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Session 1: Word List

statistics

n. the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data
(1) **statistics** for cancer, (2) official **statistics**
The **statistics** demonstrate that poverty and unemployment are genuine problems.

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.

tick

n. a light, sharp, repetitive sound or action; a mark indicating that something is correct or has been done; any of two families of small parasitic arachnids with barbed proboscis
synonym : sound, noise, beat
(1) **tick** of the clock, (2) **tick** fever
I always put a **tick** mark next to the items on my grocery list after buying them.

bomb

n. a weapon that explodes and is used to kill or injure people or to cause damage to something
synonym : missile, explosive, ammunition

(1) atomic **bombs**, (2) disarm the **bomb**

The use of cluster **bombs** is strictly prohibited by international law.

privilege

n. a special right or advantage that only one person or group of people has, usually because they are rich and powerful in a society

synonym: benefit, authorization, advantage

(1) a breach of **privilege**, (2) **privilege** of membership

In the Middle Ages, the right to hunt in the wild was the **privilege** of royalty and nobility.

edit

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

synonym: revise, modify, adjust

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

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

photograph

n. a picture or image that is produced by a camera; a visual representation or record of a person, object, or scene that has been captured electronically or on film

synonym: photo, picture, snapshot

(1) **photograph** album, (2) **photograph** memories

I found an old **photograph** of my grandparents from their wedding day.

renowned

adj. famous and respected for great achievements, qualities, etc.

synonym: noted, prominent, acclaimed

(1) a **renowned** artist, (2) **renowned** as a novelist

This area is **renowned** for its hot springs.

importance

n. the quality of being important and worthy of note

synonym: significance, primacy, matter

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

I stopped by the branch though I have no business of

importance.

inspire

v. to make somebody fill with the desire, confidence, or enthusiasm, especially to do something creative

synonym: boost, encourage, enlighten

(1) **inspire** a feeling of curiosity, (2) **inspire** him to write a novel

The unique style of this martial arts **inspired** many action film producers.

fashion

n. a style that is popular at a particular time or place; the state of being popular

synonym: style, manner, fad

(1) go out of **fashion**, (2) new **fashion** trends

That style is no longer in **fashion**.

storytelling

n. the act or art of narrating or writing stories

synonym: narrating, relating, recounting

(1) **storytelling** performance, (2) courtroom **storytelling**

She was skilled in **storytelling** techniques, such as using different voices for other characters.

overnight

adj. lasting for or occurring during one night; occurring or changing extremely quickly or suddenly; happening or being achieved in a short amount of time

synonym: all-night, sudden, immediate

(1) **overnight** parking, (2) **overnight** success

The **overnight** package delivery arrived at my door this morning.

nag

v. to annoy or irritate someone persistently with repeated complaints, requests, or criticism; (noun) an old or over-worked horse

synonym: hassle, bother, badger

(1) **nag** about the minor thing, (2) **nag** political leaders

She couldn't stop **nagging** her husband to take out the trash.

obvious

adj. easy to see, discover or understand

synonym : apparent, conspicuous, evident

(1) **obvious** reasons, (2) his conclusion was **obvious**

There are **obvious** differences between the two wine-producing regions.

decide

v. to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options

synonym : choose, determine, settle

(1) **decide** a question, (2) **decide** on a course of action

She couldn't **decide** whether to order the pizza or the pasta for dinner.

nick

n. a small cut, notch, or indentation in a surface or an edge

synonym : incision, dent, indentation

(1) a **nick** on the fender of a car, (2) **nick** on my hand

The interviewer arrived in a **nick** of time.

autism

n. a developmental disorder characterized by difficulties in social interaction, verbal and nonverbal communication

(1) high-functioning **autism**, (2) **autism** spectrum disorder

There is no cure for **autism**, but early intervention and therapy can improve outcomes for individuals with the condition.

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.

punch

v. to strike someone or something with one's fist; to make a hole in something

synonym : hit, strike, slap

(1) **punch** out numbers, (2) **punch** a ticket

He **punched** the wall in anger.

downstairs

adv. on or to a lower or ground floor of a building

synonym : below

(1) creep **downstairs**, (2) escort him **downstairs**

Please get the desk **downstairs**.

trap

n. a piece of equipment or hole for catching animals or people; (verb) to catch animals or people and prevent them from escaping

synonym : catch, snare, pinfall

(1) set a **trap**, (2) **trap** an animal

The enemy fell right into the **trap**.

basement

n. a room or a part of a building that is partly or entirely below ground level

synonym : cellar, storage, vault

(1) four **basement** floor, (2) church **basement**

Underground rivers flow over a **basement** layer that is impervious to water.

upstairs

adv. on or to an upper or highest floor of a building

synonym : above, upper

(1) live **upstairs**, (2) go **upstairs** to rest

I heard a noise **upstairs**.

intention

n. something you want to do and are going to do

synonym : purpose, connotation, will

(1) **intention** behind his decision, (2) clear **intention**

Our CEO's **intentions** are always transparent and straightforward.

reaction

n. a response that reveals a person's feelings or attitude; (in chemistry) a process in which one or more substances are changed into others

synonym : response, reply, answer

(1) chemical **reaction**, (2) trigger a **reaction**

There was a chemical **reaction** of the lime with the

groundwater.

immediately

adv. now or without delay

synonym : directly, instantly, promptly

(1) **immediately** recall a product, (2) write him an answer **immediately**

A suspension order from the court is effective **immediately**.

