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Session 1: Word List

documentary

n. a film or a radio or television program that gives facts and information about a subject; of or derived from official documents

synonym: film, broadcast, doco

(1) a **documentary** film, (2) **documentary** proof

He won an award for that short **documentary**.

improvisation

n. the act of making something up on the spot or creating or performing something without preparation

synonym: spontaneity, ad-lib, extemporization

(1) **improvisation** on stage, (2) jazz **improvisation**

He created a beautiful piece of music using only **improvisation**.

well-being

n. the state of being happy and healthy and prosperous

synonym: health, welfare, happiness

(1) the **well-being** of a nation, (2) a sense of **well-being**

We are responsible for the care and **well-being** of all our employees.

pursue

v. to do something or attempt to attain something over time; to follow or seek someone or something, especially in trying to catch them

synonym : seek, hunt, chase

(1) **pursue** a goal, (2) **pursue** freedoms

She intends to **pursue** a political career.

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.

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**.

sabbatical

n. a period of leave granted to a person for rest, travel, or other pursuits, often in academia or other professions

synonym : leave, vacation, break

(1) **sabbatical** leave, (2) **sabbatical** year

After ten years of teaching, she took a **sabbatical** to travel the world.

funk

n. a feeling of sadness or depression; a low or unenergetic mood; a type of music that combines jazz, soul, and R and B

synonym : melancholy, depression, gloom

(1) **funk** music, (2) get in a **funk**

When she heard about her friend's illness, she fell into a deep **funk** that lasted for days.

feminine

adj. relating to women; having the features or appearance often associated with women

synonym : womanly, womanlike, femalelike

(1) add a **feminine** touch, (2) the sacred **feminine**

The dress mixes sophisticated lines with an appealing floral

design for a classically **feminine** style.

employ

v. to give somebody a job and pay them for it; to make use of

synonym: hire, engage, use

(1) **employ** job seekers, (2) **employ** a new method

When making arrests, police officers frequently **employ** excessive force.

studio

n. a room or building where creative or artistic work is produced; a television or radio production company

synonym: workshop, atelier, room

(1) a photo **studio**, (2) music **studio**

She works at a recording **studio** in Los Angeles.

suppose

v. to think that something is likely to be actual or possible

synonym: guess, assume, presume

(1) **suppose** you're right, (2) **suppose** beforehand

What do you **suppose** the culprit's motive was?

separate

v. to force, take, or pull apart; mark as different

synonym: disunite, isolate, ramify

(1) **separate** video into chapter, (2) **separate** cream from milk

We need to **separate** the aspect of his personality from the part of his competence when making an investment decision.

prop

n. a piece of wood, metal, etc., placed beneath or against something to support it or keep it in position; a system, institution, or person that gives help or support to someone or something

synonym: support, buttress, column

(1) emotional **prop**, (2) **prop** stick

We have finally lost our last **prop**.

serif

n. a small decorative stroke or design element added to the ends of the main strokes of a letter or other

character in certain typefaces, often used to enhance legibility or create a specific style

synonym : finial, tail, extension

(1) **serif** font, (2) **serif** typeface

The book designer chose a font with an elegant **serif** to enhance readability.

deem

v. to consider or decide something in a particular way

synonym : believe, consider, suppose

(1) **deem** socially responsible, (2) **deem** wrong or inappropriate

Regarding earthquakes, some commercial buildings were **deemed** unsafe.

valley

n. a long depression on the surface of the land, which typically contains a river

synonym : canyon, gorge, dale

(1) **valley** bottom, (2) basin-shaped **valley**

The **valley** had received a mild snowfall the previous week.

survey

n. an investigation of the opinions, behavior, etc. of a particular group of people, made by asking people questions

synonym : study, examination, poll

(1) a comprehensive **survey**, (2) recent **survey**

That **survey** shows that people are accepting the tax increase to some extent.

overview

n. a general description or summary of a subject

synonym : outline, summary, recap

(1) give an **overview**, (2) **overview** of recent trends

A well-known analyst described the market **overview** in the morning session.

climate

n. the weather in a particular location averaged over some long period

synonym : atmosphere, weather, environment

(1) a cold **climate**, (2) effects of **climate** change

Climate and weather have an impact on every part of our lifestyles.

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.

buffalo

n. a large wild ox with shaggy hair found in Asia and North America

synonym : bison, ox, beefalo

(1) **buffalo** horn, (2) **buffalo** steak

The **buffalo** roam freely in the plains of North America.

buck

n. a male deer; a unit of currency, especially the US dollar; a sudden jolt or movement; a young man; (verb) to resist or oppose something, such as an authority, trend, or convention

synonym : dollar, money, currency

(1) **buck** the trend, (2) extra **buck**

I spotted a majestic **buck** with large antlers standing at the forest's edge.

salary

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

synonym : compensation, earnings, pay

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

What are your annual **salary** expectations?

influence

n. the ability to affect someone's or something's character, growth, or behavior, or the effect itself

synonym : power, leverage, effect

(1) **influence** a child's future, (2) **influence** the daily life

The former emperor had a particular **influence** even after he abdicated.

ugly

adj. unattractive in appearance; unpleasant to look at

synonym : unattractive, unsightly, repulsive

(1) an **ugly** sound, (2) **ugly** building

The **ugly** truth was that he had been lying to her for months.

whatsoever

adv. not at all; no matter what

synonym : in any way, at all, in any respect

(1) **whatsoever** it be, (2) without impact **whatsoever**

He refused to do anything **whatsoever** to help her.

adapt

v. to make fit for or change to suit a new purpose or environment

synonym : adjust, acclimate, accustom

(1) **adapt** fully to the environment, (2) **adapt** as needed

I advised him to **adapt** to his new surroundings.

fellow

adj. someone who has the same job or interests as you, or is in the same class, profession, or situation as you

synonym : buddy, mate, affiliate

(1) junior **fellow**, (2) nice **fellow**

He is the kind of **fellow** who only works for his success.

analogy

n. a comparison between similar things that have similar aspects, often used to help explain a principle or concept

synonym : metaphor, comparison, parallel

(1) draw **analogy**, (2) historical **analogy**

Some kinds of machine learning models show an **analogy** to how people learn.

conscious

adj. being aware of and able to respond to what is happening around you

synonym : aware, cognizant, deliberate

(1) **conscious** effort, (2) **conscious** of having succeeded
He became **conscious** that he was being followed.

unconscious

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

synonym: comatose, paralyzed, senseless

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

rider

n. a clause, amendment, or stipulation added to a legal document or bill; a person who rides on or operates a vehicle or animal; a person who travels a specified distance on horseback to deliver a message

synonym: passenger, commuter, traveler

(1) a motorcycle **rider**, (2) **rider** to a bill
The horse **rider** won first place in the equestrian competition.

giant

adj. enormous; much bigger or more important than similar items usually are

synonym: big, gigantic, huge

(1) **giant** trees, (2) **giant** tech company
The **giant** jets gradually dominate the world's airlines.

decision

n. the act or process of making up someone's mind about something; a choice or judgment reached after considering options

synonym: choice, determination, judgment

(1) **decision** authority, (2) a selfish **decision**
She was struggling to make a **decision** between two job offers.

profession

n. an occupation or vocation requiring advanced education or specialized training

synonym: occupation, vocation, trade

(1) **profession** choice, (2) healthcare **profession**

Being a doctor is considered a highly respected **profession**.

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.

dentist

n. a person who is qualified and licensed to treat people's teeth

synonym: oral surgeon, orthodontist, periodontist

(1) a **dentist's** office, (2) consult a **dentist**

I am going to the family **dentist** to get my teeth cleaned.

jack

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

synonym: lever, crank, wrench

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

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

den

n. a wild animal's lair or hiding places, such as a fox or bear

synonym: lair, burrow, nest

(1) gambling **den**, (2) bear **den**

The fox had dug a **den** in the side of the hill, where it could rest and hide from predators.

viable

adj. capable of being done as intended; able to succeed

synonym: feasible, possible, attainable

(1) achieve a **viable** relationship, (2) develop a **viable** therapy

Male gorillas with good drumming skills are more **viable**.

ridiculous

adj. very silly or unreasonable and deserving to be laughed at

synonym: absurd, fatuous, foolish

(1) a **ridiculous** amount of money, (2) a **ridiculous** suggestion

Everyone regarded the theory he advocated as **ridiculous** but was later proven correct.

deadline

n. a date or period by which something must be done
synonym: time limit, period

(1) transfer **deadline** day, (2) the **deadline** for applications
No matter what, we must have this done before the **deadline**.

drift

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

synonym: float, wander, freewheel

(1) **drift** down the stream, (2) **drift** away on a raft
I **drifted** around for years in Europe before going to university.

doe

n. a mature female of mammals of which the male is called a buck, such as a deer or a rabbit

synonym: rabbit, bunny, hare

(1) **doe** rabbit, (2) buck and **doe**

Hunters use a whistle that makes the **doe** sound to lure stags.

manufacture

v. to make goods in large numbers, usually in a factory using machines

synonym: create, fabricate, assemble

(1) **manufacture** an enzyme, (2) **manufacture** a product
The majority of synthetic vitamins are **manufactured** from oil.

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.

consciously

adv. with awareness; in a deliberate manner

synonym : intentionally, deliberately, knowingly

(1) **consciously** aware of a problem, (2) act **consciously**

He **consciously** criticizes her in the publicity.

incredible

adj. unbelievable; enormous

synonym : unbelievable, fantastical, inconceivable

(1) **incredible** amount, (2) at **incredible** speed

Her response revealed **incredible** idiocy.

technique

n. a particular way or art of doing something that needs skill

synonym : approach, procedure, strategy

(1) a **technique** in martial arts, (2) the **technique** applied to construction

Jockey's superior **technique** brought him victory.

straightforward

adj. easy to do or understand, or simple; free from ambiguity

synonym : honest, candid, forthright

(1) **straightforward** manner, (2) make a **straightforward** dash

The defendant gave a **straightforward** and accurate description of the accident.

adaptation

n. the action or process of changing to suit different conditions

synonym : adaption, adjustment, transformation

(1) **adaptation** ability, (2) language **adaptation**

The company's **adaptation** approach has been highly effective.

charity

n. an organization that helps people in need, especially by providing food, shelter, or money; a kindly and

sympathetic attitude toward people

synonym : philanthropy, benevolence, generosity

(1) **charity** work, (2) ask **charity**

She volunteers at a local **charity** every weekend to help those in need.

highway

n. a main road, especially one connecting major towns or cities

synonym : road, expressway, freeway

(1) **highway** system, (2) an interstate **highway**

I'm going to take the **highway** to get to my destination faster.

overpass

n. a bridge or elevated roadway that passes over a road, railway, or other obstruction, typically designed to improve traffic flow by allowing vehicles to pass over or bypass an obstacle

synonym : bridge, flyover, viaduct

(1) **overpass** bridge, (2) steel **overpass**

The **overpass** over the busy highway made getting to the other side much easier without waiting in traffic.

animation

n. the technique of photographing successive drawings or positions of puppets or models to create an illusion of movement when the film is shown as a sequence; enthusiasm and energy in the way you look or behave

synonym : motion, movement, liveliness

(1) **animation** studio, (2) **animation** film

The **animation** of the characters in the movie was so realistic, and it was as if they were there.

sideshow

n. a minor attraction or exhibit in a circus, fair, or amusement park that supplements the main entertainment

synonym : side attraction

(1) **sideshow** performer, (2) carnival **sideshow**

The circus **sideshow** featured a bearded lady and a human

cannonball.

lenticular

adj. having the shape or form of a lens or lentil; flat and usually circular with rounded edges, often referring to cloud formations that resemble lenses or smooth, saucer-like objects

synonym: lens-shaped, saucer-shaped, disk-shaped

(1) **lenticular** animation, (2) **lenticular** lens

The hiker witnessed a beautiful display of **lenticular** clouds forming over the mountain peaks.

foil

n. a thin and flexible sheet of metal, such as aluminum, used for wrapping or covering items; a literary device in which a character's actions or words are used to contrast or highlight the actions or words of another character; (verb) to prevent someone from succeeding in their plans or actions

synonym: enhancer, transparency, (verb) curb

(1) aluminum **foil**, (2) **foil** a terror plot

The baker covered the cake with **foil** to prevent it from burning in the oven.

visible

adj. capable of being seen; or open to easy view

synonym: clear, observable, seeable

(1) **visible** stars, (2) **visible** by X-ray

My home is easily **visible** from the shore.

deceased

adj. no longer alive; dead

synonym: dead, defunct, expired

(1) **deceased** loved one, (2) **deceased** relative

The **deceased** person's family was notified of their passing.

germ

n. a very tiny living that causes the disease; a piece of something such as an organism, concept, etc., capable of growing into a new one or part of one

synonym: bacterium, microbe, pathogen

(1) antibiotic-resistant **germ**, (2) a **germ-free** environment

The **germ** of his idea came from watching birds flying in flocks.

widow

n. a woman whose spouse has died and who has not remarried

synonym : bereaved

(1) **widow** pension, (2) a war **widow**

She became a **widow** after her husband passed away.

requirement

n. something that is needed or wanted

synonym : prerequisite, provision, condition

(1) meet **requirement**, (2) school **requirement**

What is the entry **requirement** for this course?

unbelievable

adj. beyond belief or understanding and extremely surprising

synonym : unimaginable, incredible, fantastical

(1) **unbelievable** beauty, (2) cause **unbelievable** damage

He drinks an **unbelievable** amount of beer.

traction

n. the action or ability to pull something along a surface without sliding

synonym : pulling, friction, suction

(1) increase **traction** on ice, (2) electronic **traction**

His leg was in **traction** for weeks after the accident.

quest

n. a long or challenging search for something

synonym : exploration, inquisition, pursuit

(1) the **quest** for truth, (2) on a **quest** for happiness

That adventurer traveled in **quest** of buried treasure.

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.

typography

n. the art or process of printing with type; the design, layout, and arrangement of printed material, including text and images

synonym: printing, typesetting, font design

(1) **typography** skills, (2) **typography** layout

I love the bold **typography** used in this book's chapter heading.

movement

n. a group of people working together to achieve a shared goal, especially a political, social, or artistic one; the process of moving or being moved, physically or figuratively

synonym: motion, progression, action

(1) a circular **movement**, (2) **movement** of troops

The **movement** of the dancers on stage was graceful and elegant.

develop

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

synonym: evolve, progress, advance

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

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

intriguing

adj. arousing curiosity or interest, often due to a mysterious or complex quality; fascinating or captivating

synonym: fascinating, captivating, arresting

(1) **intriguing** concept, (2) **intriguing** character

The novel's plot was **intriguing** and kept readers in their seats.

sentimental

adj. connected with or resulting from someone's emotions, rather than reason or realism

synonym: bathetic, drippy, maudlin

(1) in a **sentimental** mood, (2) **sentimental** damage

Stop being **sentimental** and always speak the truth.

origin

n. the first existence or beginning of something

synonym: root, source, ancestor

(1) **origin** of information, (2) racial **origin**

There are various hypotheses concerning the **origin** of life.

