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Session 1: Word List

fantastic

adj. extremely good; excellent

synonym: incredible, unbelievable, marvelous

(1) a **fantastic** dress, (2) absolutely **fantastic** event

The new amusement park ride was **fantastic**, with twists, turns, and drops that left riders screaming with excitement.

brilliant

adj. extremely clever, skilled, or impressive

synonym: luminous, intelligent, clever

(1) **brilliant** idea, (2) **brilliant** performance

The more **brilliant** you are, the more people around you look at you with envy and jealousy.

fellow

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

synonym: buddy, mate, affiliate

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

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

elect

v. to choose someone for a specific position by voting for them; to decide or choose to do something

synonym: select, choose, prefer

(1) **elect** the school board, (2) **elect** death

Every five years, the provincial governors are **elected**.

royal

adj. relating to or belonging to the king or queen or a member of their family

synonym : imperial, noble, aristocratic

(1) a **royal** palace, (2) prince **royal**

She is willing to give up her position in the **royal** family to marry him.

physician

n. a medical doctor who practices medicine

synonym : doctor, practitioner, medic

(1) the advice of the **physician**, (2) consult with a **physician**

She visited the local **physician** to seek treatment for her persistent headache.

divorce

n. the legal dissolution of a marriage

synonym : separation, dissolution, breakup

(1) **divorce** settlement, (2) a consensual **divorce**

The couple decided to get a **divorce** after many years of marriage.

medical

adj. relating to the treatment of illness or injuries; relating to the practice of medicine

synonym : health, disease, treatment

(1) a **medical** opinion, (2) temporary **medical** treatment

The **medical** team worked quickly to save the patient's life.

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.

epidemiology

n. the study of the distribution and determinants of health-related states or events, including diseases, in specified populations, and the application of this study to the control of health problems

synonym : public health, disease control

(1) **epidemiology** research, (2) cancer **epidemiology**
The **epidemiology** of influenza has been well studied over the years, leading to the development of effective vaccines and treatment strategies.

disease

n. a disorder or illness that affects the body or mind, often characterized by specific symptoms or abnormal functioning of organs or systems

synonym: illness, ailment, affliction

(1) **disease** prevention, (2) **disease** control

The doctor diagnosed him with a rare **disease** that had no known cure.

appreciate

v. to value and acknowledge the worth of someone or something; to be grateful for something or someone

synonym: acknowledge, admire, enjoy

(1) **appreciate** her feedback, (2) **appreciate** the value

We would **appreciate** an early reply.

incidence

n. the frequency or rate at which a particular event or condition occurs within a specific population, group, or area; the occurrence or manifestation of something, especially something harmful or unpleasant

synonym: occurrence, frequency, prevalence

(1) **incidence** rate, (2) high **incidence** of disease

The **incidence** of crime has decreased in the neighborhood since the new security measures were put in place.

cancer

n. abnormal growth of cells that can invade and destroy surrounding tissues and organs; a disease characterized by the uncontrolled growth and spread of abnormal cells

synonym: tumor, carcinoma, malignancy

(1) **cancer** diagnosis, (2) **cancer** research

Breast **cancer** is the most common type of cancer in women.

correlate

v. to have a connection or relationship in which one thing affects or depends on another

synonym: associate, liken, connect

(1) **correlate** closely with the quality, (2) **correlate** to the size

We may frequently **correlate** age with the frequency of disease.

poverty

n. the condition of being extremely poor

synonym: deprivation, destitution, poorness

(1) **poverty** alleviation, (2) the cycle of **poverty**

Many studies have investigated the relationship between **poverty** and academic achievement.

affluent

adj. rich and wealthy; having a lot of money and material wealth

synonym: wealthy, rich, prosperous

(1) **affluent** society, (2) live in **affluent** circumstances

She lived in an **affluent** neighborhood surrounded by wealth and luxury.

anomaly

n. something or someone that deviates from what is expected or normal, often in a way that is difficult to explain or understand

synonym: abnormality, irregularity, deviation

(1) **anomaly** detection, (2) global temperature **anomaly**

The sudden drop in the stock market was an **anomaly** that puzzled many investors.

pound

n. the standard unit of money in the UK; the standard unit of weight equal to 16 ounces

(1) three-fourths of a **pound**, (2) thousands of **pounds**

The car's front bumper cost fifteen hundred **pounds**.

memorial

n. a structure or monument to commemorate a person or event

synonym: monument, remembrance, tribute

(1) **memorial** address, (2) **memorial** park

The war **memorial** stands as a reminder of the sacrifices made by our ancestors.

needle

n. a thin, pointed object typically used for sewing or medical purposes; a metal or plastic instrument used for administering injections or drawing blood

synonym : thorn, spike, pin

(1) **needle** prick, (2) sewing **needle**

The acupuncturist inserted **needles** into specific points on my body to alleviate my pain.

haystack

n. a large mound of hay, usually stacked in a conical or cylindrical shape, used for animal feed or bedding

synonym : pile, heap, stack

(1) **haystack** fire, (2) lost in a **haystack**

The children played hide and seek in the **haystacks** in the barnyard.

consume

v. to spend something, especially fuel, energy, or time, in a large amount

synonym : absorb, ingest, use up

(1) **consume** a large of alcohol, (2) **consume** electricity

A smaller car will **consume** less fuel.