incredibly

adv. in a way that is very difficult to believe; exceedingly or extremely

synonym : enormously, exceptionally, extraordinarily

(1) **incredibly** cheerful character, (2) get **incredibly** insecure

Several cities are experiencing **incredibly** high unemployment rates.

process

n. a series of actions or operations performed to achieve a particular outcome or goal; a systematic procedure or approach used to accomplish a specific task or objective; a method of treating milk to make it suitable for consumption or use in other dairy products

synonym : procedure, method, system

(1) **process** improvement, (2) decision-making **process**

The **process** for applying for a visa can be lengthy and complicated.

refugee

n. a displaced person who has crossed national borders and who cannot or is unwilling to return home due to political, religious, or economic reasons or because of a war

synonym : emigrant, evacuee, exile

(1) global **refugee** crisis, (2) the **refugee** camp

The community warmly welcomed the **refugees**.

rot

v. to decay, or cause something to decay, naturally and gradually

synonym : perish, decay, corrode

(1) begin to **rot**, (2) **rot** with age

Please refrigerate the meat, or it will **rot**.

unofficial

adj. not authorized or recognized by an authority or organization; informal; not having an official status or position

synonym: informal, unauthorized, off-the-record

(1) **unofficial** sources, (2) **unofficial** statement

The election commission did not yet confirm the **unofficial** results of the election.

hut

n. a small, simple, and often crude shelter or dwelling, typically made of natural materials such as wood or mud

synonym: shack, cabin, cottage

(1) shepherd's **hut**, (2) fishing **hut**

The little girl lived in a small **hut** in the woods with her family.

literally

adv. in the real or original meaning of a word or phrase; in a literal sense or way; not figuratively

synonym: actually, truly, verily

(1) translate **literally**, (2) bite his tongue **literally**

He **literally** jumped out of his chair when he heard the news.

sew

v. to join, fasten, or repair two pieces of something by putting the thread through them with a needle

synonym: stitch, darn, tailor

(1) **sew** with thread, (2) **sew** a button

My mother taught me how to **sew**.

arrange

v. to plan, prepare for, and carry out something

synonym: set up, order, organize

(1) **arrange** the meeting, (2) the list was **arranged** alphabetically

I need to **arrange** plans with him for the celebration.

portrait

n. a painting, picture; the likeness of a person, especially one showing the face

synonym : illustration, image, portraiture

(1) a **portrait** painter, (2) **portrait** of a well-known figure
A well-known artist painted this lovely lady's **portrait**.

suddenly

adv. quickly and unexpectedly

synonym : abruptly, unexpectedly, unawares

(1) **suddenly** attacked by an enemy, (2) die **suddenly**
Who answers **suddenly** knows little.

dawn

n. the time of day when the sun's light starts to show in the sky

synonym : daybreak, sunrise, advent

(1) the wan light of **dawn**, (2) crack of **dawn**
Missile assaults on the capital continued around **dawn**.

compound

n. an item composed of two or more distinct elements combined; a chemical formed by the combination of two or more elements

synonym : combination, mixture, blend

(1) aquatic **compound**, (2) harmful **compound**
Common salt is a sodium and chlorine **compound**.

ailment

n. a slight but often persistent illness

synonym : illness, disorder, infection

(1) heart **ailment**, (2) age-related **ailment**
He got timely treatment for his physical **ailment** of severe back pain.

disease

n. a disorder or illness that affects the body or mind, often characterized by specific symptoms or abnormal functioning of organs or systems

synonym : illness, ailment, affliction

(1) **disease** prevention, (2) **disease** control
The doctor diagnosed him with a rare **disease** that had no known cure.

hopeless

adj. having no hope; despairing; having no chance of success

synonym : despairing, helpless, futile

(1) **hopeless** situation, (2) **hopeless** at everything

After months of job searching, he felt **hopeless** and unsure of his future.

helpless

adj. unable to take care of oneself or to do things without help

synonym : defenseless, powerless, susceptible

(1) **helpless** baby, (2) **helpless** victims

I feel so **helpless** without you.

tumor

n. a mass of diseased tissue that forms when cells in the body divide and grow in an uncontrolled way

synonym : neoplasm, mass, lump

(1) **tumor** growth, (2) **tumor** at remote sites

The patient was diagnosed with a **tumor** in her lung.

suffocate

v. to die or cause someone to die from lack of air or inability to breathe; to be overwhelmed or constricted by a feeling or situation, such as anxiety or oppression

synonym : choke, smother, stifle

(1) **suffocate** to death, (2) **suffocate** fire

People can **suffocate** from a lack of oxygen in confined spaces.

panic

n. a sudden strong feeling of fear that cannot be controlled and prevents reasonable thought and action

synonym : confusion, hysteria, consternation

(1) a **panic** reaction, (2) **panic** buying

The participation of oil-producing countries in the war caused **panic** in the financial markets.

desperate

adj. feeling or showing a lack of hope and a willingness to do anything because of the problematic situation

synonym : anguish, frantic, hopeless

(1) her **desperate** screams, (2) **desperate** attempt
He was **desperate** when he lost all his money by gambling.

worthwhile

adj. having value or benefit; sufficiently important or beneficial to be worthy of time or effort; deserving of attention or consideration

synonym: valuable, rewarding, significant

(1) **worthwhile** investment, (2) **worthwhile** endeavor
Volunteering for a **worthwhile** cause is important for building a sense of community.

