__g phrases *n.* informal or non-standard language that is often used within a specific group or culture and may not be considered appropriate in a professional or formal context

ANSWERS: 47. fabric, 48. elf, 49. heel, 50. memorize, 51. attempt, 52. split, 53. construct, 54. memorize, 55. transplant, 56. slang

57. pr_____ce a name *v.* to say or speak (a word or words) correctly or in a particular way
58. pre-mo___n agricultural society *adj.* of or belonging to the present time or recent times
59. a young l__d *n.* a person who has general authority, control, or power over others; a man of noble rank or high office
60. an_____t stories *adj.* relating to the long ago, particularly the historical period preceding the fall of the Western Roman Empire; very old
61. the average life s__n *n.* the entire length of something, such as time or space from beginning to end; the amount of space that something covers
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63. computer li__o *n.* the special vocabulary or terminology used by a particular group or profession
64. val_____ry address *adj.* relating to a farewell or final address, typically delivered at a graduation ceremony or on leaving a position or place; bidding goodbye
65. sore uv__a *n.* a fleshy, cone-shaped structure that hangs down from the soft palate at the back of the throat, playing a role in speech and swallowing
66. first design sk___hes *n.* a simple, quickly-made picture that does not have many details; a short descriptive summary of something

ANSWERS: 57. pronounce, 58. modern, 59. lord, 60. ancient, 61. span, 62. discuss, 63. lingo, 64. valedictory, 65. uvula, 66. sketch

67. the s__n of a bird's wings *n.* the entire length of something, such as time or space from beginning to end; the amount of space that something covers
68. inh_____nt tax *n.* a person or an animal that lives in a particular place
69. q__d room *n.* (short for quadrangle) a square or rectangular open area or courtyard, often surrounded by buildings or used for recreational or social purposes
70. self-int_____ion *n.* a preliminary explanation or remarks given before the start of a text, performance, or event; the act of bringing something new into existence or introducing something to a wider audience or new market
71. an auxiliary v__b *n.* a word or phrase that describes an action, state, or experience
72. engine cooling f_n *n.* a person who admires and supports a person, group, sport, sports team, etc.; a device for creating a current of air by the movement of a surface or surfaces
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ANSWERS: 67. span, 68. inhabitant, 69. quad, 70. introduction, 71. verb, 72. fan, 73. urn, 74. clockwork

75. 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
76. tr_____te a document into English *v.* to convert or change words into another language
77. sp__t a reward equally *v.* to divide, or to make something divide into two or more parts, especially along a particular line
78. a film f_n *n.* a person who admires and supports a person, group, sport, sports team, etc.; a device for creating a current of air by the movement of a surface or surfaces
79. ha___t village *n.* a small village or settlement, often without a church
80. a reckless at____t *n.* an act or effort of trying to do something, especially something difficult
81. horseback t__k *n.* a long and difficult journey, typically on foot
82. historic ha___t *n.* a small village or settlement, often without a church
83. t__k expedition *n.* a long and difficult journey, typically on foot
84. voc_____ry list *n.* the words used by a language, group, or individual; the knowledge and understanding of words and their meanings that a person possesses
85. de____p a skill *v.* to grow or expand; to improve or refine through a process of progress and refinement, often to achieve greater sophistication or complexity; to elaborate or add detail to something that is in the process of being created

ANSWERS: 75. dedicate, 76. translate, 77. split, 78. fan, 79. hamlet, 80. attempt, 81. trek, 82. hamlet, 83. trek, 84. vocabulary, 85. develop

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87. helpful e_f *n.* a mythical creature typically depicted as a small, mischievous being with pointed ears and magical powers
88. cr____ve writing *adj.* relating to or involving the use of skill and original and unusual ideas to create something
89. barren of cr____ve spirit *adj.* relating to or involving the use of skill and original and unusual ideas to create something
90. Internet sl__g *n.* informal or non-standard language that is often used within a specific group or culture and may not be considered appropriate in a professional or formal context
91. tr____y format *n.* a series of three related works, such as books, plays, or movies, that are connected in some way, often by plot, characters, or theme
92. grow in fl__h *n.* the soft substance composing the body of a person or animal, as opposed to bones and other structures
93. tra____nt a heart *v.* to move or transfer something from one place or person to another; to take living tissue or an organ from one person, animal, part of the body, etc. and put it into or onto another
94. Latin gr____r *n.* the set of structural constraints on speakers' or writers' composition of clauses, phrases, and words

ANSWERS: 86. soak, 87. elf, 88. creative, 89. creative, 90. slang, 91. trilogy, 92. flesh, 93. transplant, 94. grammar

95. tr_____te the emotion to a movement
v. to convert or change words into another language
96. academic voc_____ry
n. the words used by a language, group, or individual; the knowledge and understanding of words and their meanings that a person possesses
97. fa___c of creation
n. cloth or other material produced by weaving wool, cotton, silk, etc., used for making clothes, covering furniture, etc.
98. mo___n poetry
adj. of or belonging to the present time or recent times
99. a co_____ted protein
v. to give the different forms of a verb, as they vary according to voice, mood, tense, number, and person
100. ca_____n industry
n. a simple drawing depicting a humorous or critical situation, often accompanied by a caption

ANSWERS: 95. translate, 96. vocabulary, 97. fabric, 98. modern, 99. conjugate, 100. cartoon

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The _____ community has grown tremendously with the rise of fantasy literature and films.
 - n.* (short for "constructed language") an artificial language created by individuals or communities for artistic, scientific, or cultural purposes
2. She struggled to _____ the word in a foreign language.
 - v.* to say or speak (a word or words) correctly or in a particular way
3. This pie _____ represents our market share.
 - n.* a visual display of information such as a diagram, lists of figures, etc.; a map designed to assist navigation by air or sea
4. These synthetic _____ are used in military vests because of their excellent abrasion resistance.
 - n.* cloth or other material produced by weaving wool, cotton, silk, etc., used for making clothes, covering furniture, etc.
5. We need to _____ the next steps for the project during our meeting tomorrow.
 - v.* to talk about or examine in detail through conversation or debate; to exchange ideas, opinions, or information on a particular topic
6. The doctor recommended surgery to address the enlarged _____ causing sleep apnea.
 - n.* a fleshy, cone-shaped structure that hangs down from the soft palate at the back of the throat, playing a role in speech and swallowing
7. He slightly modified the _____ of training because it was just before a match.
 - n.* the entire length of something, such as time or space from beginning to end; the amount of space that something covers

ANSWERS: 1. conlang, 2. pronounce, 3. chart, 4. fabrics, 5. discuss, 6. uvula, 7. span

8. The athlete's remains were scattered at sea rather than placed in an ____.
- n.* a large, typically rounded container, often made of ceramic, metal, or glass, used for storing the ashes of a cremated person or pet or for decorative purposes
9. The verb is _____ in the main alternative form.
- v.* to give the different forms of a verb, as they vary according to voice, mood, tense, number, and person
10. A person's cyberspace _____ often represents the appearance and behavior that the person wants to be.
- n.* (the concept in Hinduism) a god appearing in human or superhuman or animal form; a graphical representation of a user or the user's character or persona in online games, chat rooms, etc.
11. The _____ speech left the graduating class feeling inspired and motivated.
- adj.* relating to a farewell or final address, typically delivered at a graduation ceremony or on leaving a position or place; bidding goodbye
12. He was preparing for a long _____ through the mountains.
- n.* a long and difficult journey, typically on foot
13. I _____ around for years in Europe before going to university.
- v.* to move smoothly and slowly in water or air, especially as a result of outside forces, with no control over the direction
14. Using proper _____ is essential for writing a good essay.
- n.* the words used by a language, group, or individual; the knowledge and understanding of words and their meanings that a person possesses

ANSWERS: 8. urn, 9. conjugated, 10. avatar, 11. valedictory, 12. trek, 13. drifted, 14. vocabulary

15. Companies often _____ their shares to lower the stock price and encourage investors to buy.
- v. to divide, or to make something divide into two or more parts, especially along a particular line
16. I dressed up as an ____ for the Christmas party.
- n. a mythical creature typically depicted as a small, mischievous being with pointed ears and magical powers
17. He _____ hypotheses that no mathematician has ever imagined before.
- v. to build or create something; to assemble or combine different parts to form something whole
18. We must _____ a new system to streamline our workflow and increase efficiency.
- v. to grow or expand; to improve or refine through a process of progress and refinement, often to achieve greater sophistication or complexity; to elaborate or add detail to something that is in the process of being created
19. He spent his afternoon watching _____ movies on TV.
- n. a simple drawing depicting a humorous or critical situation, often accompanied by a caption
20. The police arrested the juvenile _____ responsible for the recent string of burglaries in the neighborhood.
- n. a person who engages in criminal or violent behavior; a thug or gangster
21. His family is the oldest _____ of the island.
- n. a person or an animal that lives in a particular place

ANSWERS: 15. split, 16. elf, 17. constructs, 18. develop, 19. cartoon, 20. hoodlum, 21. inhabitant

22. A lot of _____ words and phrases were popularized by hip-hop music.
- n.* informal or non-standard language that is often used within a specific group or culture and may not be considered appropriate in a professional or formal context
23. The feudal _____ had ruled the land for many years.
- n.* a person who has general authority, control, or power over others; a man of noble rank or high office
24. Composition by artificial intelligence is no longer a _____.
- n.* a fiction with a large amount of imagination in it; a pleasant situation that you imagine but that is unlikely to happen
25. This year's _____ gathering will be held in Canada.
- adj.* important and large in size, scope, or extent
26. The language used in the article was technical _____ making it difficult for non-experts to understand.
- n.* the special vocabulary or terminology used by a particular group or profession
27. I'm a big _____ of French food.
- n.* a person who admires and supports a person, group, sport, sports team, etc.; a device for creating a current of air by the movement of a surface or surfaces
28. She wore high _____ to the party.
- n.* the rounded back part of the foot below the ankle; someone who is morally reprehensible; (verb) to follow someone or something
29. Mastering _____ takes a lot of time for those learning a foreign language.
- n.* the set of structural constraints on speakers' or writers' composition of clauses, phrases, and words

ANSWERS: 22. slang, 23. lord, 24. fantasy, 25. grand, 26. lingo, 27. fan, 28. heels, 29. grammar

30. All the supervisor has to do is assign tasks that make his subordinates more _____.

adj. relating to or involving the use of skill and original and unusual ideas to create something

31. We met at the campus _____ to study for our upcoming exams.

n. (short for quadrangle) a square or rectangular open area or courtyard, often surrounded by buildings or used for recreational or social purposes

32. _____ the text from Italian into English.

v. to convert or change words into another language

33. The _____ of the fruit is sweet and juicy.

n. the soft substance composing the body of a person or animal, as opposed to bones and other structures

34. Their headquarters are in a _____ skyscraper.

adj. of or belonging to the present time or recent times

35. Yesterday, I created a rough _____ of the plan.

n. a simple, quickly-made picture that does not have many details; a short descriptive summary of something

36. I _____ the shirt in the sink before washing it.

v. to allow liquid to be absorbed, typically by immersing in it; to leave as a guarantee in return for money

37. They have been living near water since _____ times.

adj. relating to the long ago, particularly the historical period preceding the fall of the Western Roman Empire; very old

ANSWERS: 30. creative, 31. quad, 32. Translate, 33. flesh, 34. modern, 35. sketch, 36. soaked, 37. ancient

38. The letter was a _____ expression of gratitude to her parents.
adj. genuine, sincere, and expressing deep feelings or emotions
39. The _____ mechanism in the grandfather clock needed to be wound up every week.
n. a mechanism in which a series of gears, springs and other mechanical elements are used to power a device, especially a clock
40. His _____ bedroom is always a source of frustration for his mother.
adj. disorganized and untidy
41. The patient's vital signs are _____ indicating a stable condition.
adj. firmly fixed, supported, or balanced; not shaking or moving
42. The winter snowstorm entirely engulfed the small _____.
n. a small village or settlement, often without a church
43. 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
44. My computer has been acting _____ recently.
adj. extraordinary, unexpected, or difficult to explain
45. Lawyers need to _____ even the most minor provisions of the law.
v. to learn something carefully so that you will remember it exactly
46. Use a singular _____ if the subject is singular.
n. a word or phrase that describes an action, state, or experience

ANSWERS: 38. heartfelt, 39. clockwork, 40. messy, 41. steady, 42. hamlet, 43. dedicated, 44. weird, 45. memorize, 46. verb

47. He tried to _____ the seedling into a larger pot.

- v.* to move or transfer something from one place or person to another; to take living tissue or an organ from one person, animal, part of the body, etc. and put it into or onto another

48. The Lord of the Rings _____ is a classic in the fantasy genre.

- n.* a series of three related works, such as books, plays, or movies, that are connected in some way, often by plot, characters, or theme

49. The _____ to the new class was informative and engaging.

- n.* a preliminary explanation or remarks given before the start of a text, performance, or event; the act of bringing something new into existence or introducing something to a wider audience or new market

50. The third _____ was far more successful.

- n.* an act or effort of trying to do something, especially something difficult

ANSWERS: 47. transplant, 48. trilogy, 49. introduction, 50. attempt