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Session 1: Word List

massive

adj. enormous amount; very heavy and solid

synonym: enormous, giant, immense

(1) **massive** amounts, (2) **massive** stars

The recent economic downturn has resulted in **massive** layoffs.

multiplayer

adj. referring to a mode of play or game that involves multiple players, often competing or collaborating, typically over a computer network or online

synonym: multiuser, collaborative, team-based

(1) **multiplayer** game, (2) **multiplayer** experience

The game has a **multiplayer** mode where you can play with friends online.

thumb

n. the short, thick digit of the hand next to the index finger;
(verb) to travel by getting free rides from motorists

synonym: digit, finger, phalange

(1) **thumb** wrestling, (2) **thumb** a ride

He used his right **thumb** to press the button on his phone.

wrestling

n. a sport in which two contestants grapple and try to throw each other to the ground

synonym: grappling, fighting, brawling

(1) **wrestling** match, (2) arm **wrestling**

He had always been interested in sumo **wrestling** and decided to try it.

opportune

adj. suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose

synonym: suitable, timely, practical

(1) **opportune** occasion, (2) an **opportune** remark

The phone rang at the most **opportune** time.

emotion

n. a strong feeling such as love, anger, etc. deriving from one's situation, mood, or relationships with others

synonym: feeling, sentiment, passion

(1) control my **emotion**, (2) afraid to show **emotion**

Some **emotions** are common across cultures and backgrounds.

relief

n. a feeling of happiness and relaxation that comes when something burdensome is removed or reduced

synonym: remedy, consolation, alleviation

(1) tax **relief**, (2) sigh of **relief**

He devoted his life to establishing a humanitarian **relief** fund.

pride

n. a feeling of deep pleasure or satisfaction derived from one's achievements

synonym: vanity, conceit, egotism

(1) **pride** of a company, (2) hide his **pride**

She took great **pride** in her work, always striving for perfection.

curiosity

n. a strong desire to know or learn about something

synonym: interest, inquisitiveness, novelty

(1) boundless **curiosity**, (2) satisfy my intellectual **curiosity**

We are motivated by **curiosity** rather than necessity.

excitement

n. a feeling of great enthusiasm and eagerness

synonym : thrill, exhilaration, incitement

(1) the **excitement** in the business world, (2) aesthetic **excitement**

The **excitement** of the upcoming concert was palpable among the crowd.

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**.

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.

volunteer

n. a person who performs or offers to perform a job or service without being paid for or forced to do

synonym : unpaid worker, draftee, enlistee

(1) seek **volunteers**, (2) my **volunteer** work

The teachers make full use of **volunteer** assistance.

onstage

adv. onto or on a stage in a theater; in front of an audience

(1) appeared **onstage**, (2) walk **onstage**

He performed his magic trick **onstage**, leaving the audience in awe.

hands-on

adj. actively involved, practical; having hands involved in the doing or making of something

synonym : practical, involved, hands-in

(1) **hands-on** activity, (2) take a **hands-on** approach
The **hands-on** workshop allowed attendees to work with tools and materials, developing their skills in a hands-on environment.

demonstrate

v. to display something or give an exhibition to an interested audience

synonym: show, illustrate, display

(1) **demonstrate** a difference, (2) **demonstrate** mastery
How can you **demonstrate** that the earth is a sphere?

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**.

tradition

n. a belief, custom, or way of doing something that has been passed down from generation to generation within a group or society

synonym: custom, practice, ritual

(1) a **tradition** of a culture, (2) against **tradition**
It is a **tradition** in many families to have a big Thanksgiving dinner with all their relatives.

declare

v. to say, state, or announce something clearly, officially, or publicly

synonym: announce, state, affirm

(1) **declare** independence, (2) **declare** my love
Foreign goods from abroad must be **declared** to customs when entering a country.

planet

n. any of the nine large celestial bodies that circle in the solar system; any celestial body that revolves around a star

synonym: earth, world, globe

(1) **planet** like the Earth, (2) save the **planet**

Mercury is the closest **planet** to the sun.

peter

v. to fail or lose power, efficiency, or value gradually before coming to an end

synonym: decrease, drop, lower

(1) eventually **peter** out, (2) begin to **peter** out

The music just **petered** out.

swoop

v. to rapidly or forcefully descend upon something or someone from a great height or distance; to rush or pounce upon

synonym: dart, pounce

(1) **swoop** down the water slide, (2) **swoop** up the escalator

The eagle **swooped** down from the sky to catch its prey.