bunch

n. a grouping of several similar things which are growing or fastened together

synonym: group, assemblage, bundle

(1) a **bunch** of trees, (2) a **bunch** of schoolgirls
One bad apple spoils the whole **bunch**.

squat

v. to crouch or sit with one's knees bent and one's heels close to or touching one's buttocks; to occupy a space, usually a place that is not designed for human habitation or use; (noun) a physical exercise that involves holding a position similar to sitting with the knees bent and the thighs parallel to the ground

synonym: crouch, hunch, sit

(1) **squat** behind a tree, (2) **squat** exercise

I need to **squat** down to pick up the pen from the floor.

vodka

n. a distilled alcoholic beverage made from fermented grains or potatoes, typically with high alcohol content and little or no added flavoring

synonym: spirit, liquor, distilled beverage

(1) **vodka** shot, (2) flavored **vodka**

I ordered a **vodka** tonic at the bar.

violent

adj. involving or caused by physical force or aggression against someone or something

synonym: aggressive, intense, turbulent

(1) victim of a **violent** crime, (2) **violent** incident

The protesters became **violent** when the police tried to disperse them.

farewell

n. the act of departing politely; an expression of a wish or well-being at parting

synonym: goodbye, send-off

(1) a **farewell** address, (2) bid **farewell** to the departed

There is his **farewell** party tomorrow.

stab

v. to cause harm with a sharp, pointed object, such as a knife

synonym: poke, thrust, jab

(1) **stab** at the enemy with a knife, (2) **stab** in the chest

He was **stabbed** many times with scissors.

lone

adj. solitary or single

synonym: solitary, single, alone

(1) a **lone** flight, (2) a **lone** house in the field

The **lone** traveler walked along the deserted road.

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.

attend

v. to be present at an event, to go to a place

synonym: go, be present, accompany

(1) **attend** a meeting, (2) **attend** service

We must **attend** to this matter.

equip

v. to provide a person or a place with the things that are needed for a particular purpose or activity

synonym: prepare, furnish, provide

(1) **equip** an army, (2) **equip** our children with some special skills

The construction company **equipped** the building with an earthquake-resistant device.

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**.

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.

recover

v. to return to a former condition, health, mind, or strength

synonym: come back, convalesce, heal

(1) **recover** a loss, (2) **recover** approval ratings

She is still **recovering** from a shot to her shoulder.

patrol

n. the act of guarding an area or conducting surveillance of an area to maintain order, perform security functions, or prevent crime; a group of officers or soldiers that conducts such an operation

synonym: guard, watch, surveillance

(1) **patrol** car, (2) border **patrol**

The highway **patrol** officer pulled over the speeding vehicle on the freeway.

devastate

v. to wreck a place or an area or cause significant damage

synonym: demolish, destroy, crush

(1) **devastate** an area, (2) **devastate** the economy

Earthquakes can also trigger tsunamis, which **devastate**

coastal areas.

resilient

adj. able to withstand or recover quickly from difficult conditions

synonym : robust, sturdy, tough

(1) a hard and **resilient** steel, (2) **resilient** population

She is a **resilient** person and has always bounced back from setbacks.

survive

v. to live or exist despite a dangerous event or period

synonym : endure, persist, stay

(1) **survive** a blizzard, (2) **survive** a plane crash

These birds can only **survive** in temperate climates.

limb

n. an arm and leg of a person or animal

synonym : arm, appendage, branch

(1) a prosthetic **limb**, (2) **limb** amputation

You should wrap the bandage carefully and firmly around the injured **limb**.

disability

n. a physical or mental condition that makes it difficult for someone to do some things that other people do

synonym : impairment, disadvantage, restriction

(1) a **disability** pension, (2) a learning **disability**

Listening to music at a high volume may lead to a hearing **disability**.

disabled

adj. having a physical or mental condition that limits someone's specific actions that most other people can do

synonym : handicapped, impaired, incapacitated

(1) a **disabled** veteran, (2) a learning- **disabled** child

She was **disabled** in a car accident.

cog

n. a tooth or projection on a gearwheel or sprocket, which transmits force and motion between moving parts; a person who plays a small or subordinate but essential

role in an organization or system

synonym : gear, wheel, sprocket

(1) **cog** in the system, (2) missing **cog**

The **cog** in the machine broke down, causing a delay in production.

soapbox

n. a makeshift platform or podium, typically one that is improvised in a public place, used for making impromptu speeches or for expressing opinions on various topics;
(verb) to express one's opinions or deliver a speech in a passionate, forceful, or assertive manner

synonym : platform, podium, soap opera

(1) **soapbox** about climate change, (2) get on a **soapbox**

The politician climbed onto his **soapbox** and began his campaign speech.

Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. official sta_____cs | <i>n.</i> the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data |
| 2. courtroom sto_____ing | <i>n.</i> the act or art of narrating or writing stories |
| 3. su_____ly attacked by an enemy | <i>adv.</i> quickly and unexpectedly |
| 4. fishing h_t | <i>n.</i> a small, simple, and often crude shelter or dwelling, typically made of natural materials such as wood or mud |
| 5. die su_____ly | <i>adv.</i> quickly and unexpectedly |
| 6. age-related ai_____t | <i>n.</i> a slight but often persistent illness |
| 7. su_____e a plane crash | <i>v.</i> to live or exist despite a dangerous event or period |
| 8. de_____te the economy | <i>v.</i> to wreck a place or an area or cause significant damage |
| 9. re_____ed as a novelist | <i>adj.</i> famous and respected for great achievements, qualities, etc. |
| 10. pr_____ge of membership | <i>n.</i> a special right or advantage that only one person or group of people has, usually because they are rich and powerful in a society |
| 11. a bu__h of schoolgirls | <i>n.</i> a grouping of several similar things which are growing or fastened together |
| 12. a bu__h of trees | <i>n.</i> a grouping of several similar things which are growing or fastened together |

ANSWERS: 1. statistics, 2. storytelling, 3. suddenly, 4. hut, 5. suddenly, 6. ailment, 7. survive, 8. devastate, 9. renowned, 10. privilege, 11. bunch, 12. bunch

13. write him an answer imm_____ly *adv.* now or without delay
14. disarm the b__b *n.* a weapon that explodes and is used to kill or injure people or to cause damage to something
15. high imp_____ce *n.* the quality of being important and worthy of note
16. vo__a shot *n.* a distilled alcoholic beverage made from fermented grains or potatoes, typically with high alcohol content and little or no added flavoring
17. crack of d__n *n.* the time of day when the sun's light starts to show in the sky
18. global re_____e crisis *n.* a displaced person who has crossed national borders and who cannot or is unwilling to return home due to political, religious, or economic reasons or because of a war
19. the wan light of d__n *n.* the time of day when the sun's light starts to show in the sky
20. church ba_____nt *n.* a room or a part of a building that is partly or entirely below ground level
21. su_____e a blizzard *v.* to live or exist despite a dangerous event or period
22. harmful co_____nd *n.* an item composed of two or more distinct elements combined; a chemical formed by the combination of two or more elements
23. ov_____ht parking *adj.* lasting for or occurring during one night; occurring or changing extremely quickly or suddenly; happening or being achieved in a short amount of time

ANSWERS: 13. immediately, 14. bomb, 15. importance, 16. vodka, 17. dawn, 18. refugee, 19. dawn, 20. basement, 21. survive, 22. compound, 23. overnight

24. border pa___l *n.* the act of guarding an area or conducting surveillance of an area to maintain order, perform security functions, or prevent crime; a group of officers or soldiers that conducts such an operation
25. s__b in the chest *v.* to cause harm with a sharp, pointed object, such as a knife
26. imm_____ly recall a product *adv.* now or without delay
27. aquatic co_____nd *n.* an item composed of two or more distinct elements combined; a chemical formed by the combination of two or more elements
28. her de_____te screams *adj.* feeling or showing a lack of hope and a willingness to do anything because of the problematic situation
29. a di_____ed veteran *adj.* having a physical or mental condition that limits someone's specific actions that most other people can do
30. e__t a history book *v.* to prepare written material for publication by correcting, condensing, or otherwise modifying it
31. pho_____ph memories *n.* a picture or image that is produced by a camera; a visual representation or record of a person, object, or scene that has been captured electronically or on film
32. sto_____ing performance *n.* the act or art of narrating or writing stories

ANSWERS: 24. patrol, 25. stab, 26. immediately, 27. compound, 28. desperate, 29. disabled, 30. edit, 31. photograph, 32. storytelling

33. ex___e rebellion *v.* to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager
34. ho_____ss at everything *adj.* having no hope; despairing; having no chance of success
35. pa__c buying *n.* a sudden strong feeling of fear that cannot be controlled and prevents reasonable thought and action
36. in_____on behind his decision *n.* something you want to do and are going to do
37. uno_____al statement *adj.* not authorized or recognized by an authority or organization; informal; not having an official status or position
38. t__p an animal *n.* a piece of equipment or hole for catching animals or people; (verb) to catch animals or people and prevent them from escaping
39. eq__p our children with some special skills *v.* to provide a person or a place with the things that are needed for a particular purpose or activity
40. re_____nt population *adj.* able to withstand or recover quickly from difficult conditions
41. victim of a vi_____t crime *adj.* involving or caused by physical force or aggression against someone or something
42. shepherd's h_t *n.* a small, simple, and often crude shelter or dwelling, typically made of natural materials such as wood or mud
43. at___d service *v.* to be present at an event, to go to a place

ANSWERS: 33. excite, 34. hopeless, 35. panic, 36. intention, 37. unofficial, 38. trap, 39. equip, 40. resilient, 41. violent, 42. hut, 43. attend

44. chemical re____on *n.* a response that reveals a person's feelings or attitude; (in chemistry) a process in which one or more substances are changed into others
45. eq__p an army *v.* to provide a person or a place with the things that are needed for a particular purpose or activity
46. inc_____ly cheerful character *adv.* in a way that is very difficult to believe; exceedingly or extremely
47. appeared on_____e *adv.* onto or on a stage in a theater; in front of an audience
48. c_g in the system *n.* a tooth or projection on a gearwheel or sprocket, which transmits force and motion between moving parts; a person who plays a small or subordinate but essential role in an organization or system
49. tu__r at remote sites *n.* a mass of diseased tissue that forms when cells in the body divide and grow in an uncontrolled way
50. missing c_g *n.* a tooth or projection on a gearwheel or sprocket, which transmits force and motion between moving parts; a person who plays a small or subordinate but essential role in an organization or system
51. ov_____ht success *adj.* lasting for or occurring during one night; occurring or changing extremely quickly or suddenly; happening or being achieved in a short amount of time