Session 2: Spelling

1. an_____on film
n. the technique of photographing successive drawings or positions of puppets or models to create an illusion of movement when the film is shown as a sequence; enthusiasm and energy in the way you look or behave
2. sa____y after taxes
n. a fixed amount of money that employees, especially those who work in an office, receive for doing their job, usually paid every month
3. buck and d_e
n. a mature female of mammals of which the male is called a buck, such as a deer or a rabbit
4. de_____ed relative
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5. a j__k of all trades
n. a mechanical device used for lifting or supporting heavy objects
6. vi_____e stars
adj. capable of being seen; or open to easy view
7. make a str_____ard dash
adj. easy to do or understand, or simple; free from ambiguity
8. the wel_____ng of a nation
n. the state of being happy and healthy and prosperous
9. or____n of information
n. the first existence or beginning of something
10. sab_____al year
n. a period of leave granted to a person for rest, travel, or other pursuits, often in academia or other professions

ANSWERS: 1. animation, 2. salary, 3. doe, 4. deceased, 5. jack, 6. visible, 7. straightforward, 8. well-being, 9. origin, 10. sabbatical

11. consult a de____t *n.* a person who is qualified and licensed to treat people's teeth
12. a motorcycle ri__r *n.* a clause, amendment, or stipulation added to a legal document or bill; a person who rides on or operates a vehicle or animal; a person who travels a specified distance on horseback to deliver a message
13. man_____re an enzyme *v.* to make goods in large numbers, usually in a factory using machines
14. cause unb_____ble damage *adj.* beyond belief or understanding and extremely surprising
15. an u__y sound *adj.* unattractive in appearance; unpleasant to look at
16. em___y a new method *v.* to give somebody a job and pay them for it; to make use of
17. ty_____l leader *adj.* having the usual characteristics or traits of a specific group of things
18. nice fe___w *adj.* someone who has the same job or interests as you, or is in the same class, profession, or situation as you
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21. de___e a question *v.* to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options

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25. a circular mo_____nt *n.* a group of people working together to achieve a shared goal, especially a political, social, or artistic one; the process of moving or being moved, physically or figuratively
26. 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
27. an interstate hi_____y *n.* a main road, especially one connecting major towns or cities
28. a g__m-free environment *n.* a very tiny living that causes the disease; a piece of something such as an organism, concept, etc., capable of growing into a new one or part of one
29. ri__r to a bill *n.* a clause, amendment, or stipulation added to a legal document or bill; a person who rides on or operates a vehicle or animal; a person who travels a specified distance on horseback to deliver a message

ANSWERS: 22. technique, 23. serif, 24. involve, 25. movement, 26. stick, 27. highway, 28. germ, 29. rider

30. pu___e a goal *v.* to do something or attempt to attain something over time; to follow or seek someone or something, especially in trying to catch them
31. sen_____al damage *adj.* connected with or resulting from someone's emotions, rather than reason or realism
32. go out of fa_____n *n.* a style that is popular at a particular time or place; the state of being popular
33. a person who is unc_____us *adj.* in the state of lacking awareness and the capacity for sensory perception, especially as the result of a head injury or illness
34. a doc_____ry film *n.* a film or a radio or television program that gives facts and information about a subject; of or derived from official documents
35. con_____ly aware of a problem *adv.* with awareness; in a deliberate manner
36. add a fe_____ne touch *adj.* relating to women; having the features or appearance often associated with women
37. len_____ar lens *adj.* having the shape or form of a lens or lentil; flat and usually circular with rounded edges, often referring to cloud formations that resemble lenses or smooth, saucer-like objects
38. co_____us of having succeeded *adj.* being aware of and able to respond to what is happening around you
39. p__p stick *n.* a piece of wood, metal, etc., placed beneath or against something to support it or keep it in position; a system, institution, or person that gives help or support to someone or something

ANSWERS: 30. pursue, 31. sentimental, 32. fashion, 33. unconscious, 34. documentary, 35. consciously, 36. feminine, 37. lenticular, 38. conscious, 39. prop

40. doc_____ry proof *n.* a film or a radio or television program that gives facts and information about a subject; of or derived from official documents
41. a selfish de_____on *n.* the act or process of making up someone's mind about something; a choice or judgment reached after considering options
42. a de_____t's office *n.* a person who is qualified and licensed to treat people's teeth
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ANSWERS: 40. documentary, 41. decision, 42. dentist, 43. buffalo, 44. unbelievable, 45. manufacture, 46. ridiculous, 47. decision, 48. funk, 49. giant, 50. salary

51. at inc_____le speed *adj.* unbelievable; enormous
52. jazz imp_____ion *n.* the act of making something up on the spot or creating or performing something without preparation
53. music st____o *n.* a room or building where creative or artistic work is produced; a television or radio production company
54. transfer de_____ne day *n.* a date or period by which something must be done
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61. se__f font *n.* a small decorative stroke or design element added to the ends of the main strokes of a letter or other character in certain typefaces, often used to enhance legibility or create a specific style

ANSWERS: 51. incredible, 52. improvisation, 53. studio, 54. deadline, 55. intriguing, 56. giant, 57. buffalo, 58. visible, 59. pursue, 60. climate, 61. serif

62. racial or ___n *n.* the first existence or beginning of something
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68. steel ov _____ ss *n.* a bridge or elevated roadway that passes over a road, railway, or other obstruction, typically designed to improve traffic flow by allowing vehicles to pass over or bypass an obstacle
69. act con _____ ly *adv.* with awareness; in a deliberate manner
70. the te _____ ue applied to construction *n.* a particular way or art of doing something that needs skill
71. on a qu __t for happiness *n.* a long or challenging search for something
72. antibiotic-resistant g __m *n.* a very tiny living that causes the disease; a piece of something such as an organism, concept, etc., capable of growing into a new one or part of one

ANSWERS: 62. origin, 63. adaptation, 64. survey, 65. requirement, 66. drift, 67. sentimental, 68. overpass, 69. consciously, 70. technique, 71. quest, 72. germ

73. ov____ss bridge *n.* a bridge or elevated roadway that passes over a road, railway, or other obstruction, typically designed to improve traffic flow by allowing vehicles to pass over or bypass an obstacle
74. si____ow performer *n.* a minor attraction or exhibit in a circus, fair, or amusement park that supplements the main entertainment
75. aluminum f__l *n.* a thin and flexible sheet of metal, such as aluminum, used for wrapping or covering items; a literary device in which a character's actions or words are used to contrast or highlight the actions or words of another character; (verb) to prevent someone from succeeding in their plans or actions
76. an____on studio *n.* the technique of photographing successive drawings or positions of puppets or models to create an illusion of movement when the film is shown as a sequence; enthusiasm and energy in the way you look or behave
77. sab____al leave *n.* a period of leave granted to a person for rest, travel, or other pursuits, often in academia or other professions
78. u__y building *adj.* unattractive in appearance; unpleasant to look at
79. de____ed loved one *adj.* no longer alive; dead
80. a line-in j__k *n.* a mechanical device used for lifting or supporting heavy objects

ANSWERS: 73. overpass, 74. sideshow, 75. foil, 76. animation, 77. sabbatical, 78. ugly, 79. deceased, 80. jack

81. in_____ce a child's future *n.* the ability to affect someone's or something's character, growth, or behavior, or the effect itself
82. a rid_____us amount of money *adj.* very silly or unreasonable and deserving to be laughed at
83. historical an_____y *n.* a comparison between similar things that have similar aspects, often used to help explain a principle or concept
84. de_____p a strategy *v.* to grow or expand; to improve or refine through a process of progress and refinement, often to achieve greater sophistication or complexity; to elaborate or add detail to something that is in the process of being created
85. new fa_____n trends *n.* a style that is popular at a particular time or place; the state of being popular
86. wha_____er it be *adv.* not at all; no matter what
87. co_____us effort *adj.* being aware of and able to respond to what is happening around you
88. bear d_n *n.* a wild animal's lair or hiding places, such as a fox or bear
89. junior fe____w *adj.* someone who has the same job or interests as you, or is in the same class, profession, or situation as you
90. gambling d_n *n.* a wild animal's lair or hiding places, such as a fox or bear
91. the de_____ne for applications *n.* a date or period by which something must be done

ANSWERS: 81. influence, 82. ridiculous, 83. analogy, 84. develop, 85. fashion, 86. whatsoever, 87. conscious, 88. den, 89. fellow, 90. den, 91. deadline

92. ad__t fully to the environment *v.* to make fit for or change to suit a new purpose or environment
93. pro_____on choice *n.* an occupation or vocation requiring advanced education or specialized training
94. ask ch_____y *n.* an organization that helps people in need, especially by providing food, shelter, or money; a kindly and sympathetic attitude toward people
95. f__l a terror plot *n.* a thin and flexible sheet of metal, such as aluminum, used for wrapping or covering items; a literary device in which a character's actions or words are used to contrast or highlight the actions or words of another character; (*v.*) to prevent someone from succeeding in their plans or actions
96. len_____ar animation *adj.* having the shape or form of a lens or lentil; flat and usually circular with rounded edges, often referring to cloud formations that resemble lenses or smooth, saucer-like objects
97. a photo st___o *n.* a room or building where creative or artistic work is produced; a television or radio production company
98. d__m wrong or inappropriate *v.* to consider or decide something in a particular way
99. extra b__k *n.* a male deer; a unit of currency, especially the US dollar; a sudden jolt or movement; a young man; (*v.*) to resist or oppose something, such as an authority, trend, or convention

ANSWERS: 92. adapt, 93. profession, 94. charity, 95. foil, 96. lenticular, 97. studio, 98. deem, 99. buck

100. b__k the trend *n.* a male deer; a unit of currency, especially the US dollar; a sudden jolt or movement; a young man; (verb) to resist or oppose something, such as an authority, trend, or convention
101. mo_____nt of troops *n.* a group of people working together to achieve a shared goal, especially a political, social, or artistic one; the process of moving or being moved, physically or figuratively
102. effects of cl_____e change *n.* the weather in a particular location averaged over some long period
103. carnival si_____ow *n.* a minor attraction or exhibit in a circus, fair, or amusement park that supplements the main entertainment
104. de_____p a skill *v.* to grow or expand; to improve or refine through a process of progress and refinement, often to achieve greater sophistication or complexity; to elaborate or add detail to something that is in the process of being created
105. in_____ce the daily life *n.* the ability to affect someone's or something's character, growth, or behavior, or the effect itself
106. language ada_____on *n.* the action or process of changing to suit different conditions
107. in_____e a lot of paperwork *v.* to include or affect someone or something as a necessary part of something else
108. se_____te cream from milk *v.* to force, take, or pull apart; mark as different

ANSWERS: 100. buck, 101. movement, 102. climate, 103. sideshow, 104. develop, 105. influence, 106. adaptation, 107. involve, 108. separate

109. 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
110. draw an____y *n.* a comparison between similar things that have similar aspects, often used to help explain a principle or concept
111. emotional p__p *n.* a piece of wood, metal, etc., placed beneath or against something to support it or keep it in position; a system, institution, or person that gives help or support to someone or something
112. int_____ng character *adj.* arousing curiosity or interest, often due to a mysterious or complex quality; fascinating or captivating
113. wi__w pension *n.* a woman whose spouse has died and who has not remarried
114. dr__t down the stream *v.* to move smoothly and slowly in water or air, especially as a result of outside forces, with no control over the direction
115. without impact wha_____er *adv.* not at all; no matter what
116. a sense of wel_____ng *n.* the state of being happy and healthy and prosperous
117. su_____e beforehand *v.* to think that something is likely to be actual or possible
118. hi_____y system *n.* a main road, especially one connecting major towns or cities
119. ov_____ew of recent trends *n.* a general description or summary of a subject

ANSWERS: 109. decide, 110. analogy, 111. prop, 112. intriguing, 113. widow, 114. drift, 115. whatsoever, 116. well-being, 117. suppose, 118. highway, 119. overview

120. achieve a vi___e relationship *adj.* capable of being done as intended; able to succeed
121. str_____ard manner *adj.* easy to do or understand, or simple; free from ambiguity
122. d_e rabbit *n.* a mature female of mammals of which the male is called a buck, such as a deer or a rabbit
123. official sta_____cs *n.* the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data
124. 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
125. typ_____hy skills *n.* the art or process of printing with type; the design, layout, and arrangement of printed material, including text and images
126. se_____te video into chapter *v.* to force, take, or pull apart; mark as different
127. typ_____hy layout *n.* the art or process of printing with type; the design, layout, and arrangement of printed material, including text and images
128. give an ov_____ew *n.* a general description or summary of a subject
129. em___y job seekers *v.* to give somebody a job and pay them for it; to make use of

ANSWERS: 120. viable, 121. straightforward, 122. doe, 123. statistics, 124. stick, 125. typography, 126. separate, 127. typography, 128. overview, 129. employ

130. sta_____cs for cancer *n.* the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data
131. increase tr_____on on ice *n.* the action or ability to pull something along a surface without sliding
132. su_____e you're right *v.* to think that something is likely to be actual or possible
133. the sacred fe_____ne *adj.* relating to women; having the features or appearance often associated with women
134. basin-shaped va_____y *n.* a long depression on the surface of the land, which typically contains a river
135. imp_____ion on stage *n.* the act of making something up on the spot or creating or performing something without preparation
136. va_____y bottom *n.* a long depression on the surface of the land, which typically contains a river
137. ad__t as needed *v.* to make fit for or change to suit a new purpose or environment
138. electronic tr_____on *n.* the action or ability to pull something along a surface without sliding
139. a war wi__w *n.* a woman whose spouse has died and who has not remarried
140. healthcare pro_____on *n.* an occupation or vocation requiring advanced education or specialized training
141. meet req_____nt *n.* something that is needed or wanted
142. develop a vi_____e therapy *adj.* capable of being done as intended; able to succeed

ANSWERS: 130. statistics, 131. traction, 132. suppose, 133. feminine, 134. valley, 135. improvisation, 136. valley, 137. adapt, 138. traction, 139. widow, 140. profession, 141. requirement, 142. viable

143. unc_____us bias *adj.* in the state of lacking awareness and the capacity for sensory perception, especially as the result of a head injury or illness
144. fairly ty_____l symptoms *adj.* having the usual characteristics or traits of a specific group of things
145. inc_____le amount *adj.* unbelievable; enormous
146. get in a f__k *n.* a feeling of sadness or depression; a low or unenergetic mood; a type of music that combines jazz, soul, and R and B
147. the qu__t for truth *n.* a long or challenging search for something
148. a comprehensive su___y *n.* an investigation of the opinions, behavior, etc. of a particular group of people, made by asking people questions

ANSWERS: 143. unconscious, 144. typical, 145. incredible, 146. funk, 147. quest, 148. survey

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The fox had dug a ____ in the side of the hill, where it could rest and hide from predators.
n. a wild animal's lair or hiding places, such as a fox or bear
2. Everyone regarded the theory he advocated as _____ but was later proven correct.
adj. very silly or unreasonable and deserving to be laughed at
3. The baker covered the cake with _____ to prevent it from burning in the oven.
n. a thin and flexible sheet of metal, such as aluminum, used for wrapping or covering items; a literary device in which a character's actions or words are used to contrast or highlight the actions or words of another character; (verb) to prevent someone from succeeding in their plans or actions
4. I'm going to take the _____ to get to my destination faster.
n. a main road, especially one connecting major towns or cities
5. Regarding earthquakes, some commercial buildings were _____ unsafe.
v. to consider or decide something in a particular way
6. The ____ truth was that he had been lying to her for months.
adj. unattractive in appearance; unpleasant to look at
7. When she heard about her friend's illness, she fell into a deep ____ that lasted for days.
n. a feeling of sadness or depression; a low or unenergetic mood; a type of music that combines jazz, soul, and R and B

ANSWERS: 1. den, 2. ridiculous, 3. foil, 4. highway, 5. deemed, 6. ugly, 7. funk

8. She works at a recording _____ in Los Angeles.
n. a room or building where creative or artistic work is produced; a television or radio production company
9. The _____ of the characters in the movie was so realistic, and it was as if they were there.
n. the technique of photographing successive drawings or positions of puppets or models to create an illusion of movement when the film is shown as a sequence; enthusiasm and energy in the way you look or behave
10. No matter what, we must have this done before the _____.
n. a date or period by which something must be done
11. He created a beautiful piece of music using only _____.
n. the act of making something up on the spot or creating or performing something without preparation
12. That _____ shows that people are accepting the tax increase to some extent.
n. an investigation of the opinions, behavior, etc. of a particular group of people, made by asking people questions
13. Her response revealed _____ idiocy.
adj. unbelievable; enormous
14. What are your annual _____ expectations?
n. a fixed amount of money that employees, especially those who work in an office, receive for doing their job, usually paid every month
15. The novel's plot was _____ and kept readers in their seats.
adj. arousing curiosity or interest, often due to a mysterious or complex quality; fascinating or captivating

ANSWERS: 8. studio, 9. animation, 10. deadline, 11. improvisation, 12. survey, 13. incredible, 14. salary, 15. intriguing

16. The defendant gave a _____ and accurate description of the accident.

adj. easy to do or understand, or simple; free from ambiguity

17. That adventurer traveled in _____ of buried treasure.

n. a long or challenging search for something

18. The _____ person's family was notified of their passing.

adj. no longer alive; dead

19. That style is no longer in _____.

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

20. The hiker witnessed a beautiful display of _____ clouds forming over the mountain peaks.

adj. having the shape or form of a lens or lentil; flat and usually circular with rounded edges, often referring to cloud formations that resemble lenses or smooth, saucer-like objects

21. 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

22. He is the kind of _____ who only works for his success.

adj. someone who has the same job or interests as you, or is in the same class, profession, or situation as you

23. This artwork is _____ of her work.

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

ANSWERS: 16. straightforward, 17. quest, 18. deceased, 19. fashion, 20. lenticular, 21. involves, 22. fellow, 23. typical

24. He used a _____ to lift the car to change the tire.

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

25. The _____ of the dancers on stage was graceful and elegant.

n. a group of people working together to achieve a shared goal, especially a political, social, or artistic one; the process of moving or being moved, physically or figuratively

26. She volunteers at a local _____ every weekend to help those in need.

n. an organization that helps people in need, especially by providing food, shelter, or money; a kindly and sympathetic attitude toward people

27. The _____ over the busy highway made getting to the other side much easier without waiting in traffic.

n. a bridge or elevated roadway that passes over a road, railway, or other obstruction, typically designed to improve traffic flow by allowing vehicles to pass over or bypass an obstacle

28. He drinks an _____ amount of beer.

adj. beyond belief or understanding and extremely surprising

29. My home is easily _____ from the shore.

adj. capable of being seen; or open to easy view

30. I advised him to _____ to his new surroundings.

v. to make fit for or change to suit a new purpose or environment

31. He _____ criticizes her in the publicity.

adv. with awareness; in a deliberate manner

ANSWERS: 24. jack, 25. movement, 26. charity, 27. overpass, 28. unbelievable, 29. visible, 30. adapt, 31. consciously

32. The book designer chose a font with an elegant _____ to enhance readability.
- n.* a small decorative stroke or design element added to the ends of the main strokes of a letter or other character in certain typefaces, often used to enhance legibility or create a specific style
33. What is the entry _____ for this course?
- n.* something that is needed or wanted
34. He became _____ that he was being followed.
- adj.* being aware of and able to respond to what is happening around you
35. I _____ around for years in Europe before going to university.
- v.* to move smoothly and slowly in water or air, especially as a result of outside forces, with no control over the direction
36. Jockey's superior _____ brought him victory.
- n.* a particular way or art of doing something that needs skill
37. Some kinds of machine learning models show an _____ to how people learn.
- n.* a comparison between similar things that have similar aspects, often used to help explain a principle or concept
38. We are responsible for the care and _____ of all our employees.
- n.* the state of being happy and healthy and prosperous
39. 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

ANSWERS: 32. serif, 33. requirement, 34. conscious, 35. drifted, 36. technique, 37. analogy, 38. well-being, 39. stick

40. I spotted a majestic _____ with large antlers standing at the forest's edge.
n. a male deer; a unit of currency, especially the US dollar; a sudden jolt or movement; a young man; (verb) to resist or oppose something, such as an authority, trend, or convention
41. The company's _____ approach has been highly effective.
n. the action or process of changing to suit different conditions
42. _____ and weather have an impact on every part of our lifestyles.
n. the weather in a particular location averaged over some long period
43. What do you _____ the culprit's motive was?
v. to think that something is likely to be actual or possible
44. We need to _____ the aspect of his personality from the part of his competence when making an investment decision.
v. to force, take, or pull apart; mark as different
45. He refused to do anything _____ to help her.
adv. not at all; no matter what
46. His leg was in _____ for weeks after the accident.
n. the action or ability to pull something along a surface without sliding
47. I love the bold _____ used in this book's chapter heading.
n. the art or process of printing with type; the design, layout, and arrangement of printed material, including text and images
48. The _____ jets gradually dominate the world's airlines.
adj. enormous; much bigger or more important than similar items usually are

ANSWERS: 40. buck, 41. adaptation, 42. Climate, 43. suppose, 44. separate, 45. whatsoever, 46. traction, 47. typography, 48. giant

49. She became a _____ after her husband passed away.
n. a woman whose spouse has died and who has not remarried
50. She was struggling to make a _____ between two job offers.
n. the act or process of making up someone's mind about something; a choice or judgment reached after considering options
51. The circus _____ featured a bearded lady and a human cannonball.
n. a minor attraction or exhibit in a circus, fair, or amusement park that supplements the main entertainment
52. The horse _____ won first place in the equestrian competition.
n. a clause, amendment, or stipulation added to a legal document or bill; a person who rides on or operates a vehicle or animal; a person who travels a specified distance on horseback to deliver a message
53. The _____ roam freely in the plains of North America.
n. a large wild ox with shaggy hair found in Asia and North America
54. The _____ demonstrate that poverty and unemployment are genuine problems.
n. the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data
55. Being a doctor is considered a highly respected _____.
n. an occupation or vocation requiring advanced education or specialized training
56. The former emperor had a particular _____ even after he abdicated.
n. the ability to affect someone's or something's character, growth, or behavior, or the effect itself

ANSWERS: 49. widow, 50. decision, 51. sideshow, 52. rider, 53. buffalo, 54. statistics, 55. profession, 56. influence

57. 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
58. We must _____ a new system to streamline our workflow and increase efficiency.
- v.* to grow or expand; to improve or refine through a process of progress and refinement, often to achieve greater sophistication or complexity; to elaborate or add detail to something that is in the process of being created
59. The dress mixes sophisticated lines with an appealing floral design for a classically _____ style.
- adj.* relating to women; having the features or appearance often associated with women
60. There are various hypotheses concerning the _____ of life.
- n.* the first existence or beginning of something
61. The majority of synthetic vitamins are _____ from oil.
- v.* to make goods in large numbers, usually in a factory using machines
62. The _____ of his idea came from watching birds flying in flocks.
- n.* a very tiny living that causes the disease; a piece of something such as an organism, concept, etc., capable of growing into a new one or part of one
63. We have finally lost our last _____.
- n.* a piece of wood, metal, etc., placed beneath or against something to support it or keep it in position; a system, institution, or person that gives help or support to someone or something

ANSWERS: 57. decide, 58. develop, 59. feminine, 60. origin, 61. manufactured, 62. germ, 63. prop

64. Male gorillas with good drumming skills are more _____.

adj. capable of being done as intended; able to succeed

65. He won an award for that short _____.

n. a film or a radio or television program that gives facts and information about a subject; of or derived from official documents

66. Stop being _____ and always speak the truth.

adj. connected with or resulting from someone's emotions, rather than reason or realism

67. I am going to the family _____ to get my teeth cleaned.

n. a person who is qualified and licensed to treat people's teeth

68. She intends to _____ a political career.

v. to do something or attempt to attain something over time; to follow or seek someone or something, especially in trying to catch them

69. After ten years of teaching, she took a _____ to travel the world.

n. a period of leave granted to a person for rest, travel, or other pursuits, often in academia or other professions

70. The _____ had received a mild snowfall the previous week.

n. a long depression on the surface of the land, which typically contains a river

71. I know his _____ habit that he touches his face when he lies.

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

ANSWERS: 64. viable, 65. documentary, 66. sentimental, 67. dentist, 68. pursue, 69. sabbatical, 70. valley, 71. unconscious

72. A well-known analyst described the market _____ in the morning session.
- n.* a general description or summary of a subject
73. Hunters use a whistle that makes the ____ sound to lure stags.
- n.* a mature female of mammals of which the male is called a buck, such as a deer or a rabbit
74. When making arrests, police officers frequently _____ excessive force.
- v.* to give somebody a job and pay them for it; to make use of

ANSWERS: 72. overview, 73. doe, 74. employ