chip

n. a small fragment of something broken off from the whole; a long and thin piece of potato fried in oil or fat

synonym : flake, fragment, chunk

(1) a **chip** of wood, (2) I don't care a **chip**

We can use this campaign as a bargaining **chip** in the negotiations.

indoor

adj. located, happened, or used inside a building

(1) an **indoor** pool, (2) designed for **indoor** use

Table tennis is an **indoor** sport.

outdo

v. to do better than someone; to surpass

synonym :

excel, surpass, outshine

(1) **outdo** him in trickery, (2) **outdo** the competition

He tried to **outdo** his rival by breaking the world record.

plumbing

n. the system of pipes, fittings, and fixtures that are used to distribute water and remove waste in a building or structure; the trade or profession of installing and maintaining such systems

synonym: pipefitting, piping

(1) **plumbing** problem, (2) **plumbing** service

The **plumbing** in my house needs to be replaced because it keeps leaking.

carbon

n. a chemical element that can be found in pure form as diamond or graphite, and it is also an essential part of coal and oil and is found in all plants and animals

(1) **carbon** dioxide, (2) **carbon** emission

Trees absorb **carbon** dioxide and give off oxygen.

questionnaire

n. a form or document containing a series of questions used for surveying or gathering information from a group of people, often used in research, marketing, or social science studies

synonym: survey, poll, form

(1) fill out a **questionnaire**, (2) distribute a **questionnaire**

The company sent out a lengthy **questionnaire** to gather feedback from its customers.

statistics

n. the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data

(1) **statistics** for cancer, (2) official **statistics**

The **statistics** demonstrate that poverty and unemployment are genuine problems.

clarity

n. the quality of being coherent and understandable; the quality of transparency or purity

synonym: clearness, translucence, brightness

(1) lack of **clarity**, (2) sake of **clarity**

The publisher will proofread most of this manuscript for **clarity**.

X-ray

n. a type of electromagnetic radiation that has a wavelength shorter than visible light allowing hidden objects such as bones and organs inside the body to be photographed

synonym: roentgenogram, photon radiography

(1) **X-ray** scan, (2) an **X-ray** of arteries

The doctor ordered an **X-ray** to see if there was any damage to the bones.

pregnant

adj. having a baby or young animal developing in the uterus

synonym: expectant

(1) needs of **pregnant** women, (2) a silence **pregnant** with suspense

She vacated the position when she got **pregnant**.

conventional

adj. based on or following traditional rules, standards, customs, etc.

synonym: ancestral, customary, established

(1) a **conventional** style, (2) get a **conventional** loan

She is very **conventional** in her thoughts.

wisdom

n. the quality of being wise, or the ability to use your knowledge and experience to make sensible decisions

synonym: sagacity, discernment, insight

(1) a fountain of **wisdom**, (2) **wisdom** literature

The community greatly respected and sought after the older adult's **wisdom**.

threshold

n. the floor or ground that forms the bottom of a doorway and offers support when passing through a doorway; the smallest detectable sensation

synonym: anteroom, brink, verge

(1) the **threshold** between rooms, (2) high pain **threshold**

She's on the **threshold** of adulthood.

enthusiasm

n. a strong feeling of excitement and interest in a particular subject or cause and an eagerness to become involved in it

synonym: eagerness, zeal, willingness

(1) unflagging **enthusiasm**, (2) lose **enthusiasm**

We are tackling the development for updates with **enthusiasm**.

patient

n. a person who is receiving medical treatment, care, or attention from a healthcare professional, such as a doctor, nurse, or therapist; a personal quality or characteristic

synonym: client, recipient, subject

(1) **patient** in the hospital, (2) **patient** with weight loss

The doctor carefully examined the **patient's** medical history.

nevertheless

adv. in spite of that; yet

synonym: nonetheless, yet, still

(1) keep working **nevertheless**, (2) **nevertheless**, she persevered

She was tired and hungry, but **nevertheless**, she persevered.

preliminary

adj. serving as a preparation for something more important or extensive; introductory; taking place before the main event or decision

synonym: initial, preparatory, introductory

(1) **preliminary** investigation, (2) **preliminary** agreement

Before starting the project, we need to go through some **preliminary** research and planning.

lancet

n. a sharp, pointed surgical instrument used for making incisions or punctures, typically in medical procedures

synonym: scalpel, blade, surgical instrument

(1) **lancet** device, (2) surgical **lancet**

The doctor used a **lancet** for a small incision on the patient's skin.

excite

v. to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager

synonym : thrill, exhilarate, animate

(1) **excite** the crowd, (2) **excite** rebellion

The news of her promotion **excited** her.

disappear

v. to cease to exist or be visible

synonym : fade, evaporate, vanish

(1) **disappear** without a trace, (2) **disappear** after a week

They watched the train **disappear** into the distance.

abandon

v. to leave a place, thing, or person with no intention of returning; (noun) a feeling of extreme emotional intensity

synonym : relinquish, leave behind, disregard

(1) **abandon** a friend, (2) **abandon** the practice

The castle was **abandoned** several years later.

statistician

n. a person who studies or is an expert in statistics

synonym : actuary

(1) professional **statisticians**, (2) environmental **statistician**

The firm employs several **statisticians** to develop a recommendation engine.