ANSWERS: 44. reaction, 45. equip, 46. incredibly, 47. onstage, 48. cog, 49. tumor, 50. cog, 51. overnight

52. a l__e house in the field *adj.* solitary or single
53. pu__h a ticket *v.* to strike someone or something with one's fist; to make a hole in something
54. in____e a feeling of curiosity *v.* to make somebody fill with the desire, confidence, or enthusiasm, especially to do something creative
55. four ba____nt floor *n.* a room or a part of a building that is partly or entirely below ground level
56. creep dow____rs *adv.* on or to a lower or ground floor of a building
57. di____e control *n.* a disorder or illness that affects the body or mind, often characterized by specific symptoms or abnormal functioning of organs or systems
58. sta____cs for cancer *n.* the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data
59. trigger a re____on *n.* a response that reveals a person's feelings or attitude; (in chemistry) a process in which one or more substances are changed into others
60. n_g political leaders *v.* to annoy or irritate someone persistently with repeated complaints, requests, or criticism; (noun) an old or over-worked horse
61. di____e prevention *n.* a disorder or illness that affects the body or mind, often characterized by specific symptoms or abnormal functioning of organs or systems

ANSWERS: 52. lone, 53. punch, 54. inspire, 55. basement, 56. downstairs, 57. disease, 58. statistics, 59. reaction, 60. nag, 61. disease

62. sq__t behind a tree *v.* to crouch or sit with one's knees bent and one's heels close to or touching one's buttocks; to occupy a space, usually a place that is not designed for human habitation or use; (noun) a physical exercise that involves holding a position similar to sitting with the knees bent and the thighs parallel to the ground
63. su_____te to death *v.* to die or cause someone to die from lack of air or inability to breathe; to be overwhelmed or constricted by a feeling or situation, such as anxiety or oppression
64. 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
65. a learning dis_____ty *n.* a physical or mental condition that makes it difficult for someone to do some things that other people do
66. vi_____t incident *adj.* involving or caused by physical force or aggression against someone or something
67. wor_____le investment *adj.* having value or benefit; sufficiently important or beneficial to be worthy of time or effort; deserving of attention or consideration
68. the list was ar_____ed alphabetically *v.* to plan, prepare for, and carry out something

ANSWERS: 62. squat, 63. suffocate, 64. planet, 65. disability, 66. violent, 67. worthwhile, 68. arrange

69. go up_____rs to rest *adv.* on or to an upper or highest floor of a building
70. t__k of the clock *n.* a light, sharp, repetitive sound or action; a mark indicating that something is correct or has been done; any of two families of small parasitic arachnids with barbed proboscis
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73. a fa_____ll address *n.* the act of departing politely; an expression of a wish or well-being at parting
74. a breach of pr_____ge *n.* a special right or advantage that only one person or group of people has, usually because they are rich and powerful in a society
75. set a t__p *n.* a piece of equipment or hole for catching animals or people; (verb) to catch animals or people and prevent them from escaping
76. a po_____it painter *n.* a painting, picture; the likeness of a person, especially one showing the face
77. a man of imp_____ce *n.* the quality of being important and worthy of note
78. a pa__c reaction *n.* a sudden strong feeling of fear that cannot be controlled and prevents reasonable thought and action

ANSWERS: 69. upstairs, 70. tick, 71. farewell, 72. incredibly, 73. farewell, 74. privilege, 75. trap, 76. portrait, 77. importance, 78. panic

79. po____it of a well-known figure *n.* a painting, picture; the likeness of a person, especially one showing the face
80. n__k on my hand *n.* a small cut, notch, or indentation in a surface or an edge
81. ar_____e the meeting *v.* to plan, prepare for, and carry out something
82. pho_____ph album *n.* a picture or image that is produced by a camera; a visual representation or record of a person, object, or scene that has been captured electronically or on film
83. a bac_____nd color *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
84. a learning-di_____ed child *adj.* having a physical or mental condition that limits someone's specific actions that most other people can do
85. a l__e flight *adj.* solitary or single
86. t__k fever *n.* a light, sharp, repetitive sound or action; a mark indicating that something is correct or has been done; any of two families of small parasitic arachnids with barbed proboscis
87. clear in_____on *n.* something you want to do and are going to do
88. se___e heat *adj.* extremely serious or bad in feeling, manner, or strict and harsh; extremely strong or vigorous

ANSWERS: 79. portrait, 80. nick, 81. arrange, 82. photograph, 83. background, 84. disabled, 85. lone, 86. tick, 87. intention, 88. severe

89. a re_____ed artist *adj.* famous and respected for great achievements, qualities, etc.
90. get on a so_____x *n.* a makeshift platform or podium, typically one that is improvised in a public place, used for making impromptu speeches or for expressing opinions on various topics; (verb) to express one's opinions or deliver a speech in a passionate, forceful, or assertive manner
91. in_____e him to write a novel *v.* to make somebody fill with the desire, confidence, or enthusiasm, especially to do something creative
92. ob_____s reasons *adj.* easy to see, discover or understand
93. high-functioning au____m *n.* a developmental disorder characterized by difficulties in social interaction, verbal and nonverbal communication
94. ex____e the crowd *v.* to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager
95. n_g about the minor thing *v.* to annoy or irritate someone persistently with repeated complaints, requests, or criticism; (noun) an old or over-worked horse
96. de_____te attempt *adj.* feeling or showing a lack of hope and a willingness to do anything because of the problematic situation
97. e__t a video *v.* to prepare written material for publication by correcting, condensing, or otherwise modifying it

