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Session 1: Word List

asteroid

n. a small rocky body orbiting the sun, typically in the region between Mars and Jupiter

synonym: minor planet, planetoid, rocky planetesimal

(1) **asteroid** mining, (2) **asteroid** explorer

Scientists are studying the composition and origins of the **asteroid** belt to understand the early solar system better.

deflect

v. to cause something, especially a criticism or attack, to be directed away from someone

synonym: deter, redirect, sidetrack

(1) **deflect** a blow, (2) **deflect** his criticism

The soccer player was able to **deflect** the ball away from the goal.

paralyze

v. to cause a person or part of the body to become unable to move or feel

synonym: immobilize, disable, numb

(1) **paralyze** a city, (2) **paralyze** a person

The venom from the snake bite **paralyzed** his arm.

confer

v. to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something

synonym: consult, meet, discuss

(1) **confer** degree, (2) **confer** honor

The leaders of the two countries met to **confer** on the issue.

centigrade

n. a system of temperature measurement in which the freezing point of water is 0 degrees and the boiling point of water is 100 degrees; also known as the Celsius scale

(1) **centigrade** scale, (2) **centigrade** thermometer

The temperature reached a peak of 35 degrees **centigrade**.

dither

v. to be indecisive or unsure about something; to tremble or shake with nervousness or excitement

synonym: hesitate, waver, vacillate

(1) **dither** over a decision, (2) **dither** in negotiations

I couldn't decide what to wear to the party, so I **dithered** over my outfit for hours.

intellect

n. the ability to think logically and comprehend information, especially at an advanced level

synonym: mind, brightness, cleverness

(1) enrich my **intellect**, (2) human **intellect**

Your **intellect** is capable of distinguishing among similar objects.

untenable

adj. cannot be supported or defended against attack or criticism; indefensible

synonym: indefensible, unsustainable

(1) **untenable** situation, (2) **untenable** amount of debt

The proposal was deemed **untenable** due to financial constraints.

dubious

adj. having doubts or reservations; uncertain

synonym: uncertain, questionable, skeptical

(1) **dubious** credibility, (2) direct a **dubious** look

The evidence presented in court had a **dubious** origin, raising questions about its authenticity.

bygone

adj. belonging to an earlier time; from a previous era or period

synonym : past, former, old-fashioned

(1) **bygone** civilization, (2) **bygone** traditions

The historian studied the **bygone** era with great detail.

astronomical

adj. relating to astronomy or the study of celestial bodies and phenomena; very large or immense in scale or magnitude

synonym : huge, vast, enormous

(1) **astronomical** observation, (2) **astronomical** numbers

The cost of the new equipment was **astronomical** and beyond the company's budget.

entitle

v. to give someone the right to have or do something; to give a title to someone or something

synonym : allow, permit, enable

(1) **entitle** him to a pension, (2) **entitle** the company to use the logo

The employee was **entitled** to a week of vacation time.

indebted

adj. owing money or having financial obligations to another person or organization; feeling grateful or obligated to someone for their help, support, or kindness

synonym : owing, obligated, beholden

(1) **indebted** to creditors, (2) financially **indebted**

He felt **indebted** to his parents for all the sacrifices they had made for him.

ax

n. a tool with a metal blade that is usually attached to a wooden handle and is used for chopping wood or other materials

synonym : hatchet, chopper, tomahawk

(1) chop wood with an **ax**, (2) an **ax** in the toolbox

He used an **ax** to chop the firewood for the campfire.

doom

n. death, destruction, or some other terrible situation that cannot be avoided

synonym : judgment, destiny, fate

(1) economic **doom**, (2) prophet of **doom**

Everyone was aware of the impending **doom** but was unable to prevent it.

solvable

adj. capable of being solved or resolved; able to be fixed or resolved with effort, skill, or knowledge

synonym : attainable, resolvable, achievable

(1) **solvable** problem, (2) mathematically **solvable** equation

The engineers found the technical glitch in the system was quite **solvable** with a software update.

beehive

n. a structure or container where bees live and store their honey

synonym : hive, apiary, honeycomb

(1) disturb a **beehive**, (2) get rid of a **beehive**

The beekeeper checked the **beehive** for any signs of disease.

termite

n. a small, pale social insect that feeds on wood and can cause significant damage to wooden structures and furniture

synonym : woodworm, white ant, insect

(1) **termite** damage, (2) **termite** inspection

The house was infested with **termites** and required extensive repairs.

mound

n. a raised area of ground or dirt, often used for burial, construction, or as a fortification; a large, rounded pile or heap

synonym : hill, knoll, rise

(1) **mound** of dirt, (2) burial **mound**

The team discovered a hidden **mound** in the desert.

sibling

n. a brother or sister; member of a family born to the same parents

synonym: brother, sister, relative

(1) have a **sibling** quarrel, (2) play with my **siblings**

Children often copy their parents or elder **siblings**.

kinship

n. the state or fact of being related to someone

synonym: family, relationship, connection

(1) **kinship** ties, (2) **kinship** relations

She felt a sense of **kinship** with her new colleagues.