outgoing

adj. friendly and energetic in talking to others; tending to go out or away

synonym : extroverted, sociable, friendly

(1) **outgoing** attitude, (2) **outgoing** mail

She was an **outgoing** person and loved meeting new people and trying new things.

sociable

adj. being friendly, outgoing, and inclined to engage in social activities or interactions; enjoying the company of others

synonym : friendly, outgoing, affable

(1) **sociable** gathering, (2) **sociable** atmosphere
She is a very **sociable** person who loves meeting new people.

recluse

n. a person who lives in solitude and isolation
synonym: hermit, solitary, loner

(1) live as a **recluse**, (2) solitary **recluse**

After years in the limelight, the actor decided to retreat from the public eye and become a **recluse**.

empathy

n. the ability to share another person's feelings or experiences by imagining that person's situation
synonym: compassion, sympathy, tenderness

(1) full of **empathy**, (2) **empathy** for patients

Empathy is also necessary to understand history.

frank

adj. honest and sincere; open and candid in expression
synonym: candid, direct, freehearted

(1) **frank** and open discussion, (2) make a **frank** apology

Full involvement means **frank** and prompt responses.

prefer

v. to like, choose, or want one thing or person better than another

synonym: choose, like, favor

(1) **prefer** physics to chemistry, (2) **prefer** a window seat

The birds **prefer** open water areas with reeds around them.

relation

n. the way two persons or groups of people feel and act toward one another

synonym: association, linkage, connection

(1) **relation** between cause and effect, (2) **relation** of inclusion

The industrial **relations** laws were passed with little to no alteration.

- confirm** v. to support or establish the truth or certainty of something previously believed or suspected to be the case
synonym: affirm, verify, assure
(1) **confirm** the diagnosis, (2) **confirm** a transaction
Please write to **confirm** your reservation.
- crunch** n. a loud, crackling noise made by something being crushed or broken; a difficult or critical situation
synonym: crushing, snapping, crisis
(1) financial **crunch**, (2) a gas **crunch**
The **crunch** of the leaves underfoot was heard as they walked through the park.
- disprove** v. to show that something is not true or correct
synonym: refute, discredit, invalidate
(1) **disprove** global warming, (2) **disprove** the conjecture
The researchers were unable to **disprove** the theory.
- conflict** n. a strong disagreement, argument, or a violent clash between two opposing groups or individuals
synonym: clash, discord, competition
(1) the **conflict** between good and evil, (2) the longstanding **conflict**
He and I often had **conflicts**, not only in personality but also in ideology.
- confidence** n. the feeling or attitude that one can trust or rely on the abilities or good qualities of someone or something
synonym: self-trust, certainty, belief
(1) **confidence** as a teacher, (2) boost my **confidence**
Skill and **confidence** are an unconquered army.
- collaboration** n. the act or situation of working together to create or produce something
synonym: affiliation, alliance, coalition
(1) **collaboration** between companies, (2) **collaboration**

platform

The partnership program requires a mutual **collaboration** between both agencies.

echo

n. a sound heard after being reflected off a surface, such as a wall or a cliff

synonym: reverberate, repeat, reflection

(1) the **echo** of a person's footsteps, (2) sound **echo**

A thunderous boom **echoed** throughout the valley.

chamber

n. a large room used for a formal, public, or particular purpose; one of the parts of a parliament

synonym: association, cabin, legislature

(1) a gas **chamber**, (2) the lower **chamber**

The surgeon made an incision in the **chambers** of the patient's heart.

dare

v. to have the courage to do something

synonym: challenge, risk, attempt

(1) **dare** not go, (2) **dare** to take risks

I wouldn't **dare** to speak to him like that.

collaborate

v. to work with someone else to produce or achieve something

synonym: cooperate, unite, get together

(1) **collaborate** with the police, (2) **collaborate** on a press release

She agreed to **collaborate** with him in creating new artwork.

construct

v. to build or create something; to assemble or combine different parts to form something whole

synonym: build, assemble, create

(1) **construct** a 3D image, (2) **construct** a dam

He **constructs** hypotheses that no mathematician has ever imagined before.

resist

v. to refuse to accept something and attempt to prevent it from happening

synonym : fight, defy, revolt

(1) **resist** temptation, (2) **resist** being kissed

I chose to **resist** cancer by trying every possible treatment.

neurobiology

n. a field of biology that studies the structure, function, and development of the nervous system, including the brain, spinal cord, and peripheral nerves encompassing a wide range of research topics, including the molecular and cellular processes involved in neural signaling, the organization of neural circuits, and the neural basis of behavior, cognition, and emotion

synonym : brain science, neural science, neurology

(1) **neurobiology** research, (2) cellular **neurobiology**

The professor's research in **neurobiology** has led to groundbreaking discoveries in the field of brain science.

background

n. the details of a person's social heritage, such as family, vocational or educational experience; past information that is essential to understanding a situation or problem

synonym : ground, experience, backdrop

(1) a **background** color, (2) a criminal **background**

The company's hiring criteria emphasize personality, not a person's **background**.

discipline

n. the practice of training people to obey rules or a code of behavior, using and punishments if these are broken; a region of activity, knowledge, or influence

synonym : training, restraint, field

(1) break **discipline**, (2) rigid **discipline**

He quickly learned the military **discipline**.