ANSWERS: 89. renowned, 90. soapbox, 91. inspire, 92. obvious, 93. autism, 94. excite, 95. nag, 96. desperate, 97. edit

98. heart ai____t *n.* a slight but often persistent illness
99. de___e on a course of action *v.* to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options
100. decision-making pr____s *n.* a series of actions or operations performed to achieve a particular outcome or goal; a systematic procedure or approach used to accomplish a specific task or objective; a method of treating milk to make it suitable for consumption or use in other dairy products
101. de_____te an area *v.* to wreck a place or an area or cause significant damage
102. translate li_____ly *adv.* in the real or original meaning of a word or phrase; in a literal sense or way; not figuratively
103. so_____x about climate change *n.* a makeshift platform or podium, typically one that is improvised in a public place, used for making impromptu speeches or for expressing opinions on various topics; (verb) to express one's opinions or deliver a speech in a passionate, forceful, or assertive manner
104. s_w with thread *v.* to join, fasten, or repair two pieces of something by putting the thread through them with a needle
105. s__b at the enemy with a knife *v.* to cause harm with a sharp, pointed object, such as a knife

ANSWERS: 98. ailment, 99. decide, 100. process, 101. devastate, 102. literally, 103. soapbox, 104. sew, 105. stab

106. his conclusion was ob____s *adj.* easy to see, discover or understand
107. flavored vo__a *n.* a distilled alcoholic beverage made from fermented grains or potatoes, typically with high alcohol content and little or no added flavoring
108. a n__k on the fender of a car *n.* a small cut, notch, or indentation in a surface or an edge
109. go out of fa____n *n.* a style that is popular at a particular time or place; the state of being popular
110. a prosthetic l__b *n.* an arm and leg of a person or animal
111. re____r approval ratings *v.* to return to a former condition, health, mind, or strength
112. l__b amputation *n.* an arm and leg of a person or animal
113. tu__r growth *n.* a mass of diseased tissue that forms when cells in the body divide and grow in an uncontrolled way
114. bite his tongue li____ly *adv.* in the real or original meaning of a word or phrase; in a literal sense or way; not figuratively
115. a hard and re____nt steel *adj.* able to withstand or recover quickly from difficult conditions
116. walk on____e *adv.* onto or on a stage in a theater; in front of an audience
117. new fa____n trends *n.* a style that is popular at a particular time or place; the state of being popular
118. re____r a loss *v.* to return to a former condition, health, mind, or strength

ANSWERS: 106. obvious, 107. vodka, 108. nick, 109. fashion, 110. limb, 111. recover, 112. limb, 113. tumor, 114. literally, 115. resilient, 116. onstage, 117. fashion, 118. recover

119. de___e a question *v.* to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options
120. he_____ss victims *adj.* unable to take care of oneself or to do things without help
121. the re_____e camp *n.* a displaced person who has crossed national borders and who cannot or is unwilling to return home due to political, religious, or economic reasons or because of a war
122. s_w a button *v.* to join, fasten, or repair two pieces of something by putting the thread through them with a needle
123. au___m spectrum disorder *n.* a developmental disorder characterized by difficulties in social interaction, verbal and nonverbal communication
124. a criminal bac_____nd *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
125. r_t with age *v.* to decay, or cause something to decay, naturally and gradually
126. at___d a meeting *v.* to be present at an event, to go to a place
127. sq__t exercise *v.* to crouch or sit with one's knees bent and one's heels close to or touching one's buttocks; to occupy a space, usually a place that is not designed for human habitation or use; (noun) a physical exercise that involves holding a position similar to sitting with the knees bent and the thighs parallel to the ground

ANSWERS: 119. decide, 120. helpless, 121. refugee, 122. sew, 123. autism, 124. background, 125. rot, 126. attend, 127. squat

128. uno_____al sources *adj.* not authorized or recognized by an authority or organization; informal; not having an official status or position
129. pu__h out numbers *v.* to strike someone or something with one's fist; to make a hole in something
130. escort him dow_____rs *adv.* on or to a lower or ground floor of a building
131. su_____te fire *v.* to die or cause someone to die from lack of air or inability to breathe; to be overwhelmed or constricted by a feeling or situation, such as anxiety or oppression
132. 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
133. he_____ss baby *adj.* unable to take care of oneself or to do things without help
134. pr_____s improvement *n.* a series of actions or operations performed to achieve a particular outcome or goal; a systematic procedure or approach used to accomplish a specific task or objective; a method of treating milk to make it suitable for consumption or use in other dairy products
135. begin to r_t *v.* to decay, or cause something to decay, naturally and gradually
136. a se___e case of pneumonia *adj.* extremely serious or bad in feeling, manner, or strict and harsh; extremely strong or vigorous

ANSWERS: 128. unofficial, 129. punch, 130. downstairs, 131. suffocate, 132. planet, 133. helpless, 134. process, 135. rot, 136. severe

