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Session 1: Word List

hark

v. to recall, to return, or to revert, especially to an earlier time, situation, or condition; to listen attentively; to pay close attention to something

synonym: listen, heed, obey

(1) **hark** to the wind in the trees, (2) **hark** forward to a time of peace

The new smartphone's design **harks** back to the original model, which was much simpler and compact.

lad

n. a young boy or man, often used in an informal or affectionate way

synonym: boy, youth, youngster

(1) working-class **lad**, (2) local **lad**

The older man gave the young **lad** some helpful life advice.

symphony

n. a long musical composition in Western classical music for orchestra, usually with three or four main parts called movements

synonym: orchestra, harmony, concert

(1) a **symphony** orchestra, (2) a beautiful **symphony**

The frequent performances of the **symphony** prove its popularity.

sylvan

adj. relating to or characteristic of woods or forests; existing or occurring in a wooded area; suggesting a peaceful, natural, or rural environment

synonym: wooded, forested, leafy

(1) **sylvan** landscape, (2) **sylvan** retreat

The cabin nestled in the **sylvan** forest provided a serene and peaceful retreat.

terrifying

adj. very frightening or intimidating

synonym: frightening, intimidating, alarming

(1) **terrifying** experience, (2) **terrifying** events

Large earthquakes often generate **terrifying** tsunamis.

turbulence

n. a state of great disturbance, confusion, or uncertainty, often accompanied by violent or disruptive activity or behavior, such as air turbulence during a flight

synonym: choppiness, tumult, agitation

(1) financial **turbulence**, (2) emotional **turbulence**

The ride on the rollercoaster was full of dips and turns, creating a feeling of **turbulence**.

condemn

v. to express strong disapproval or criticism of something

synonym: criticize, denounce, censure

(1) **condemn** violence, (2) **condemn** crime

The government was **condemned** for its handling of the crisis.

gimbal

n. a pivoted support that allows for the rotation of an object along multiple axes typically used to stabilize or control the movement of cameras, compasses, or other equipment

synonym: pivot, swivel, rotation

(1) camera **gimbal**, (2) 3-axis **gimbal**

The drone's **gimbal** allowed for smooth and steady aerial photography.

turbulent

adj. marked by a lot of sudden changes, confusion, or uncertainty; characterized by intense activity or agitation

synonym: chaotic, stormy, tumultuous

(1) **turbulent** waves, (2) **turbulent** age

The stock market has been **turbulent** lately, with prices fluctuating rapidly.

catastrophe

n. a sudden event that causes extreme ruin and misfortune

synonym: disaster, calamity, cataclysm

(1) **catastrophe** risk management, (2) avoid climate **catastrophe**

The lack of funds has resulted in a **catastrophe** for our university system.

frightening

adj. causing fear or alarm, or very surprising and alarming

synonym: scary, terrifying, alarming

(1) cast **frightening** eyes, (2) **frightening** experience

The news of the pandemic was a **frightening** reminder of the fragility of human health.

encase

v. to enclose or cover something in a protective or decorative layer

synonym: encircle, enclose, enclasp

(1) **encase** in glass, (2) **encase** his feet

They **encased** the fragile vase in bubble wrap to protect it during shipping.

institutionalize

v. to establish or make something a part of an institution (= a place such as a university, hospital, etc.)

synonym: formalize, establish, regularize

(1) **institutionalize** a system, (2) **institutionalize** customary laws

The new policy aims to **institutionalize** the use of renewable energy sources.

circulate

v. to move continuously or freely around a place or closed system

synonym: flow, disperse, rotate

(1) **circulate** a rumor, (2) **circulate** an agenda before the meeting

The fan **circulates** the air in the room quickly.

speculator

n. a person who invests in a venture with the hope of making a profit, often taking on significant risks; someone who engages in speculation

synonym: investor, trader, gambler

(1) risky **speculator**, (2) stock market **speculator**

The land **speculator** purchased large tracts of land in anticipation of future development.

unregulated

adj. not subject to official rules, procedures, or oversight; not controlled or supervised by a governing authority or system

synonym: uncontrolled, unmonitored, unbridled

(1) **unregulated** market, (2) **unregulated** off-shore fishing

Without regulations, the industry is **unregulated** and potentially dangerous.

inhabit

v. to live in a specific location; to reside

synonym: settle, occupy, populate

(1) **inhabit** a cave, (2) **inhabit** the stomach

I have no idea what sort of folks **inhabit** the neighborhood.

spawn

v. to lay eggs or to produce offspring; to cause something to develop

synonym: beget, breed, generate

(1) **spawn** in spring, (2) **spawn** a new concept

The salmon swims upstream to **spawn** in the place they were released.

speculate

v. to form a theory or conjecture or guess about a subject without solid evidence

synonym : assume, conjecture, infer

(1) **speculate** about the reason, (2) **speculate** on the outcome

He **speculated** that this investment would lead to success.

ascend

v. to go or move upward; to become king or queen; to inherit something, such as a power

synonym : rise, climb, go up

(1) **ascend** the ladder, (2) **ascend** to power

The plane began to **ascend** into the sky.

seaboard

n. the coastal areas or region adjacent to the sea or ocean; a coastline or shore

synonym : coastline, shoreline, seaside

(1) eastern **seaboard**, (2) coastal **seaboard**

The seafood cuisine in the **seaboard** region is renowned for its freshness and variety.

augment

v. to increase the size, extent, quantity, etc. of something by adding something to it

synonym : boost, increase, expand

(1) **augment** the reality, (2) **augment** immunity

Economic factors and monetary policy **augmented** inflation.

bestride

v. (also "bestraddle") to sit or stand with one leg on either side of something; to span or cover

synonym : stride over, mount, climb on

(1) **bestride** the situation, (2) **bestride** the fence

The cowboy could **bestride** his horse gracefully and skillfully, even without a saddle.

colossus

n. a person or thing that is unusually large, powerful, or impressive; a person or entity that is a dominant force in their field or industry

synonym : giant, titan, mammoth

(1) **colossus** company, (2) ancient **colossus**

The automobile industry is a **colossus** behemoth of the modern economy.

ascent

n. the act of climbing or moving upwards, often referring to a physical ascent of a mountain or a spiritual ascent or improvement; an upward movement; the process of moving upwards

synonym: climb, rise, hike

(1) spiritual **ascent**, (2) the **ascent** of a rocket

The hikers experienced a difficult **ascent** to the summit due to the steep and rocky terrain.

grumpy

adj. easily annoyed or irritable; inclined to complain or show dissatisfaction, often in an ill-tempered way

synonym: crabby, grouchy, irritable

(1) **grumpy** cat, (2) **grumpy** mood

The **grumpy** older man snapped at the children for playing too loudly.

counterbalance

v. to offset or balance the effect of something by applying an equal or opposite force or effect; to provide a counteracting or balancing influence for something;
(*noun*) a weight or force that is used to balance or offset another weight or force

synonym: offset, counteract, neutralize

(1) **counterbalance** the seriousness of the topic,

(2) **counterbalance** the effects

The heavyweights on one end of the scale **counterbalanced** the lighter weights on the other end.

pact

n. a formal agreement between two or more parties

synonym: agreement, treaty, covenant

(1) a nonaggression **pact**, (2) aviation **pact**

The two countries made a **pact** to reduce their carbon emissions.

Ottoman

n. a historical empire founded at the end of the 13th century in northwestern Anatolia by the Turkoman tribal leader Osman I; (used as "ottoman") a type of upholstered seat or bench without a back or arms, typically used as a stool or footstool, or in some cases as a coffee table

synonym: Turkish Empire, footstool

(1) **Ottoman** Empire, (2) **ottoman** furniture

The **Ottoman** Sultan was considered the supreme ruler and held great authority.

hegemony

n. the dominance or influence of one group, country, or ideology over others, especially in political, economic, or cultural domains

synonym: dominance, leadership, supremacy

(1) regional **hegemony**, (2) corporate **hegemony**

For decades, the US has been viewed as having economic and military **hegemony** worldwide.

startling

adj. extremely surprising, astonishing, and sometimes worrying

synonym: alarming, astonishing, shocking

(1) **startling** earthquake shocks, (2) **startling** discovery

He describes the story with **startling** reality.

peacemaker

n. a person who helps to reconcile conflicting parties and bring peace

synonym: mediator, arbitrator, conciliator

(1) act as **peacemaker**, (2) **peacemaker** effort

The dedicated **peacemaker** worked tirelessly to resolve the conflict between the two sides.

troop

n. a group of soldiers, especially a large one; a group of people, animals, or things considered as a unit.

synonym: group, unit, band

(1) the members of a military **troop**, (2) a **troop** of deer

The **troop** of soldiers marched through the city in a parade.

beret

n. a soft, round, flat-crowned felt or woolen hat, typically worn by men and associated with French or Basque culture

synonym : cap, tam, military hat

(1) military **beret**, (2) woolen **beret**

The French painter wore a black **beret** as a symbol of his artistic identity.

mercantile

adj. related to or associated with trade or commerce, particularly the buying and selling of goods or services

synonym : commercial, trade, business

(1) **mercantile** exchange, (2) **mercantile** system

The **mercantile** district of the city is bustling with shops and businesses.

interdependent

adj. depending on each other; mutually reliant or interconnected

synonym : interconnected, interrelated, mutual

(1) **interdependent** systems, (2) develop **interdependent** skills

In nature, all living things are **interdependent** and rely on each other for survival.

interlocking

adj. fitting or locking together in a way that makes a continuous and secure whole

synonym : connected, linked, joined

(1) **interlocking** braid, (2) **interlocking** mechanism

The **interlocking** puzzle pieces were difficult to separate.

diplomacy

n. the art and practice of conducting negotiations between nations, organizations, or people; the fine art of dealing with people in a sensitive and effective way

synonym : tact, negotiation, delicacy

(1) the language of **diplomacy**, (2) the art of **diplomacy**

Effective **diplomacy** is necessary to resolve conflicts and maintain relationships between countries.

swine

n. a domestic pig, especially one bred for its meat
synonym: pig, hog, porker

(1) **swine** flu, (2) **swine** industry

The farmer raises **swine** on his farm for the market.

broth

n. a liquid in which meat, fish, or vegetables have been cooked, used as a base for soups and stews

synonym: bouillon, consomme, soup

(1) chicken **broth**, (2) remains of **broth**

I always add a bit of **broth** to my soup to give it more flavor.

riot

n. a violent disturbance of the peace by a crowd, characterized by destruction of property, looting, arson, and attacks on individuals

synonym: disturbance, unrest, upheaval

(1) **riot** police, (2) **riot** control gas

The **riots** in the city have left many buildings damaged and several people injured.

interconnect

v. to connect similar things

synonym: interlink, connect, annex

(1) directly **interconnect** with those systems, (2) human activities **interconnect** with the environment

Our system can now **interconnect** with other databases.

confine

v. to restrict the movement of someone or something

synonym: restrict, limit, contain

(1) **confine** themselves solely, (2) **confine** the scope of use

The animal was **confined** in a small cage.

pandemic

n. an outbreak of a disease that affects many people over a very wide area

synonym: outbreak

(1) flu **pandemic**, (2) global **pandemic**

They fear a **pandemic** of a new type of virus.

industrious

adj. hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort

synonym : diligent, hardworking, assiduous

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

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

fragility

n. the quality of being easily broken, damaged, or destroyed; the state of being delicate or vulnerable

synonym : delicacy, weakness, frailty

(1) **fragility** of life, (2) emotional **fragility**

The **fragility** of the glass required careful handling during shipping.

cyber

adj. relating to or involving computers, computer networks, or virtual reality

synonym : digital, computer, Internet

(1) **cyber** bullying, (2) **cyber** crime

Cyber espionage between countries can have serious consequences.

regiment

n. a large military unit, usually consisting of several battalions and commanded by a colonel or higher-ranking officer; a strict or organized system or routine

synonym : unit, brigade, battalion

(1) logistics **regiment**, (2) marching **regiment**

The army **regiment** marched in perfect unison during the parade.

diplomat

n. a person appointed by a government to conduct diplomacy (= the management of relationships between countries) with one or more other countries or international organizations

synonym : envoy, ambassador, representative

(1) allied **diplomat**, (2) expel a **diplomat**

The senior **diplomat** worked tirelessly to negotiate a peace treaty between the two countries.

disarm

v. to remove weapons or the means of attack from a person, group, or situation; to win over or reduce suspicion or hostility from an opponent or adversary

synonym : demilitarize, neutralize

(1) **disarm** opponents, (2) **disarm** a bomb

The police were able to **disarm** the suspect without any violence.

visionary

adj. having or showing exceptional foresight and imagination; not practical or realizable; speculative

synonym : prophetic, far-sighted, imaginative

(1) **visionary** business, (2) **visionary** ideas

The **visionary** leader had a clear plan for the company's future.

Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. regional he_____ny | <i>n.</i> the dominance or influence of one group, country, or ideology over others, especially in political, economic, or cultural domains |
| 2. sp__n a new concept | <i>v.</i> to lay eggs or to produce offspring; to cause something to develop |
| 3. mer_____le system | <i>adj.</i> related to or associated with trade or commerce, particularly the buying and selling of goods or services |
| 4. st_____ng discovery | <i>adj.</i> extremely surprising, astonishing, and sometimes worrying |
| 5. global pa_____ic | <i>n.</i> an outbreak of a disease that affects many people over a very wide area |
| 6. int_____ent systems | <i>adj.</i> depending on each other; mutually reliant or interconnected |
| 7. emotional fr_____ty | <i>n.</i> the quality of being easily broken, damaged, or destroyed; the state of being delicate or vulnerable |
| 8. pea_____er effort | <i>n.</i> a person who helps to reconcile conflicting parties and bring peace |
| 9. corporate he_____ny | <i>n.</i> the dominance or influence of one group, country, or ideology over others, especially in political, economic, or cultural domains |
| 10. int_____ing mechanism | <i>adj.</i> fitting or locking together in a way that makes a continuous and secure whole |

ANSWERS: 1. hegemony, 2. spawn, 3. mercantile, 4. startling, 5. pandemic, 6. interdependent, 7. fragility, 8. peacemaker, 9. hegemony, 10. interlocking

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| 11. coastal se_____rd | <i>n.</i> the coastal areas or region adjacent to the sea or ocean; a coastline or shore |
| 12. military be__t | <i>n.</i> a soft, round, flat-crowned felt or woolen hat, typically worn by men and associated with French or Basque culture |
| 13. eastern se_____rd | <i>n.</i> the coastal areas or region adjacent to the sea or ocean; a coastline or shore |
| 14. int_____ing braid | <i>adj.</i> fitting or locking together in a way that makes a continuous and secure whole |
| 15. aviation p__t | <i>n.</i> a formal agreement between two or more parties |
| 16. directly int_____ect with those systems | <i>v.</i> to connect similar things |
| 17. au_____t the reality | <i>v.</i> to increase the size, extent, quantity, etc. of something by adding something to it |
| 18. co_____n violence | <i>v.</i> to express strong disapproval or criticism of something |
| 19. ter_____ng events | <i>adj.</i> very frightening or intimidating |
| 20. Ot_____n Empire | <i>n.</i> a historical empire founded at the end of the 13th century in northwestern Anatolia by the Turkoman tribal leader Osman I; (used as "ottoman") a type of upholstered seat or bench without a back or arms, typically used as a stool or footstool, or in some cases as a coffee table |

ANSWERS: 11. seaboard, 12. beret, 13. seaboard, 14. interlocking, 15. pact, 16. interconnect, 17. augment, 18. condemn, 19. terrifying, 20. Ottoman

21. tu_____nt waves *adj.* marked by a lot of sudden changes, confusion, or uncertainty; characterized by intense activity or agitation
22. as___d the ladder *v.* to go or move upward; to become king or queen; to inherit something, such as a power
23. ins_____ize a system *v.* to establish or make something a part of an institution (= a place such as a university, hospital, etc.)
24. vi_____ry ideas *adj.* having or showing exceptional foresight and imagination; not practical or realizable; speculative
25. cy__r bullying *adj.* relating to or involving computers, computer networks, or virtual reality
26. financial tur_____ce *n.* a state of great disturbance, confusion, or uncertainty, often accompanied by violent or disruptive activity or behavior, such as air turbulence during a flight
27. cat_____he risk management *n.* a sudden event that causes extreme ruin and misfortune
28. en___e his feet *v.* to enclose or cover something in a protective or decorative layer
29. avoid climate cat_____he *n.* a sudden event that causes extreme ruin and misfortune
30. r__t control gas *n.* a violent disturbance of the peace by a crowd, characterized by destruction of property, looting, arson, and attacks on individuals
31. cy__r crime *adj.* relating to or involving computers, computer networks, or virtual reality

ANSWERS: 21. turbulent, 22. ascend, 23. institutionalize, 24. visionary, 25. cyber, 26. turbulence, 27. catastrophe, 28. encase, 29. catastrophe, 30. riot, 31. cyber

32. a beautiful sy____ny *n.* a long musical composition in Western classical music for orchestra, usually with three or four main parts called movements
33. a nonaggression p__t *n.* a formal agreement between two or more parties
34. local l_d *n.* a young boy or man, often used in an informal or affectionate way
35. co_____e the scope of use *v.* to restrict the movement of someone or something
36. stock market spe____or *n.* a person who invests in a venture with the hope of making a profit, often taking on significant risks; someone who engages in speculation
37. the language of di____cy *n.* the art and practice of conducting negotiations between nations, organizations, or people; the fine art of dealing with people in a sensitive and effective way
38. sy___n landscape *adj.* relating to or characteristic of woods or forests; existing or occurring in a wooded area; suggesting a peaceful, natural, or rural environment
39. emotional tur____ce *n.* a state of great disturbance, confusion, or uncertainty, often accompanied by violent or disruptive activity or behavior, such as air turbulence during a flight
40. sy___n retreat *adj.* relating to or characteristic of woods or forests; existing or occurring in a wooded area; suggesting a peaceful, natural, or rural environment

ANSWERS: 32. symphony, 33. pact, 34. lad, 35. confine, 36. speculator, 37. diplomacy, 38. sylvan, 39. turbulence, 40. sylvan

41. ci_____te a rumor v. to move continuously or freely around a place or closed system
42. tu_____nt age adj. marked by a lot of sudden changes, confusion, or uncertainty; characterized by intense activity or agitation
43. h__k forward to a time of peace v. to recall, to return, or to revert, especially to an earlier time, situation, or condition; to listen attentively; to pay close attention to something
44. ins_____ize customary laws v. to establish or make something a part of an institution (= a place such as a university, hospital, etc.)
45. h__k to the wind in the trees v. to recall, to return, or to revert, especially to an earlier time, situation, or condition; to listen attentively; to pay close attention to something
46. in_____t the stomach v. to live in a specific location; to reside
47. ot_____n furniture n. a historical empire founded at the end of the 13th century in northwestern Anatolia by the Turkoman tribal leader Osman I; (used as "ottoman") a type of upholstered seat or bench without a back or arms, typically used as a stool or footstool, or in some cases as a coffee table
48. human activities int_____ect with the environment v. to connect similar things
49. a sy_____ny orchestra n. a long musical composition in Western classical music for orchestra, usually with three or four main parts called movements

ANSWERS: 41. circulate, 42. turbulent, 43. hark, 44. institutionalize, 45. hark, 46. inhabit, 47. Ottoman, 48. interconnect, 49. symphony

50. develop int_____ent skills *adj.* depending on each other; mutually reliant or interconnected
51. a tr__p of deer *n.* a group of soldiers, especially a large one; a group of people, animals, or things considered as a unit.
52. working-class l_d *n.* a young boy or man, often used in an informal or affectionate way
53. co_____n crime *v.* to express strong disapproval or criticism of something
54. sp_____te on the outcome *v.* to form a theory or conjecture or guess about a subject without solid evidence
55. fr_____ty of life *n.* the quality of being easily broken, damaged, or destroyed; the state of being delicate or vulnerable
56. ind_____us student *adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
57. di___m a bomb *v.* to remove weapons or the means of attack from a person, group, or situation; to win over or reduce suspicion or hostility from an opponent or adversary
58. risky spe_____or *n.* a person who invests in a venture with the hope of making a profit, often taking on significant risks; someone who engages in speculation
59. allied di_____at *n.* a person appointed by a government to conduct diplomacy (= the management of relationships between countries) with one or more other countries or international organizations

ANSWERS: 50. interdependent, 51. troop, 52. lad, 53. condemn, 54. speculate, 55. fragility, 56. industrious, 57. disarm, 58. speculator, 59. diplomat

60. spiritual as___t *n.* the act of climbing or moving upwards, often referring to a physical ascent of a mountain or a spiritual ascent or improvement; an upward movement; the process of moving upwards
61. fri_____ng experience *adj.* causing fear or alarm, or very surprising and alarming
62. ancient co____us *n.* a person or thing that is unusually large, powerful, or impressive; a person or entity that is a dominant force in their field or industry
63. the members of a military tr__p *n.* a group of soldiers, especially a large one; a group of people, animals, or things considered as a unit.
64. act as pea_____er *n.* a person who helps to reconcile conflicting parties and bring peace
65. co_____e themselves solely *v.* to restrict the movement of someone or something
66. cou_____nce the effects *v.* to offset or balance the effect of something by applying an equal or opposite force or effect; to provide a counteracting or balancing influence for something; (noun) a weight or force that is used to balance or offset another weight or force
67. au_____t immunity *v.* to increase the size, extent, quantity, etc. of something by adding something to it
68. camera gi___l *n.* a pivoted support that allows for the rotation of an object along multiple axes typically used to stabilize or control the movement of cameras, compasses, or other equipment

ANSWERS: 60. ascent, 61. frightening, 62. colossus, 63. troop, 64. peacemaker, 65. confine, 66. counterbalance, 67. augment, 68. gimbal

69. logistics re____nt *n.* a large military unit, usually consisting of several battalions and commanded by a colonel or higher-ranking officer; a strict or organized system or routine
70. gr____y mood *adj.* easily annoyed or irritable; inclined to complain or show dissatisfaction, often in an ill-tempered way
71. remains of br__h *n.* a liquid in which meat, fish, or vegetables have been cooked, used as a base for soups and stews
72. vi____ry business *adj.* having or showing exceptional foresight and imagination; not practical or realizable; speculative
73. di____m opponents *v.* to remove weapons or the means of attack from a person, group, or situation; to win over or reduce suspicion or hostility from an opponent or adversary
74. ter____ng experience *adj.* very frightening or intimidating
75. chicken br__h *n.* a liquid in which meat, fish, or vegetables have been cooked, used as a base for soups and stews
76. be____de the situation *v.* (also "bestraddle") to sit or stand with one leg on either side of something; to span or cover
77. en____e in glass *v.* to enclose or cover something in a protective or decorative layer
78. 3-axis gi____l *n.* a pivoted support that allows for the rotation of an object along multiple axes typically used to stabilize or control the movement of cameras, compasses, or other equipment

ANSWERS: 69. regiment, 70. grumpy, 71. broth, 72. visionary, 73. disarm, 74. terrifying, 75. broth, 76. bestride, 77. encase, 78. gimbal

79. cast fri_____ng eyes *adj.* causing fear or alarm, or very surprising and alarming
80. marching re_____nt *n.* a large military unit, usually consisting of several battalions and commanded by a colonel or higher-ranking officer; a strict or organized system or routine
81. r__t police *n.* a violent disturbance of the peace by a crowd, characterized by destruction of property, looting, arson, and attacks on individuals
82. ind_____us worker *adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
83. woolen be__t *n.* a soft, round, flat-crowned felt or woolen hat, typically worn by men and associated with French or Basque culture
84. st_____ng earthquake shocks *adj.* extremely surprising, astonishing, and sometimes worrying
85. flu pa_____ic *n.* an outbreak of a disease that affects many people over a very wide area
86. co_____us company *n.* a person or thing that is unusually large, powerful, or impressive; a person or entity that is a dominant force in their field or industry
87. as____d to power *v.* to go or move upward; to become king or queen; to inherit something, such as a power
88. ci_____te an agenda before the meeting *v.* to move continuously or freely around a place or closed system

ANSWERS: 79. frightening, 80. regiment, 81. riot, 82. industrious, 83. beret, 84. startling, 85. pandemic, 86. colossus, 87. ascend, 88. circulate

89. mer_____le exchange *adj.* related to or associated with trade or commerce, particularly the buying and selling of goods or services
90. sp__n in spring *v.* to lay eggs or to produce offspring; to cause something to develop
91. be_____de the fence *v.* (also "bestraddle") to sit or stand with one leg on either side of something; to span or cover
92. sw__e flu *n.* a domestic pig, especially one bred for its meat
93. unr_____ed market *adj.* not subject to official rules, procedures, or oversight; not controlled or supervised by a governing authority or system
94. the as____t of a rocket *n.* the act of climbing or moving upwards, often referring to a physical ascent of a mountain or a spiritual ascent or improvement; an upward movement; the process of moving upwards
95. expel a di_____at *n.* a person appointed by a government to conduct diplomacy (= the management of relationships between countries) with one or more other countries or international organizations
96. unr_____ed off-shore fishing *adj.* not subject to official rules, procedures, or oversight; not controlled or supervised by a governing authority or system
97. sw__e industry *n.* a domestic pig, especially one bred for its meat

ANSWERS: 89. mercantile, 90. spawn, 91. bestride, 92. swine, 93. unregulated, 94. ascent, 95. diplomat, 96. unregulated, 97. swine

98. cou_____nce the seriousness
of the topic
99. the art of di_____cy
100. gr___y cat
101. sp_____te about the reason
102. in_____t a cave
- v. to offset or balance the effect of something by applying an equal or opposite force or effect; to provide a counteracting or balancing influence for something; (noun) a weight or force that is used to balance or offset another weight or force
- n. the art and practice of conducting negotiations between nations, organizations, or people; the fine art of dealing with people in a sensitive and effective way
- adj. easily annoyed or irritable; inclined to complain or show dissatisfaction, often in an ill-tempered way
- v. to form a theory or conjecture or guess about a subject without solid evidence
- v. to live in a specific location; to reside

ANSWERS: 98. counterbalance, 99. diplomacy, 100. grumpy, 101. speculate, 102. inhabit

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The animal was _____ in a small cage.
v. to restrict the movement of someone or something
2. The news of the pandemic was a _____ reminder of the fragility of human health.
adj. causing fear or alarm, or very surprising and alarming
3. The _____ district of the city is bustling with shops and businesses.
adj. related to or associated with trade or commerce, particularly the buying and selling of goods or services
4. The French painter wore a black _____ as a symbol of his artistic identity.
n. a soft, round, flat-crowned felt or woolen hat, typically worn by men and associated with French or Basque culture
5. The senior _____ worked tirelessly to negotiate a peace treaty between the two countries.
n. a person appointed by a government to conduct diplomacy (= the management of relationships between countries) with one or more other countries or international organizations
6. The hikers experienced a difficult _____ to the summit due to the steep and rocky terrain.
n. the act of climbing or moving upwards, often referring to a physical ascent of a mountain or a spiritual ascent or improvement; an upward movement; the process of moving upwards
7. The _____ Sultan was considered the supreme ruler and held great authority.
n. a historical empire founded at the end of the 13th century in northwestern Anatolia by the Turkoman tribal leader Osman I; (used as "ottoman") a type of upholstered seat or bench without a back or arms, typically used as a stool or footstool, or in some cases as a coffee table

ANSWERS: 1. confined, 2. frightening, 3. mercantile, 4. beret, 5. diplomat, 6. ascent,

7. Ottoman

8. Effective _____ is necessary to resolve conflicts and maintain relationships between countries.
- n.* the art and practice of conducting negotiations between nations, organizations, or people; the fine art of dealing with people in a sensitive and effective way
9. The stock market has been _____ lately, with prices fluctuating rapidly.
- adj.* marked by a lot of sudden changes, confusion, or uncertainty; characterized by intense activity or agitation
10. The older man gave the young ____ some helpful life advice.
- n.* a young boy or man, often used in an informal or affectionate way
11. In nature, all living things are _____ and rely on each other for survival.
- adj.* depending on each other; mutually reliant or interconnected
12. The fan _____ the air in the room quickly.
- v.* to move continuously or freely around a place or closed system
13. The two countries made a ____ to reduce their carbon emissions.
- n.* a formal agreement between two or more parties
14. The heavyweights on one end of the scale _____ the lighter weights on the other end.
- v.* to offset or balance the effect of something by applying an equal or opposite force or effect; to provide a counteracting or balancing influence for something; (noun) a weight or force that is used to balance or offset another weight or force
15. The drone's _____ allowed for smooth and steady aerial photography.
- n.* a pivoted support that allows for the rotation of an object along multiple axes typically used to stabilize or control the movement of cameras, compasses, or other equipment

ANSWERS: 8. diplomacy, 9. turbulent, 10. lad, 11. interdependent, 12. circulates, 13. pact, 14. counterbalanced, 15. gimbal

16. Economic factors and monetary policy _____ inflation.
- v. to increase the size, extent, quantity, etc. of something by adding something to it
17. Our system can now _____ with other databases.
- v. to connect similar things
18. The automobile industry is a _____ behemoth of the modern economy.
- n. a person or thing that is unusually large, powerful, or impressive; a person or entity that is a dominant force in their field or industry
19. The _____ in the city have left many buildings damaged and several people injured.
- n. a violent disturbance of the peace by a crowd, characterized by destruction of property, looting, arson, and attacks on individuals
20. I always add a bit of _____ to my soup to give it more flavor.
- n. a liquid in which meat, fish, or vegetables have been cooked, used as a base for soups and stews
21. He was known to be very _____ and would often work late into the night.
- adj. hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
22. The police were able to _____ the suspect without any violence.
- v. to remove weapons or the means of attack from a person, group, or situation; to win over or reduce suspicion or hostility from an opponent or adversary
23. The government was _____ for its handling of the crisis.
- v. to express strong disapproval or criticism of something

ANSWERS: 16. augmented, 17. interconnect, 18. colossus, 19. riots, 20. broth, 21. industrious, 22. disarm, 23. condemned

24. The _____ of soldiers marched through the city in a parade.
n. a group of soldiers, especially a large one; a group of people, animals, or things considered as a unit.
25. I have no idea what sort of folks _____ the neighborhood.
v. to live in a specific location; to reside
26. Without regulations, the industry is _____ and potentially dangerous.
adj. not subject to official rules, procedures, or oversight; not controlled or supervised by a governing authority or system
27. They _____ the fragile vase in bubble wrap to protect it during shipping.
v. to enclose or cover something in a protective or decorative layer
28. The seafood cuisine in the _____ region is renowned for its freshness and variety.
n. the coastal areas or region adjacent to the sea or ocean; a coastline or shore
29. The dedicated _____ worked tirelessly to resolve the conflict between the two sides.
n. a person who helps to reconcile conflicting parties and bring peace
30. The plane began to _____ into the sky.
v. to go or move upward; to become king or queen; to inherit something, such as a power
31. For decades, the US has been viewed as having economic and military _____ worldwide.
n. the dominance or influence of one group, country, or ideology over others, especially in political, economic, or cultural domains

ANSWERS: 24. troop, 25. inhabit, 26. unregulated, 27. encased, 28. seaboard, 29. peacemaker, 30. ascend, 31. hegemony

32. Large earthquakes often generate _____ tsunamis.
adj. very frightening or intimidating
33. The farmer raises _____ on his farm for the market.
n. a domestic pig, especially one bred for its meat
34. The _____ older man snapped at the children for playing too loudly.
adj. easily annoyed or irritable; inclined to complain or show dissatisfaction, often in an ill-tempered way
35. The land _____ purchased large tracts of land in anticipation of future development.
n. a person who invests in a venture with the hope of making a profit, often taking on significant risks; someone who engages in speculation
36. He _____ that this investment would lead to success.
v. to form a theory or conjecture or guess about a subject without solid evidence
37. The cowboy could _____ his horse gracefully and skillfully, even without a saddle.
v. (also "bestraddle") to sit or stand with one leg on either side of something; to span or cover
38. The _____ leader had a clear plan for the company's future.
adj. having or showing exceptional foresight and imagination; not practical or realizable; speculative
39. The cabin nestled in the _____ forest provided a serene and peaceful retreat.
adj. relating to or characteristic of woods or forests; existing or occurring in a wooded area; suggesting a peaceful, natural, or rural environment

ANSWERS: 32. terrifying, 33. swine, 34. grumpy, 35. speculator, 36. speculated, 37. bestride, 38. visionary, 39. sylvan

40. The _____ of the glass required careful handling during shipping.
n. the quality of being easily broken, damaged, or destroyed; the state of being delicate or vulnerable
41. The ride on the rollercoaster was full of dips and turns, creating a feeling of _____.
n. a state of great disturbance, confusion, or uncertainty, often accompanied by violent or disruptive activity or behavior, such as air turbulence during a flight
42. The salmon swims upstream to _____ in the place they were released.
v. to lay eggs or to produce offspring; to cause something to develop
43. The frequent performances of the _____ prove its popularity.
n. a long musical composition in Western classical music for orchestra, usually with three or four main parts called movements
44. He describes the story with _____ reality.
adj. extremely surprising, astonishing, and sometimes worrying
45. The _____ puzzle pieces were difficult to separate.
adj. fitting or locking together in a way that makes a continuous and secure whole
46. The new smartphone's design _____ back to the original model, which was much simpler and compact.
v. to recall, to return, or to revert, especially to an earlier time, situation, or condition; to listen attentively; to pay close attention to something
47. The army _____ marched in perfect unison during the parade.
n. a large military unit, usually consisting of several battalions and commanded by a colonel or higher-ranking officer; a strict or organized system or routine

ANSWERS: 40. fragility, 41. turbulence, 42. spawn, 43. symphony, 44. startling, 45. interlocking, 46. harks, 47. regiment

48. _____ espionage between countries can have serious consequences.
adj. relating to or involving computers, computer networks, or virtual reality
49. They fear a _____ of a new type of virus.
n. an outbreak of a disease that affects many people over a very wide area
50. The lack of funds has resulted in a _____ for our university system.
n. a sudden event that causes extreme ruin and misfortune
51. The new policy aims to _____ the use of renewable energy sources.
v. to establish or make something a part of an institution (= a place such as a university, hospital, etc.)

ANSWERS: 48. Cyber, 49. pandemic, 50. catastrophe, 51. institutionalize