engage

v. to attract and keep someone's attention and interest; to participate in or obtain services of something

synonym : confront, employ, amuse

(1) **engage** in environmental protection activities,

(2) **engage** a new employee

Many multinational companies are **engaged** in the reconstruction of that country.

patience

n. the ability to remain calm and composed in the face of adversity, delay, or frustration; the capacity to tolerate or endure difficult or unpleasant situations without becoming upset or angry

synonym: forbearance, endurance, tolerance

(1) test my **patience**, (2) show **patience**

Healing a broken heart requires **patience**, as it takes time to heal.

commit

v. to do something illegal or wrong

synonym: engage, carry out, execute

(1) **commit** suicide, (2) **commit** mistakes

The military has **committed** an abuse of human rights.

head-to-head

adj. of or relating to a direct or confrontational competition or comparison between two people, teams, or entities

synonym: face-to-face, one-on-one, tete-a-tete

(1) **head-to-head** challenge, (2) **head-to-head** battle

The **head-to-head** competition between the two teams was intense and exciting.

strike

v. to wallop somebody or something with the hand, fist, or weapon; to have an emotional or cognitive impact upon

synonym: hit, impact, influence

(1) **strike** up a conversation, (2) **strike** a blow

We **strike** to achieve more wages and safer working conditions.

disaster

n. an unexpected event or series of events that cause widespread damage, destruction, or loss of life

synonym: catastrophe, calamity, tragedy

(1) global **disaster**, (2) **disaster** recovery

The **disaster** response team worked around the clock to aid those affected by the earthquake.

individual

n. a single person or thing, as distinct from a group

synonym: person, being, self

(1) a private **individual**, (2) **individual** freedom

As an **individual**, he had the right to make his own decisions and live his life as he saw fit.

survey

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

synonym: study, examination, poll

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

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

executive

n. a person or group of people with top-level management responsibility in a business or other organization; the branch that is responsible for implementing, administering, and enforcing laws, as well as running the day-to-day operations

synonym: administrator, manager, director

(1) **executive** editor at the publishing house, (2) **executive** vice president

As the **executive** director of the non-profit, it's her responsibility to make sure they're meeting their mission goals.

acknowledged

adj. recognized or admitted as being true or valid

synonym: recognized, accepted, admitted

(1) **acknowledged** beauty, (2) publicly **acknowledged** truth

His **acknowledged** expertise in the field earned him the respect of his peers.

provoke

v. to stimulate or give rise to a particular reaction or have a particular effect

synonym : stimulate, incite, encourage

(1) **provoke** a disease, (2) **provoke** a reaction

Her behavior **provoked** a quarrel between the couple.

embroil

v. to involve or entangle someone or something in a difficult, complicated, or unpleasant situation; to implicate or incriminate

synonym : involve, complicate, entangle

(1) **embroil** him in a controversy, (2) **embroil** in controversy

The scandal **embroiled** the company's CEO and other high-level executives.

argument

n. a set of statements or reasons used to support or refute a proposition or theory; a verbal or physical fight or dispute

synonym : debate, discourse, discussion

(1) a blazing **argument**, (2) the **argument** against capital punishment

The **argument** between the two sides over the proposed policy was heated.

bound

v. to move forward by leaps and bounds; to form the boundary of something

synonym : jump, bounce, leap

(1) **bounded** with delight, (2) **bound** up a staircase

Canada **bounds** on the United States.

triumph

n. a great victory or achievement

synonym : victory, success, conquest

(1) **triumph** of democracy, (2) **triumph** of the spirit

The team's **triumph** in the championship resulted from their hard work and dedication.

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.

device

n. a piece of equipment, tool, or technology that serves a particular purpose or function, often mechanical or electronic

synonym: gadget, instrument, tool

(1) electronic **device**, (2) tracking **device**

I always carry a backup **device** in case my phone runs out of battery.

complicated

adj. involving a lot of different things or parts in a way that is difficult to understand or analyze

synonym: complex, convoluted, intricate

(1) a **complicated** process, (2) become increasingly **complicated**

He did **complicated** pen-and-ink drawings in just a few days.

complexity

n. the state or quality of being complicated or intricate and difficult to understand

synonym: intricacy, sophistication, elaboration

(1) cognitive **complexity**, (2) **complexity** theory

The project's **complexity** made it difficult for the team to complete it on time.

margin

n. the space around the edge of a page or document; (finance) the net sales minus the cost of goods and services sold

synonym: edge, border, periphery

(1) **margin** error, (2) a profit **margin**

Unfortunately, the book's **margin** was too small to make notes.

damage

v. to harm or cause injury to something or someone, often resulting in decreased value or functionality; to impair or negatively affect something, such as a reputation or relationship; (noun) harm or injury that is caused to a person, thing, or entity

synonym: harm, impair, injure

(1) **damage** a relationship, (2) **damage** assessment

During the surgery, the doctor had to be extremely cautious not to **damage** a blood vessel.

aft

adj. (the opposite of "forward") located at or towards the rear or back of a ship, aircraft, or other vehicle

(1) **aft** cabin, (2) **aft** view

The **aft** section of the ship suffered significant damage after the collision with the reef.

doubt

n. a feeling of being uncertain about something, especially about how good or accurate it is

synonym: distrust, suspect, mistrust

(1) dispel **doubts**, (2) no **doubt** about the news

Doubt is the start, not the end, of intelligence.

debate

n. a formal discussion or argument of opposing viewpoints, often to persuade others to adopt a specific position; a public discussion, often on an issue of current interest, in which participants offer opinions and differing perspectives

synonym: argument, discussion, dispute

(1) **debate** topic, (2) **debate** competition

The **debate** over climate change continues to be a hot topic in politics.

creative

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

synonym: imaginative, innovative, inventive

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

All the supervisor has to do is assign tasks that make his

subordinates more **creative**.

whistleblower

n. a person who reveals or reports illegal, unethical, or immoral activities, primarily in the workplace or government, that are not publicly known but harm the public interest or other people

synonym: informant, snitch

(1) anonymous **whistleblower**, (2) government

whistleblower

The government has laws in place to protect **whistleblowers** from retaliation.

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.

devote

v. to commit or dedicate oneself or one's time, effort, or energy to a particular task or purpose

synonym: commit, dedicate, apply

(1) **devote** all of my energies, (2) **devote** my own life

He **devoted** himself to studying the history of ancient civilizations.

silent

adj. without any or little sound

synonym: quiet, hushed, mute

(1) **silent** reading, (2) give **silent** consent

The politician remained **silent** despite intense media scrutiny.

discovery

n. the act or process of finding information, a place, or an object, or learning about something that was previously not known

synonym: finding, uncovering, detection

(1) a scientific **discovery**, (2) the great **discovery** of the

century

Her research team made an important **discovery**.

colleague

n. one of a group of a coworker, especially in a profession or a business

synonym: coworker, associate, fellow

(1) collaborate with **colleagues**, (2) former **colleague**

I decided to seek counseling on the advice of my **colleague**.

conversation

n. an informal talk between two or more people to exchange their views, ideas, information, etc.

synonym: chat, discussion, dialogue

(1) **conversation** in English, (2) a friendly **conversation**

Your **conversation** reflects your thoughts.

submit

v. to give or offer a document, proposal, etc. to a decision-maker for examination or consideration

synonym: hand in, present, propose

(1) agree to **submit** the bill, (2) **submit** an application

Please **submit** the assignment to me.

defend

v. to protect someone or something from attack, criticism, danger, etc.

synonym: protect, guard, support

(1) **defend** my country, (2) **defend** against a threat

International law allows each nation to **defend** itself when its rights and interests are illegally violated.

candidate

n. a person who is seeking or being considered for some kind of position, title, honor, or award; a job applicant

synonym: applicant, nominee, contender

(1) **candidate** selection, (2) PhD **candidate**

The **candidate's** platform focused on healthcare reform and reducing income inequality.

catastrophe

n. a sudden event that causes extreme ruin and misfortune

synonym:

disaster, calamity, cataclysm

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

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

wit

n. the ability to say or write things or ideas in a clever and humorous way

synonym: humor, comedy, funniness

(1) the **wit** of man, (2) full of **wit**

He has the **wit** to keep talking about this topic.

blind

adj. unable to see; unable or unwilling to perceive or understand the true nature of something

synonym: sightless, unseeing, random

(1) **blind** to the beauties, (2) **blind** spot

She was nearly **blind** due to severe diabetes.

handle

v. to deal with a situation, problem, or strong emotion

synonym: control, manage, deal with

(1) **handle** a precious object, (2) **handled** the incident

We all should learn how to **handle** stress.

essential

adj. indispensable; fundamental

synonym: critical, crucial, basic

(1) **essential** amino acid, (2) **essential** commodities of life

Trial and error is an **essential** part of education.

talent

n. a natural ability to be good at something; someone who has a natural ability to be good at something

synonym: endowment, aptitude, capability

(1) a person of diverse **talents**, (2) raw **talent**

Numerous great professional sports **talents** have come from this city.

moral

adj. concerned with the principles of what is right and wrong, fairness, honesty, etc.

synonym: honest, ethical, conscientious

(1) **moral** hazard, (2) **moral** burden

Ethics deals with **moral** conduct.

courage

n. the ability to face danger, difficulty, uncertainty, or pain without being overcome by fear or despair; the quality of being brave or courageous

synonym: bravery, valor, fearlessness

(1) mental **courage**, (2) inspire **courage**

It takes a lot of **courage** to stand up for what you believe is right.

Session 2: Spelling

1. ab_____n the practice
v. to leave a place, thing, or person with no intention of returning; (noun) a feeling of extreme emotional intensity
2. neu_____ogy research
n. a field of biology that studies the structure, function, and development of the nervous system, including the brain, spinal cord, and peripheral nerves encompassing a wide range of research topics, including the molecular and cellular processes involved in neural signaling, the organization of neural circuits, and the neural basis of behavior, cognition, and emotion
3. br_____nt performance
adj. extremely clever, skilled, or impressive
4. ex_____ve vice president
n. a person or group of people with top-level management responsibility in a business or other organization; the branch that is responsible for implementing, administering, and enforcing laws, as well as running the day-to-day operations
5. pa_____t in the hospital
n. a person who is receiving medical treatment, care, or attention from a healthcare professional, such as a doctor, nurse, or therapist; a personal quality or characteristic
6. the th_____ld between rooms
n. the floor or ground that forms the bottom of a doorway and offers support when passing through a doorway; the smallest detectable sensation

ANSWERS: 1. abandon, 2. neurobiology, 3. brilliant, 4. executive, 5. patient, 6. threshold

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| 7. publicly ack_____ged truth | <i>adj.</i> recognized or admitted as being true or valid |
| 8. cat_____he risk management | <i>n.</i> a sudden event that causes extreme ruin and misfortune |
| 9. de___d my country | <i>v.</i> to protect someone or something from attack, criticism, danger, etc. |
| 10. official sta_____cs | <i>n.</i> the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data |
| 11. cr_____ve writing | <i>adj.</i> relating to or involving the use of skill and original and unusual ideas to create something |
| 12. co_____te to the size | <i>v.</i> to have a connection or relationship in which one thing affects or depends on another |
| 13. pr_____e a disease | <i>v.</i> to stimulate or give rise to a particular reaction or have a particular effect |
| 14. di_____ar without a trace | <i>v.</i> to cease to exist or be visible |
| 15. ack_____ged beauty | <i>adj.</i> recognized or admitted as being true or valid |
| 16. absolutely fa_____ic event | <i>adj.</i> extremely good; excellent |
| 17. d___e to take risks | <i>v.</i> to have the courage to do something |
| 18. PhD ca_____te | <i>n.</i> a person who is seeking or being considered for some kind of position, title, honor, or award; a job applicant |
| 19. en___e a new employee | <i>v.</i> to attract and keep someone's attention and interest; to participate in or obtain services of something |

ANSWERS: 7. acknowledged, 8. catastrophe, 9. defend, 10. statistics, 11. creative, 12. correlate, 13. provoke, 14. disappear, 15. acknowledged, 16. fantastic, 17. dare, 18. candidate, 19. engage

20. di_____ar after a week *v.* to cease to exist or be visible
21. a me_____l opinion *adj.* relating to the treatment of illness or injuries; relating to the practice of medicine
22. in_____ce rate *n.* the frequency or rate at which a particular event or condition occurs within a specific population, group, or area; the occurrence or manifestation of something, especially something harmful or unpleasant
23. col_____te on a press release *v.* to work with someone else to produce or achieve something
24. ca____r research *n.* abnormal growth of cells that can invade and destroy surrounding tissues and organs; a disease characterized by the uncontrolled growth and spread of abnormal cells
25. live as a re_____e *n.* a person who lives in solitude and isolation
26. bo__ded with delight *v.* to move forward by leaps and bounds; to form the boundary of something
27. ex_____ve editor at the publishing house *n.* a person or group of people with top-level management responsibility in a business or other organization; the branch that is responsible for implementing, administering, and enforcing laws, as well as running the day-to-day operations
28. di_____ve the conjecture *v.* to show that something is not true or correct

ANSWERS: 20. disappear, 21. medical, 22. incidence, 23. collaborate, 24. cancer, 25. recluse, 26. bound, 27. executive, 28. disprove

29. epi_____ogy research *n.* the study of the distribution and determinants of health-related states or events, including diseases, in specified populations, and the application of this study to the control of health problems
30. app_____te the value *v.* to value and acknowledge the worth of someone or something; to be grateful for something or someone
31. three-fourths of a po__d *n.* the standard unit of money in the UK; the standard unit of weight equal to 16 ounces
32. el__t death *v.* to choose someone for a specific position by voting for them; to decide or choose to do something
33. em_____ng technologies *adj.* starting to exist, mature, or become well-known
34. consult with a ph_____an *n.* a medical doctor who practices medicine
35. so_____le gathering *adj.* being friendly, outgoing, and inclined to engage in social activities or interactions; enjoying the company of others
36. de___e all of my energies *v.* to commit or dedicate oneself or one's time, effort, or energy to a particular task or purpose
37. de___e my own life *v.* to commit or dedicate oneself or one's time, effort, or energy to a particular task or purpose
38. col_____ion platform *n.* the act or situation of working together to create or produce something

ANSWERS: 29. epidemiology, 30. appreciate, 31. pound, 32. elect, 33. emerging, 34. physician, 35. sociable, 36. devote, 37. devote, 38. collaboration

39. col_____te with the police *v.* to work with someone else to produce or achieve something
40. fr__k and open discussion *adj.* honest and sincere; open and candid in expression
41. bl__d to the beauties *adj.* unable to see; unable or unwilling to perceive or understand the true nature of something
42. I don't care a c__p *n.* a small fragment of something broken off from the whole; a long and thin piece of potato fried in oil or fat
43. ou__o the competition *v.* to do better than someone; to surpass
44. raw ta____t *n.* a natural ability to be good at something; someone who has a natural ability to be good at something
45. ab_____n a friend *v.* to leave a place, thing, or person with no intention of returning; (noun) a feeling of extreme emotional intensity
46. collaborate with co_____ues *n.* one of a group of a coworker, especially in a profession or a business
47. su____t an application *v.* to give or offer a document, proposal, etc. to a decision-maker for examination or consideration
48. a comprehensive su____y *n.* an investigation of the opinions, behavior, etc. of a particular group of people, made by asking people questions
49. di_____e control *n.* a disorder or illness that affects the body or mind, often characterized by specific symptoms or abnormal functioning of organs or systems

ANSWERS: 39. collaborate, 40. frank, 41. blind, 42. chip, 43. outdo, 44. talent, 45. abandon, 46. colleague, 47. submit, 48. survey, 49. disease

50. da___e assessment *v.* to harm or cause injury to something or someone, often resulting in decreased value or functionality; to impair or negatively affect something, such as a reputation or relationship; (noun) harm or injury that is caused to a person, thing, or entity
51. live in af_____nt circumstances *adj.* rich and wealthy; having a lot of money and material wealth
52. sewing ne___e *n.* a thin, pointed object typically used for sewing or medical purposes; a metal or plastic instrument used for administering injections or drawing blood
53. full of w_t *n.* the ability to say or write things or ideas in a clever and humorous way
54. ha___e a precious object *v.* to deal with a situation, problem, or strong emotion
55. re_____on between cause and effect *n.* the way two persons or groups of people feel and act toward one another
56. recent su___y *n.* an investigation of the opinions, behavior, etc. of a particular group of people, made by asking people questions
57. ca___n dioxide *n.* a chemical element that can be found in pure form as diamond or graphite, and it is also an essential part of coal and oil and is found in all plants and animals
58. get a con_____nal loan *adj.* based on or following traditional rules, standards, customs, etc.

ANSWERS: 50. damage, 51. affluent, 52. needle, 53. wit, 54. handle, 55. relation, 56. survey, 57. carbon, 58. conventional

59. pr___r physics to chemistry *v.* to like, choose, or want one thing or person better than another
60. co_____m a transaction *v.* to support or establish the truth or certainty of something previously believed or suspected to be the case
61. cognitive com_____ty *n.* the state or quality of being complicated or intricate and difficult to understand
62. the longstanding co_____ct *n.* a strong disagreement, argument, or a violent clash between two opposing groups or individuals
63. co_____e a large of alcohol *v.* to spend something, especially fuel, energy, or time, in a large amount
64. sake of cl_____y *n.* the quality of being coherent and understandable; the quality of transparency or purity
65. fill out a que_____ire *n.* a form or document containing a series of questions used for surveying or gathering information from a group of people, often used in research, marketing, or social science studies
66. de___d against a threat *v.* to protect someone or something from attack, criticism, danger, etc.
67. distribute a que_____ire *n.* a form or document containing a series of questions used for surveying or gathering information from a group of people, often used in research, marketing, or social science studies
68. nice fe___w *adj.* someone who has the same job or interests as you, or is in the same class, profession, or situation as you

ANSWERS: 59. prefer, 60. confirm, 61. complexity, 62. conflict, 63. consume, 64. clarity, 65. questionnaire, 66. defend, 67. questionnaire, 68. fellow

69. con_____ion in English *n.* an informal talk between two or more people to exchange their views, ideas, information, etc.
70. test my pa_____ce *n.* the ability to remain calm and composed in the face of adversity, delay, or frustration; the capacity to tolerate or endure difficult or unpleasant situations without becoming upset or angry
71. the lower ch_____r *n.* a large room used for a formal, public, or particular purpose; one of the parts of a parliament
72. a fountain of wi_____m *n.* the quality of being wise, or the ability to use your knowledge and experience to make sensible decisions
73. lose ent_____sm *n.* a strong feeling of excitement and interest in a particular subject or cause and an eagerness to become involved in it
74. lack of cl_____y *n.* the quality of being coherent and understandable; the quality of transparency or purity
75. ne_____e prick *n.* a thin, pointed object typically used for sewing or medical purposes; a metal or plastic instrument used for administering injections or drawing blood
76. thousands of po____ds *n.* the standard unit of money in the UK; the standard unit of weight equal to 16 ounces

ANSWERS: 69. conversation, 70. patience, 71. chamber, 72. wisdom, 73. enthusiasm, 74. clarity, 75. needle, 76. pound

77. an in___r pool *adj.* located, happened, or used inside a building
78. sta_____cs for cancer *n.* the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data
79. es_____al amino acid *adj.* indispensable; fundamental
80. X-__y scan *n.* a type of electromagnetic radiation that has a wavelength shorter than visible light allowing hidden objects such as bones and organs inside the body to be photographed
81. give si___t consent *adj.* without any or little sound
82. make a fr__k apology *adj.* honest and sincere; open and candid in expression
83. become increasingly com_____ed *adj.* involving a lot of different things or parts in a way that is difficult to understand or analyze
84. de___e topic *n.* a formal discussion or argument of opposing viewpoints, often to persuade others to adopt a specific position; a public discussion, often on an issue of current interest, in which participants offer opinions and differing perspectives
85. break dis_____ne *n.* the practice of training people to obey rules or a code of behavior, using and punishments if these are broken; a region of activity, knowledge, or influence
86. af_____nt society *adj.* rich and wealthy; having a lot of money and material wealth

ANSWERS: 77. indoor, 78. statistics, 79. essential, 80. X-ray, 81. silent, 82. frank, 83. complicated, 84. debate, 85. discipline, 86. affluent