137. pa___l car *n.* the act of guarding an area or conducting surveillance of an area to maintain order, perform security functions, or prevent crime; a group of officers or soldiers that conducts such an operation
138. a dis_____ty pension *n.* a physical or mental condition that makes it difficult for someone to do some things that other people do
139. atomic b__bs *n.* a weapon that explodes and is used to kill or injure people or to cause damage to something
140. live up_____rs *adv.* on or to an upper or highest floor of a building
141. wor_____le endeavor *adj.* having value or benefit; sufficiently important or beneficial to be worthy of time or effort; deserving of attention or consideration
142. ho_____ss situation *adj.* having no hope; despairing; having no chance of success

ANSWERS: 137. patrol, 138. disability, 139. bomb, 140. upstairs, 141. worthwhile, 142. hopeless

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. He was _____ many times with scissors.
v. to cause harm with a sharp, pointed object, such as a knife
2. The doctor diagnosed him with a rare _____ that had no known cure.
n. a disorder or illness that affects the body or mind, often characterized by specific symptoms or abnormal functioning of organs or systems
3. In the Middle Ages, the right to hunt in the wild was the _____ of royalty and nobility.
n. a special right or advantage that only one person or group of people has, usually because they are rich and powerful in a society
4. People can _____ from a lack of oxygen in confined spaces.
v. to die or cause someone to die from lack of air or inability to breathe; to be overwhelmed or constricted by a feeling or situation, such as anxiety or oppression
5. That style is no longer in _____.
n. a style that is popular at a particular time or place; the state of being popular
6. There are _____ differences between the two wine-producing regions.
adj. easy to see, discover or understand
7. There is no cure for _____ but early intervention and therapy can improve outcomes for individuals with the condition.
n. a developmental disorder characterized by difficulties in social interaction, verbal and nonverbal communication

ANSWERS: 1. stabbed, 2. disease, 3. privilege, 4. suffocate, 5. fashion, 6. obvious, 7. autism,

8. The use of cluster _____ is strictly prohibited by international law.
n. a weapon that explodes and is used to kill or injure people or to cause damage to something
9. A suspension order from the court is effective _____.
adv. now or without delay
10. After months of job searching, he felt _____ and unsure of his future.
adj. having no hope; despairing; having no chance of success
11. This area is _____ for its hot springs.
adj. famous and respected for great achievements, qualities, etc.
12. 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
13. The enemy fell right into the _____.
n. a piece of equipment or hole for catching animals or people; (verb) to catch animals or people and prevent them from escaping
14. She is still _____ from a shot to her shoulder.
v. to return to a former condition, health, mind, or strength
15. The _____ for applying for a visa can be lengthy and complicated.
n. a series of actions or operations performed to achieve a particular outcome or goal; a systematic procedure or approach used to accomplish a specific task or objective; a method of treating milk to make it suitable for consumption or use in other dairy products

ANSWERS: 8. bombs, 9. immediately, 10. hopeless, 11. renowned, 12. background, 13. trap, 14. recovering, 15. process

16. My mother taught me how to ____.

- v.* to join, fasten, or repair two pieces of something by putting the thread through them with a needle

17. The news of her promotion _____ her.

- v.* to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager

18. There was a chemical _____ of the lime with the groundwater.

- n.* a response that reveals a person's feelings or attitude; (in chemistry) a process in which one or more substances are changed into others

19. One bad apple spoils the whole _____.

- n.* a grouping of several similar things which are growing or fastened together

20. The ____ in the machine broke down, causing a delay in production.

- n.* a tooth or projection on a gearwheel or sprocket, which transmits force and motion between moving parts; a person who plays a small or subordinate but essential role in an organization or system

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

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

22. The protesters became _____ when the police tried to disperse them.

- adj.* involving or caused by physical force or aggression against someone or something

23. I need to _____ plans with him for the celebration.

- v.* to plan, prepare for, and carry out something

ANSWERS: 16. sew, 17. excited, 18. reaction, 19. bunch, 20. cog, 21. onstage, 22. violent, 23. arrange

24. I ordered a _____ tonic at the bar.

- n.* a distilled alcoholic beverage made from fermented grains or potatoes, typically with high alcohol content and little or no added flavoring

25. He got timely treatment for his physical _____ of severe back pain.

- n.* a slight but often persistent illness

26. Our CEO's _____ are always transparent and straightforward.

- n.* something you want to do and are going to do

27. The participation of oil-producing countries in the war caused _____ in the financial markets.

- n.* a sudden strong feeling of fear that cannot be controlled and prevents reasonable thought and action

28. The _____ package delivery arrived at my door this morning.

- adj.* lasting for or occurring during one night; occurring or changing extremely quickly or suddenly; happening or being achieved in a short amount of time

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

- n.* the quality of being important and worthy of note

30. The senator received _____ criticism from his opponent.

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

31. The highway _____ officer pulled over the speeding vehicle on the freeway.

- n.* the act of guarding an area or conducting surveillance of an area to maintain order, perform security functions, or prevent crime; a group of officers or soldiers that conducts such an operation

ANSWERS: 24. vodka, 25. ailment, 26. intentions, 27. panic, 28. overnight, 29. importance, 30. severe, 31. patrol

