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Session 1: Word List

desert

n. arid land with little or no vegetation often covered with sand or rocks

(1) **desert** basin, (2) oasis in the **desert**

This region is predominantly **desert**.

daydreaming

n. the act of thinking about something that you would prefer to be doing or have happened to you

synonym: reverie, cloud-castle, imagination

(1) stimulate **daydreaming**, (2) the mental process of **daydreaming**

I often waste a lot of time **daydreaming**.

graduated

adj. having received a degree from a school, college, or university; marked with or divided into levels or degrees

synonym: completed, finished, earned

(1) **graduated** taxation, (2) **graduated** flask

She was a **graduated** student of a prestigious university.

mass

n. a large amount of a substance with no definite shape or form; a large number of people or things grouped or crowded together

synonym: abundance, crowd, mob

(1) a **mass** of molten rock, (2) critical **mass**

The **mass** of people who do not own property is politically

impotent.

therapy

n. the act of caring for someone through medication, remedial training, etc.

synonym: antidote, medicine, treatment

(1) **therapy** for a patient, (2) field of gene **therapy**

I underwent aversion **therapy** for my addiction to alcohol.

independence

n. freedom from another's or others' control or influence

synonym: freedom, liberty, autonomy

(1) financial **independence**, (2) **independence** ceremony

There is nothing more valuable than **independence** and freedom.

detour

n. a route that deviates from the main or direct one, usually taken to avoid something such as traffic or construction; a diversion from the usual or expected course of action

synonym: diversion, deviation, bypass

(1) **detour** sign, (2) unnecessary **detour**

We had to take a **detour because** of the road construction ahead.

influenza

n. (formal for flu) a highly contagious viral disease that causes fever, severe aching, and catarrh and often occurs in epidemics

synonym: grippe, flu

(1) an epidemic outbreak of **influenza**, (2) **influenza** B strain

The research institute allocated a lot of money to study the cause and prevention of **influenza**.

diagnose

v. to determine or distinguish the nature of a problem or an illness through a careful analysis

synonym: identify, analyze, interpret

(1) **diagnose** the problem, (2) **diagnose** with CT scans

This device is used to **diagnose** brain cancer and other

tumors.

bacteria

n. single-celled or noncellular spherical or spiral or rod-shaped organisms that exist in large numbers in the air, water, and soil, and also in living and dead creatures and plants, and are often a cause of disease

synonym : microorganism, microbe

(1) pathogenic **bacteria**, (2) harmless **bacteria**

Bacteria prevalent in hospitals are often resistant to antibiotics.

meningitis

n. inflammation of the protective membranes surrounding the brain and spinal cord, typically caused by a bacterial or viral infection and characterized by fever, headache, and a stiff neck

synonym : brain fever, cerebrospinal fever

(1) **meningitis** outbreak, (2) acute **meningitis**

The **meningitis** vaccination is recommended for individuals at a high risk of contracting the illness, such as college students and military personnel.

vaccine

n. a substance that is put into the body and protects them from disease by causing them to produce antibodies (= proteins that attack harmful bacteria, viruses, etc.)

synonym : vaccinum

(1) development of **vaccines**, (2) an oral **vaccine**

The mRNA **vaccine** was approved in less than a year because it did not contain the fragments of the target virus.

infection

n. a condition in which pathogenic microorganisms or viruses have entered the body

synonym : contagion, disease, transmission

(1) a bacterial **infection**, (2) treat the **infection** with antibiotics

Hospitals must meet various standards to prevent nosocomial **infections**.

spleen

n. a large, blood-rich organ located in the upper left region of the abdomen, known for its role in the immune system, blood storage, and blood filtration

synonym: lien, irascibility, temper

(1) **spleen** function, (2) enlarged **spleen**

The doctor explained that the pain in her abdomen was caused by **spleen** inflammation.

kidney

n. either of a pair of small organs in the body that filter waste products, especially urea, from the blood and excrete them and water in urine

(1) an artificial **kidney**, (2) chronic **kidney** disease

The surgeon removed the healthy **kidney** from the donor.

patchwork

n. a fabric made by stitching together small pieces of different colored and patterned fabrics; a mixture or grouping of diverse elements or components

synonym: assortment, jumble, mishmash

(1) the **patchwork** of legislation, (2) **patchwork** design

The **patchwork** approach to funding led to an uneven distribution of resources.

doll

n. a child's toy that typically represents a human figure, especially a young girl; an attractive woman; a woman who is subservient or passive

synonym: puppet, dolly, toy

(1) plastic **doll**, (2) rag **doll**

The antique **doll** was worth thousands of dollars.

calf

n. a young cow, bull, or other domestic bovine animals

synonym: baby cow, heifer, yearling

(1) baby **calf**, (2) a **calf** elephant

The newborn **calf** stood on wobbly legs, trying to find its mother's milk.

bulky

adj. taking up much space or being difficult to move because of its size or weight; large and unwieldy

synonym : large, cumbersome, unwieldy

(1) **bulky** material, (2) **bulky** packaging

The **bulky** furniture made it difficult to move around the small room.

bolt

n. a metal bar that slides across to lock a door or window closed; a discharge of lightning accompanied by thunder; (verb) to move or jump suddenly

synonym : lock, fastener, thunderbolt

(1) **bolt** diameter, (2) **bolt** from my bed

The lightning **bolt** twiggged in several directions.

ankle

n. the part or joint connecting the foot to the leg

synonym : mortise joint

(1) **ankle** injury, (2) pair of **ankle** boots

He accidentally sprained his **ankle** playing squash.

rub

v. to move one's hand or an object over the surface of something with pressure

synonym : scrub, massage, stroke

(1) **rub** shoulders, (2) **rub** a glass window

She **rubbed** the sore spot on her leg to ease the pain.

vein

n. a blood vessel that carries blood from various parts of the body back to the heart; a mineral deposit or layer of rock that is contained within another rock formation

synonym : artery, blood vessel, capillary

(1) spider **vein**, (2) collapsed **vein**

The nurse inserted the needle into the **vein** in his arm to draw blood.

stream

n. a small, narrow river; a continuous flow of something, such as liquid, gas, people, vehicles, etc.

synonym : flow, current, brook

(1) the **stream** of time, (2) an endless **stream** of cars

Jet **streams** are the common name for air currents that form

high in the atmosphere.

strap

n. a long, narrow strip or belt of leather, fabric, or another material used for binding, fastening, or supporting something or someone; a band or string that attaches one object to another, often used to secure items during transport

synonym : band, belt, sling

(1) leather **strap**, (2) camera **strap**

The athlete tightened the **strap** on his running shoes before the race.

chunky

adj. characterized by being thick and heavy; containing or consisting of large, solid pieces; having a stocky, muscular build

synonym : chubby, stocky, bulky

(1) **chunky** sweater, (2) a **chunky** necklace

I prefer **chunky** peanut butter over smooth peanut butter.

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.

adventure

n. a journey or a series of events that is unusual, exciting, or dangerous

synonym : experience, happening, incident

(1) gastronomic **adventures**, (2) **adventure** film

He sailed the Atlantic Ocean multiple times during his **adventures**.

crawl

v. to move forward slowly, as people or animals with their bodies near the ground

synonym : creep, drag

(1) **crawl** across the floor, (2) **crawl** away from a car

Along the gravel roads, sizeable yellow school buses **crawl**.

absolutely

adv. without restriction or limitation; completely or utterly
synonym: completely, utterly, definitely

(1) **absolutely** against, (2) **absolutely** obsessed with the girl

I am **absolutely** opposed to his idea because of morality.

physically

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

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

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

emotional

adj. relating to people's feelings

synonym: affecting, impactful, impressive

(1) **emotional** health, (2) **emotional** distress

Human **emotional** responses vary widely depending on the society to which they belong.

embrace

v. to accept something willingly and enthusiastically;
(noun) the act of clasping another person in the arms as in greeting or affection

synonym: grasp, hold tightly, accept

(1) **embrace** an opportunity, (2) a warm **embrace**

The woods **embrace** the house.

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**.

rack

n. a framework or support structure used to hold or display objects; a set of interconnected shelves or compartments used for storage; a source of torture, distress, or mental anguish

synonym: shelf, stand, frame

(1) clothing **rack**, (2) spice **rack**

I need to buy a new coat **rack** to organize my winter jackets.

define

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

synonym: characterize, depict, express

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

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

grace

n. a quality of being pleasing, especially in appearance or manner; a temporary exemption, especially an extended period granted as a special favor; a short prayer of thanks before a meal

synonym: charm, poise, elegance

(1) say a **grace**, (2) end of the **grace** period

The old oak tree stood with **grace** and majesty in the park's center.

carving

n. the act or process of cutting or shaping a hard material, such as wood or stone, into a specific form or design

synonym: sculpture, engraving, sculpture

(1) a wood **carving**, (2) **carving** instrument

The intricate **carving** on the wooden box was the work of a master craftsman.

powder

n. a dry and fine substance that consists of very small, loose particles

synonym: dust, crumb, grain

(1) **powder** additive, (2) curry **powder**

She used a **powder** brush to apply her foundation evenly.

chapter

n. a separate section of a written work usually numbered and titled

synonym: section, phase, episode

(1) an introductory **chapter**, (2) **chapter** of a political party

The final **chapter** provides a summary of the discussion.

trauma

n. an emotional wound or shock often has long-lasting effects caused by a highly upsetting or shocking experience

synonym : agony, injury, ordeal

(1) psychic **trauma**, (2) **trauma** care

Many civilians have suffered **trauma** as a result of the war.

lift

v. to raise something to a higher position or level; to pick up something or somebody and move them to a different position

synonym : raise, elevate, move up

(1) **lift** sagging skin, (2) **lift** a ban on alcohol

The drought **lifted** the prices of grain globally.

attach

v. to fasten, join, or connect one thing to another

synonym : fix, fasten, bind

(1) **attach** firmly, (2) **attach** a file to an e-mail

He does not **attach** importance to these rumors.

shock

n. a strong feeling or physical reaction to a sudden and unexpected event or experience, especially something unpleasant

synonym : amazement, surprise, stunner

(1) death from **shock**, (2) **shock-resistant**

He got an electric **shock** at work.

discotheque

n. a nightclub or restaurant where recorded music is played, and people dance

synonym : nightclub, dance club, disco

(1) **discotheque** party, (2) **discotheque** scene

He couldn't wait to hit the **discotheque** and dance the night away.

obstacle

n. a thing that blocks one's way or prevents or hinders progress

synonym : hindrance, barrier, block

(1) an **obstacle** to progress, (2) **obstacle** avoidance

The **obstacle** course was challenging but fun.

creative

adj. relating to or involving the use of skill and original and unusual ideas to create something

synonym: imaginative, innovative, inventive

(1) **creative** writing, (2) barren of **creative** spirit

All the supervisor has to do is assign tasks that make his subordinates more **creative**.

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.

random

adj. made, done, or happening without method, conscious decision, or any regular pattern

synonym: incidental, arbitrary, unanticipated

(1) a **random** choice, (2) bombs fell at **random**

To find drunk drivers, police conduct **random** tests.

rust

n. a reddish-brown coating or corrosion layer that forms on iron or steel as a result of exposure to moisture and oxygen; the process of corrosion on metal caused by oxidation

synonym: corrosion, oxidation, decay

(1) **rust-proofing**, (2) **rusty** metal

The old car was covered in **rust** and needed extensive repair work.

neon

n. a chemical element of atomic number 10 that is a gas with no smell or color, does not react with other chemicals, and shines with a bright light when electricity is passed through it

synonym: fluorescent, glowing, illuminated

(1) luminous **neon** tube, (2) **neon** lights

The nightlife district was lit up with colorful **neon** signs and bright lights.

duct

n. a tube, pipe, or channel for conveying air, water, or other substances

synonym: tube, pipe, channel

(1) breast **duct**, (2) **duct** tape

The air **ducts** in the building needed to be cleaned to improve the air quality.

tap

v. to hit someone or something quickly, gently, and often repeatedly; to use existing resources, such as energy, knowledge, etc.

synonym: knock, exploit, use

(1) **tap** a new market, (2) **tap** keyboard with an index finger
To expand the company, we must **tap** new human resources.

toenail

n. the hard, flat covering on the end of a toe, made of layers of dead skin cells; often requires regular grooming and trimming to maintain proper hygiene and appearance

synonym: nail, claw, hoof

(1) **toenail** fungus, (2) ingrown **toenail**

I accidentally stubbed my toe and broke my **toenail**.

polish

n. a substance used to smooth or shine a surface; the act of smoothing or shining a surface

synonym: shine, buff, gloss

(1) **polish** finishing, (2) surface **polish**

I used a special **polish** to make my car's paint shine.

cofounder

n. one of several people who establishes an organization or starts a business

(1) **cofounder** of the university, (2) late **cofounder**

He is the **cofounder** and chairman of this tech company.

nonprofit

adj. not established for commercial profit

synonym : charitable

(1) a **nonprofit** organization, (2) **nonprofit** agency

Our law firm also focuses on **nonprofit** activities.

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**.

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.

opportune

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

synonym : suitable, timely, practical

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

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

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.

back-to-back

adj. situated close to each other and facing in opposite directions; arranged or scheduled consecutively without a break in between; (adverb) consecutively

synonym : consecutive, continuous, successive

(1) **back-to-back** meetings, (2) win two games

back-to-back

The restaurant received **back-to-back** awards for its exceptional cuisine and service.

medal

n. a flat, usually circular piece of metal or other material that is often given as an award or commemoration for an achievement, victory, or honor

synonym : award, decoration, badge

(1) gold **medal**, (2) a prize **medal**

She was proud to receive a **medal** for her hard work and dedication to the sport.

rank

n. a position in a hierarchy of status or authority; (verb) to take or have a position relative to others

synonym : position, status, standing

(1) **rank** amateur, (2) high **rank**

He was promoted to the **rank** of captain in the military.

adaptive

adj. capable of adjusting to new situations or changing conditions

synonym : flexible, adjustable, pliant

(1) the **adaptive** coloring, (2) **adaptive** technology

The **adaptive** learning system adjusts the difficulty level of the lessons based on the student's performance.

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.

rely

v. to require a specific thing or the assistance and support of someone or something to continue, run properly, or succeed.

synonym : depend, count, lean

(1) **rely** on convenience stores, (2) **rely** entirely on him

Babies heavily **rely** on others for food.

imaginary

adj. existing only in someone's mind

synonym : fictional, ideal, fantastical

(1) **imaginary** number, (2) **imaginary** pregnancy

Little children tend to have **imaginary** friends.

possibility

n. a chance that something may happen or be true

synonym : chance, prospect, likelihood

(1) **possibility** for growth, (2) **possibility** of a major earthquake

The **possibility** of getting the disease will drastically increase.

head-on

adj. occurring or done directly, without any intermediaries or avoidance; confronting or facing something directly, without any evasion or compromise

synonym : head-to-head, direct, confrontational

(1) **head-on** argument, (2) **head-on** approach

A **head-on** collision on the highway led to a major traffic jam.

innovation

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

synonym : invention, initiation, creation

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

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

negative

adj. having the quality of something bad or harmful; expressing refusal

synonym : minus, adverse, pessimistic

(1) have a **negative** effect, (2) a **negative** number

The movie has received almost universally **negative** criticism.

blissing

n. a gift or favor from a higher power or force; an act or expression of approval, encouragement, or gratitude; something that brings happiness or good fortune

synonym : favor, benediction, boon

(1) count your **blissings**, (2) bestowed **blissings**

Receiving support from his friends was a great **blissing** in his time of need.

magnificent

adj. extremely beautiful and impressive; grand or noble in thought or deed

synonym : splendid, brilliant, exquisite

(1) a **magnificent** plan, (2) a **magnificent** mountain

The **magnificent** scene of the glacier is awe-inspiring.

ignite

v. to set on fire; to cause to start burning

synonym : light, set fire to, ignite

(1) **ignite** a boom, (2) **ignite** passion

He **ignited** the fireworks with a single spark.

amazing

adj. extremely surprising, especially in a way that you like or admire

synonym : exceptional, extraordinary, wonderful

(1) **amazing** advances, (2) the most **amazing** feeling

The golfer recorded an **amazing** distance.

Session 2: Spelling

1. bac_____ack meetings
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n. a position in a hierarchy of status or authority; (verb) to take or have a position relative to others
5. no_____it agency
adj. not established for commercial profit
6. at____h a file to an e-mail
v. to fasten, join, or connect one thing to another
7. camera st__p
n. a long, narrow strip or belt of leather, fabric, or another material used for binding, fastening, or supporting something or someone; a band or string that attaches one object to another, often used to secure items during transport
8. ind_____nce ceremony
n. freedom from another's or others' control or influence
9. win two games bac_____ack
adj. situated close to each other and facing in opposite directions; arranged or scheduled consecutively without a break in between; (adverb) consecutively

ANSWERS: 1. back-to-back, 2. involve, 3. desert, 4. rank, 5. nonprofit, 6. attach, 7. strap, 8. independence, 9. back-to-back

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| 10. crack of d__n | <i>n.</i> the time of day when the sun's light starts to show in the sky |
| 11. an artificial ki___y | <i>n.</i> either of a pair of small organs in the body that filter waste products, especially urea, from the blood and excrete them and water in urine |
| 12. em_____e an opportunity | <i>v.</i> to accept something willingly and enthusiastically; (noun) the act of clasping another person in the arms as in greeting or affection |
| 13. a c__f elephant | <i>n.</i> a young cow, bull, or other domestic bovine animals |
| 14. high r__k | <i>n.</i> a position in a hierarchy of status or authority; (verb) to take or have a position relative to others |
| 15. in_____e a high degree of risk | <i>v.</i> to include or affect someone or something as a necessary part of something else |
| 16. de___e on a course of action | <i>v.</i> to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options |
| 17. rag d__l | <i>n.</i> a child's toy that typically represents a human figure, especially a young girl; an attractive woman; a woman who is subservient or passive |
| 18. gastronomic ad_____res | <i>n.</i> a journey or a series of events that is unusual, exciting, or dangerous |
| 19. r_b shoulders | <i>v.</i> to move one's hand or an object over the surface of something with pressure |

ANSWERS: 10. dawn, 11. kidney, 12. embrace, 13. calf, 14. rank, 15. involve, 16. decide, 17. doll, 18. adventure, 19. rub

20. a dis_____ty pension *n.* a physical or mental condition that makes it difficult for someone to do some things that other people do
21. a m__s of molten rock *n.* a large amount of a substance with no definite shape or form; a large number of people or things grouped or crowded together
22. he_____n approach *adj.* occurring or done directly, without any intermediaries or avoidance; confronting or facing something directly, without any evasion or compromise
23. cr__l across the floor *v.* to move forward slowly, as people or animals with their bodies near the ground
24. po___h finishing *n.* a substance used to smooth or shine a surface; the act of smoothing or shining a surface
25. a prize me__l *n.* a flat, usually circular piece of metal or other material that is often given as an award or commemoration for an achievement, victory, or honor
26. unnecessary de___r *n.* a route that deviates from the main or direct one, usually taken to avoid something such as traffic or construction; a diversion from the usual or expected course of action
27. ad_____re film *n.* a journey or a series of events that is unusual, exciting, or dangerous
28. t_p a new market *v.* to hit someone or something quickly, gently, and often repeatedly; to use existing resources, such as energy, knowledge, etc.

ANSWERS: 20. disability, 21. mass, 22. head-on, 23. crawl, 24. polish, 25. medal, 26. detour, 27. adventure, 28. tap

29. curry po___r *n.* a dry and fine substance that consists of very small, loose particles
30. bestowed bl_____ngs *n.* a gift or favor from a higher power or force; an act or expression of approval, encouragement, or gratitude; something that brings happiness or good fortune
31. tr___a care *n.* an emotional wound or shock often has long-lasting effects caused by a highly upsetting or shocking experience
32. an__e injury *n.* the part or joint connecting the foot to the leg
33. spice r__k *n.* a framework or support structure used to hold or display objects; a set of interconnected shelves or compartments used for storage; a source of torture, distress, or mental anguish
34. a learning dis_____ty *n.* a physical or mental condition that makes it difficult for someone to do some things that other people do
35. death from sh__k *n.* a strong feeling or physical reaction to a sudden and unexpected event or experience, especially something unpleasant
36. d__t tape *n.* a tube, pipe, or channel for conveying air, water, or other substances
37. am_____g advances *adj.* extremely surprising, especially in a way that you like or admire
38. an epidemic outbreak of in_____za *n.* (formal for flu) a highly contagious viral disease that causes fever, severe aching, and catarrh and often occurs in epidemics

ANSWERS: 29. powder, 30. blessing, 31. trauma, 32. ankle, 33. rack, 34. disability, 35. shock, 36. duct, 37. amazing, 38. influenza

39. bombs fell at ra___m *adj.* made, done, or happening without method, conscious decision, or any regular pattern
40. l__t sagging skin *v.* to raise something to a higher position or level; to pick up something or somebody and move them to a different position
41. sh__k-resistant *n.* a strong feeling or physical reaction to a sudden and unexpected event or experience, especially something unpleasant
42. po___r additive *n.* a dry and fine substance that consists of very small, loose particles
43. th_____y for a patient *n.* the act of caring for someone through medication, remedial training, etc.
44. the ad_____ve coloring *adj.* capable of adjusting to new situations or changing conditions
45. a bacterial in_____on *n.* a condition in which pathogenic microorganisms or viruses have entered the body
46. a di_____ed veteran *adj.* having a physical or mental condition that limits someone's specific actions that most other people can do
47. have a ne_____ve effect *adj.* having the quality of something bad or harmful; expressing refusal
48. pos_____ty for growth *n.* a chance that something may happen or be true
49. a wood ca_____g *n.* the act or process of cutting or shaping a hard material, such as wood or stone, into a specific form or design

ANSWERS: 39. random, 40. lift, 41. shock, 42. powder, 43. therapy, 44. adaptive, 45. infection, 46. disabled, 47. negative, 48. possibility, 49. carving

50. cr____ve writing *adj.* relating to or involving the use of skill and original and unusual ideas to create something
51. di____se the problem *v.* to determine or distinguish the nature of a problem or an illness through a careful analysis
52. bu__y material *adj.* taking up much space or being difficult to move because of its size or weight; large and unwieldy
53. at___h firmly *v.* to fasten, join, or connect one thing to another
54. a learning-di____ed child *adj.* having a physical or mental condition that limits someone's specific actions that most other people can do
55. l__t a ban on alcohol *v.* to raise something to a higher position or level; to pick up something or somebody and move them to a different position
56. a mag_____nt mountain *adj.* extremely beautiful and impressive; grand or noble in thought or deed
57. phy_____ly and mentally *adv.* in a way related to a person's body or appearance rather than their mind
58. at___d a meeting *v.* to be present at an event, to go to a place
59. abs_____ly against *adv.* without restriction or limitation; completely or utterly
60. clothing r__k *n.* a framework or support structure used to hold or display objects; a set of interconnected shelves or compartments used for storage; a source of torture, distress, or mental anguish

ANSWERS: 50. creative, 51. diagnose, 52. bulky, 53. attach, 54. disabled, 55. lift, 56. magnificent, 57. physically, 58. attend, 59. absolutely, 60. rack

61. a ra___m choice *adj.* made, done, or happening without method, conscious decision, or any regular pattern
62. abs_____ly obsessed with the girl *adv.* without restriction or limitation; completely or utterly
63. ch___y sweater *adj.* characterized by being thick and heavy; containing or consisting of large, solid pieces; having a stocky, muscular build
64. critical m__s *n.* a large amount of a substance with no definite shape or form; a large number of people or things grouped or crowded together
65. b__t from my bed *n.* a metal bar that slides across to lock a door or window closed; a discharge of lightning accompanied by thunder; (verb) to move or jump suddenly
66. dis_____ue scene *n.* a nightclub or restaurant where recorded music is played, and people dance
67. stimulate day_____ng *n.* the act of thinking about something that you would prefer to be doing or have happened to you
68. an endless st___m of cars *n.* a small, narrow river; a continuous flow of something, such as liquid, gas, people, vehicles, etc.
69. say a gr__e *n.* a quality of being pleasing, especially in appearance or manner; a temporary exemption, especially an extended period granted as a special favor; a short prayer of thanks before a meal

ANSWERS: 61. random, 62. absolutely, 63. chunky, 64. mass, 65. bolt, 66. discotheque, 67. daydreaming, 68. stream, 69. grace

70. cr__l away from a car
v. to move forward slowly, as people or animals with their bodies near the ground
71. baby c__f
n. a young cow, bull, or other domestic bovine animals
72. field of gene th____y
n. the act of caring for someone through medication, remedial training, etc.
73. em____al health
adj. relating to people's feelings
74. an oral va____e
n. a substance that is put into the body and protects them from disease by causing them to produce antibodies (= proteins that attack harmful bacteria, viruses, etc.)
75. a warm em____e
v. to accept something willingly and enthusiastically; (noun) the act of clasping another person in the arms as in greeting or affection
76. harmless ba____ia
n. single-celled or noncellular spherical or spiral or rod-shaped organisms that exist in large numbers in the air, water, and soil, and also in living and dead creatures and plants, and are often a cause of disease
77. pa____rk design
n. a fabric made by stitching together small pieces of different colored and patterned fabrics; a mixture or grouping of diverse elements or components
78. di____se with CT scans
v. to determine or distinguish the nature of a problem or an illness through a careful analysis

ANSWERS: 70. crawl, 71. calf, 72. therapy, 73. emotional, 74. vaccine, 75. embrace, 76. bacteria, 77. patchwork, 78. diagnose

79. men_____is outbreak *n.* inflammation of the protective membranes surrounding the brain and spinal cord, typically caused by a bacterial or viral infection and characterized by fever, headache, and a stiff neck
80. stay phy_____ly fit *adv.* in a way related to a person's body or appearance rather than their mind
81. pos_____ty of a major earthquake *n.* a chance that something may happen or be true
82. gr_____ed flask *adj.* having received a degree from a school, college, or university; marked with or divided into levels or degrees
83. co_____e the scope of use *v.* to restrict the movement of someone or something
84. im_____ry number *adj.* existing only in someone's mind
85. in_____za B strain *n.* (formal for flu) a highly contagious viral disease that causes fever, severe aching, and catarrh and often occurs in epidemics
86. late co_____er *n.* one of several people who establishes an organization or starts a business
87. treat the in_____on with antibiotics *n.* a condition in which pathogenic microorganisms or viruses have entered the body
88. the wan light of d__n *n.* the time of day when the sun's light starts to show in the sky
89. de___e a question *v.* to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options

ANSWERS: 79. meningitis, 80. physically, 81. possibility, 82. graduated, 83. confine, 84. imaginary, 85. influenza, 86. cofounder, 87. infection, 88. dawn, 89. decide

90. de___e a word *v.* to state or explain precisely the nature, scope, or meaning of something
91. enlarged sp___n *n.* a large, blood-rich organ located in the upper left region of the abdomen, known for its role in the immune system, blood storage, and blood filtration
92. r___y entirely on him *v.* to require a specific thing or the assistance and support of someone or something to continue, run properly, or succeed.
93. barren of cr____ve spirit *adj.* relating to or involving the use of skill and original and unusual ideas to create something
94. pathogenic ba____ia *n.* single-celled or noncellular spherical or spiral or rod-shaped organisms that exist in large numbers in the air, water, and soil, and also in living and dead creatures and plants, and are often a cause of disease
95. a ch___y necklace *adj.* characterized by being thick and heavy; containing or consisting of large, solid pieces; having a stocky, muscular build
96. im____ry pregnancy *adj.* existing only in someone's mind
97. a ne____ve number *adj.* having the quality of something bad or harmful; expressing refusal
98. the most am____g feeling *adj.* extremely surprising, especially in a way that you like or admire
99. ca____g instrument *n.* the act or process of cutting or shaping a hard material, such as wood or stone, into a specific form or design

ANSWERS: 90. define, 91. spleen, 92. rely, 93. creative, 94. bacteria, 95. chunky, 96. imaginary, 97. negative, 98. amazing, 99. carving

100. r__ty metal *n.* a reddish-brown coating or corrosion layer that forms on iron or steel as a result of exposure to moisture and oxygen; the process of corrosion on metal caused by oxidation
101. plastic d__l *n.* a child's toy that typically represents a human figure, especially a young girl; an attractive woman; a woman who is subservient or passive
102. de___r sign *n.* a route that deviates from the main or direct one, usually taken to avoid something such as traffic or construction; a diversion from the usual or expected course of action
103. breast d__t *n.* a tube, pipe, or channel for conveying air, water, or other substances
104. at___d service *v.* to be present at an event, to go to a place
105. ig___e passion *v.* to set on fire; to cause to start burning
106. chronic ki___y disease *n.* either of a pair of small organs in the body that filter waste products, especially urea, from the blood and excrete them and water in urine
107. co_____er of the university *n.* one of several people who establishes an organization or starts a business
108. ad___ve technology *adj.* capable of adjusting to new situations or changing conditions
109. bu__y packaging *adj.* taking up much space or being difficult to move because of its size or weight; large and unwieldy

ANSWERS: 100. rust, 101. doll, 102. detour, 103. duct, 104. attend, 105. ignite, 106. kidney, 107. cofounder, 108. adaptive, 109. bulky

110. an op_____ne remark *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
111. an introductory ch_____r *n.* a separate section of a written work usually numbered and titled
112. an ob_____le to progress *n.* a thing that blocks one's way or prevents or hinders progress
113. collapsed v__n *n.* a blood vessel that carries blood from various parts of the body back to the heart; a mineral deposit or layer of rock that is contained within another rock formation
114. pair of an__e boots *n.* the part or joint connecting the foot to the leg
115. em_____al distress *adj.* relating to people's feelings
116. gr_____ed taxation *adj.* having received a degree from a school, college, or university; marked with or divided into levels or degrees
117. a no_____it organization *adj.* not established for commercial profit
118. r_b a glass window *v.* to move one's hand or an object over the surface of something with pressure
119. dis_____ue party *n.* a nightclub or restaurant where recorded music is played, and people dance
120. financial ind_____nce *n.* freedom from another's or others' control or influence
121. luminous n__n tube *n.* a chemical element of atomic number 10 that is a gas with no smell or color, does not react with other chemicals, and shines with a bright light when electricity is passed through it

ANSWERS: 110. opportune, 111. chapter, 112. obstacle, 113. vein, 114. ankle, 115. emotional, 116. graduated, 117. nonprofit, 118. rub, 119. discotheque, 120. independence, 121. neon

122. the mental process of day_____ng *n.* the act of thinking about something that you would prefer to be doing or have happened to you
123. count your bl_____ngs *n.* a gift or favor from a higher power or force; an act or expression of approval, encouragement, or gratitude; something that brings happiness or good fortune
124. n__n lights *n.* a chemical element of atomic number 10 that is a gas with no smell or color, does not react with other chemicals, and shines with a bright light when electricity is passed through it
125. surface po___h *n.* a substance used to smooth or shine a surface; the act of smoothing or shining a surface
126. t_p keyboard with an index finger *v.* to hit someone or something quickly, gently, and often repeatedly; to use existing resources, such as energy, knowledge, etc.
127. ingrown to_____l *n.* the hard, flat covering on the end of a toe, made of layers of dead skin cells; often requires regular grooming and trimming to maintain proper hygiene and appearance
128. the pa_____rk of legislation *n.* a fabric made by stitching together small pieces of different colored and patterned fabrics; a mixture or grouping of diverse elements or components
129. psychic tr___a *n.* an emotional wound or shock often has long-lasting effects caused by a highly upsetting or shocking experience

ANSWERS: 122. daydreaming, 123. blessing, 124. neon, 125. polish, 126. tap, 127. toenail, 128. patchwork, 129. trauma

130. op_____ne occasion *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
131. r__t-proofing *n.* a reddish-brown coating or corrosion layer that forms on iron or steel as a result of exposure to moisture and oxygen; the process of corrosion on metal caused by oxidation
132. a mag_____nt plan *adj.* extremely beautiful and impressive; grand or noble in thought or deed
133. r__y on convenience stores *v.* to require a specific thing or the assistance and support of someone or something to continue, run properly, or succeed.
134. acute men_____is *n.* inflammation of the protective membranes surrounding the brain and spinal cord, typically caused by a bacterial or viral infection and characterized by fever, headache, and a stiff neck
135. ch_____r of a political party *n.* a separate section of a written work usually numbered and titled
136. end of the gr__e period *n.* a quality of being pleasing, especially in appearance or manner; a temporary exemption, especially an extended period granted as a special favor; a short prayer of thanks before a meal
137. development of va_____es *n.* a substance that is put into the body and protects them from disease by causing them to produce antibodies (= proteins that attack harmful bacteria, viruses, etc.)

ANSWERS: 130. opportune, 131. rust, 132. magnificent, 133. rely, 134. meningitis, 135. chapter, 136. grace, 137. vaccine

138. the st___m of time *n.* a small, narrow river; a continuous flow of something, such as liquid, gas, people, vehicles, etc.
139. gold me__l *n.* a flat, usually circular piece of metal or other material that is often given as an award or commemoration for an achievement, victory, or honor
140. oasis in the de___t *n.* arid land with little or no vegetation often covered with sand or rocks
141. inn_____on leader *n.* the creation of a new device or process resulting from study and experimentation
142. ob_____le avoidance *n.* a thing that blocks one's way or prevents or hinders progress
143. b__t diameter *n.* a metal bar that slides across to lock a door or window closed; a discharge of lightning accompanied by thunder; (verb) to move or jump suddenly
144. co_____e themselves solely *v.* to restrict the movement of someone or something
145. leather st__p *n.* a long, narrow strip or belt of leather, fabric, or another material used for binding, fastening, or supporting something or someone; a band or string that attaches one object to another, often used to secure items during transport
146. ig___e a boom *v.* to set on fire; to cause to start burning
147. de___e my position *v.* to state or explain precisely the nature, scope, or meaning of something

ANSWERS: 138. stream, 139. medal, 140. desert, 141. innovation, 142. obstacle, 143. bolt, 144. confine, 145. strap, 146. ignite, 147. define

148. to_____l fungus *n.* the hard, flat covering on the end of a toe, made of layers of dead skin cells; often requires regular grooming and trimming to maintain proper hygiene and appearance
149. sp____n function *n.* a large, blood-rich organ located in the upper left region of the abdomen, known for its role in the immune system, blood storage, and blood filtration
150. cutting-edge inn_____on *n.* the creation of a new device or process resulting from study and experimentation
151. he_____n argument *adj.* occurring or done directly, without any intermediaries or avoidance; confronting or facing something directly, without any evasion or compromise
152. spider v__n *n.* a blood vessel that carries blood from various parts of the body back to the heart; a mineral deposit or layer of rock that is contained within another rock formation

ANSWERS: 148. toenail, 149. spleen, 150. innovation, 151. head-on, 152. vein

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. Many civilians have suffered _____ as a result of the war.
n. an emotional wound or shock often has long-lasting effects caused by a highly upsetting or shocking experience
2. The _____ of people who do not own property is politically impotent.
n. a large amount of a substance with no definite shape or form; a large number of people or things grouped or crowded together
3. Little children tend to have _____ friends.
adj. existing only in someone's mind
4. I am _____ opposed to his idea because of morality.
adv. without restriction or limitation; completely or utterly
5. The _____ course was challenging but fun.
n. a thing that blocks one's way or prevents or hinders progress
6. 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
7. He got an electric _____ at work.
n. a strong feeling or physical reaction to a sudden and unexpected event or experience, especially something unpleasant
8. Our law firm also focuses on _____ activities.
adj. not established for commercial profit

ANSWERS: 1. trauma, 2. mass, 3. imaginary, 4. absolutely, 5. obstacle, 6. disability, 7. shock, 8. nonprofit

9. The _____ scene of the glacier is awe-inspiring.

adj. extremely beautiful and impressive; grand or noble in thought or deed

10. I used a special _____ to make my car's paint shine.

n. a substance used to smooth or shine a surface; the act of smoothing or shining a surface

11. Jet _____ are the common name for air currents that form high in the atmosphere.

n. a small, narrow river; a continuous flow of something, such as liquid, gas, people, vehicles, etc.

12. The nightlife district was lit up with colorful _____ signs and bright lights.

n. a chemical element of atomic number 10 that is a gas with no smell or color, does not react with other chemicals, and shines with a bright light when electricity is passed through it

13. The woods _____ the house.

v. to accept something willingly and enthusiastically; (noun) the act of clasping another person in the arms as in greeting or affection

14. This device is used to _____ brain cancer and other tumors.

v. to determine or distinguish the nature of a problem or an illness through a careful analysis

15. The _____ of getting the disease will drastically increase.

n. a chance that something may happen or be true

16. The doctor explained that the pain in her abdomen was caused by _____ inflammation.

n. a large, blood-rich organ located in the upper left region of the abdomen, known for its role in the immune system, blood storage, and blood filtration

ANSWERS: 9. magnificent, 10. polish, 11. streams, 12. neon, 13. embrace, 14. diagnose, 15. possibility, 16. spleen

17. He accidentally sprained his _____ playing squash.

n. the part or joint connecting the foot to the leg

18. Missile assaults on the capital continued around _____.

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

19. The lightning _____ twiggged in several directions.

n. a metal bar that slides across to lock a door or window closed; a discharge of lightning accompanied by thunder; (verb) to move or jump suddenly

20. Human _____ responses vary widely depending on the society to which they belong.

adj. relating to people's feelings

21. He is the _____ and chairman of this tech company.

n. one of several people who establishes an organization or starts a business

22. I prefer _____ peanut butter over smooth peanut butter.

adj. characterized by being thick and heavy; containing or consisting of large, solid pieces; having a stocky, muscular build

23. The phone rang at the most _____ time.

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

24. He sailed the Atlantic Ocean multiple times during his _____.

n. a journey or a series of events that is unusual, exciting, or dangerous

25. The research institute allocated a lot of money to study the cause and prevention of _____.

n. (formal for flu) a highly contagious viral disease that causes fever, severe aching, and catarrh and often occurs in epidemics

ANSWERS: 17. ankle, 18. dawn, 19. bolt, 20. emotional, 21. cofounder, 22. chunky, 23. opportune, 24. adventures, 25. influenza

26. The _____ vaccination is recommended for individuals at a high risk of contracting the illness, such as college students and military personnel.
- n.* inflammation of the protective membranes surrounding the brain and spinal cord, typically caused by a bacterial or viral infection and characterized by fever, headache, and a stiff neck
27. The mRNA _____ was approved in less than a year because it did not contain the fragments of the target virus.
- n.* a substance that is put into the body and protects them from disease by causing them to produce antibodies (= proteins that attack harmful bacteria, viruses, etc.)
28. The drought _____ the prices of grain globally.
- v.* to raise something to a higher position or level; to pick up something or somebody and move them to a different position
29. He couldn't wait to hit the _____ and dance the night away.
- n.* a nightclub or restaurant where recorded music is played, and people dance
30. To advance this discussion, we must _____ "success" rigorously.
- v.* to state or explain precisely the nature, scope, or meaning of something
31. To expand the company, we must ____ new human resources.
- v.* to hit someone or something quickly, gently, and often repeatedly; to use existing resources, such as energy, knowledge, etc.
32. He does not _____ importance to these rumors.
- v.* to fasten, join, or connect one thing to another
33. The air _____ in the building needed to be cleaned to improve the air quality.
- n.* a tube, pipe, or channel for conveying air, water, or other substances

ANSWERS: 26. meningitis, 27. vaccine, 28. lifted, 29. discotheque, 30. define, 31. tap, 32. attach, 33. ducts

34. The old oak tree stood with _____ and majesty in the park's center.
n. a quality of being pleasing, especially in appearance or manner; a temporary exemption, especially an extended period granted as a special favor; a short prayer of thanks before a meal
35. The _____ furniture made it difficult to move around the small room.
adj. taking up much space or being difficult to move because of its size or weight; large and unwieldy
36. The newborn _____ stood on wobbly legs, trying to find its mother's milk.
n. a young cow, bull, or other domestic bovine animals
37. This region is predominantly _____.
n. arid land with little or no vegetation often covered with sand or rocks
38. I underwent aversion _____ for my addiction to alcohol.
n. the act of caring for someone through medication, remedial training, etc.
39. All the supervisor has to do is assign tasks that make his subordinates more _____.
adj. relating to or involving the use of skill and original and unusual ideas to create something
40. The _____ approach to funding led to an uneven distribution of resources.
n. a fabric made by stitching together small pieces of different colored and patterned fabrics; a mixture or grouping of diverse elements or components
41. Babies heavily _____ on others for food.
v. to require a specific thing or the assistance and support of someone or something to continue, run properly, or succeed.

ANSWERS: 34. grace, 35. bulky, 36. calf, 37. desert, 38. therapy, 39. creative, 40. patchwork, 41. rely

42. We must _____ to this matter.

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

43. _____ prevalent in hospitals are often resistant to antibiotics.

n. single-celled or noncellular spherical or spiral or rod-shaped organisms that exist in large numbers in the air, water, and soil, and also in living and dead creatures and plants, and are often a cause of disease

44. The intricate _____ on the wooden box was the work of a master craftsman.

n. the act or process of cutting or shaping a hard material, such as wood or stone, into a specific form or design

45. The nurse inserted the needle into the _____ in his arm to draw blood.

n. a blood vessel that carries blood from various parts of the body back to the heart; a mineral deposit or layer of rock that is contained within another rock formation

46. A _____ collision on the highway led to a major traffic jam.

adj. occurring or done directly, without any intermediaries or avoidance; confronting or facing something directly, without any evasion or compromise

47. The athlete tightened the _____ on his running shoes before the race.

n. a long, narrow strip or belt of leather, fabric, or another material used for binding, fastening, or supporting something or someone; a band or string that attaches one object to another, often used to secure items during transport

48. He was promoted to the _____ of captain in the military.

n. a position in a hierarchy of status or authority; (verb) to take or have a position relative to others

ANSWERS: 42. attend, 43. Bacteria, 44. carving, 45. vein, 46. head-on, 47. strap, 48. rank

49. She used a _____ brush to apply her foundation evenly.

n. a dry and fine substance that consists of very small, loose particles

50. Having a _____ healthy physique is essential for a great life.

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

51. Along the gravel roads, sizeable yellow school buses _____.

v. to move forward slowly, as people or animals with their bodies near the ground

52. 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

53. 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

54. I accidentally stubbed my toe and broke my _____.

n. the hard, flat covering on the end of a toe, made of layers of dead skin cells; often requires regular grooming and trimming to maintain proper hygiene and appearance

55. 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

56. The vegetarian burger was an _____ that quickly spread to the United Kingdom.

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

ANSWERS: 49. powder, 50. physically, 51. crawl, 52. decide, 53. disabled, 54. toenail, 55. involves, 56. innovation

57. She was proud to receive a _____ for her hard work and dedication to the sport.
n. a flat, usually circular piece of metal or other material that is often given as an award or commemoration for an achievement, victory, or honor
58. The movie has received almost universally _____ criticism.
adj. having the quality of something bad or harmful; expressing refusal
59. The golfer recorded an _____ distance.
adj. extremely surprising, especially in a way that you like or admire
60. Receiving support from his friends was a great _____ in his time of need.
n. a gift or favor from a higher power or force; an act or expression of approval, encouragement, or gratitude; something that brings happiness or good fortune
61. I need to buy a new coat _____ to organize my winter jackets.
n. a framework or support structure used to hold or display objects; a set of interconnected shelves or compartments used for storage; a source of torture, distress, or mental anguish
62. The surgeon removed the healthy _____ from the donor.
n. either of a pair of small organs in the body that filter waste products, especially urea, from the blood and excrete them and water in urine
63. We had to take a _____ of the road construction ahead.
n. a route that deviates from the main or direct one, usually taken to avoid something such as traffic or construction; a diversion from the usual or expected course of action
64. He _____ the fireworks with a single spark.
v. to set on fire; to cause to start burning

ANSWERS: 57. medal, 58. negative, 59. amazing, 60. blessing, 61. rack, 62. kidney, 63. detour because, 64. ignited

65. She was a _____ student of a prestigious university.

adj. having received a degree from a school, college, or university; marked with or divided into levels or degrees

66. The final _____ provides a summary of the discussion.

n. a separate section of a written work usually numbered and titled

67. The animal was _____ in a small cage.

v. to restrict the movement of someone or something

68. There is nothing more valuable than _____ and freedom.

n. freedom from another's or others' control or influence

69. The restaurant received _____ awards for its exceptional cuisine and service.

adj. situated close to each other and facing in opposite directions; arranged or scheduled consecutively without a break in between; (adverb) consecutively

70. She _____ the sore spot on her leg to ease the pain.

v. to move one's hand or an object over the surface of something with pressure

71. The antique _____ was worth thousands of dollars.

n. a child's toy that typically represents a human figure, especially a young girl; an attractive woman; a woman who is subservient or passive

72. The _____ learning system adjusts the difficulty level of the lessons based on the student's performance.

adj. capable of adjusting to new situations or changing conditions

ANSWERS: 65. graduated, 66. chapter, 67. confined, 68. independence, 69. back-to-back, 70. rubbed, 71. doll, 72. adaptive

73. To find drunk drivers, police conduct _____ tests.

adj. made, done, or happening without method, conscious decision, or any regular pattern

74. I often waste a lot of time _____.

n. the act of thinking about something that you would prefer to be doing or have happened to you

75. Hospitals must meet various standards to prevent nosocomial _____.

n. a condition in which pathogenic microorganisms or viruses have entered the body

76. The old car was covered in _____ and needed extensive repair work.

n. a reddish-brown coating or corrosion layer that forms on iron or steel as a result of exposure to moisture and oxygen; the process of corrosion on metal caused by oxidation

ANSWERS: 73. random, 74. daydreaming, 75. infections, 76. rust