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Session 1: Word List

miraculous

adj. very effective or lucky, or completely unexpected

synonym: amazing, astonishing, awesome

(1) a **miraculous** encounter, (2) go through a **miraculous** change

He made a **miraculous** recovery.

roughly

adv. approximately but not precisely; with a violent manner

synonym: approximately, more or less, around

(1) **roughly** explain my idea, (2) **roughly** speaking

Five miles is **roughly** similar to eight kilometers.

dinosaur

n. a large extinct reptile, often with an armored back, long neck, tail, and bony plates on the skin

synonym: reptile, beast, monster

(1) hulking **dinosaur**, (2) **dinosaur** fossil

The discovery of a new **dinosaur** species made headlines in the scientific community.

survive

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

synonym: endure, persist, stay

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

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

- eon** *n.* (also aeon) an indefinite long period of time; the longest division of geological time scale
synonym : aeon
(1) a geological **eon**, (2) over the **eons**
I heard that fairy tale **eons** ago.
- evolutionary** *adj.* relating to or denoting how living things develop or change from earlier forms
synonym : developmental, mutative, transformative
(1) ecology and **evolutionary** biology, (2) the **evolutionary** process
Evolutionary algorithms can find ways to optimize that humans do not anticipate.
- overcome** *v.* to succeed in controlling or dealing with something, such as a problem or difficulty; to defeat or overwhelm someone
synonym : beat, confound, overwhelm
(1) **overcome** opponents, (2) **overcome** all difficulties
He tried to **overcome** a bad reputation and win the election.
- odds** *n.* the degree or probability that a particular thing will or will not happen
synonym : chances, likelihoods, probabilities
(1) **odds** in favor, (2) **odds** of business
What are the **odds** that he will survive?
- consequence** *n.* the outcome of a particular action or event, especially relative to an individual
synonym : result, impact, outcome
(1) unintended **consequences**, (2) the **consequence** of an argument
These economic activities had disastrous environmental **consequences**.
- gauntlet** *n.* a type of protective glove covering the wrist and part of the arm, often made of leather or metal; a challenge or

trial that must be endured or overcome, often a difficult or dangerous one

synonym : challenge, provocation, obstacle

(1) accept the **gauntlet**, (2) throw down the **gauntlet**

He ran the **gauntlet** of critics' reviews after the release of his latest movie.

lifetime

n. the duration of someone's life or something's existence;

synonym : lifespan, duration

(1) **lifetime** benefits, (2) **lifetime** ban from the sport

She had lived through two world wars in her **lifetime**.

deposit

n. a sum of money or materials placed or kept in a bank, safety deposit box, or other secure places for safekeeping; a layer of rock, sand, or other material left behind by a flowing liquid or eroding force

synonym : bank, installment, sedimentation

(1) **deposit** money, (2) **deposit** accumulation

I made a **deposit** at the bank to add money to my account.

clutch

v. to grasp and hold somebody or something tightly

synonym : grip, hold, grab

(1) **clutch** at any straw, (2) **clutched** her daughter to her breast

The boy **clutched** his mother's hand tightly as they walked in the dark.

leather

n. a material made from the skin of an animal, typically by tanning, and used for clothing, shoes, furniture, and other items

synonym : hide, skin, suede

(1) enameled **leather**, (2) **leather** boots

The **leather** jacket was worn in but still comfortable.

nest

n. a structure in which animals lay their eggs or give birth to their young

synonym :

roost, perch, burrow

(1) bird's **nest**, (2) a **nest** of thieves

The female birds build a **nest** and lay their eggs in May.

pit

n. a hole in the ground or a cavity in a surface; a place for storing or holding something; a section of a theater or sports arena where people can sit

synonym: hole, depression, indentation

(1) the bottomless **pit**, (2) the **pit** of the stomach

The **pit** of the avocado can be removed by gently wedging a spoon around it.

hatch

v. to cause an egg to break to allow a young animal to come out; to produce and expand something that is in an early stage

synonym: incubate, breed, produce

(1) **hatch** a plan, (2) **hatch** a baby chick

The eggs began to **hatch**, and the small chicks emerged.

palm

n. the inner surface of the hand from the wrist to the base of the fingers; any plant of the family Palmae having an unbranched trunk crowned by large pinnate or palmate leaves

synonym: hand, fist

(1) the **palm** side of the forearm, (2) coconut **palm** trees

This high-performance camera is compact enough to fit in the **palm** of your hand.

squirm

v. to twist, wiggle, or contort the body uncomfortably or awkwardly, often due to embarrassment, discomfort, or nervousness

synonym: squiggle, wiggle, writhe

(1) **squirm** uncomfortably, (2) **squirm** with excitement

The child **squirmed** out of his mother's grasp and ran off.

emerging

adj. starting to exist, mature, or become well-known

synonym: arising, occurring, state-of-the-art

(1) **emerging** country, (2) **emerging** technologies
Emerging technologies have dramatically improved productivity in various industries.

sand

n. finely granulated particles of rock or mineral material typically found along beaches, deserts, or riverbeds; used in construction, landscaping, and other applications requiring drainage or abrasive action
synonym : grit, dust, powder

(1) **sand** dunes, (2) **sand** castle

The **sand** on the beach was warm and golden.

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.

desperate

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

synonym : anguish, frantic, hopeless

(1) her **desperate** screams, (2) **desperate** attempt

He was **desperate** when he lost all his money by gambling.

debris

n. broken or torn fragments of something

synonym : remains, remnants, garbage

(1) space **debris**, (2) pile of **debris**

Marine **debris** is a major continuous global problem.

pitfall

n. a hidden or unsuspected danger or difficulty; a trap or snare

synonym : trap, snare, hazard

(1) potential **pitfall**, (2) **pitfall** to be avoided

One of the biggest **pitfalls** of starting a new business is

underestimating the costs.

crab

n. a sea creature with two large claws and a flattened back (e.g., blue crab or king crab); a sour or grumpy person who is prone to complaining or criticizing

synonym: crustacean, shellfish, crusty

(1) **crab** cakes, (2) **crab** legs

I ordered a plate of fresh **crab** at the seafood restaurant.

gull

n. a seabird with long wings, short legs, and usually black and white or grey and white feathers

synonym: seagull

(1) a white sea **gull**, (2) **gull** family

Because **gulls** are gliding birds, their wings are long and slender.

raccoon

n. a nocturnal mammal with a distinctive black mask-like marking around the eyes, known for its omnivorous diet, dexterous paws, and bushy tail

(1) cunning **raccoon**, (2) **raccoon** fur

I saw a cute **raccoon** family crossing the road while driving home from camping.

threat

n. a strong indication or likelihood of harm, danger, or adverse consequences; an expression of intent to inflict harm or injury on someone or something, often made as a means of coercion or intimidation

synonym: menace, danger, hazard

(1) economic **threat**, (2) environmental **threat**

The **threat** of severe weather prompted the city to issue an evacuation warning.

claim

v. to assert that something is true; to demand or request something as one's own; to lay legal or moral right to something; (noun) a demand or assertion of a right or something that one believes to be true

synonym: assert, declare, maintain

(1) **claim** responsibility, (2) false **claim**

He wants to **claim** ownership of the abandoned property.

surf

v. to ride on or through waves while standing or lying down on a board or other object; to search or browse the Internet or other computer networks in a casual or aimless manner

synonym: browse, scan, paddle

(1) **surf** the Internet, (2) **surf** the waves

I'll **surf** the online store to see if I can find that item in a different color.

repel

v. to force an attack or attacker to withdraw or retreat

synonym: turn away, fight off, force back

(1) **repel** bandits, (2) **repel** bad luck

This material can **repel** moisture swiftly.

predator

n. an animal whose natural behavior is to prey on others

synonym: vulture, bloodsucker

(1) apex **predator**, (2) sexual **predators**

The native South American animals were in danger because of the **predator's** arrival.

vary

v. to become different in terms of size, shape, etc.

synonym: alter, contrast, differ

(1) **vary** according to the age, (2) **vary** directly with the price

Maximum heart rates **vary** a lot for each individual.

dolphin

n. a marine mammal that typically has a beaklike snout, a streamlined body, and flippers and that feeds on fish and squid

synonym: porpoise, cetacean, marine mammal

(1) **dolphin** show, (2) **dolphin-watching** tour

The large group of **dolphins** swam gracefully in the ocean, jumping out of the water now and then.

shark

n. a long-bodied, mostly predatory marine fish that has sharp teeth and a pointed fin on its back; a person who is ruthless, greedy, and dishonest

synonym : swindler, con artist, crook

(1) a man-eating **shark**, (2) card **shark**

He borrowed money from a loan **shark**.

vulnerable

adj. capable of being hurt or influenced physically or mentally

synonym : susceptible, exposed, weak

(1) a **vulnerable** bridge, (2) **vulnerable** parts of the body

Infants and pregnant women are particularly **vulnerable**.

frantic

adj. marked by uncontrolled excitement or emotion; wild; frenzied

synonym : wild, frenzied, manic

(1) **frantic** pace, (2) with **frantic** haste

The mother was **frantic** as she searched for her lost child.

ultimate

adj. furthest or highest in degree or order

synonym : highest, maximum, foremost

(1) the **ultimate** goal in life, (2) the **ultimate** luxury

Management must take **ultimate** responsibility for the accident.

settle

v. to reach an agreement of disagreement

synonym : inhabit, occupy, decide

(1) **settle** a dispute, (2) **settle** down in the town

I don't want to **settle** for second best.

patch

n. a small piece of material or fabric used to repair or reinforce a tear, hole, or damaged area; a small plot of land used for cultivation or a specific purpose

synonym : mend, repair, fix

(1) **patch** of grass, (2) software **patch**

I need to sew a **patch** onto my jeans that ripped.

flotsam

n. wreckage, debris, or other items that float on the surface of the water and are left behind by a shipwreck or accident

synonym : debris, wreckage, drift

(1) floating **flotsam**, (2) ocean **flotsam**

After the shipwreck, the survivors clung to various pieces of **flotsam** to stay afloat.

preferable

adj. more desirable or suitable than another option; more favored or favored over something else; better or more advantageous

synonym : desirable, preferred, better

(1) **preferable** option, (2) **preferable** solution

For most people, living in a quiet suburb is **preferable** to living in a busy city.

seaweed

n. a plant that grows in the sea or on land very close to the sea, especially marine algae

synonym : kelp, algae

(1) floating **seaweed**, (2) **seaweed** broth

She soaked **seaweed** in water until tender.

unfortunate

adj. having bad luck or fortune; unlucky

synonym : unlucky, pitiful, wretched

(1) an **unfortunate** orphan, (2) an **unfortunate** situation

The **unfortunate** accident caused many injuries and some fatalities.

phase

n. any stage in a series of events, change, or development

synonym : degree, stage, step

(1) enter on the last **phase**, (2) two- **phase** structure

The era of the industrial revolution was a crucial **phase** of history.

survivor

n. a person who remains alive after an event in which others have died

synonym : subsister

(1) ovarian cancer **survivor**, (2) a single **survivor**

The shipwreck **survivor** was rescued after floating in the ocean for three days.

worrisome

adj. causing worry, trouble, or anxiety; indicating the possible presence of danger, difficulty, or harm

synonym: concerning, troubling, bothersome

(1) **worrisome** issue, (2) **worrisome** development

The **worrisome** news about the impending storm caused many people to evacuate.

bull

n. a male bovine animal; an investor who has a positive outlook on the market or a particular investment and buys with the expectation of prices increasing

synonym: bovine, cattle, bruiser

(1) **bull** market, (2) **bull** fighter

The farmer raised a **bull** on his ranch for breeding purposes.

occasional

adj. happening or appearing at irregular intervals; not constant or regular

synonym: infrequent, sporadic, irregular

(1) **occasional** visitor, (2) **occasional** assistance

She only visited her grandparents on **occasional** weekends.

whale

n. a very large sea mammal that has a streamlined body and breathes through a blowhole on the head; a very large person; impressive in size or qualities

synonym: porpoise, giant

(1) a bull **whale**, (2) **whale** watching

Some countries have a culture of eating the flesh of a **whale**.

approximately

adv. close to a specific number or time but not exactly that number or time

synonym: about, around, roughly

(1) **approximately** 3 feet long, (2) **approximately** same

This trail takes **approximately** 2.5 hours.

breed

v. to keep animals for producing offspring in a regulated manner

synonym: raise, multiply, reproduce

(1) **breed** horses, (2) **breed** suspicion

This animal **breeds** in northern latitudes.

herald

v. to be a sign or indication of something to come; to proclaim or announce something publicly, often with great enthusiasm or fanfare

synonym: announce, proclaim, declare

(1) **herald** the news, (2) **herald** a new era

The sound of the trumpet **heralded** the arrival of the king.

distant

adj. far away in space, time, or where you are; far apart in relevance, relationship, or kinship

synonym: far, isolated, remote

(1) a **distant** memory, (2) **distant** ancestors

The sun set over the crest of **distant** hills.

interference

n. the act or process of getting involved in and trying to influence a specific situation; the state of being affected and influenced with

synonym: obstruction, hindrance, impedance

(1) officious **interference**, (2) **interference** wave

Unfortunately, the radio **interference** made it difficult to hear the broadcast.

endeavor

v. to make an earnest attempt or effort; to strive or work hard towards a goal or objective

synonym: attempt, strive, undertake

(1) **endeavor** to succeed, (2) **endeavor** as much as possible

We will **endeavor** to find a solution to the problem as quickly as possible.

develop

v. to grow or expand; to improve or refine through a process of progress and refinement, often to achieve

greater sophistication or complexity; to elaborate or add detail to something that is in the process of being created

synonym: evolve, progress, advance

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

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

refuse

v. to show that one is not willing to do or accept something

synonym: turn down, deny, decline

(1) **refuse** a request, (2) **refuse** the company

My initial reaction was to **refuse**.

poach

v. to illegally hunt, fish, or take wildlife from private or protected land or waters without permission; to cook food by gently simmering it in a liquid, often with added spices or seasonings

synonym: steal, snatch

(1) **poach** on his land, (2) **poach** deer

The chef **poached** the eggs perfectly for the benedict breakfast dish.

noxious

adj. harmful or poisonous to living beings; having an unpleasant or offensive smell or taste; causing intense or unpleasant emotions or feelings

synonym: harmful, toxic, poisonous

(1) **noxious** gas, (2) **noxious** substances

The **noxious** fumes from the factory were causing health problems for nearby residents.

chemical

adj. relating to or connected with chemistry;

synonym: chemic, synthetic

(1) toxic **chemicals**, (2) a **chemical** compound

The firm has grown into a large **chemical** manufacturing.

ante

n. a mandatory bet or contribution made by all players in a game of cards or gambling as a prerequisite for

participation; any initial or essential action or investment required for a particular endeavor

synonym : bet, wager, stake

(1) up the **ante**, (2) penny- **ante** trade

We need to raise the **ante** to win this poker game.

survival

n. the state of continuing to exist or live, frequently in the face of difficulty or danger

synonym : endurance, continuity

(1) **survival** ability, (2) **survival** food

He evaluated his chances for **survival** rather pessimistically.

threaten

v. to utter intentions of injury or punishment against someone

synonym : endanger, terrorize, intimidate

(1) **threaten** a healthy relationship, (2) **threaten** national security

Various artificially induced causes are **threatening** our ecosystem.

endangered

adj. at risk of extinction because it is facing significant threats

synonym : at risk, threatened, vulnerable

(1) **endangered** species, (2) **endangered** ecosystem

The government has implemented policies to protect the habitat of **endangered** animals.

evolve

v. to develop gradually, or to cause the development of something or someone gradually

synonym : develop, mature, grow

(1) **evolve**, (2) **evolve** over the past decade

Eyeless fish **evolved** in dark caves.

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.

overwhelm

v. to defeat someone or something by using a great deal of force; to have a strong emotional effect on somebody
synonym: conquer, crush, dominate

(1) he was **overwhelmed** with gratitude, (2) **overwhelm** opponents by numbers

Too much variety may **overwhelm** and confuse viewers.

recap

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

synonym: outline, summarize, abstract

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

Let me quickly **recap** these results.

hypothesis

n. a proposed idea or explanation that is based on a few known facts but has not yet been proven to be true or accurate

synonym: assumption, conjecture, theory

(1) test my **hypothesis**, (2) a bold **hypothesis**

This evidence supports the big-bang **hypothesis**.

sake

n. purpose; reason for wanting something done

synonym: purpose, reason, interest

(1) for your own **sake**, (2) for the **sake** of argument

He got a new job for the **sake** of his family.

progression

n. the act or process of changing to the next stage or phase or moving forward

synonym: advancement, development, evolution

(1) **progression** of civilization, (2) **progression** of disease

The company has made great strides in its **progression** toward sustainability.

embodiment

n. someone or something that precisely expresses a characteristic or an idea

synonym : image, avatar, incarnation

(1) **embodiment** of evil, (2) illustrative **embodiment**

The devil is the **embodiment** of wicked ideas.

jackpot

n. a large cash prize or reward that is won by chance or luck; a situation in which one experiences an unexpectedly positive or fortunate outcome

synonym : prize, bonanza, windfall

(1) lottery **jackpot**, (2) win a **jackpot**

After hours of playing the slot machines, she finally hit the **jackpot** and won hundreds of dollars.

miracle

n. an act or occurrence that is not explicable by natural or scientific laws and is therefore believed to be caused by God

synonym : wonder, marvel, phenomenon

(1) **miracle** person, (2) economic **miracle**

The doctors said that her recovery was a **miracle**.

Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. di____ur fossil | <i>n.</i> a large extinct reptile, often with an armored back, long neck, tail, and bony plates on the skin |
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| 3. br__d suspicion | <i>v.</i> to keep animals for producing offspring in a regulated manner |
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| 5. li____me benefits | <i>n.</i> the duration of someone's life or something's existence; |
| 6. floating fl____m | <i>n.</i> wreckage, debris, or other items that float on the surface of the water and are left behind by a shipwreck or accident |
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| 8. a geological e_n | <i>n.</i> (also aeon) an indefinite long period of time; the longest division of geological time scale |
| 9. penny-a__e trade | <i>n.</i> a mandatory bet or contribution made by all players in a game of cards or gambling as a prerequisite for participation; any initial or essential action or investment required for a particular endeavor |

ANSWERS: 1. dinosaur, 2. predator, 3. breed, 4. distant, 5. lifetime, 6. flotsam, 7. squirm, 8. eon, 9. ante

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17. re___e a request *v.* to show that one is not willing to do or accept something
18. apex pr____or *n.* an animal whose natural behavior is to prey on others
19. le_____r boots *n.* a material made from the skin of an animal, typically by tanning, and used for clothing, shoes, furniture, and other items

ANSWERS: 10. ante, 11. recap, 12. endangered, 13. shark, 14. evolutionary, 15. unfortunate, 16. preferable, 17. refuse, 18. predator, 19. leather

20. lottery ja____t *n.* a large cash prize or reward that is won by chance or luck; a situation in which one experiences an unexpectedly positive or fortunate outcome
21. environmental th____t *n.* a strong indication or likelihood of harm, danger, or adverse consequences; an expression of intent to inflict harm or injury on someone or something, often made as a means of coercion or intimidation
22. app_____ely same *adv.* close to a specific number or time but not exactly that number or time
23. a single su____or *n.* a person who remains alive after an event in which others have died
24. pa__h of grass *n.* a small piece of material or fabric used to repair or reinforce a tear, hole, or damaged area; a small plot of land used for cultivation or a specific purpose
25. do____n-watching tour *n.* a marine mammal that typically has a beaklike snout, a streamlined body, and flippers and that feeds on fish and squid
26. 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
27. space de____s *n.* broken or torn fragments of something
28. app_____ely 3 feet long *adv.* close to a specific number or time but not exactly that number or time
29. ev____e *v.* to develop gradually, or to cause the development of something or someone gradually

ANSWERS: 20. jackpot, 21. threat, 22. approximately, 23. survivor, 24. patch, 25. dolphin, 26. mass, 27. debris, 28. approximately, 29. evolve

30. de____p a strategy *v.* to grow or expand; to improve or refine through a process of progress and refinement, often to achieve greater sophistication or complexity; to elaborate or add detail to something that is in the process of being created
31. software pa__h *n.* a small piece of material or fabric used to repair or reinforce a tear, hole, or damaged area; a small plot of land used for cultivation or a specific purpose
32. a bold hyp_____is *n.* a proposed idea or explanation that is based on a few known facts but has not yet been proven to be true or accurate
33. o__s of business *n.* the degree or probability that a particular thing will or will not happen
34. ov_____me opponents *v.* to succeed in controlling or dealing with something, such as a problem or difficulty; to defeat or overwhelm someone
35. throw down the ga_____et *n.* a type of protective glove covering the wrist and part of the arm, often made of leather or metal; a challenge or trial that must be endured or overcome, often a difficult or dangerous one
36. c__b legs *n.* a sea creature with two large claws and a flattened back (e.g., blue crab or king crab); a sour or grumpy person who is prone to complaining or criticizing
37. the p__m side of the forearm *n.* the inner surface of the hand from the wrist to the base of the fingers; any plant of the family Palmae having an unbranched trunk crowned by large pinnate or palmate leaves

ANSWERS: 30. develop, 31. patch, 32. hypothesis, 33. odds, 34. overcome, 35. gauntlet, 36. crab, 37. palm

38. b__l fighter *n.* a male bovine animal; an investor who has a positive outlook on the market or a particular investment and buys with the expectation of prices increasing
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45. accept the ga_____et *n.* a type of protective glove covering the wrist and part of the arm, often made of leather or metal; a challenge or trial that must be endured or overcome, often a difficult or dangerous one
46. su_____al ability *n.* the state of continuing to exist or live, frequently in the face of difficulty or danger
47. ra_____n fur *n.* a nocturnal mammal with a distinctive black mask-like marking around the eyes, known for its omnivorous diet, dexterous paws, and bushy tail

ANSWERS: 38. bull, 39. bull, 40. unfortunate, 41. roughly, 42. squirm, 43. occasional, 44. consequence, 45. gauntlet, 46. survival, 47. raccoon

48. re___e the company *v.* to show that one is not willing to do or accept something
49. en____or as much as possible *v.* to make an earnest attempt or effort; to strive or work hard towards a goal or objective
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51. no____s gas *adj.* harmful or poisonous to living beings; having an unpleasant or offensive smell or taste; causing intense or unpleasant emotions or feelings
52. g__l family *n.* a seabird with long wings, short legs, and usually black and white or grey and white feathers
53. em____ng country *adj.* starting to exist, mature, or become well-known
54. wo_____me development *adj.* causing worry, trouble, or anxiety; indicating the possible presence of danger, difficulty, or harm
55. the ul____te goal in life *adj.* furthest or highest in degree or order
56. hulking di____ur *n.* a large extinct reptile, often with an armored back, long neck, tail, and bony plates on the skin
57. de____t money *n.* a sum of money or materials placed or kept in a bank, safety deposit box, or other secure places for safekeeping; a layer of rock, sand, or other material left behind by a flowing liquid or eroding force

ANSWERS: 48. refuse, 49. endeavor, 50. develop, 51. noxious, 52. gull, 53. emerging, 54. worrisome, 55. ultimate, 56. dinosaur, 57. deposit

58. ovarian cancer su____or
n. a person who remains alive after an event in which others have died
59. potential pi____l
n. a hidden or unsuspected danger or difficulty; a trap or snare
60. do____n show
n. a marine mammal that typically has a beaklike snout, a streamlined body, and flippers and that feeds on fish and squid
61. with fr____c haste
adj. marked by uncontrolled excitement or emotion; wild; frenzied
62. pre____le option
adj. more desirable or suitable than another option; more favored or favored over something else; better or more advantageous
63. di____t ancestors
adj. far away in space, time, or where you are; far apart in relevance, relationship, or kinship
64. a bull wh__e
n. a very large sea mammal that has a streamlined body and breathes through a blowhole on the head; a very large person; impressive in size or qualities
65. economic th____t
n. a strong indication or likelihood of harm, danger, or adverse consequences; an expression of intent to inflict harm or injury on someone or something, often made as a means of coercion or intimidation
66. enter on the last ph__e
n. any stage in a series of events, change, or development
67. cl__m responsibility
v. to assert that something is true; to demand or request something as one's own; to lay legal or moral right to something; (noun) a demand or assertion of a right or something that one believes to be true

ANSWERS: 58. survivor, 59. pitfall, 60. dolphin, 61. frantic, 62. preferable, 63. distant, 64. whale, 65. threat, 66. phase, 67. claim

68. en____or to succeed *v.* to make an earnest attempt or effort; to strive or work hard towards a goal or objective
69. se___e a dispute *v.* to reach an agreement of disagreement
70. de_____t accumulation *n.* a sum of money or materials placed or kept in a bank, safety deposit box, or other secure places for safekeeping; a layer of rock, sand, or other material left behind by a flowing liquid or eroding force
71. v__y according to the age *v.* to become different in terms of size, shape, etc.
72. li_____me ban from the sport *n.* the duration of someone's life or something's existence;
73. mi_____e person *n.* an act or occurrence that is not explicable by natural or scientific laws and is therefore believed to be caused by God
74. for your own s__e *n.* purpose; reason for wanting something done
75. s__f the waves *v.* to ride on or through waves while standing or lying down on a board or other object; to search or browse the Internet or other computer networks in a casual or aimless manner
76. a vul_____le bridge *adj.* capable of being hurt or influenced physically or mentally
77. officious int_____nce *n.* the act or process of getting involved in and trying to influence a specific situation; the state of being affected and influenced with

ANSWERS: 68. endeavor, 69. settle, 70. deposit, 71. vary, 72. lifetime, 73. miracle, 74. sake, 75. surf, 76. vulnerable, 77. interference

78. the bottomless p_t *n.* a hole in the ground or a cavity in a surface; a place for storing or holding something; a section of a theater or sports arena where people can sit
79. wh__e watching *n.* a very large sea mammal that has a streamlined body and breathes through a blowhole on the head; a very large person; impressive in size or qualities
80. cunning ra____n *n.* a nocturnal mammal with a distinctive black mask-like marking around the eyes, known for its omnivorous diet, dexterous paws, and bushy tail
81. no____s substances *adj.* harmful or poisonous to living beings; having an unpleasant or offensive smell or taste; causing intense or unpleasant emotions or feelings
82. two-ph__e structure *n.* any stage in a series of events, change, or development
83. s__d dunes *n.* finely granulated particles of rock or mineral material typically found along beaches, deserts, or riverbeds; used in construction, landscaping, and other applications requiring drainage or abrasive action
84. v__y directly with the price *v.* to become different in terms of size, shape, etc.
85. ob____le avoidance *n.* a thing that blocks one's way or prevents or hinders progress
86. cl__hed her daughter to her breast *v.* to grasp and hold somebody or something tightly

ANSWERS: 78. pit, 79. whale, 80. raccoon, 81. noxious, 82. phase, 83. sand, 84. vary, 85. obstacle, 86. clutch

87. pile of de___s *n.* broken or torn fragments of something
88. enameled le____r *n.* a material made from the skin of an animal, typically by tanning, and used for clothing, shoes, furniture, and other items
89. ha__h a plan *v.* to cause an egg to break to allow a young animal to come out; to produce and expand something that is in an early stage
90. wo_____me issue *adj.* causing worry, trouble, or anxiety; indicating the possible presence of danger, difficulty, or harm
91. o__s in favor *n.* the degree or probability that a particular thing will or will not happen
92. the evo_____ary process *adj.* relating to or denoting how living things develop or change from earlier forms
93. bird's n__t *n.* a structure in which animals lay their eggs or give birth to their young
94. se___e down in the town *v.* to reach an agreement of disagreement
95. over the e_ns *n.* (also aeon) an indefinite long period of time; the longest division of geological time scale
96. re__l bandits *v.* to force an attack or attacker to withdraw or retreat
97. de_____te attempt *adj.* feeling or showing a lack of hope and a willingness to do anything because of the problematic situation
98. su_____e a plane crash *v.* to live or exist despite a dangerous event or period

ANSWERS: 87. debris, 88. leather, 89. hatch, 90. worrisome, 91. odds, 92. evolutionary, 93. nest, 94. settle, 95. eon, 96. repel, 97. desperate, 98. survive

99. a white sea g__l *n.* a seabird with long wings, short legs, and usually black and white or grey and white feathers
100. test my hyp_____is *n.* a proposed idea or explanation that is based on a few known facts but has not yet been proven to be true or accurate
101. re__p briefly *v.* to repeat or summarize what has been said, decided, etc.
102. floating se_____d *n.* a plant that grows in the sea or on land very close to the sea, especially marine algae
103. ov_____me all difficulties *v.* to succeed in controlling or dealing with something, such as a problem or difficulty; to defeat or overwhelm someone
104. illustrative emb_____nt *n.* someone or something that precisely expresses a characteristic or an idea
105. ocean fl_____m *n.* wreckage, debris, or other items that float on the surface of the water and are left behind by a shipwreck or accident
106. her de_____te screams *adj.* feeling or showing a lack of hope and a willingness to do anything because of the problematic situation
107. ro_____y explain my idea *adv.* approximately but not precisely; with a violent manner
108. pi_____l to be avoided *n.* a hidden or unsuspected danger or difficulty; a trap or snare
109. se_____d broth *n.* a plant that grows in the sea or on land very close to the sea, especially marine algae

ANSWERS: 99. gull, 100. hypothesis, 101. recap, 102. seaweed, 103. overcome, 104. embodiment, 105. flotsam, 106. desperate, 107. roughly, 108. pitfall, 109. seaweed

110. s__d castle *n.* finely granulated particles of rock or mineral material typically found along beaches, deserts, or riverbeds; used in construction, landscaping, and other applications requiring drainage or abrasive action
111. card sh__k *n.* a long-bodied, mostly predatory marine fish that has sharp teeth and a pointed fin on its back; a person who is ruthless, greedy, and dishonest
112. fr____c pace *adj.* marked by uncontrolled excitement or emotion; wild; frenzied
113. ov____lm opponents by numbers *v.* to defeat someone or something by using a great deal of force; to have a strong emotional effect on somebody
114. the ul____te luxury *adj.* furthest or highest in degree or order
115. economic mi____e *n.* an act or occurrence that is not explicable by natural or scientific laws and is therefore believed to be caused by God
116. pro____on of civilization *n.* the act or process of changing to the next stage or phase or moving forward
117. false cl__m *v.* to assert that something is true; to demand or request something as one's own; to lay legal or moral right to something; (noun) a demand or assertion of a right or something that one believes to be true
118. the p_t of the stomach *n.* a hole in the ground or a cavity in a surface; a place for storing or holding something; a section of a theater or sports arena where people can sit

ANSWERS: 110. sand, 111. shark, 112. frantic, 113. overwhelm, 114. ultimate, 115. miracle, 116. progression, 117. claim, 118. pit

119. c__b cakes *n.* a sea creature with two large claws and a flattened back (e.g., blue crab or king crab); a sour or grumpy person who is prone to complaining or criticizing
120. cl___h at any straw *v.* to grasp and hold somebody or something tightly
121. he was ov_____lmed with gratitude *v.* to defeat someone or something by using a great deal of force; to have a strong emotional effect on somebody
122. ha__h a baby chick *v.* to cause an egg to break to allow a young animal to come out; to produce and expand something that is in an early stage
123. su_____al food *n.* the state of continuing to exist or live, frequently in the face of difficulty or danger
124. re__l bad luck *v.* to force an attack or attacker to withdraw or retreat
125. end_____ed ecosystem *adj.* at risk of extinction because it is facing significant threats
126. emb_____nt of evil *n.* someone or something that precisely expresses a characteristic or an idea
127. br__d horses *v.* to keep animals for producing offspring in a regulated manner
128. su_____e a blizzard *v.* to live or exist despite a dangerous event or period
129. an ob_____le to progress *n.* a thing that blocks one's way or prevents or hinders progress
130. 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

ANSWERS: 119. crab, 120. clutch, 121. overwhelm, 122. hatch, 123. survival, 124. repel, 125. endangered, 126. embodiment, 127. breed, 128. survive, 129. obstacle, 130. mass

131. a n__t of thieves *n.* a structure in which animals lay their eggs or give birth to their young
132. go through a mir_____us change *adj.* very effective or lucky, or completely unexpected
133. he___d the news *v.* to be a sign or indication of something to come; to proclaim or announce something publicly, often with great enthusiasm or fanfare
134. occ_____al visitor *adj.* happening or appearing at irregular intervals; not constant or regular
135. coconut p__m trees *n.* the inner surface of the hand from the wrist to the base of the fingers; any plant of the family Palmae having an unbranched trunk crowned by large pinnate or palmate leaves
136. em_____ng technologies *adj.* starting to exist, mature, or become well-known
137. th_____en a healthy relationship *v.* to utter intentions of injury or punishment against someone
138. th_____en national security *v.* to utter intentions of injury or punishment against someone
139. a ch_____al compound *adj.* relating to or connected with chemistry;
140. pro_____on of disease *n.* the act or process of changing to the next stage or phase or moving forward
141. for the s__e of argument *n.* purpose; reason for wanting something done
142. a mir_____us encounter *adj.* very effective or lucky, or completely unexpected

ANSWERS: 131. nest, 132. miraculous, 133. herald, 134. occasional, 135. palm, 136. emerging, 137. threaten, 138. threaten, 139. chemical, 140. progression, 141. sake, 142. miraculous

143. win a ja_____t *n.* a large cash prize or reward that is won by chance or luck; a situation in which one experiences an unexpectedly positive or fortunate outcome
144. po__h on his land *v.* to illegally hunt, fish, or take wildlife from private or protected land or waters without permission; to cook food by gently simmering it in a liquid, often with added spices or seasonings
145. toxic ch_____als *adj.* relating to or connected with chemistry;
146. the con_____ce of an argument *n.* the outcome of a particular action or event, especially relative to an individual
147. ev___e over the past decade *v.* to develop gradually, or to cause the development of something or someone gradually
148. int_____nce wave *n.* the act or process of getting involved in and trying to influence a specific situation; the state of being affected and influenced with
149. he___d a new era *v.* to be a sign or indication of something to come; to proclaim or announce something publicly, often with great enthusiasm or fanfare
150. vul_____le parts of the body *adj.* capable of being hurt or influenced physically or mentally
151. s__f the Internet *v.* to ride on or through waves while standing or lying down on a board or other object; to search or browse the Internet or other computer networks in a casual or aimless manner

ANSWERS: 143. jackpot, 144. poach, 145. chemical, 146. consequence, 147. evolve, 148. interference, 149. herald, 150. vulnerable, 151. surf

152. po__h deer

- v. to illegally hunt, fish, or take wildlife from private or protected land or waters without permission; to cook food by gently simmering it in a liquid, often with added spices or seasonings

ANSWERS: 152. poach

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. He made a _____ recovery.

adj. very effective or lucky, or completely unexpected

2. The _____ news about the impending storm caused many people to evacuate.

adj. causing worry, trouble, or anxiety; indicating the possible presence of danger, difficulty, or harm

3. He wants to _____ ownership of the abandoned property.

v. to assert that something is true; to demand or request something as one's own; to lay legal or moral right to something; (noun) a demand or assertion of a right or something that one believes to be true

4. The firm has grown into a large _____ manufacturing.

adj. relating to or connected with chemistry;

5. I made a _____ at the bank to add money to my account.

n. a sum of money or materials placed or kept in a bank, safety deposit box, or other secure places for safekeeping; a layer of rock, sand, or other material left behind by a flowing liquid or eroding force

6. Some countries have a culture of eating the flesh of a _____.

n. a very large sea mammal that has a streamlined body and breathes through a blowhole on the head; a very large person; impressive in size or qualities

7. These economic activities had disastrous environmental _____.

n. the outcome of a particular action or event, especially relative to an individual

ANSWERS: 1. miraculous, 2. worrisome, 3. claim, 4. chemical, 5. deposit, 6. whale, 7. consequences

8. The female birds build a _____ and lay their eggs in May.
n. a structure in which animals lay their eggs or give birth to their young
9. The _____ on the beach was warm and golden.
n. finely granulated particles of rock or mineral material typically found along beaches, deserts, or riverbeds; used in construction, landscaping, and other applications requiring drainage or abrasive action
10. He was _____ when he lost all his money by gambling.
adj. feeling or showing a lack of hope and a willingness to do anything because of the problematic situation
11. The sun set over the crest of _____ hills.
adj. far away in space, time, or where you are; far apart in relevance, relationship, or kinship
12. Eyeless fish _____ in dark caves.
v. to develop gradually, or to cause the development of something or someone gradually
13. He got a new job for the _____ of his family.
n. purpose; reason for wanting something done
14. Various artificially induced causes are _____ our ecosystem.
v. to utter intentions of injury or punishment against someone
15. The _____ of severe weather prompted the city to issue an evacuation warning.
n. a strong indication or likelihood of harm, danger, or adverse consequences; an expression of intent to inflict harm or injury on someone or something, often made as a means of coercion or intimidation

ANSWERS: 8. nest, 9. sand, 10. desperate, 11. distant, 12. evolved, 13. sake, 14. threatening, 15. threat

16. The devil is the _____ of wicked ideas.

n. someone or something that precisely expresses a characteristic or an idea

17. _____ technologies have dramatically improved productivity in various industries.

adj. starting to exist, mature, or become well-known

18. We will _____ to find a solution to the problem as quickly as possible.

v. to make an earnest attempt or effort; to strive or work hard towards a goal or objective

19. The _____ accident caused many injuries and some fatalities.

adj. having bad luck or fortune; unlucky

20. After hours of playing the slot machines, she finally hit the _____ and won hundreds of dollars.

n. a large cash prize or reward that is won by chance or luck; a situation in which one experiences an unexpectedly positive or fortunate outcome

21. This animal _____ in northern latitudes.

v. to keep animals for producing offspring in a regulated manner

22. She only visited her grandparents on _____ weekends.

adj. happening or appearing at irregular intervals; not constant or regular

23. The _____ course was challenging but fun.

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

24. He borrowed money from a loan _____.

n. a long-bodied, mostly predatory marine fish that has sharp teeth and a pointed fin on its back; a person who is ruthless, greedy, and dishonest

ANSWERS: 16. embodiment, 17. Emerging, 18. endeavor, 19. unfortunate, 20. jackpot, 21. breeds, 22. occasional, 23. obstacle, 24. shark

25. I saw a cute _____ family crossing the road while driving home from camping.
n. a nocturnal mammal with a distinctive black mask-like marking around the eyes, known for its omnivorous diet, dexterous paws, and bushy tail
26. Management must take _____ responsibility for the accident.
adj. furthest or highest in degree or order
27. _____ algorithms can find ways to optimize that humans do not anticipate.
adj. relating to or denoting how living things develop or change from earlier forms
28. Unfortunately, the radio _____ made it difficult to hear the broadcast.
n. the act or process of getting involved in and trying to influence a specific situation; the state of being affected and influenced with
29. Marine _____ is a major continuous global problem.
n. broken or torn fragments of something
30. The discovery of a new _____ species made headlines in the scientific community.
n. a large extinct reptile, often with an armored back, long neck, tail, and bony plates on the skin
31. The large group of _____ swam gracefully in the ocean, jumping out of the water now and then.
n. a marine mammal that typically has a beaklike snout, a streamlined body, and flippers and that feeds on fish and squid
32. The native South American animals were in danger because of the _____ arrival.
n. an animal whose natural behavior is to prey on others

ANSWERS: 25. raccoon, 26. ultimate, 27. Evolutionary, 28. interference, 29. debris, 30. dinosaur, 31. dolphins, 32. predator's

33. The shipwreck _____ was rescued after floating in the ocean for three days.
n. a person who remains alive after an event in which others have died
34. What are the _____ that he will survive?
n. the degree or probability that a particular thing will or will not happen
35. The company has made great strides in its _____ toward sustainability.
n. the act or process of changing to the next stage or phase or moving forward
36. This high-performance camera is compact enough to fit in the _____ of your hand.
n. the inner surface of the hand from the wrist to the base of the fingers; any plant of the family Palmae having an unbranched trunk crowned by large pinnate or palmate leaves
37. He tried to _____ a bad reputation and win the election.
v. to succeed in controlling or dealing with something, such as a problem or difficulty; to defeat or overwhelm someone
38. Infants and pregnant women are particularly _____.
adj. capable of being hurt or influenced physically or mentally
39. This trail takes _____ 2.5 hours.
adv. close to a specific number or time but not exactly that number or time
40. The government has implemented policies to protect the habitat of _____ animals.
adj. at risk of extinction because it is facing significant threats
41. The child _____ out of his mother's grasp and ran off.
v. to twist, wiggle, or contort the body uncomfortably or awkwardly, often due to embarrassment, discomfort, or nervousness

ANSWERS: 33. survivor, 34. odds, 35. progression, 36. palm, 37. overcome, 38. vulnerable, 39. approximately, 40. endangered, 41. squirmed

42. Five miles is _____ similar to eight kilometers.
adv. approximately but not precisely; with a violent manner
43. The chef _____ the eggs perfectly for the benedict breakfast dish.
v. to illegally hunt, fish, or take wildlife from private or protected land or waters without permission; to cook food by gently simmering it in a liquid, often with added spices or seasonings
44. 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
45. The mother was _____ as she searched for her lost child.
adj. marked by uncontrolled excitement or emotion; wild; frenzied
46. She had lived through two world wars in her _____.
n. the duration of someone's life or something's existence;
47. After the shipwreck, the survivors clung to various pieces of _____ to stay afloat.
n. wreckage, debris, or other items that float on the surface of the water and are left behind by a shipwreck or accident
48. Maximum heart rates _____ a lot for each individual.
v. to become different in terms of size, shape, etc.
49. I ordered a plate of fresh _____ at the seafood restaurant.
n. a sea creature with two large claws and a flattened back (e.g., blue crab or king crab); a sour or grumpy person who is prone to complaining or criticizing

ANSWERS: 42. roughly, 43. poached, 44. mass, 45. frantic, 46. lifetime, 47. flotsam, 48. vary, 49. crab

50. The farmer raised a _____ on his ranch for breeding purposes.
- n.* a male bovine animal; an investor who has a positive outlook on the market or a particular investment and buys with the expectation of prices increasing
51. This material can _____ moisture swiftly.
- v.* to force an attack or attacker to withdraw or retreat
52. One of the biggest _____ of starting a new business is underestimating the costs.
- n.* a hidden or unsuspected danger or difficulty; a trap or snare
53. The doctors said that her recovery was a _____.
- n.* an act or occurrence that is not explicable by natural or scientific laws and is therefore believed to be caused by God
54. We must _____ a new system to streamline our workflow and increase efficiency.
- v.* to grow or expand; to improve or refine through a process of progress and refinement, often to achieve greater sophistication or complexity; to elaborate or add detail to something that is in the process of being created
55. The _____ fumes from the factory were causing health problems for nearby residents.
- adj.* harmful or poisonous to living beings; having an unpleasant or offensive smell or taste; causing intense or unpleasant emotions or feelings
56. These birds can only _____ in temperate climates.
- v.* to live or exist despite a dangerous event or period
57. He ran the _____ of critics' reviews after the release of his latest movie.
- n.* a type of protective glove covering the wrist and part of the arm, often made of leather or metal; a challenge or trial that must be endured or overcome, often a difficult or dangerous one

ANSWERS: 50. bull, 51. repel, 52. pitfalls, 53. miracle, 54. develop, 55. noxious, 56. survive, 57. gauntlet

58. This evidence supports the big-bang _____.

- n.* a proposed idea or explanation that is based on a few known facts but has not yet been proven to be true or accurate

59. Too much variety may _____ and confuse viewers.

- v.* to defeat someone or something by using a great deal of force; to have a strong emotional effect on somebody

60. My initial reaction was to _____.

- v.* to show that one is not willing to do or accept something

61. The era of the industrial revolution was a crucial _____ of history.

- n.* any stage in a series of events, change, or development

62. I'll _____ the online store to see if I can find that item in a different color.

- v.* to ride on or through waves while standing or lying down on a board or other object; to search or browse the Internet or other computer networks in a casual or aimless manner

63. I heard that fairy tale _____ ago.

- n.* (also aeon) an indefinite long period of time; the longest division of geological time scale

64. The boy _____ his mother's hand tightly as they walked in the dark.

- v.* to grasp and hold somebody or something tightly

65. We need to raise the _____ to win this poker game.

- n.* a mandatory bet or contribution made by all players in a game of cards or gambling as a prerequisite for participation; any initial or essential action or investment required for a particular endeavor

ANSWERS: 58. hypothesis, 59. overwhelm, 60. refuse, 61. phase, 62. surf, 63. eons, 64. clutched, 65. ante

66. Let me quickly _____ these results.

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

67. He evaluated his chances for _____ rather pessimistically.

- n.* the state of continuing to exist or live, frequently in the face of difficulty or danger

68. For most people, living in a quiet suburb is _____ to living in a busy city.

- adj.* more desirable or suitable than another option; more favored or favored over something else; better or more advantageous

69. The eggs began to _____ and the small chicks emerged.

- v.* to cause an egg to break to allow a young animal to come out; to produce and expand something that is in an early stage

70. I don't want to _____ for second best.

- v.* to reach an agreement of disagreement

71. Because _____ are gliding birds, their wings are long and slender.

- n.* a seabird with long wings, short legs, and usually black and white or grey and white feathers

72. The ____ of the avocado can be removed by gently wedging a spoon around it.

- n.* a hole in the ground or a cavity in a surface; a place for storing or holding something; a section of a theater or sports arena where people can sit

73. The sound of the trumpet _____ the arrival of the king.

- v.* to be a sign or indication of something to come; to proclaim or announce something publicly, often with great enthusiasm or fanfare

ANSWERS: 66. recap, 67. survival, 68. preferable, 69. hatch, 70. settle, 71. gulls, 72. pit, 73. heralded

74. The _____ jacket was worn in but still comfortable.

- n.* a material made from the skin of an animal, typically by tanning, and used for clothing, shoes, furniture, and other items

75. She soaked _____ in water until tender.

- n.* a plant that grows in the sea or on land very close to the sea, especially marine algae

76. I need to sew a _____ onto my jeans that ripped.

- n.* a small piece of material or fabric used to repair or reinforce a tear, hole, or damaged area; a small plot of land used for cultivation or a specific purpose

ANSWERS: 74. leather, 75. seaweed, 76. patch