typical

adj. having the usual characteristics or traits of a specific group of things

synonym: characteristic, usual, distinctive

(1) **typical** leader, (2) fairly **typical** symptoms

This artwork is **typical** of her work.

nod

v. to lower and raise one's head, sometimes several times, as to show approval, agreement, greeting, or confirmation

synonym: respond, acknowledge, greet

(1) **nod** at each other, (2) **nod** courteously

She **noded** quietly in response to the question.

ambitious

adj. having a great desire to attain achievement, power, or wealth

synonym: enterprising, challenging, earnest

(1) achieve **ambitious** goals, (2) with an **ambitious** eye

Their company has been in business for a short time but has **ambitious** goals.

involve

v. to include or affect someone or something as a necessary part of something else

synonym : implicate, include, engage

(1) **involve** a lot of paperwork, (2) **involve** a high degree of risk

The investigation **involves** several government agencies and is expected to take several months.

grab

v. to take hold of something or someone suddenly with a hand, especially in a violent way

synonym : clutch, snatch, grasp

(1) **grab** an audience, (2) **grab** an opportunity

Shall we **grab** a bite to eat?

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.

slide

v. to move or cause to move smoothly along a surface without interruption

synonym : glide, drift, drop

(1) **slide** a card across the table, (2) **slide** a glance

If necessary, you can **slide** the front seats forward.

advance

v. to go or move forward; to develop in a positive way

synonym : progress, boost, come along

(1) **advance** the technology, (2) **advance** a cooperative relationship

Scientific knowledge will **advance** significantly with the power of AI.

configuration

n. the arrangement or pattern of something or a group of related things

synonym : arrangement, composition, formatting

(1) **configuration** of the system, (2) engine **configuration**

The **configuration** of molecules in steel changes significantly with temperature.

- 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.
- strip** *v.* to remove the surface from something; (noun) a sizeable narrow piece of something such as paper, metal, cloth, etc., or area of land, sea, etc.
synonym : deprive, undress, (noun) ribbon
(1) **strip** a tire off, (2) coast **strip**
The doctor advised him to **strip** down for a check.
- geek** *n.* a person who is highly interested and knowledgeable about a particular subject or field, often to the point of being obsessed
synonym : nerd, dork, enthusiast
(1) airplane **geek**, (2) **geek** enthusiast
He was a computer **geek** and spent all his free time coding.
- extreme** *adj.* very great in amount or degree
synonym : farthestmost, outermost, fierce
(1) **extreme** sports, (2) **extreme** weather events
Solar gravity creates **extreme** pressures and temperatures.
- 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.
- norm** *n.* something that is regarded as usual, typical, or standard
synonym : criterion, mean, standard

(1) **norm** of action, (2) cultural **norm**

The systems we have developed has accepted as industry **norms**.

excel

v. to be extremely good at or proficient in doing something
synonym: outdo, shine, surpass

(1) **excel** in description, (2) **excel** at communication

The company **excels** in customer service.

bask

v. to expose oneself to warmth, sunlight, or enjoyment with a pleasant feeling of relaxation and contentment

synonym: sunbathe, lounge, relax

(1) **bask** in the sun, (2) **bask** in the attention

The lizard **basked** on the warm rock for hours.

glow

v. to give out a steady, strong light

synonym: shine, radiate, beam

(1) **glow** a pale orange, (2) **glow** gold in the light

The sun was setting, and the sky **glowed** with beautiful colors.

recap

v. to repeat or summarize what has been said, decided, etc.

synonym: outline, summarize, abstract

(1) **recap** key points, (2) **recap** briefly

Let me quickly **recap** these results.

hell

n. the place thought to be where bad people go and are punished after death, often depicted as being located beneath the earth; an extraordinarily unpleasant or difficult place

synonym: inferno, agony, misery

(1) run like **hell**, (2) **hell** broke loose

The battlefield became **hell** on earth.

provoke

v. to stimulate or give rise to a particular reaction or have a particular effect

synonym : stimulate, incite, encourage

(1) **provoke** a disease, (2) **provoke** a reaction

Her behavior **provoked** a quarrel between the couple.

awhile

adv. for a short time; a little while

synonym : for a while, temporarily, briefly

(1) rest **awhile**, (2) to be patient **awhile**

They spent **awhile** longer admiring the view before heading back.

physically

adv. in a way related to a person's body or appearance rather than their mind

(1) **physically** and mentally, (2) stay **physically** fit

Having a **physically** healthy physique is essential for a great life.

awesome

adj. inspiring fear, admiration, or respect; very good, nice, fun, etc.

synonym : miraculous, marvelous, astounding

(1) **awesome** mental faculty, (2) have an **awesome** birthday

There is a lot of **awesome** nature and food in Hawaii.

wondrous

adj. inspiring amazement or admiration; extremely beautiful and impressive

synonym : amazing, fantastic, miraculous

(1) **wondrous** sight, (2) **wondrous** adventure

The **wondrous** beauty of the sunset left us all in awe.

hormone

n. a chemical substance made by organs that encourages or influences the development, growth, sex, etc., of an animal and is carried around the body in the blood

(1) **hormone** secretion, (2) female **hormone**

The doctor diagnosed me with a **hormone** disorder.

oxytocin

n. a hormone secreted by the pituitary which stimulates contractions of the uterus during labor (= the process of pushing out a baby) and the ejection of milk

(1) **oxytocin-degrading** enzyme, (2) **oxytocin** receptor
Women may increase **oxytocin** production through romantic love.

release

v. to set free or allow to escape from confinement
synonym: free, let go, discharge

(1) **release** a prisoner, (2) **release** CO₂ into the air
The animal rights group worked to **release** the dolphins back into the wild.

bond

n. a close emotional connection between two or more people; a certificate of debt that a government or corporation issues to raise money

synonym: bind, adhesion, attachment

(1) **bond** as a family, (2) global **bond** market
They had formed a friendship **bond**.

biochemical

adj. relating to the chemical processes and substances that occur within living organisms

synonym: molecular, biological

(1) **biochemical** reaction, (2) complex **biochemical**
Biochemical research is essential to understanding the complex chemical reactions in living organisms.

prime

adj. main or most important; basic; (prime number, noun) a natural number greater than 1 that cannot be formed by multiplying two smaller natural numbers (e.g., 2, 3, 5, 7, 11 and 13)

synonym: excellent, exceptional, premium

(1) **prime** number, (2) deputy **prime** minister
After a thorough investigation, she has been named as the **prime** suspect.

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.

congratulation

n. the act of expressing that someone has an occasion for celebration or the expression of pleasure at the success or good fortune of another

synonym : praise, compliment, felicitation

(1) **congratulation** on a promotion, (2) a matter for **congratulation**

The **congratulations** from her friends and family were overwhelming after she won the championship.

accord

n. an official agreement or treaty between two organizations, countries, etc.; (verb) allow to have

synonym : alliance, pact, agreement

(1) **accord** with public opinion, (2) binational **accord**

The organization finally signed a peace **accord**.

grandmaster

n. a title given to a chess player who has achieved the highest level of skill and proficiency in the game; a person who is an expert or master in a particular field or activity

synonym : champion, expert, master

(1) **grandmaster** level, (2) martial arts **grandmaster**

The chess **grandmaster** easily defeated all of his opponents in the tournament.

accelerate

v. to make something faster or earlier; to cause to develop or progress more quickly

synonym : speed up, quicken, rev

(1) **accelerate** a chemical reaction, (2) **accelerate** the car

The government tried to **accelerate** the commercialization of this development.

legendary

adj. famous or well-known, especially through long-standing popular stories or tradition

synonym : mythical, fabled, storied

(1) **legendary** actor, (2) achieve a **legendary** status

The **legendary** stories of King Arthur have been passed down for centuries.

tip

n. the top or extreme point of something slender or tapering, usually a mountain or hill; a piece of advice about something practical; a small amount of money given for services

synonym : edge, advice, gratuity

(1) the **tip** of a paintbrush, (2) give the waiter a **tip** .

I will introduce some **tips** on learning English in this class.

crazy

adj. stupid or not sensible; very angry

synonym : insane, absurd, bizarre

(1) **crazy** about cars and racing, (2) a **crazy** scheme

The rain and thunder are **crazy** today.

suddenly

adv. quickly and unexpectedly

synonym : abruptly, unexpectedly, unawares

(1) **suddenly** attacked by an enemy, (2) die **suddenly**

Who answers **suddenly** knows little.

Session 2: Spelling

1. barren of cr____ve spirit *adj.* relating to or involving the use of skill and original and unusual ideas to create something
2. afraid to show em____n *n.* a strong feeling such as love, anger, etc. deriving from one's situation, mood, or relationships with others
3. female ho____e *n.* a chemical substance made by organs that encourages or influences the development, growth, sex, etc., of an animal and is carried around the body in the blood
4. re__p key points *v.* to repeat or summarize what has been said, decided, etc.
5. pr____e a disease *v.* to stimulate or give rise to a particular reaction or have a particular effect
6. cr__y about cars and racing *adj.* stupid or not sensible; very angry
7. dem____te mastery *v.* to display something or give an exhibition to an interested audience
8. arm wr____ng *n.* a sport in which two contestants grapple and try to throw each other to the ground
9. op____ne occasion *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
10. seek vo____ers *n.* a person who performs or offers to perform a job or service without being paid for or forced to do

ANSWERS: 1. creative, 2. emotion, 3. hormone, 4. recap, 5. provoke, 6. crazy, 7. demonstrate, 8. wrestling, 9. opportune, 10. volunteer

11. 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
12. the t_p of a paintbrush *n.* the top or extreme point of something slender or tapering, usually a mountain or hill; a piece of advice about something practical; a small amount of money given for services
13. achieve a le_____ry status *adj.* famous or well-known, especially through long-standing popular stories or tradition
14. my vo_____er work *n.* a person who performs or offers to perform a job or service without being paid for or forced to do
15. aesthetic exc_____nt *n.* a feeling of great enthusiasm and eagerness
16. the in_____on of new techniques *n.* the creation of a new device or process resulting from study and experimentation; the act of inventing
17. 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
18. die su_____ly *adv.* quickly and unexpectedly
19. ac____d with public opinion *n.* an official agreement or treaty between two organizations, countries, etc.; (verb) allow to have

ANSWERS: 11. span, 12. tip, 13. legendary, 14. volunteer, 15. excitement, 16. invention, 17. stick, 18. suddenly, 19. accord

20. pr__e number *adj.* main or most important; basic; (prime number, noun) a natural number greater than 1 that cannot be formed by multiplying two smaller natural numbers (e.g., 2, 3, 5, 7, 11 and 13)
21. acc_____te the car *v.* to make something faster or earlier; to cause to develop or progress more quickly
22. appeared on_____e *adv.* onto or on a stage in a theater; in front of an audience
23. th__b a ride *n.* the short, thick digit of the hand next to the index finger; (verb) to travel by getting free rides from motorists
24. ex__l in description *v.* to be extremely good at or proficient in doing something
25. a tr_____on of a culture *n.* a belief, custom, or way of doing something that has been passed down from generation to generation within a group or society
26. n_d courteously *v.* to lower and raise one's head, sometimes several times, as to show approval, agreement, greeting, or confirmation
27. stay phy_____ly fit *adv.* in a way related to a person's body or appearance rather than their mind
28. su_____ly attacked by an enemy *adv.* quickly and unexpectedly
29. take a ha_____on approach *adj.* actively involved, practical; having hands involved in the doing or making of something

ANSWERS: 20. prime, 21. accelerate, 22. onstage, 23. thumb, 24. excel, 25. tradition, 26. nod, 27. physically, 28. suddenly, 29. hands-on

30. airplane g__k *n.* a person who is highly interested and knowledgeable about a particular subject or field, often to the point of being obsessed
31. sigh of re___f *n.* a feeling of happiness and relaxation that comes when something burdensome is removed or reduced
32. re_____e a prisoner *v.* to set free or allow to escape from confinement
33. n__m of action *n.* something that is regarded as usual, typical, or standard
34. deputy pr__e minister *adj.* main or most important; basic; (prime number, noun) a natural number greater than 1 that cannot be formed by multiplying two smaller natural numbers (e.g., 2, 3, 5, 7, 11 and 13)
35. ox_____in-degrading enzyme *n.* a hormone secreted by the pituitary which stimulates contractions of the uterus during labor (= the process of pushing out a baby) and the ejection of milk
36. an op_____ne remark *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
37. sw__p down the water slide *v.* to rapidly or forcefully descend upon something or someone from a great height or distance; to rush or pounce upon
38. bio_____al reaction *adj.* relating to the chemical processes and substances that occur within living organisms

ANSWERS: 30. geek, 31. relief, 32. release, 33. norm, 34. prime, 35. oxytocin, 36. opportune, 37. swoop, 38. biochemical

39. to be patient aw___e *adv.* for a short time; a little while
40. 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
41. a cr__y scheme *adj.* stupid or not sensible; very angry
42. fairly ty____l symptoms *adj.* having the usual characteristics or traits of a specific group of things
43. mul____er experience *adj.* referring to a mode of play or game that involves multiple players, often competing or collaborating, typically over a computer network or online
44. ad____e the technology *v.* to go or move forward; to develop in a positive way
45. eventually pe__r out *v.* to fail or lose power, efficiency, or value gradually before coming to an end
46. g__w gold in the light *v.* to give out a steady, strong light
47. g__k enthusiast *n.* a person who is highly interested and knowledgeable about a particular subject or field, often to the point of being obsessed
48. ty____l leader *adj.* having the usual characteristics or traits of a specific group of things
49. de____e independence *v.* to say, state, or announce something clearly, officially, or publicly
50. give the waiter a t_p. *n.* the top or extreme point of something slender or tapering, usually a mountain or hill; a piece of advice about something practical; a small amount of money given for services

ANSWERS: 39. awhile, 40. fan, 41. crazy, 42. typical, 43. multiplayer, 44. advance, 45. peter, 46. glow, 47. geek, 48. typical, 49. declare, 50. tip

51. 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
52. g__b an opportunity *v.* to take hold of something or someone suddenly with a hand, especially in a violent way
53. wr____ng match *n.* a sport in which two contestants grapple and try to throw each other to the ground
54. have an aw____e birthday *adj.* inspiring fear, admiration, or respect; very good, nice, fun, etc.
55. boundless cu____ty *n.* a strong desire to know or learn about something
56. re__p briefly *v.* to repeat or summarize what has been said, decided, etc.
57. ma____e stars *adj.* enormous amount; very heavy and solid
58. le____ry actor *adj.* famous or well-known, especially through long-standing popular stories or tradition
59. dem____te a difference *v.* to display something or give an exhibition to an interested audience
60. common in____on *n.* the creation of a new device or process resulting from study and experimentation; the act of inventing
61. cr____ve writing *adj.* relating to or involving the use of skill and original and unusual ideas to create something

ANSWERS: 51. stick, 52. grab, 53. wrestling, 54. awesome, 55. curiosity, 56. recap, 57. massive, 58. legendary, 59. demonstrate, 60. invention, 61. creative

62. mul_____er game *adj.* referring to a mode of play or game that involves multiple players, often competing or collaborating, typically over a computer network or online
63. ox_____in receptor *n.* a hormone secreted by the pituitary which stimulates contractions of the uterus during labor (= the process of pushing out a baby) and the ejection of milk
64. engine con_____ion *n.* the arrangement or pattern of something or a group of related things
65. run like h___l *n.* the place thought to be where bad people go and are punished after death, often depicted as being located beneath the earth; an extraordinarily unpleasant or difficult place
66. hide his pr___e *n.* a feeling of deep pleasure or satisfaction derived from one's achievements
67. martial arts gra_____er *n.* a title given to a chess player who has achieved the highest level of skill and proficiency in the game; a person who is an expert or master in a particular field or activity
68. ex_____e sports *adj.* very great in amount or degree
69. with an am_____us eye *adj.* having a great desire to attain achievement, power, or wealth
70. de_____e my love *v.* to say, state, or announce something clearly, officially, or publicly

ANSWERS: 62. multiplayer, 63. oxytocin, 64. configuration, 65. hell, 66. pride, 67. grandmaster, 68. extreme, 69. ambitious, 70. declare

71. ex___e the crowd *v.* to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager
72. ma____e amounts *adj.* enormous amount; very heavy and solid
73. 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
74. in____e a lot of paperwork *v.* to include or affect someone or something as a necessary part of something else
75. sw__p up the escalator *v.* to rapidly or forcefully descend upon something or someone from a great height or distance; to rush or pounce upon
76. control my em____n *n.* a strong feeling such as love, anger, etc. deriving from one's situation, mood, or relationships with others
77. th__b wrestling *n.* the short, thick digit of the hand next to the index finger; (verb) to travel by getting free rides from motorists
78. pr____e a reaction *v.* to stimulate or give rise to a particular reaction or have a particular effect
79. re____e CO2 into the air *v.* to set free or allow to escape from confinement
80. con_____ion on a promotion *n.* the act of expressing that someone has an occasion for celebration or the expression of pleasure at the success or good fortune of another
81. ho____e secretion *n.* a chemical substance made by organs that encourages or influences the development, growth, sex, etc., of an animal and is carried around the body in the blood

ANSWERS: 71. excite, 72. massive, 73. fan, 74. involve, 75. swoop, 76. emotion, 77. thumb, 78. provoke, 79. release, 80. congratulation, 81. hormone

82. aw____e mental faculty *adj.* inspiring fear, admiration, or respect; very good, nice, fun, etc.
83. sl__e a card across the table *v.* to move or cause to move smoothly along a surface without interruption
84. against tr_____on *n.* a belief, custom, or way of doing something that has been passed down from generation to generation within a group or society
85. coast st__p *v.* to remove the surface from something; (noun) a sizeable narrow piece of something such as paper, metal, cloth, etc., or area of land, sea, etc.
86. g__b an audience *v.* to take hold of something or someone suddenly with a hand, especially in a violent way
87. global b__d market *n.* a close emotional connection between two or more people; a certificate of debt that a government or corporation issues to raise money
88. walk on_____e *adv.* onto or on a stage in a theater; in front of an audience
89. b__k in the sun *v.* to expose oneself to warmth, sunlight, or enjoyment with a pleasant feeling of relaxation and contentment
90. ex__l at communication *v.* to be extremely good at or proficient in doing something
91. rest aw____e *adv.* for a short time; a little while
92. ex_____e weather events *adj.* very great in amount or degree

ANSWERS: 82. awesome, 83. slide, 84. tradition, 85. strip, 86. grab, 87. bond, 88. onstage, 89. bask, 90. excel, 91. awhile, 92. extreme

93. n_d at each other *v.* to lower and raise one's head, sometimes several times, as to show approval, agreement, greeting, or confirmation
94. tax re___f *n.* a feeling of happiness and relaxation that comes when something burdensome is removed or reduced
95. st__p a tire off *v.* to remove the surface from something; (noun) a sizeable narrow piece of something such as paper, metal, cloth, etc., or area of land, sea, etc.
96. a matter for con_____ion *n.* the act of expressing that someone has an occasion for celebration or the expression of pleasure at the success or good fortune of another
97. ha_____on activity *adj.* actively involved, practical; having hands involved in the doing or making of something
98. save the pl___t *n.* any of the nine large celestial bodies that circle in the solar system; any celestial body that revolves around a star
99. h__l broke loose *n.* the place thought to be where bad people go and are punished after death, often depicted as being located beneath the earth; an extraordinarily unpleasant or difficult place
100. con_____ion of the system *n.* the arrangement or pattern of something or a group of related things
101. ex___e rebellion *v.* to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager

ANSWERS: 93. nod, 94. relief, 95. strip, 96. congratulation, 97. hands-on, 98. planet, 99. hell, 100. configuration, 101. excite

102. satisfy my intellectual cu_____ty *n.* a strong desire to know or learn about something
103. pl____t like the Earth *n.* any of the nine large celestial bodies that circle in the solar system; any celestial body that revolves around a star
104. b__d as a family *n.* a close emotional connection between two or more people; a certificate of debt that a government or corporation issues to raise money
105. phy_____ly and mentally *adv.* in a way related to a person's body or appearance rather than their mind
106. b__k in the attention *v.* to expose oneself to warmth, sunlight, or enjoyment with a pleasant feeling of relaxation and contentment
107. begin to pe__r out *v.* to fail or lose power, efficiency, or value gradually before coming to an end
108. sc_____h my signature *v.* to cut or damage the surface of something or the skin with a sharp or pointed object
109. gra_____er level *n.* a title given to a chess player who has achieved the highest level of skill and proficiency in the game; a person who is an expert or master in a particular field or activity
110. ad_____e a cooperative relationship *v.* to go or move forward; to develop in a positive way
111. pr__e of a company *n.* a feeling of deep pleasure or satisfaction derived from one's achievements

ANSWERS: 102. curiosity, 103. planet, 104. bond, 105. physically, 106. bask, 107. peter, 108. scratch, 109. grandmaster, 110. advance, 111. pride

112. complex bio_____al *adj.* relating to the chemical processes and substances that occur within living organisms
113. cultural n__m *n.* something that is regarded as usual, typical, or standard
114. sc_____h off a name *v.* to cut or damage the surface of something or the skin with a sharp or pointed object
115. acc_____te a chemical reaction *v.* to make something faster or earlier; to cause to develop or progress more quickly
116. 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
117. binational ac____d *n.* an official agreement or treaty between two organizations, countries, etc.; (verb) allow to have
118. wo_____us adventure *adj.* inspiring amazement or admiration; extremely beautiful and impressive
119. achieve am_____us goals *adj.* having a great desire to attain achievement, power, or wealth
120. the exc_____nt in the business world *n.* a feeling of great enthusiasm and eagerness
121. g__w a pale orange *v.* to give out a steady, strong light
122. in_____e a high degree of risk *v.* to include or affect someone or something as a necessary part of something else

ANSWERS: 112. biochemical, 113. norm, 114. scratch, 115. accelerate, 116. span, 117. accord, 118. wondrous, 119. ambitious, 120. excitement, 121. glow, 122. involve

123. sl__e a glance

v. to move or cause to move smoothly
along a surface without interruption

124. wo____us sight

adj. inspiring amazement or admiration;
extremely beautiful and impressive

ANSWERS: 123. slide, 124. wondrous

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The chess _____ easily defeated all of his opponents in the tournament.
n. a title given to a chess player who has achieved the highest level of skill and proficiency in the game; a person who is an expert or master in a particular field or activity
2. It is a _____ in many families to have a big Thanksgiving dinner with all their relatives.
n. a belief, custom, or way of doing something that has been passed down from generation to generation within a group or society
3. How can you _____ that the earth is a sphere?
v. to display something or give an exhibition to an interested audience
4. Mercury is the closest _____ to the sun.
n. any of the nine large celestial bodies that circle in the solar system; any celestial body that revolves around a star
5. The sun was setting, and the sky _____ with beautiful colors.
v. to give out a steady, strong light
6. 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
7. He was a computer _____ and spent all his free time coding.
n. a person who is highly interested and knowledgeable about a particular subject or field, often to the point of being obsessed

ANSWERS: 1. grandmaster, 2. tradition, 3. demonstrate, 4. planet, 5. glowed, 6. span, 7. geek

8. The game has a _____ mode where you can play with friends online.
adj. referring to a mode of play or game that involves multiple players, often competing or collaborating, typically over a computer network or online
9. The _____ of the upcoming concert was palpable among the crowd.
n. a feeling of great enthusiasm and eagerness
10. Having a _____ healthy physique is essential for a great life.
adv. in a way related to a person's body or appearance rather than their mind
11. 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
12. We are motivated by _____ rather than necessity.
n. a strong desire to know or learn about something
13. He had always been interested in sumo _____ and decided to try it.
n. a sport in which two contestants grapple and try to throw each other to the ground
14. Her behavior _____ a quarrel between the couple.
v. to stimulate or give rise to a particular reaction or have a particular effect
15. The teachers make full use of _____ assistance.
n. a person who performs or offers to perform a job or service without being paid for or forced to do
16. The organization finally signed a peace _____.
n. an official agreement or treaty between two organizations, countries, etc.;
(verb) allow to have

ANSWERS: 8. multiplayer, 9. excitement, 10. physically, 11. fan, 12. curiosity, 13. wrestling, 14. provoked, 15. volunteer, 16. accord

17. The _____ stories of King Arthur have been passed down for centuries.
adj. famous or well-known, especially through long-standing popular stories or tradition
18. The doctor diagnosed me with a _____ disorder.
n. a chemical substance made by organs that encourages or influences the development, growth, sex, etc., of an animal and is carried around the body in the blood
19. They had formed a friendship _____.
n. a close emotional connection between two or more people; a certificate of debt that a government or corporation issues to raise money
20. The rain and thunder are _____ today.
adj. stupid or not sensible; very angry
21. He used his right _____ to press the button on his phone.
n. the short, thick digit of the hand next to the index finger; (verb) to travel by getting free rides from motorists
22. Who answers _____ knows little.
adv. quickly and unexpectedly
23. _____ research is essential to understanding the complex chemical reactions in living organisms.
adj. relating to the chemical processes and substances that occur within living organisms
24. The investigation _____ several government agencies and is expected to take several months.
v. to include or affect someone or something as a necessary part of something else

ANSWERS: 17. legendary, 18. hormone, 19. bond, 20. crazy, 21. thumb, 22. suddenly, 23. Biochemical, 24. involves

25. She _____ quietly in response to the question.

- v. to lower and raise one's head, sometimes several times, as to show approval, agreement, greeting, or confirmation

26. Foreign goods from abroad must be _____ to customs when entering a country.

- v. to say, state, or announce something clearly, officially, or publicly

27. The _____ beauty of the sunset left us all in awe.

- adj. inspiring amazement or admiration; extremely beautiful and impressive

28. 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

29. 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

30. After a thorough investigation, she has been named as the _____ suspect.

- adj. main or most important; basic; (prime number, noun) a natural number greater than 1 that cannot be formed by multiplying two smaller natural numbers (e.g., 2, 3, 5, 7, 11 and 13)

31. Don't _____ your mosquito bites.

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

ANSWERS: 25. nodded, 26. declared, 27. wondrous, 28. creative, 29. stick, 30. prime, 31. scratch

32. The company _____ in customer service.

v. to be extremely good at or proficient in doing something

33. This artwork is _____ of her work.

adj. having the usual characteristics or traits of a specific group of things

34. He performed his magic trick _____ leaving the audience in awe.

adv. onto or on a stage in a theater; in front of an audience

35. The government tried to _____ the commercialization of this development.

v. to make something faster or earlier; to cause to develop or progress more quickly

36. She took great _____ in her work, always striving for perfection.

n. a feeling of deep pleasure or satisfaction derived from one's achievements

37. Scientific knowledge will _____ significantly with the power of AI.

v. to go or move forward; to develop in a positive way

38. The recent economic downturn has resulted in _____ layoffs.

adj. enormous amount; very heavy and solid

39. The eagle _____ down from the sky to catch its prey.

v. to rapidly or forcefully descend upon something or someone from a great height or distance; to rush or pounce upon

40. Necessity is the mother of _____.

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

ANSWERS: 32. excels, 33. typical, 34. onstage, 35. accelerate, 36. pride, 37. advance, 38. massive, 39. swooped, 40. invention

41. Women may increase _____ production through romantic love.
n. a hormone secreted by the pituitary which stimulates contractions of the uterus during labor (= the process of pushing out a baby) and the ejection of milk
42. Shall we _____ a bite to eat?
v. to take hold of something or someone suddenly with a hand, especially in a violent way
43. If necessary, you can _____ the front seats forward.
v. to move or cause to move smoothly along a surface without interruption
44. He devoted his life to establishing a humanitarian _____ fund.
n. a feeling of happiness and relaxation that comes when something burdensome is removed or reduced
45. Their company has been in business for a short time but has _____ goals.
adj. having a great desire to attain achievement, power, or wealth
46. Let me quickly _____ these results.
v. to repeat or summarize what has been said, decided, etc.
47. Solar gravity creates _____ pressures and temperatures.
adj. very great in amount or degree
48. I will introduce some _____ on learning English in this class.
n. the top or extreme point of something slender or tapering, usually a mountain or hill; a piece of advice about something practical; a small amount of money given for services

ANSWERS: 41. oxytocin, 42. grab, 43. slide, 44. relief, 45. ambitious, 46. recap, 47. extreme, 48. tips

49. The _____ of molecules in steel changes significantly with temperature.
n. the arrangement or pattern of something or a group of related things
50. The news of her promotion _____ her.
v. to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager
51. The doctor advised him to _____ down for a check.
v. to remove the surface from something; (noun) a sizeable narrow piece of something such as paper, metal, cloth, etc., or area of land, sea, etc.
52. The phone rang at the most _____ time.
adj. suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
53. The _____ workshop allowed attendees to work with tools and materials, developing their skills in a hands-on environment.
adj. actively involved, practical; having hands involved in the doing or making of something
54. The systems we have developed has accepted as industry _____.
n. something that is regarded as usual, typical, or standard
55. The lizard _____ on the warm rock for hours.
v. to expose oneself to warmth, sunlight, or enjoyment with a pleasant feeling of relaxation and contentment
56. The _____ from her friends and family were overwhelming after she won the championship.
n. the act of expressing that someone has an occasion for celebration or the expression of pleasure at the success or good fortune of another

ANSWERS: 49. configuration, 50. excited, 51. strip, 52. opportune, 53. hands-on, 54. norms, 55. basked, 56. congratulations

57. The animal rights group worked to _____ the dolphins back into the wild.

v. to set free or allow to escape from confinement

58. Some _____ are common across cultures and backgrounds.

n. a strong feeling such as love, anger, etc. deriving from one's situation, mood, or relationships with others

59. The music just _____ out.

v. to fail or lose power, efficiency, or value gradually before coming to an end

60. They spent _____ longer admiring the view before heading back.

adv. for a short time; a little while

61. The battlefield became _____ on earth.

n. the place thought to be where bad people go and are punished after death, often depicted as being located beneath the earth; an extraordinarily unpleasant or difficult place

62. There is a lot of _____ nature and food in Hawaii.

adj. inspiring fear, admiration, or respect; very good, nice, fun, etc.

ANSWERS: 57. release, 58. emotions, 59. petered, 60. awhile, 61. hell, 62. awesome