32. I found an old _____ of my grandparents from their wedding day.
- n.* a picture or image that is produced by a camera; a visual representation or record of a person, object, or scene that has been captured electronically or on film
33. You should wrap the bandage carefully and firmly around the injured _____.
- n.* an arm and leg of a person or animal
34. The interviewer arrived in a _____ of time.
- n.* a small cut, notch, or indentation in a surface or an edge
35. Listening to music at a high volume may lead to a hearing _____.
- n.* a physical or mental condition that makes it difficult for someone to do some things that other people do
36. Several cities are experiencing _____ high unemployment rates.
- adv.* in a way that is very difficult to believe; exceedingly or extremely
37. I always put a _____ mark next to the items on my grocery list after buying them.
- n.* a light, sharp, repetitive sound or action; a mark indicating that something is correct or has been done; any of two families of small parasitic arachnids with barbed proboscis
38. The politician climbed onto his _____ and began his campaign speech.
- n.* a makeshift platform or podium, typically one that is improvised in a public place, used for making impromptu speeches or for expressing opinions on various topics; (verb) to express one's opinions or deliver a speech in a passionate, forceful, or assertive manner
39. Please get the desk _____.
- adv.* on or to a lower or ground floor of a building

ANSWERS: 32. photograph, 33. limb, 34. nick, 35. disability, 36. incredibly, 37. tick, 38. soapbox, 39. downstairs

40. Please refrigerate the meat, or it will ____.

v. to decay, or cause something to decay, naturally and gradually

41. The ____ traveler walked along the deserted road.

adj. solitary or single

42. The election commission did not yet confirm the _____ results of the election.

adj. not authorized or recognized by an authority or organization; informal; not having an official status or position

43. She was skilled in _____ techniques, such as using different voices for other characters.

n. the act or art of narrating or writing stories

44. I heard a noise _____.

adv. on or to an upper or highest floor of a building

45. The little girl lived in a small ____ in the woods with her family.

n. a small, simple, and often crude shelter or dwelling, typically made of natural materials such as wood or mud

46. I feel so _____ without you.

adj. unable to take care of oneself or to do things without help

47. The unique style of this martial arts _____ many action film producers.

v. to make somebody fill with the desire, confidence, or enthusiasm, especially to do something creative

ANSWERS: 40. rot, 41. lone, 42. unofficial, 43. storytelling, 44. upstairs, 45. hut, 46. helpless, 47. inspired

48. I need to _____ this document before submitting it to my boss.
- v.* to prepare written material for publication by correcting, condensing, or otherwise modifying it
49. We must _____ to this matter.
- v.* to be present at an event, to go to a place
50. 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
51. She is a _____ person and has always bounced back from setbacks.
- adj.* able to withstand or recover quickly from difficult conditions
52. The construction company _____ the building with an earthquake-resistant device.
- v.* to provide a person or a place with the things that are needed for a particular purpose or activity
53. The _____ demonstrate that poverty and unemployment are genuine problems.
- n.* the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data
54. Underground rivers flow over a _____ layer that is impervious to water.
- n.* a room or a part of a building that is partly or entirely below ground level
55. She couldn't _____ whether to order the pizza or the pasta for dinner.
- v.* to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options

ANSWERS: 48. edit, 49. attend, 50. planet, 51. resilient, 52. equipped, 53. statistics, 54. basement, 55. decide

56. There is his _____ party tomorrow.

n. the act of departing politely; an expression of a wish or well-being at parting

57. He _____ the wall in anger.

v. to strike someone or something with one's fist; to make a hole in something

58. She couldn't stop _____ her husband to take out the trash.

v. to annoy or irritate someone persistently with repeated complaints, requests, or criticism; (noun) an old or over-worked horse

59. Volunteering for a _____ cause is important for building a sense of community.

adj. having value or benefit; sufficiently important or beneficial to be worthy of time or effort; deserving of attention or consideration

60. The community warmly welcomed the _____.

n. a displaced person who has crossed national borders and who cannot or is unwilling to return home due to political, religious, or economic reasons or because of a war

61. The patient was diagnosed with a _____ in her lung.

n. a mass of diseased tissue that forms when cells in the body divide and grow in an uncontrolled way

62. Who answers _____ knows little.

adv. quickly and unexpectedly

63. Earthquakes can also trigger tsunamis, which _____ coastal areas.

v. to wreck a place or an area or cause significant damage

ANSWERS: 56. farewell, 57. punched, 58. nagging, 59. worthwhile, 60. refugees, 61. tumor, 62. suddenly, 63. devastate

64. These birds can only _____ in temperate climates.

v. to live or exist despite a dangerous event or period

65. He _____ jumped out of his chair when he heard the news.

adv. in the real or original meaning of a word or phrase; in a literal sense or way; not figuratively

66. I need to _____ down to pick up the pen from the floor.

v. to crouch or sit with one's knees bent and one's heels close to or touching one's buttocks; to occupy a space, usually a place that is not designed for human habitation or use; (noun) a physical exercise that involves holding a position similar to sitting with the knees bent and the thighs parallel to the ground

67. She was _____ in a car accident.

adj. having a physical or mental condition that limits someone's specific actions that most other people can do

68. Missile assaults on the capital continued around _____.

n. the time of day when the sun's light starts to show in the sky

69. A well-known artist painted this lovely lady's _____.

n. a painting, picture; the likeness of a person, especially one showing the face

70. Common salt is a sodium and chlorine _____.

n. an item composed of two or more distinct elements combined; a chemical formed by the combination of two or more elements

71. He was _____ when he lost all his money by gambling.

adj. feeling or showing a lack of hope and a willingness to do anything because of the problematic situation

ANSWERS: 64. survive, 65. literally, 66. squat, 67. disabled, 68. dawn, 69. portrait, 70. compound, 71. desperate

ANSWERS: