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Session 1: Word List

smartphone

n. a mobile phone that functions as a computer and connects to the Internet

(1) **smartphone** app developer, (2) **smartphone** addict
Internet traffic volumes have increased significantly with the advent of **smartphones**.

android

n. a robot with a human appearance; (operating system) Google's mobile operating system

synonym : droid, cyborg

(1) household **android**, (2) **Android** tablet

The lab is developing an **android** robot that assists in dangerous construction work.

pay-as-you-go

adj. (also known as a "pay-as-you-use" or "pay-per-use") describing a payment model or system in which users pay for goods or services as they are consumed, rather than paying for an entire service or product upfront

synonym : prepaid, subscription-based, incremental billing

(1) **pay-as-you-go** basis, (2) **pay-as-you-go** service

I prefer to use **pay-as-you-go** cellphone plans to control my monthly expenses.

- bet**
- v.* to risk money on the result of an event or a competition, such as a race or game, to get more money; to have faith or confidence in something
- synonym* : stake, wager, gamble
- (1) **bet** on a race, (2) **bet** my future
- I **bet** that you know it.
- pioneer**
- n.* inventor; explorer; someone who is among the first to achieve something
- synonym* : frontiersperson, innovator, trailblazer
- (1) act as a **pioneer**, (2) early **pioneers**
- John Whitney was a computer animation **pioneer**.
- franchise**
- n.* a legal agreement between two parties in which one party grants the other the right to use or sell its products or services under a specific brand name and business model; a business that operates under such an agreement; the right to vote in an election
- synonym* : dealership, enterprise, suffrage
- (1) **franchise** agreement, (2) **franchise** owner
- The fast-food **franchise** kept expanding and opening new restaurants across the country.
- dominant**
- adj.* more important, influential, or easy to notice than anything else of the same type
- synonym* : chief, predominant, prevailing
- (1) achieve a **dominant** share, (2) **dominant** force
- Her company soon won a **dominant** market share.
- economy**
- n.* the system by which a country or region produces, manages, and distributes goods and services, including the money and finances involved in these activities; (of an airline) the lowest-priced, most basic option for seating in commercial travel
- synonym* : finance, trade, business
- (1) **economy** of scale, (2) **economy** class
- The **economy** of the country is struggling due to the recent

political instability.

innovation

n. the creation of a new device or process resulting from study and experimentation

synonym: invention, initiation, creation

(1) **innovation** leader, (2) cutting-edge **innovation**

The vegetarian burger was an **innovation** that quickly spread to the United Kingdom.

necessity

n. the state or fact of being needed; anything indispensable

synonym: need, essentiality, prerequisite

(1) in great **necessity**, (2) the **necessity** of the concrete measure

He emphasized the **necessity** of immediate action.

rhetoric

n. speech or writing intended to please or persuade someone; the art or study of using language effectively and persuasively in spoken or written form

synonym: oratory, eloquence, persuasion

(1) the **rhetoric** of a debate, (2) high-flown **rhetoric**

He was known for his powerful **rhetoric** and ability to persuade people with his words.

invention

n. the creation of a new device or process resulting from study and experimentation; the act of inventing

synonym: creation, design, innovation

(1) the **invention** of new techniques, (2) common **invention**

Necessity is the mother of **invention**.

alternate

adj. occurring or existing one after the other regularly

synonym: substitute, back up, equivalent

(1) **alternate** choice, (2) every **alternate** year

The cleaning lady comes on **alternate** Wednesdays.

ford

n. a shallow place in a river or stream where it is possible to walk or drive across

synonym: crossing, traversing, passing

(1) **ford** a river, (2) across a **ford**

The river was too deep to cross, so we had to find a **ford** downstream where the water was shallower.

blank

adj. without any writing or printing; empty or devoid of ideas, information, or meaning; unable to remember or recall information

synonym : empty, void, barren

(1) **blank** expression, (2) **blank** paper

The computer screen displayed nothing but a **blank** white screen

background

n. the details of a person's social heritage, such as family, vocational or educational experience; past information that is essential to understanding a situation or problem

synonym : ground, experience, backdrop

(1) a **background** color, (2) a criminal **background**

The company's hiring criteria emphasize personality, not a person's **background**.

rip

v. to tear something or be torn violently or suddenly

synonym : tear, cut, slit

(1) **rip** a notebook apart, (2) **rip** a hole in the roof

During transit, the stuff may **rip** off the luggage tag.

harbor

n. an area of water next to the coast where ships and boats are protected from rough water by piers, jetties, and other artificial structures; (verb) keep in one's possession

synonym : port, dock, pier

(1) a sheltered **harbor**, (2) **harbor** a resentment

The tsunami swamped every boat in the **harbor**.

toy

n. a thing, typically a small model or replica of something that is played with, especially by children

synonym : plaything, game, trinket

(1) **toy** store, (2) **toy** box

He gave his daughter a new **toy** for her birthday.

ox

n. a large domesticated mammal, commonly used for draft purposes, with two broad horns and a heavysset body

synonym: cow, bullock, steer

(1) **ox** cart, (2) water **ox**

The sacrifice of an **ox** was a common religious ritual in ancient cultures.

jack

n. a mechanical device used for lifting or supporting heavy objects

synonym: lever, crank, wrench

(1) a **jack** of all trades, (2) a line-in **jack**

He used a **jack** to lift the car to change the tire.

breakwater

n. a barrier or structure built in a body of water to protect a shore or harbor from the force of waves or currents

synonym: bulwark, seawall, jetty

(1) protective **breakwater**, (2) coastal **breakwater**

The **breakwater** construction protected the harbor from the strong waves during the storm.

continent

n. one of the earth's large landmasses; (adjective) abstaining from your feelings, especially your desire to have sex

synonym: landmass, (adjective) chaste, (adjective) pure

(1) the inland of a **continent**, (2) **continent** urinary diversion

Flight across the **continent** was a daring adventure in its day.

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.

expropriate

- v. to take away privately owned property or assets, typically by the government, without the owner's consent, often for public use or benefit, and with or without compensation

synonym: seize, confiscate, commandeer

(1) **expropriate** assets, (2) government's power to **expropriate**

The government decided to **expropriate** the land for a new highway.

launch

- v. to send or propel something into the air or space using a device such as a rocket, missile, or spacecraft; to make something available or on sale for the first time

synonym: start, initiate, begin

(1) **launch** a spaceship into orbit, (2) **launch** a big attack

The company is set to **launch** its new product line next month.

define

- v. to state or explain precisely the nature, scope, or meaning of something

synonym: characterize, depict, express

(1) **define** a word, (2) **define** my position

To advance this discussion, we must **define** "success" rigorously.

excite

- v. to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager

synonym: thrill, exhilarate, animate

(1) **excite** the crowd, (2) **excite** rebellion

The news of her promotion **excited** her.

swipe

- v. to strike, hit, or slap with a sweeping motion; to pass a magnetic stripe or barcode through a scanner to read data; to steal or take something quickly and with little effort

synonym: flick, brush, pinch

(1) **swipe** a card, (2) **swipe** left on a dating app

He tried to **swipe** the phone from my hand, but I held on tight.

creditor

n. a person, company, etc. to whom a debtor owes money
(1) the **creditor's** claims, (2) bankrupt **creditor**
I asked the lawyer to initiate **creditor** negotiations for voluntary liquidation.

terminal

n. a building or place where buses, trains, or airplanes stop and where passengers or goods can be picked up or dropped off; (adjective) of or situated at the ends of a delivery route
synonym: endpoint, final, concluding
(1) **terminal** disease, (2) a **terminal** syllable
The **terminal** at the airport is where passengers catch their flights.

fantastic

adj. extremely good; excellent
synonym: incredible, unbelievable, marvelous
(1) a **fantastic** dress, (2) absolutely **fantastic** event
The new amusement park ride was **fantastic**, with twists, turns, and drops that left riders screaming with excitement.

remarkable

adj. worthy of attention because unusual or special
synonym: outstanding, exceptional, extraordinary
(1) **remarkable** achievement, (2) the **remarkable** breadth of knowledge
The election was a **remarkable** success for the Whigs.

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.

fee

n. a sum of money charged for a particular service
synonym: charge, cost, expense
(1) **fee** calculation, (2) service **fee**
The lawyer's **fee** for the case was \$10,000.

bribe

v. to try to make someone do something to gain one's favors or influence by giving a gift of money or other inducements

synonym : graft, corrupt

(1) **bribe** a politician, (2) **bribe** him with food

He tries to **bribe** the ship's captain to export illegal products.

transact

v. to carry out or conduct a business or other transaction; to complete or fulfill an agreement, deal, or contract

synonym : conduct, carry out, perform

(1) **transact** internationally, (2) **transact** in cash

I need to **transact** some business at the bank before it closes.

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.

torch

n. a portable device that produces a flame, typically one that is used to light a fire or a candle

synonym : flashlight, lantern, flare

(1) the **torch** of learning, (2) **torch** song

She used an electric **torch** to light her way through the dark cave.

superb

adj. extremely good; excellent in quality; superbly done

synonym : outstanding, excellent, fabulous

(1) **superb** quality, (2) **superb** performance

The meal we had at the restaurant was **superb**; I highly recommend it.

battery

n. a device that is placed inside a car, gadget, equipment, etc. and that provides electrical power to them

synonym : electric cell, array, batch

(1) a dry **battery**, (2) **battery** charging

The engine did not start because the **battery** was flat.

severe

adj. extremely serious or bad in feeling, manner, or strict and harsh; extremely strong or vigorous

synonym : harsh, relentless, powerful

(1) **severe** heat, (2) a **severe** case of pneumonia

The senator received **severe** criticism from his opponent.

railroad

n. metal tracks laid with rails on which trains run; a system of tracks with the trains operated by an organization

synonym : railway, track, railway system

(1) coast-to-coast **railroad**, (2) **railroad** industry

The town was founded in the 19th century as a stop on the **railroad**, and it grew rapidly as a result.

infrastructure

n. the basic systems, services, or features that are necessary for an organization or country, such as transport and power supplies

synonym : foundation, framework

(1) IT **infrastructure**, (2) **infrastructure** cost

Aging societies tend to require huge costs for **infrastructure** maintenance.

industrious

adj. hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort

synonym : diligent, hardworking, assiduous

(1) **industrious** worker, (2) **industrious** student

He was known to be very **industrious** and would often work late into the night.

brothel

n. (also "whorehouse") a place where people, particularly women, engage in sexual activity for payment; a house of prostitution

synonym : bagnio, bordello, whorehouse

(1) illegal **brothel**, (2) underground **brothel**

The police raided the **brothel** in the red-light district and

arrested all the prostitutes and customers.

saloon

n. a place of business, typically a bar or tavern, that serves alcoholic drinks and often features entertainment or social activities

synonym: barroom, tavern, pub

(1) **saloon** cabin, (2) western-style **saloon**

She sat on a bar stool in the **saloon**, sipping her whiskey and watching the live music.

medication

n. a drug or other form of medicine that treats, prevents, or alleviates the symptoms of the disease

synonym: cure, drug, medicine

(1) antibiotic **medication**, (2) **medication** by mouth

The pharmacist not only prescribes the **medication** but also guides its proper use.

salary

n. a fixed amount of money that employees, especially those who work in an office, receive for doing their job, usually paid every month

synonym: compensation, earnings, pay

(1) a handsome **salary**, (2) **salary** after taxes

What are your annual **salary** expectations?

scratch

v. to cut or damage the surface of something or the skin with a sharp or pointed object

synonym: claw, rub, scrape

(1) **scratch** off a name, (2) **scratch** my signature

Don't **scratch** your mosquito bites.

legitimate

adj. accordant with or allowed by law; lawful

synonym: lawful, honest, fair

(1) a **legitimate** child, (2) **legitimate** question

Public political demonstrations are considered **legitimate** rights for citizens.

expire

v. to come to the end of the period of validity of a document, authorization, agreement, etc.

synonym: run out, terminate, cease

(1) **expires** next month, (2) it will **expire**

I forgot to renew my driver's license, and it **expired**.

lifesaving

n. the act or process of rescuing someone else's life, especially from drowning

(1) **lifesaving** efforts, (2) **lifesaving** device

The patient needs a **lifesaving** transplant operation.

dairy

n. a room, building, or establishment where milk and milk products are produced and processed; milk and milk products, such as butter and cheese

synonym: creamery, farm

(1) low-fat **dairy**, (2) imported **dairy** product

The **dairy** industry is a significant contributor to the economy.

subsistence

n. the state or condition of being able to maintain or support oneself at a basic level, typically through food, shelter, and other vital necessities; the minimum resources required for survival

synonym: survival, livelihood, existence

(1) **subsistence** economy, (2) **subsistence** farming

The farmer's **subsistence** depended on his crops and livestock.

abundance

n. a significant amount of something; the situation in which there is too much of something

synonym: plenty, affluence, plentitude

(1) an age of **abundance**, (2) an **abundance** of examples

A healthy farm provides an **abundance** of food.

poverty

n. the condition of being extremely poor

synonym: deprivation, destitution, poorness

(1) **poverty** alleviation, (2) the cycle of **poverty**

Many studies have investigated the relationship between

poverty and academic achievement.

windmill

n. a machine that uses wind power to generate mechanical energy or electricity

synonym: wind turbine, aerogenerator

(1) **windmill** blades, (2) **windmill** energy

The countryside was dotted with picturesque **windmills**.

disrupt

v. to prevent or stop something, especially an event, activity, or process, from continuing in the usual way by causing a problem or disturbance

synonym: interrupt, disturb, break into

(1) **disrupt** a well-ordered condition, (2) **disrupt** sleep

I'm so sorry to **disrupt** you when you're pretty busy.

automobile

n. a road vehicle that has four wheels and is powered by an engine, used for transporting people or goods

synonym: car, vehicle, motorcar

(1) driverless **automobile**, (2) **automobile** insurance

The **automobile** industry is a major contributor to air pollution in cities.

reinvent

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

synonym: recreate, remake, revive

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

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

mar

v. to damage or spoil the appearance or surface of something

synonym: damage, deface, disfigure

(1) **mar** a proper relationship, (2) **mar** the reputation

The scratches on the car **marred** its otherwise perfect appearance.

lifetime

n. the duration of someone's life or something's existence;

synonym: lifespan, duration

(1) **lifetime** benefits, (2) **lifetime** ban from the sport
She had lived through two world wars in her **lifetime**.

economical

adj. providing a satisfactory return on the money, time, or effort; not using more money, fuel, etc. than necessary

synonym: frugal, thrifty, parsimonious

(1) **economical** use of her time, (2) an **economical** meal
It is more **economical** to wash your plastic bottle and reuse it.

boom

n. a sudden increase in economic activity, or a sudden happening that brings good fortune; a deep, loud, and prolonged sound

synonym: roaring, prosperity, boost

(1) **boom** in sales, (2) a sonic **boom**
The high-technology industry is enjoying a **boom**.

privacy

n. someone's right to keep their personal matters and relationships not watched or interrupted by other people

synonym: seclusion, aloneness, solitariness

(1) **privacy** abuse, (2) trespass on a person's **privacy**
This conduct would be an invasion of **privacy**.

catchy

adj. pleasing and easy to remember; likely to attract attention

synonym: captivating, haunting, memorable

(1) **catchy** nickname, (2) a **catchy** title for a movie
This track starts with a **catchy** guitar riff.

catchphrase

n. a memorable or easily recognized sentence or phrase that is repeatedly used, especially in advertising or entertainment

synonym: slogan, tagline, motto

(1) popular **catchphrase**, (2) campaign **catchphrase**
The politician's "Make America Great Again" **catchphrase** became famous during his campaign.

Session 2: Spelling

1. a sonic b__m *n.* a sudden increase in economic activity, or a sudden happening that brings good fortune; a deep, loud, and prolonged sound

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

3. br__e a politician *v.* to try to make someone do something to gain one's favors or influence by giving a gift of money or other inducements

4. tr____ct in cash *v.* to carry out or conduct a business or other transaction; to complete or fulfill an agreement, deal, or contract

5. f_e calculation *n.* a sum of money charged for a particular service

6. campaign cat_____se *n.* a memorable or easily recognized sentence or phrase that is repeatedly used, especially in advertising or entertainment

7. pr____y abuse *n.* someone's right to keep their personal matters and relationships not watched or interrupted by other people

ANSWERS: 1. boom, 2. economy, 3. bribe, 4. transact, 5. fee, 6. catchphrase, 7. privacy

8. ec____y of scale *n.* the system by which a country or region produces, manages, and distributes goods and services, including the money and finances involved in these activities; (of an airline) the lowest-priced, most basic option for seating in commercial travel
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10. across a f__d *n.* a shallow place in a river or stream where it is possible to walk or drive across
11. protective bre_____er *n.* a barrier or structure built in a body of water to protect a shore or harbor from the force of waves or currents
12. sw__e left on a dating app *v.* to strike, hit, or slap with a sweeping motion; to pass a magnetic stripe or barcode through a scanner to read data; to steal or take something quickly and with little effort
13. service f_e *n.* a sum of money charged for a particular service
14. ex___e rebellion *v.* to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager
15. 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
16. the rem_____le breadth of knowledge *adj.* worthy of attention because unusual or special

ANSWERS: 8. economy, 9. fantastic, 10. ford, 11. breakwater, 12. swipe, 13. fee, 14. excite, 15. electrify, 16. remarkable

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ANSWERS: 17. alternate, 18. necessity, 19. expropriate, 20. salary, 21. catchy, 22. android, 23. grocery, 24. innovation, 25. background, 26. rhetoric

27. aut_____le insurance *n.* a road vehicle that has four wheels and is powered by an engine, used for transporting people or goods
28. the cycle of po_____y *n.* the condition of being extremely poor
29. run a gr_____y *n.* a shop that sells food and other household items
30. b__m in sales *n.* a sudden increase in economic activity, or a sudden happening that brings good fortune; a deep, loud, and prolonged sound
31. coastal bre_____er *n.* a barrier or structure built in a body of water to protect a shore or harbor from the force of waves or currents
32. ra_____ad industry *n.* metal tracks laid with rails on which trains run; a system of tracks with the trains operated by an organization
33. bl__k expression *adj.* without any writing or printing; empty or devoid of ideas, information, or meaning; unable to remember or recall information
34. cutting-edge inn_____on *n.* the creation of a new device or process resulting from study and experimentation
35. li_____me benefits *n.* the duration of someone's life or something's existence;
36. intellectual f__t *n.* a notable or impressive achievement, especially one that requires great skill or bravery
37. se___e heat *adj.* extremely serious or bad in feeling, manner, or strict and harsh; extremely strong or vigorous

ANSWERS: 27. automobile, 28. poverty, 29. grocery, 30. boom, 31. breakwater, 32. railroad, 33. blank, 34. innovation, 35. lifetime, 36. feat, 37. severe

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40. a line-in j__k *n.* a mechanical device used for lifting or supporting heavy objects
41. ox cart *n.* a large domesticated mammal, commonly used for draft purposes, with two broad horns and a heavyset body
42. the inland of a co_____nt *n.* one of the earth's large landmasses; (adjective) abstaining from your feelings, especially your desire to have sex
43. ind_____us worker *adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
44. m_r the reputation *v.* to damage or spoil the appearance or surface of something
45. rem_____le achievement *adj.* worthy of attention because unusual or special
46. sma_____ne addict *n.* a mobile phone that functions as a computer and connects to the Internet
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ANSWERS: 38. scratch, 39. torch, 40. jack, 41. ox, 42. continent, 43. industrious, 44. mar, 45. remarkable, 46. smartpone, 47. battery, 48. blank

49. a leg_____te child *adj.* accordant with or allowed by law; lawful
50. sub_____ce economy *n.* the state or condition of being able to maintain or support oneself at a basic level, typically through food, shelter, and other vital necessities; the minimum resources required for survival
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56. the cr_____or's claims *n.* a person, company, etc. to whom a debtor owes money
57. f__t accomplishment *n.* a notable or impressive achievement, especially one that requires great skill or bravery
58. sma_____ne app developer *n.* a mobile phone that functions as a computer and connects to the Internet
59. an ab_____ce of examples *n.* a significant amount of something; the situation in which there is too much of something

ANSWERS: 49. legitimate, 50. subsistence, 51. reinvent, 52. windmill, 53. creditor, 54. superb, 55. expire, 56. creditor, 57. feat, 58. smartphone, 59. abundance

60. antibiotic med_____on *n.* a drug or other form of medicine that treats, prevents, or alleviates the symptoms of the disease
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64. te_____al disease *n.* a building or place where buses, trains, or airplanes stop and where passengers or goods can be picked up or dropped off; (adjective) of or situated at the ends of a delivery route
65. the in_____on of new techniques *n.* the creation of a new device or process resulting from study and experimentation; the act of inventing
66. di_____t sleep *v.* to prevent or stop something, especially an event, activity, or process, from continuing in the usual way by causing a problem or disturbance
67. fr_____se agreement *n.* a legal agreement between two parties in which one party grants the other the right to use or sell its products or services under a specific brand name and business model; a business that operates under such an agreement; the right to vote in an election

ANSWERS: 60. medication, 61. jack, 62. bet, 63. harbor, 64. terminal, 65. invention, 66. disrupt, 67. franchise

68. eco_____al use of her time *adj.* providing a satisfactory return on the money, time, or effort; not using more money, fuel, etc. than necessary
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75. f__d a river *n.* a shallow place in a river or stream where it is possible to walk or drive across
76. coast-to-coast ra_____ad *n.* metal tracks laid with rails on which trains run; a system of tracks with the trains operated by an organization

ANSWERS: 68. economical, 69. android, 70. background, 71. electrify, 72. disrupt, 73. legitimate, 74. rhetoric, 75. ford, 76. railroad

77. med_____on by mouth *n.* a drug or other form of medicine that treats, prevents, or alleviates the symptoms of the disease
78. water ox *n.* a large domesticated mammal, commonly used for draft purposes, with two broad horns and a heavyset body
79. popular cat_____se *n.* a memorable or easily recognized sentence or phrase that is repeatedly used, especially in advertising or entertainment
80. de___e my position *v.* to state or explain precisely the nature, scope, or meaning of something
81. driverless aut_____le *n.* a road vehicle that has four wheels and is powered by an engine, used for transporting people or goods
82. r_p a hole in the roof *v.* to tear something or be torn violently or suddenly
83. a handsome sa___y *n.* a fixed amount of money that employees, especially those who work in an office, receive for doing their job, usually paid every month
84. su___b performance *adj.* extremely good; excellent in quality; superbly done
85. t_y store *n.* a thing, typically a small model or replica of something that is played with, especially by children
86. de___e a word *v.* to state or explain precisely the nature, scope, or meaning of something
87. in great ne_____ty *n.* the state or fact of being needed; anything indispensable

ANSWERS: 77. medication, 78. ox, 79. catchphrase, 80. define, 81. automobile, 82. rip, 83. salary, 84. superb, 85. toy, 86. define, 87. necessity

88. ex___e the crowd *v.* to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager
89. an eco_____al meal *adj.* providing a satisfactory return on the money, time, or effort; not using more money, fuel, etc. than necessary
90. trespass on a person's pr_____y *n.* someone's right to keep their personal matters and relationships not watched or interrupted by other people
91. po_____y alleviation *n.* the condition of being extremely poor
92. IT inf_____ure *n.* the basic systems, services, or features that are necessary for an organization or country, such as transport and power supplies
93. t_y box *n.* a thing, typically a small model or replica of something that is played with, especially by children
94. a sheltered ha____r *n.* an area of water next to the coast where ships and boats are protected from rough water by piers, jetties, and other artificial structures; (verb) keep in one's possession
95. inf_____ure cost *n.* the basic systems, services, or features that are necessary for an organization or country, such as transport and power supplies
96. a se___e case of pneumonia *adj.* extremely serious or bad in feeling, manner, or strict and harsh; extremely strong or vigorous
97. ba_____y charging *n.* a device that is placed inside a car, gadget, equipment, etc. and that provides electrical power to them

ANSWERS: 88. excite, 89. economical, 90. privacy, 91. poverty, 92. infrastructure, 93. toy, 94. harbor, 95. infrastructure, 96. severe, 97. battery

98. lif_____ng efforts *n.* the act or process of rescuing someone else's life, especially from drowning
99. do_____nt force *adj.* more important, influential, or easy to notice than anything else of the same type
100. low-fat da__y *n.* a room, building, or establishment where milk and milk products are produced and processed; milk and milk products, such as butter and cheese
101. a ca___y title for a movie *adj.* pleasing and easy to remember; likely to attract attention
102. sa___n cabin *n.* a place of business, typically a bar or tavern, that serves alcoholic drinks and often features entertainment or social activities
103. sw__e a card *v.* to strike, hit, or slap with a sweeping motion; to pass a magnetic stripe or barcode through a scanner to read data; to steal or take something quickly and with little effort
104. achieve a do_____nt share *adj.* more important, influential, or easy to notice than anything else of the same type
105. government's power to exp_____te *v.* to take away privately owned property or assets, typically by the government, without the owner's consent, often for public use or benefit, and with or without compensation
106. la___h a big attack *v.* to send or propel something into the air or space using a device such as a rocket, missile, or spacecraft; to make something available or on sale for the first time

ANSWERS: 98. lifesaving, 99. dominant, 100. dairy, 101. catchy, 102. saloon, 103. swipe, 104. dominant, 105. expropriate, 106. launch

107. common in_____on *n.* the creation of a new device or process resulting from study and experimentation; the act of inventing
108. li_____me ban from the sport *n.* the duration of someone's life or something's existence;
109. underground br_____l *n.* (also "whorehouse") a place where people, particularly women, engage in sexual activity for payment; a house of prostitution
110. b_t on a race *v.* to risk money on the result of an event or a competition, such as a race or game, to get more money; to have faith or confidence in something
111. a te_____al syllable *n.* a building or place where buses, trains, or airplanes stop and where passengers or goods can be picked up or dropped off; (adjective) of or situated at the ends of a delivery route
112. illegal br_____l *n.* (also "whorehouse") a place where people, particularly women, engage in sexual activity for payment; a house of prostitution
113. al_____te choice *adj.* occurring or existing one after the other regularly
114. tr_____ct internationally *v.* to carry out or conduct a business or other transaction; to complete or fulfill an agreement, deal, or contract
115. lif_____ng device *n.* the act or process of rescuing someone else's life, especially from drowning

ANSWERS: 107. invention, 108. lifetime, 109. brothel, 110. bet, 111. terminal, 112. brothel, 113. alternate, 114. transact, 115. lifesaving

116. early pi____rs *n.* inventor; explorer; someone who is among the first to achieve something
117. imported da__y product *n.* a room, building, or establishment where milk and milk products are produced and processed; milk and milk products, such as butter and cheese
118. br__e him with food *v.* to try to make someone do something to gain one's favors or influence by giving a gift of money or other inducements
119. sc_____h off a name *v.* to cut or damage the surface of something or the skin with a sharp or pointed object
120. western-style sa____n *n.* a place of business, typically a bar or tavern, that serves alcoholic drinks and often features entertainment or social activities
121. re_____nt our life *v.* to change something so drastically that it looks to be completely new
122. absolutely fa_____ic event *adj.* extremely good; excellent
123. fr_____se owner *n.* a legal agreement between two parties in which one party grants the other the right to use or sell its products or services under a specific brand name and business model; a business that operates under such an agreement; the right to vote in an election
124. r_p a notebook apart *v.* to tear something or be torn violently or suddenly

ANSWERS: 116. pioneer, 117. dairy, 118. bribe, 119. scratch, 120. saloon, 121. reinvent, 122. fantastic, 123. franchise, 124. rip

125. ex___es next month *v.* to come to the end of the period of validity of a document, authorization, agreement, etc.
126. pay_____ -go service *adj.* (also known as a "pay-as-you-use" or "pay-per-use") describing a payment model or system in which users pay for goods or services as they are consumed, rather than paying for an entire service or product upfront
127. the to__h of learning *n.* a portable device that produces a flame, typically one that is used to light a fire or a candle
128. m_r a proper relationship *v.* to damage or spoil the appearance or surface of something
129. act as a pi_____r *n.* inventor; explorer; someone who is among the first to achieve something
130. sub_____ce farming *n.* the state or condition of being able to maintain or support oneself at a basic level, typically through food, shelter, and other vital necessities; the minimum resources required for survival
131. pay_____ -go basis *adj.* (also known as a "pay-as-you-use" or "pay-per-use") describing a payment model or system in which users pay for goods or services as they are consumed, rather than paying for an entire service or product upfront
132. an age of ab_____ce *n.* a significant amount of something; the situation in which there is too much of something

ANSWERS: 125. expire, 126. pay-as-you-go, 127. torch, 128. mar, 129. pioneer, 130. subsistence, 131. pay-as-you-go, 132. abundance

133. co_____nt urinary diversion *n.* one of the earth's large landmasses; (adjective) abstaining from your feelings, especially your desire to have sex
134. la____h a spaceship into orbit *v.* to send or propel something into the air or space using a device such as a rocket, missile, or spacecraft; to make something available or on sale for the first time
135. wi_____ll blades *n.* a machine that uses wind power to generate mechanical energy or electricity
136. ind_____us student *adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort

ANSWERS: 133. continent, 134. launch, 135. windmill, 136. industrious

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The river was too deep to cross, so we had to find a _____ downstream where the water was shallower.
n. a shallow place in a river or stream where it is possible to walk or drive across
2. This track starts with a _____ guitar riff.
adj. pleasing and easy to remember; likely to attract attention
3. During transit, the stuff may _____ off the luggage tag.
v. to tear something or be torn violently or suddenly
4. 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
5. The computer screen displayed nothing but a _____ white screen
adj. without any writing or printing; empty or devoid of ideas, information, or meaning; unable to remember or recall information
6. I'm so sorry to _____ you when you're pretty busy.
v. to prevent or stop something, especially an event, activity, or process, from continuing in the usual way by causing a problem or disturbance
7. I will go to the _____ store to buy food for dinner.
n. a shop that sells food and other household items
8. The _____ of the country is struggling due to the recent political instability.
n. the system by which a country or region produces manages, and distributes goods and services, including the money and finances involved in these activities; (of an airline) the lowest-priced, most basic option for seating in commercial travel

ANSWERS: 1. ford, 2. catchy, 3. rip, 4. feat, 5. blank, 6. disrupt, 7. grocery, 8. economy

9. He emphasized the _____ of immediate action.
n. the state or fact of being needed; anything indispensable
10. He tries to _____ the ship's captain to export illegal products.
v. to try to make someone do something to gain one's favors or influence by giving a gift of money or other inducements
11. The countryside was dotted with picturesque _____.
n. a machine that uses wind power to generate mechanical energy or electricity
12. Necessity is the mother of _____.
n. the creation of a new device or process resulting from study and experimentation; the act of inventing
13. Her company soon won a _____ market share.
adj. more important, influential, or easy to notice than anything else of the same type
14. I asked the lawyer to initiate _____ negotiations for voluntary liquidation.
n. a person, company, etc. to whom a debtor owes money
15. The vegetarian burger was an _____ that quickly spread to the United Kingdom.
n. the creation of a new device or process resulting from study and experimentation
16. I prefer to use _____ cellphone plans to control my monthly expenses.
adj. (also known as a "pay-as-you-use" or "pay-per-use") describing a payment model or system in which users pay for goods or services as they are consumed, rather than paying for an entire service or product upfront

ANSWERS: 9. necessity, 10. bribe, 11. windmills, 12. invention, 13. dominant, 14. creditor, 15. innovation, 16. pay-as-you-go

17. The new amusement park ride was _____ with twists, turns, and drops that left riders screaming with excitement.
adj. extremely good; excellent
18. It is more _____ to wash your plastic bottle and reuse it.
adj. providing a satisfactory return on the money, time, or effort; not using more money, fuel, etc. than necessary
19. Internet traffic volumes have increased significantly with the advent of _____.
n. a mobile phone that functions as a computer and connects to the Internet
20. The election was a _____ success for the Whigs.
adj. worthy of attention because unusual or special
21. She used an electric _____ to light her way through the dark cave.
n. a portable device that produces a flame, typically one that is used to light a fire or a candle
22. The farmer's _____ depended on his crops and livestock.
n. the state or condition of being able to maintain or support oneself at a basic level, typically through food, shelter, and other vital necessities; the minimum resources required for survival
23. He was known to be very _____ and would often work late into the night.
adj. hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
24. The politician's "Make America Great Again" _____ became famous during his campaign.
n. a memorable or easily recognized sentence or phrase that is repeatedly used, especially in advertising or entertainment

ANSWERS: 17. fantastic, 18. economical, 19. smartphones, 20. remarkable, 21. torch, 22. subsistence, 23. industrious, 24. catchphrase

25. Many studies have investigated the relationship between _____ and academic achievement.
- n.* the condition of being extremely poor
26. 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
27. She sat on a bar stool in the _____ sipping her whiskey and watching the live music.
- n.* a place of business, typically a bar or tavern, that serves alcoholic drinks and often features entertainment or social activities
28. This conduct would be an invasion of _____.
- n.* someone's right to keep their personal matters and relationships not watched or interrupted by other people
29. Aging societies tend to require huge costs for _____ maintenance.
- n.* the basic systems, services, or features that are necessary for an organization or country, such as transport and power supplies
30. She had lived through two world wars in her _____.
- n.* the duration of someone's life or something's existence;
31. The pharmacist not only prescribes the _____ but also guides its proper use.
- n.* a drug or other form of medicine that treats, prevents, or alleviates the symptoms of the disease

ANSWERS: 25. poverty, 26. electrify, 27. saloon, 28. privacy, 29. infrastructure, 30. lifetime, 31. medication

32. He tried to _____ the phone from my hand, but I held on tight.
- v.* to strike, hit, or slap with a sweeping motion; to pass a magnetic stripe or barcode through a scanner to read data; to steal or take something quickly and with little effort
33. The _____ industry is a significant contributor to the economy.
- n.* a room, building, or establishment where milk and milk products are produced and processed; milk and milk products, such as butter and cheese
34. He gave his daughter a new ____ for her birthday.
- n.* a thing, typically a small model or replica of something that is played with, especially by children
35. Public political demonstrations are considered _____ rights for citizens.
- adj.* accordant with or allowed by law; lawful
36. The government decided to _____ the land for a new highway.
- v.* to take away privately owned property or assets, typically by the government, without the owner's consent, often for public use or benefit, and with or without compensation
37. To advance this discussion, we must _____ "success" rigorously.
- v.* to state or explain precisely the nature, scope, or meaning of something
38. The sacrifice of an ___ was a common religious ritual in ancient cultures.
- n.* a large domesticated mammal, commonly used for draft purposes, with two broad horns and a heavyset body
39. The senator received _____ criticism from his opponent.
- adj.* extremely serious or bad in feeling, manner, or strict and harsh; extremely strong or vigorous

ANSWERS: 32. swipe, 33. dairy, 34. toy, 35. legitimate, 36. expropriate, 37. define, 38. ox, 39. severe

40. John Whitney was a computer animation _____.
- n.* inventor; explorer; someone who is among the first to achieve something
41. The tsunami swamped every boat in the _____.
- n.* an area of water next to the coast where ships and boats are protected from rough water by piers, jetties, and other artificial structures; (verb) keep in one's possession
42. I need to _____ some business at the bank before it closes.
- v.* to carry out or conduct a business or other transaction; to complete or fulfill an agreement, deal, or contract
43. The meal we had at the restaurant was _____ I highly recommend it.
- adj.* extremely good; excellent in quality; superbly done
44. The lawyer's _____ for the case was \$10,000.
- n.* a sum of money charged for a particular service
45. The _____ at the airport is where passengers catch their flights.
- n.* a building or place where buses, trains, or airplanes stop and where passengers or goods can be picked up or dropped off; (adjective) of or situated at the ends of a delivery route
46. The company's hiring criteria emphasize personality, not a person's _____.
- n.* the details of a person's social heritage, such as family, vocational or educational experience; past information that is essential to understanding a situation or problem
47. The news of her promotion _____ her.
- v.* to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager

ANSWERS: 40. pioneer, 41. harbor, 42. transact, 43. superb;, 44. fee, 45. terminal, 46. background, 47. excited

48. The fast-food _____ kept expanding and opening new restaurants across the country.
- n.* a legal agreement between two parties in which one party grants the other the right to use or sell its products or services under a specific brand name and business model; a business that operates under such an agreement; the right to vote in an election
49. He was known for his powerful _____ and ability to persuade people with his words.
- n.* speech or writing intended to please or persuade someone; the art or study of using language effectively and persuasively in spoken or written form
50. The cleaning lady comes on _____ Wednesdays.
- adj.* occurring or existing one after the other regularly
51. Flight across the _____ was a daring adventure in its day.
- n.* one of the earth's large landmasses; (adjective) abstaining from your feelings, especially your desire to have sex
52. He used a _____ to lift the car to change the tire.
- n.* a mechanical device used for lifting or supporting heavy objects
53. The engine did not start because the _____ was flat.
- n.* a device that is placed inside a car, gadget, equipment, etc. and that provides electrical power to them
54. The patient needs a _____ transplant operation.
- n.* the act or process of rescuing someone else's life, especially from drowning
55. I forgot to renew my driver's license, and it _____.
- v.* to come to the end of the period of validity of a document, authorization, agreement, etc.

ANSWERS: 48. franchise, 49. rhetoric, 50. alternate, 51. continent, 52. jack, 53. battery, 54. lifesaving, 55. expired

56. The town was founded in the 19th century as a stop on the _____ and it grew rapidly as a result.
- n.* metal tracks laid with rails on which trains run; a system of tracks with the trains operated by an organization
57. The scratches on the car _____ its otherwise perfect appearance.
- v.* to damage or spoil the appearance or surface of something
58. The police raided the _____ in the red-light district and arrested all the prostitutes and customers.
- n.* (also "whorehouse") a place where people, particularly women, engage in sexual activity for payment; a house of prostitution
59. The company is set to _____ its new product line next month.
- v.* to send or propel something into the air or space using a device such as a rocket, missile, or spacecraft; to make something available or on sale for the first time
60. The _____ industry is a major contributor to air pollution in cities.
- n.* a road vehicle that has four wheels and is powered by an engine, used for transporting people or goods
61. The high-technology industry is enjoying a _____.
- n.* a sudden increase in economic activity, or a sudden happening that brings good fortune; a deep, loud, and prolonged sound
62. The lab is developing an _____ robot that assists in dangerous construction work.
- n.* a robot with a human appearance; (operating system) Google's mobile operating system

ANSWERS: 56. railroad, 57. marred, 58. brothel, 59. launch, 60. automobile, 61. boom, 62. android

63. Don't _____ your mosquito bites.

- v.* to cut or damage the surface of something or the skin with a sharp or pointed object

64. I ____ that you know it.

- v.* to risk money on the result of an event or a competition, such as a race or game, to get more money; to have faith or confidence in something

65. What are your annual _____ expectations?

- n.* a fixed amount of money that employees, especially those who work in an office, receive for doing their job, usually paid every month

66. The _____ construction protected the harbor from the strong waves during the storm.

- n.* a barrier or structure built in a body of water to protect a shore or harbor from the force of waves or currents

67. They have tried to _____ their grocery stores.

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

68. A healthy farm provides an _____ of food.

- n.* a significant amount of something; the situation in which there is too much of something

ANSWERS: 63. scratch, 64. bet, 65. salary, 66. breakwater, 67. reinvent, 68. abundance