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.

mecca

n. a city and administrative center of the Mecca Province of Saudi Arabia and the holiest city in Islam

synonym: cynosure, center

(1) tourist **mecca**, (2) **mecca** for surfers

The building has become a **mecca** for fans of the movie.

distort

v. to change something's shape, appearance, or sound so that it appears weird or unclear

synonym: fudge, deform, contort

(1) **distort** the facts, (2) **distort** the economy

Economists contend that taxes **distort** consumer behavior in general.

polarization

n. the division or separation of something into two opposing or contrasting groups or factions; the condition of being polarized or having poles

synonym: polarity, division, separation

(1) **polarization** effect, (2) dielectric **polarization**

The **polarization** of political views has created a deep divide

in the country.

bipartisanship

n. agreement or collaboration between two political parties whose policies are normally opposed to one other's

(1) spirit of **bipartisanship**, (2) **bipartisanship** legislation

The prime minister's sister has called for **bipartisanship** to pass the legislation on same-sex marriage.

rearrange

v. to change the order or position of things already made; to change the time, date, or place of an event already planned

synonym: readjust, reorganize, reconstruct

(1) **rearrange** the furniture, (2) **rearrange** his schedule

Please **rearrange** these files as we start a new project tomorrow.

bipartisan

adj. involving or supported by both of the main political parties in a country

synonym: neutral, impartial, nonpartisan

(1) promote **bipartisan** cooperation, (2) **bipartisan** agreement

The legislation was passed with **bipartisan** support from both parties.

crank

n. a mechanical device that converts rotary motion into linear motion or vice versa; an eccentric or unpredictable person

synonym: eccentric, oddball, kook

(1) **crank** handle, (2) **crank** caller

The fishing reel had a **crank** that made it easy to reel in the catch.

republican

n. a person who supports or advocates for a particular form of government, typically one that has an elected head of state rather than a monarch; a member or supporter of the Republican Party in the United States

synonym: conservative, right-winger, rightist

(1) **republican** ideology, (2) **Republican** party
Many **republican** lawmakers are advocating for stricter immigration policies.

retiring

adj. withdrawing from a position or activity, or becoming more secluded or reserved

synonym: shy, leaving, quitting

(1) near **retiring** age, (2) a **retiring** pension

The **retiring** CEO passed on the reins to his successor.

thermometer

n. a device used to measure temperature, typically consisting of a glass or plastic tube containing a column of liquid, such as mercury, that rises and falls with changes in temperature

synonym: thermos, gauge, climate gauge

(1) digital **thermometer**, (2) clinical **thermometer**

My mother always used a mercury **thermometer** to check our temperature when we were sick.

plummet

v. to fall or drop suddenly and steeply; to decline rapidly or sharply

synonym: drop, plunge, fall

(1) **plummeting** sales, (2) **plummet** against other major currencies

The stock prices have **plummeted** in the last hour, causing concern for investors.

anomalous

adj. deviating from what is standard or expected; unexpected or unusual in a way that is difficult to explain

synonym: unusual, peculiar, abnormal

(1) **anomalous** behavior, (2) **anomalous** result

The data from the study was **anomalous** and unexpected.

institutionalize

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

synonym: formalize, establish, regularize

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

laws

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

polarize

v. to cause or become divided into two contrasting or opposite groups, opinions, or positions; to create or intensify a sharp division or conflict

synonym: divide, separate, split

(1) **polarize** society, (2) **polarize** opinions

The controversial new law has the potential to **polarize** the entire nation.

nominate

v. to propose someone for a position, especially in politics or an organization, or some honor

synonym: appoint, designate, elect

(1) **nominate** him for an award, (2) **nominate** government representatives

The organization **nominated** her to be the next president.

hyperpartisanship

n. a state of extreme or excessive loyalty and support for a particular political party or ideology, often to the extent that it becomes difficult to engage in constructive dialogue or compromise with those who hold different views

synonym: polarization, partisanship, factionalism

(1) **hyperpartisanship** politics, (2) **hyperpartisanship** on democracy

The media's sensationalism has fueled **hyperpartisanship** in recent years.

pun

n. a humorous play on words or use of words that sound similar but have different meanings, often for a comedic effect; a form of wordplay

synonym: joke, quip, wordplay

(1) witty **pun**, (2) silly **pun**

The comedian's **pun** had the audience laughing out loud.

counteract

v. to act against something to reduce its bad or harmful effects or neutralize it

synonym: balance, offset, compensate

(1) **counteract** the effect of poison, (2) **counteract** global warming

Our body's immune system produces antibodies to **counteract** disease.

aisle

n. a passage between rows of seats in a theater, airplane, or other public building, typically one of two or more running parallel with the main body of the structure

synonym: corridor, passageway, gangway

(1) **aisle** seat, (2) the center **aisle** of a church

She walked down the **aisle** to the front of the church.

extrovert

n. a person who is outgoing, sociable, and confident

synonym: outgoing, sociable, gregarious

(1) **extrovert** social skills, (2) natural **extrovert**

She intentionally acts like an **extrovert**.

cajole

v. to persuade or coax someone through flattery, coaxing, or gentle pleading; to convince someone to do something by using sweet talk or deceptive promises

synonym: persuade, coax, wheedle

(1) **cajole** him into an agreement, (2) **cajole** a child into eating vegetables

He tried to **cajole** his little sister into sharing her toy with him.

congressperson

n. a person who belongs to a congress, especially a member of the US House of Representatives; congressman (congressperson is used to avoid gender discrimination)

synonym: lawmaker, politician, representative

(1) hawkish **congressperson**, (2) former **congressperson**

The term of a **congressperson** is two years.

descend

v. to move downward and lower; to come from, or to be connected by a relationship of blood

synonym : dip, drop, come down

(1) **descend** a steep hill, (2) **descend** by elevator

She was **descended** from an old Italian noble family.

paralysis

n. a condition in which you are unable to move or lose control of part or most of the body because of illness or injury

synonym : immobility, stiffness, palsy

(1) moral **paralysis**, (2) **paralysis** in the leg

Massive demonstrations lead to total **paralysis** of transportation.

cling

v. to hold onto something tightly; to be closely attached to someone or something

synonym : stick, adhere, attach

(1) **cling** onto power, (2) **cling** tightly to the skin

He **clings** to the hope that he will find a job soon.

driftwood

n. wood that has been carried along by the current of a river or ocean and washed up on shore, often used for decorative purposes or as fuel

synonym : floatwood, beachwood, logwood

(1) **driftwood** art, (2) beach **driftwood**

A large **driftwood** branch provided a perfect perch for the seagull to rest on.

wedlock

n. the state of being married; matrimony

synonym : marriage, union, matrimony

(1) born in **wedlock**, (2) faithful in **wedlock**

The couple had been happily married for years and cherished the sanctity of their union in **wedlock**.

unmarried

adj. not married; single; having not entered into the legal or socially recognized state of marriage

synonym : single, unwed, celibate

(1) young **unmarried** couple, (2) **unmarried** status
She has chosen to remain **unmarried** and focus on her career.

whit

n. a very small or insignificant amount or quantity, often used in the phrase "not a whit," meaning not at all
synonym: bit, atom, smidgen

(1) a **whit** of evidence, (2) not a **whit** of difference
His argument had a **whit** of truth, but it was primarily exaggerated.

evangelical

adj. relating to or advocating a form of Protestant Christianity that emphasizes personal conversion and faith over religious rituals and central authority within the church
synonym: proselytizing, evangelistic, missionary

(1) **evangelical** mission, (2) **evangelical** Christian group
The **evangelical** pastor delivered a powerful sermon to his congregation.

Christ

n. the man that Christians believe is the prophet and the son of God, and whose life and sermons form the basis for Christianity

synonym: Savior, Jesus Christ, Jesus

(1) teaching of **Christ**, (2) before **Christ**
Christmas is the day to celebrate the birth of Christ.

smack

v. to hit something or someone with force, often making a loud noise; to deliver a sharp criticism or rebuke
synonym: hit, slap, strike

(1) **smack** on the lips, (2) **smack** his knee
The baseball player **smacked** the ball out of the park, securing a home run.

congratulation

n. the act of expressing that someone has an occasion for celebration or the expression of pleasure at the success or good fortune of another

synonym: praise, compliment, felicitation

(1) **congratulation** on a promotion, (2) a matter for **congratulation**

The **congratulations** from her friends and family were overwhelming after she won the championship.

inaugurate

v. to formally begin or initiate something, particularly a new project, organization, government, or system, often through an official ceremony

synonym: initiate, launch, commence

(1) **inaugurate** an enterprise, (2) **inaugurate** a new policy

The president will **inaugurate** the new embassy building next week.

incarceration

n. the state of being confined in prison or jail

synonym: confinement, imprisonment, detention

(1) mass **incarceration**, (2) **incarceration** rates

The judge sentenced him to five years of **incarceration** for embezzlement.

quadruple

v. to consist of four items or people; to become four times as great or many

(1) **quadruple** the amount, (2) **quadruple** the price of gold

His stock earnings **quadrupled**.

bankrupt

adj. unable to pay one's debts; having been reduced to a state of financial ruin; lacking in something essential or fundamental

synonym: insolvent, broke, ruined

(1) **bankrupt** business, (2) financially **bankrupt**

Unfortunately, the company went **bankrupt** and had to close its doors permanently.

corrode

v. to destroy or eat away slowly by chemical action; to gradually wear away, weaken, or disintegrate over time

synonym: erode, rust, eat away

(1) **corrode** steel drums, (2) **corrode** pipes

The saltwater can **corrode** metal over time if not properly maintained.

Session 2: Spelling

1. con_____ion on a promotion *n.* the act of expressing that someone has an occasion for celebration or the expression of pleasure at the success or good fortune of another
2. re_____ge his schedule *v.* to change the order or position of things already made; to change the time, date, or place of an event already planned
3. an_____us behavior *adj.* deviating from what is standard or expected; unexpected or unusual in a way that is difficult to explain
4. prophet of d__m *n.* death, destruction, or some other terrible situation that cannot be avoided
5. beach dr_____od *n.* wood that has been carried along by the current of a river or ocean and washed up on shore, often used for decorative purposes or as fuel
6. cr__k handle *n.* a mechanical device that converts rotary motion into linear motion or vice versa; an eccentric or unpredictable person
7. financially ba_____pt *adj.* unable to pay one's debts; having been reduced to a state of financial ruin; lacking in something essential or fundamental
8. get rid of a be_____e *n.* a structure or container where bees live and store their honey
9. pl_____ting sales *v.* to fall or drop suddenly and steeply; to decline rapidly or sharply

ANSWERS: 1. congratulation, 2. rearrange, 3. anomalous, 4. doom, 5. driftwood, 6. crank, 7. bankrupt, 8. beehive, 9. plummet

10. natural ex_____rt *n.* a person who is outgoing, sociable, and confident
11. de_____d a steep hill *v.* to move downward and lower; to come from, or to be connected by a relationship of blood
12. digital the_____er *n.* a device used to measure temperature, typically consisting of a glass or plastic tube containing a column of liquid, such as mercury, that rises and falls with changes in temperature
13. ca___e a child into eating vegetables *v.* to persuade or coax someone through flattery, coaxing, or gentle pleading; to convince someone to do something by using sweet talk or deceptive promises
14. direct a du_____s look *adj.* having doubts or reservations; uncertain
15. economic d__m *n.* death, destruction, or some other terrible situation that cannot be avoided
16. dielectric pol_____ion *n.* the division or separation of something into two opposing or contrasting groups or factions; the condition of being polarized or having poles
17. bip_____hip legislation *n.* agreement or collaboration between two political parties whose policies are normally opposed to one other's
18. di___r in negotiations *v.* to be indecisive or unsure about something; to tremble or shake with nervousness or excitement
19. no_____te government representatives *v.* to propose someone for a position, especially in politics or an organization, or some honor

ANSWERS: 10. extrovert, 11. descend, 12. thermometer, 13. cajole, 14. dubious, 15. doom, 16. polarization, 17. bipartisanship, 18. dither, 19. nominate

20. co_____e steel drums *v.* to destroy or eat away slowly by chemical action; to gradually wear away, weaken, or disintegrate over time
21. ast_____cal numbers *adj.* relating to astronomy or the study of celestial bodies and phenomena; very large or immense in scale or magnitude
22. pol_____ion effect *n.* the division or separation of something into two opposing or contrasting groups or factions; the condition of being polarized or having poles
23. Rep_____an party *n.* a person who supports or advocates for a particular form of government, typically one that has an elected head of state rather than a monarch; a member or supporter of the Republican Party in the United States
24. co_____e pipes *v.* to destroy or eat away slowly by chemical action; to gradually wear away, weaken, or disintegrate over time
25. pa_____ze a person *v.* to cause a person or part of the body to become unable to move or feel
26. un_____ed status *adj.* not married; single; having not entered into the legal or socially recognized state of marriage
27. cen_____de thermometer *n.* a system of temperature measurement in which the freezing point of water is 0 degrees and the boiling point of water is 100 degrees; also known as the Celsius scale
28. before Ch____t *n.* the man that Christians believe is the prophet and the son of God, and whose life and sermons form the basis for Christianity

ANSWERS: 20. corrode, 21. astronomical, 22. polarization, 23. republican, 24. corrode, 25. paralyze, 26. unmarried, 27. centigrade, 28. Christ

38. by___e traditions *adj.* belonging to an earlier time; from a previous era or period
39. po_____ze society *v.* to cause or become divided into two contrasting or opposite groups, opinions, or positions; to create or intensify a sharp division or conflict
40. dr_____od art *n.* wood that has been carried along by the current of a river or ocean and washed up on shore, often used for decorative purposes or as fuel
41. eva_____al Christian group *adj.* relating to or advocating a form of Protestant Christianity that emphasizes personal conversion and faith over religious rituals and central authority within the church
42. cou_____ct global warming *v.* to act against something to reduce its bad or harmful effects or neutralize it
43. de_____t a blow *v.* to cause something, especially a criticism or attack, to be directed away from someone
44. chop wood with an ax *n.* a tool with a metal blade that is usually attached to a wooden handle and is used for chopping wood or other materials
45. ex_____rt social skills *n.* a person who is outgoing, sociable, and confident
46. un_____le situation *adj.* cannot be supported or defended against attack or criticism; indefensible
47. ins_____ize customary laws *v.* to establish or make something a part of an institution (= a place such as a university, hospital, etc.)

ANSWERS: 38. bygone, 39. polarize, 40. driftwood, 41. evangelical, 42. counteract, 43. deflect, 44. ax, 45. extrovert, 46. untenable, 47. institutionalize

48. no_____te him for an award *v.* to propose someone for a position, especially in politics or an organization, or some honor
49. hyp_____hip on democracy *n.* a state of extreme or excessive loyalty and support for a particular political party or ideology, often to the extent that it becomes difficult to engage in constructive dialogue or compromise with those who hold different views
50. cou_____ct the effect of poison *v.* to act against something to reduce its bad or harmful effects or neutralize it
51. re_____ge the furniture *v.* to change the order or position of things already made; to change the time, date, or place of an event already planned
52. former con_____son *n.* a person who belongs to a congress, especially a member of the US House of Representatives; congressman (congressperson is used to avoid gender discrimination)
53. sm__k his knee *v.* to hit something or someone with force, often making a loud noise; to deliver a sharp criticism or rebuke
54. an_____us result *adj.* deviating from what is standard or expected; unexpected or unusual in a way that is difficult to explain
55. qu_____le the amount *v.* to consist of four items or people; to become four times as great or many
56. ina_____te an enterprise *v.* to formally begin or initiate something, particularly a new project, organization, government, or system, often through an official ceremony

ANSWERS: 48. nominate, 49. hyperpartisanship, 50. counteract, 51. rearrange, 52. congressperson, 53. smack, 54. anomalous, 55. quadruple, 56. inaugurate

57. tourist me__a *n.* a city and administrative center of the Mecca Province of Saudi Arabia and the holiest city in Islam
58. cl__g onto power *v.* to hold onto something tightly; to be closely attached to someone or something
59. sm__k on the lips *v.* to hit something or someone with force, often making a loud noise; to deliver a sharp criticism or rebuke
60. en____e the company to use the logo *v.* to give someone the right to have or do something; to give a title to someone or something
61. te____e damage *n.* a small, pale social insect that feeds on wood and can cause significant damage to wooden structures and furniture
62. financially in____ed *adj.* owing money or having financial obligations to another person or organization; feeling grateful or obligated to someone for their help, support, or kindness
63. ba____pt business *adj.* unable to pay one's debts; having been reduced to a state of financial ruin; lacking in something essential or fundamental
64. de____t his criticism *v.* to cause something, especially a criticism or attack, to be directed away from someone
65. mass inc_____ion *n.* the state of being confined in prison or jail

ANSWERS: 57. mecca, 58. cling, 59. smack, 60. entitle, 61. termite, 62. indebted, 63. bankrupt, 64. deflect, 65. incarceration

66. promote bip_____an cooperation *adj.* involving or supported by both of the main political parties in a country
67. ca___e him into an agreement *v.* to persuade or coax someone through flattery, coaxing, or gentle pleading; to convince someone to do something by using sweet talk or deceptive promises
68. young un_____ed couple *adj.* not married; single; having not entered into the legal or socially recognized state of marriage
69. ina_____te a new policy *v.* to formally begin or initiate something, particularly a new project, organization, government, or system, often through an official ceremony
70. ki_____p relations *n.* the state or fact of being related to someone
71. cl__g tightly to the skin *v.* to hold onto something tightly; to be closely attached to someone or something
72. ins_____ize a system *v.* to establish or make something a part of an institution (= a place such as a university, hospital, etc.)
73. burial mo__d *n.* a raised area of ground or dirt, often used for burial, construction, or as a fortification; a large, rounded pile or heap
74. teaching of Ch___t *n.* the man that Christians believe is the prophet and the son of God, and whose life and sermons form the basis for Christianity

ANSWERS: 66. bipartisan, 67. cajole, 68. unmarried, 69. inaugurate, 70. kinship, 71. cling, 72. institutionalize, 73. mound, 74. Christ

75. a matter for con_____ion *n.* the act of expressing that someone has an occasion for celebration or the expression of pleasure at the success or good fortune of another
76. mathematically so_____le equation *adj.* capable of being solved or resolved; able to be fixed or resolved with effort, skill, or knowledge
77. me__a for surfers *n.* a city and administrative center of the Mecca Province of Saudi Arabia and the holiest city in Islam
78. mo__d of dirt *n.* a raised area of ground or dirt, often used for burial, construction, or as a fortification; a large, rounded pile or heap
79. de_____d by elevator *v.* to move downward and lower; to come from, or to be connected by a relationship of blood
80. du_____s credibility *adj.* having doubts or reservations; uncertain
81. un_____le amount of debt *adj.* cannot be supported or defended against attack or criticism; indefensible
82. pa_____is in the leg *n.* a condition in which you are unable to move or lose control of part or most of the body because of illness or injury
83. the center ai__e of a church *n.* a passage between rows of seats in a theater, airplane, or other public building, typically one of two or more running parallel with the main body of the structure
84. co___r degree *v.* to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something

ANSWERS: 75. congratulation, 76. solvable, 77. mecca, 78. mound, 79. descend, 80. dubious, 81. untenable, 82. paralysis, 83. aisle, 84. confer

85. qu_____le the price of gold *v.* to consist of four items or people; to become four times as great or many
86. born in we_____k *n.* the state of being married; matrimony
87. te_____e inspection *n.* a small, pale social insect that feeds on wood and can cause significant damage to wooden structures and furniture
88. witty p_n *n.* a humorous play on words or use of words that sound similar but have different meanings, often for a comedic effect; a form of wordplay
89. in_____ed to creditors *adj.* owing money or having financial obligations to another person or organization; feeling grateful or obligated to someone for their help, support, or kindness
90. a re_____ng pension *adj.* withdrawing from a position or activity, or becoming more secluded or reserved
91. an ax in the toolbox *n.* a tool with a metal blade that is usually attached to a wooden handle and is used for chopping wood or other materials
92. by_____e civilization *adj.* belonging to an earlier time; from a previous era or period
93. faithful in we_____k *n.* the state of being married; matrimony
94. as_____id explorer *n.* a small rocky body orbiting the sun, typically in the region between Mars and Jupiter
95. ki_____p ties *n.* the state or fact of being related to someone

ANSWERS: 85. quadruple, 86. wedlock, 87. termite, 88. pun, 89. indebted, 90. retiring, 91. ax, 92. bygone, 93. wedlock, 94. asteroid, 95. kinship

96. human in _____ ct *n.* the ability to think logically and comprehend information, especially at an advanced level
97. spirit of bip _____ hip *n.* agreement or collaboration between two political parties whose policies are normally opposed to one other's
98. so _____ le problem *adj.* capable of being solved or resolved; able to be fixed or resolved with effort, skill, or knowledge
99. go through a mir _____ us change *adj.* very effective or lucky, or completely unexpected
100. pl _____ t against other major currencies *v.* to fall or drop suddenly and steeply; to decline rapidly or sharply
101. cen _____ de scale *n.* a system of temperature measurement in which the freezing point of water is 0 degrees and the boiling point of water is 100 degrees; also known as the Celsius scale
102. disturb a be _____ e *n.* a structure or container where bees live and store their honey
103. bip _____ an agreement *adj.* involving or supported by both of the main political parties in a country
104. as _____ id mining *n.* a small rocky body orbiting the sun, typically in the region between Mars and Jupiter
105. near re _____ ng age *adj.* withdrawing from a position or activity, or becoming more secluded or reserved
106. di _____ t the economy *v.* to change something's shape, appearance, or sound so that it appears weird or unclear

ANSWERS: 96. intellect, 97. bipartisanship, 98. solvable, 99. miraculous, 100. plummet, 101. centigrade, 102. beehive, 103. bipartisan, 104. asteroid, 105. retiring, 106. distort

107. di___r over a decision *v.* to be indecisive or unsure about something; to tremble or shake with nervousness or excitement
108. hyp_____hip politics *n.* a state of extreme or excessive loyalty and support for a particular political party or ideology, often to the extent that it becomes difficult to engage in constructive dialogue or compromise with those who hold different views
109. po_____ze opinions *v.* to cause or become divided into two contrasting or opposite groups, opinions, or positions; to create or intensify a sharp division or conflict
110. hawkish con_____son *n.* a person who belongs to a congress, especially a member of the US House of Representatives; congressman (congressperson is used to avoid gender discrimination)
111. co___r honor *v.* to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something
112. a w__t of evidence *n.* a very small or insignificant amount or quantity, often used in the phrase "not a whit," meaning not at all
113. di_____t the facts *v.* to change something's shape, appearance, or sound so that it appears weird or unclear
114. inc_____ion rates *n.* the state of being confined in prison or jail
115. rep_____an ideology *n.* a person who supports or advocates for a particular form of government, typically one that has an elected head of state rather than a monarch; a member or supporter of the Republican Party in the United States

ANSWERS: 107. dither, 108. hyperpartisanship, 109. polarize, 110. congressperson, 111. confer, 112. whit, 113. distort, 114. incarceration, 115. republican

116. pa____ze a city *v.* to cause a person or part of the body to become unable to move or feel
117. a mir_____us encounter *adj.* very effective or lucky, or completely unexpected
118. eva_____al mission *adj.* relating to or advocating a form of Protestant Christianity that emphasizes personal conversion and faith over religious rituals and central authority within the church
119. play with my si_____gs *n.* a brother or sister; member of a family born to the same parents
120. enrich my in_____ct *n.* the ability to think logically and comprehend information, especially at an advanced level

ANSWERS: 116. paralyze, 117. miraculous, 118. evangelical, 119. sibling, 120. intellect

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The couple had been happily married for years and cherished the sanctity of their union in _____.
n. the state of being married; matrimony
2. He felt _____ to his parents for all the sacrifices they had made for him.
adj. owing money or having financial obligations to another person or organization; feeling grateful or obligated to someone for their help, support, or kindness
3. The media's sensationalism has fueled _____ in recent years.
n. a state of extreme or excessive loyalty and support for a particular political party or ideology, often to the extent that it becomes difficult to engage in constructive dialogue or compromise with those who hold different views
4. Economists contend that taxes _____ consumer behavior in general.
v. to change something's shape, appearance, or sound so that it appears weird or unclear
5. The evidence presented in court had a _____ origin, raising questions about its authenticity.
adj. having doubts or reservations; uncertain
6. Your _____ is capable of distinguishing among similar objects.
n. the ability to think logically and comprehend information, especially at an advanced level
7. The team discovered a hidden _____ in the desert.
n. a raised area of ground or dirt, often used for burial, construction, or as a fortification; a large, rounded pile or heap

ANSWERS: 1. wedlock, 2. indebted, 3. hyperpartisanship, 4. distort, 5. dubious, 6. intellect, 7. mound

8. The employee was _____ to a week of vacation time.
- v.* to give someone the right to have or do something; to give a title to someone or something
9. Please _____ these files as we start a new project tomorrow.
- v.* to change the order or position of things already made; to change the time, date, or place of an event already planned
10. My mother always used a mercury _____ to check our temperature when we were sick.
- n.* a device used to measure temperature, typically consisting of a glass or plastic tube containing a column of liquid, such as mercury, that rises and falls with changes in temperature
11. She has chosen to remain _____ and focus on her career.
- adj.* not married; single; having not entered into the legal or socially recognized state of marriage
12. His stock earnings _____.
- v.* to consist of four items or people; to become four times as great or many
13. The proposal was deemed _____ due to financial constraints.
- adj.* cannot be supported or defended against attack or criticism; indefensible
14. She intentionally acts like an _____.
- n.* a person who is outgoing, sociable, and confident
15. The controversial new law has the potential to _____ the entire nation.
- v.* to cause or become divided into two contrasting or opposite groups, opinions, or positions; to create or intensify a sharp division or conflict

ANSWERS: 8. entitled, 9. rearrange, 10. thermometer, 11. unmarried, 12. quadrupled, 13. untenable, 14. extrovert, 15. polarize

16. The engineers found the technical glitch in the system was quite _____ with a software update.

adj. capable of being solved or resolved; able to be fixed or resolved with effort, skill, or knowledge

17. The organization _____ her to be the next president.

v. to propose someone for a position, especially in politics or an organization, or some honor

18. The soccer player was able to _____ the ball away from the goal.

v. to cause something, especially a criticism or attack, to be directed away from someone

19. The beekeeper checked the _____ for any signs of disease.

n. a structure or container where bees live and store their honey

20. The new policy aims to _____ the use of renewable energy sources.

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

21. Our body's immune system produces antibodies to _____ disease.

v. to act against something to reduce its bad or harmful effects or neutralize it

22. Unfortunately, the company went _____ and had to close its doors permanently.

adj. unable to pay one's debts; having been reduced to a state of financial ruin; lacking in something essential or fundamental

23. The leaders of the two countries met to _____ on the issue.

v. to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something

ANSWERS: 16. solvable, 17. nominated, 18. deflect, 19. beehive, 20. institutionalize, 21. counteract, 22. bankrupt, 23. confer

24. She felt a sense of _____ with her new colleagues.

n. the state or fact of being related to someone

25. The saltwater can _____ metal over time if not properly maintained.

v. to destroy or eat away slowly by chemical action; to gradually wear away, weaken, or disintegrate over time

26. The cost of the new equipment was _____ and beyond the company's budget.

adj. relating to astronomy or the study of celestial bodies and phenomena; very large or immense in scale or magnitude

27. The _____ of political views has created a deep divide in the country.

n. the division or separation of something into two opposing or contrasting groups or factions; the condition of being polarized or having poles

28. Scientists are studying the composition and origins of the _____ belt to understand the early solar system better.

n. a small rocky body orbiting the sun, typically in the region between Mars and Jupiter

29. He _____ to the hope that he will find a job soon.

v. to hold onto something tightly; to be closely attached to someone or something

30. _____ is the day to celebrate the birth of Christ.

n. the man that Christians believe is the prophet and the son of God, and whose life and sermons form the basis for Christianity

31. He used an ___ to chop the firewood for the campfire.

n. a tool with a metal blade that is usually attached to a wooden handle and is used for chopping wood or other materials

ANSWERS: 24. kinship, 25. corrode, 26. astronomical, 27. polarization, 28. asteroid, 29. clings, 30. Christmas, 31. ax

32. The _____ from her friends and family were overwhelming after she won the championship.

n. the act of expressing that someone has an occasion for celebration or the expression of pleasure at the success or good fortune of another

33. He made a _____ recovery.

adj. very effective or lucky, or completely unexpected

34. The temperature reached a peak of 35 degrees _____.

n. a system of temperature measurement in which the freezing point of water is 0 degrees and the boiling point of water is 100 degrees; also known as the Celsius scale

35. Children often copy their parents or elder _____.

n. a brother or sister; member of a family born to the same parents

36. The prime minister's sister has called for _____ to pass the legislation on same-sex marriage.

n. agreement or collaboration between two political parties whose policies are normally opposed to one other's

37. The judge sentenced him to five years of _____ for embezzlement.

n. the state of being confined in prison or jail

38. The house was infested with _____ and required extensive repairs.

n. a small, pale social insect that feeds on wood and can cause significant damage to wooden structures and furniture

39. The term of a _____ is two years.

n. a person who belongs to a congress, especially a member of the US House of Representatives; congressman (congressperson is used to avoid gender discrimination)

ANSWERS: 32. congratulations, 33. miraculous, 34. centigrade, 35. siblings, 36. bipartisanship, 37. incarceration, 38. termites, 39. congressperson

40. His argument had a _____ of truth, but it was primarily exaggerated.
n. a very small or insignificant amount or quantity, often used in the phrase "not a whit," meaning not at all
41. Many _____ lawmakers are advocating for stricter immigration policies.
n. a person who supports or advocates for a particular form of government, typically one that has an elected head of state rather than a monarch; a member or supporter of the Republican Party in the United States
42. The data from the study was _____ and unexpected.
adj. deviating from what is standard or expected; unexpected or unusual in a way that is difficult to explain
43. The president will _____ the new embassy building next week.
v. to formally begin or initiate something, particularly a new project, organization, government, or system, often through an official ceremony
44. The comedian's _____ had the audience laughing out loud.
n. a humorous play on words or use of words that sound similar but have different meanings, often for a comedic effect; a form of wordplay
45. The _____ CEO passed on the reins to his successor.
adj. withdrawing from a position or activity, or becoming more secluded or reserved
46. A large _____ branch provided a perfect perch for the seagull to rest on.
n. wood that has been carried along by the current of a river or ocean and washed up on shore, often used for decorative purposes or as fuel
47. Everyone was aware of the impending _____ but was unable to prevent it.
n. death, destruction, or some other terrible situation that cannot be avoided

ANSWERS: 40. whit, 41. republican, 42. anomalous, 43. inaugurate, 44. pun, 45. retiring, 46. driftwood, 47. doom

48. The venom from the snake bite _____ his arm.
- v. to cause a person or part of the body to become unable to move or feel
49. Massive demonstrations lead to total _____ of transportation.
- n. a condition in which you are unable to move or lose control of part or most of the body because of illness or injury
50. The baseball player _____ the ball out of the park, securing a home run.
- v. to hit something or someone with force, often making a loud noise; to deliver a sharp criticism or rebuke
51. The stock prices have _____ in the last hour, causing concern for investors.
- v. to fall or drop suddenly and steeply; to decline rapidly or sharply
52. She was _____ from an old Italian noble family.
- v. to move downward and lower; to come from, or to be connected by a relationship of blood
53. He tried to _____ his little sister into sharing her toy with him.
- v. to persuade or coax someone through flattery, coaxing, or gentle pleading; to convince someone to do something by using sweet talk or deceptive promises
54. The legislation was passed with _____ support from both parties.
- adj.* involving or supported by both of the main political parties in a country
55. I couldn't decide what to wear to the party, so I _____ over my outfit for hours.
- v. to be indecisive or unsure about something; to tremble or shake with nervousness or excitement

ANSWERS: 48. paralyzed, 49. paralysis, 50. smacked, 51. plummeted, 52. descended, 53. cajole, 54. bipartisan, 55. dithered

56. The building has become a _____ for fans of the movie.

n. a city and administrative center of the Mecca Province of Saudi Arabia and the holiest city in Islam

57. The _____ pastor delivered a powerful sermon to his congregation.

adj. relating to or advocating a form of Protestant Christianity that emphasizes personal conversion and faith over religious rituals and central authority within the church

58. The historian studied the _____ era with great detail.

adj. belonging to an earlier time; from a previous era or period

59. She walked down the _____ to the front of the church.

n. a passage between rows of seats in a theater, airplane, or other public building, typically one of two or more running parallel with the main body of the structure

60. The fishing reel had a _____ that made it easy to reel in the catch.

n. a mechanical device that converts rotary motion into linear motion or vice versa; an eccentric or unpredictable person

ANSWERS: 56. mecca, 57. evangelical, 58. bygone, 59. aisle, 60. crank