87. global temperature an____y *n.* something or someone that deviates from what is expected or normal, often in a way that is difficult to explain or understand
88. a gas ch____r *n.* a large room used for a formal, public, or particular purpose; one of the parts of a parliament
89. a gas cr____h *n.* a loud, crackling noise made by something being crushed or broken; a difficult or critical situation
90. hea____ead battle *adj.* of or relating to a direct or confrontational competition or comparison between two people, teams, or entities
91. co____ct a 3D image *v.* to build or create something; to assemble or combine different parts to form something whole
92. the great di____ry of the century *n.* the act or process of finding information, a place, or an object, or learning about something that was previously not known
93. a silence pr____nt with suspense *adj.* having a baby or young animal developing in the uterus
94. co____t suicide *v.* to do something illegal or wrong
95. former co____ue *n.* one of a group of a coworker, especially in a profession or a business
96. pre____ry agreement *adj.* serving as a preparation for something more important or extensive; introductory; taking place before the main event or decision

ANSWERS: 87. anomaly, 88. chamber, 89. crunch, 90. head-to-head, 91. construct, 92. discovery, 93. pregnant, 94. commit, 95. colleague, 96. preliminary

97. me_____al address *n.* a structure or monument to commemorate a person or event
98. high in_____ce of disease *n.* the frequency or rate at which a particular event or condition occurs within a specific population, group, or area; the occurrence or manifestation of something, especially something harmful or unpleasant
99. an_____y detection *n.* something or someone that deviates from what is expected or normal, often in a way that is difficult to explain or understand
100. a fa_____ic dress *adj.* extremely good; excellent
101. tracking de_____e *n.* a piece of equipment, tool, or technology that serves a particular purpose or function, often mechanical or electronic
102. a ro__l palace *adj.* relating to or belonging to the king or queen or a member of their family
103. keep working nev_____ess *adv.* in spite of that; yet
104. government whi_____wer *n.* a person who reveals or reports illegal, unethical, or immoral activities, primarily in the workplace or government, that are not publicly known but harm the public interest or other people
105. professional sta_____ians *n.* a person who studies or is an expert in statistics
106. anonymous whi_____wer *n.* a person who reveals or reports illegal, unethical, or immoral activities, primarily in the workplace or government, that are not publicly known but harm the public interest or other people

ANSWERS: 97. memorial, 98. incidence, 99. anomaly, 100. fantastic, 101. device, 102. royal, 103. nevertheless, 104. whistleblower, 105. statistician, 106. whistleblower

107. col_____ion between companies *n.* the act or situation of working together to create or produce something
108. cancer epi_____ogy *n.* the study of the distribution and determinants of health-related states or events, including diseases, in specified populations, and the application of this study to the control of health problems
109. co____t mistakes *v.* to do something illegal or wrong
110. em_____ng country *adj.* starting to exist, mature, or become well-known
111. global di_____er *n.* an unexpected event or series of events that cause widespread damage, destruction, or loss of life
112. app_____te her feedback *v.* to value and acknowledge the worth of someone or something; to be grateful for something or someone
113. boost my con_____ce *n.* the feeling or attitude that one can trust or rely on the abilities or good qualities of someone or something
114. electronic de____e *n.* a piece of equipment, tool, or technology that serves a particular purpose or function, often mechanical or electronic
115. so_____le atmosphere *adj.* being friendly, outgoing, and inclined to engage in social activities or interactions; enjoying the company of others
116. en____e in environmental protection activities *v.* to attract and keep someone's attention and interest; to participate in or obtain services of something

ANSWERS: 107. collaboration, 108. epidemiology, 109. commit, 110. emerging, 111. disaster, 112. appreciate, 113. confidence, 114. device, 115. sociable, 116. engage

117. ca___r diagnosis *n.* abnormal growth of cells that can invade and destroy surrounding tissues and organs; a disease characterized by the uncontrolled growth and spread of abnormal cells
118. cellular neu_____ogy *n.* a field of biology that studies the structure, function, and development of the nervous system, including the brain, spinal cord, and peripheral nerves encompassing a wide range of research topics, including the molecular and cellular processes involved in neural signaling, the organization of neural circuits, and the neural basis of behavior, cognition, and emotion
119. a c__p of wood *n.* a small fragment of something broken off from the whole; a long and thin piece of potato fried in oil or fat
120. a criminal bac_____nd *n.* the details of a person's social heritage, such as family, vocational or educational experience; past information that is essential to understanding a situation or problem
121. ou_____ng attitude *adj.* friendly and energetic in talking to others; tending to go out or away
122. mo__l hazard *adj.* concerned with the principles of what is right and wrong, fairness, honesty, etc.
123. em_____l in controversy *v.* to involve or entangle someone or something in a difficult, complicated, or unpleasant situation; to implicate or incriminate

ANSWERS: 117. cancer, 118. neurobiology, 119. chip, 120. background, 121. outgoing, 122. moral, 123. embroil

124. a blazing ar____nt *n.* a set of statements or reasons used to support or refute a proposition or theory; a verbal or physical fight or dispute
125. re____t temptation *v.* to refuse to accept something and attempt to prevent it from happening
126. bo__d up a staircase *v.* to move forward by leaps and bounds; to form the boundary of something
127. a_t cabin *adj.* (the opposite of "forward") located at or towards the rear or back of a ship, aircraft, or other vehicle
128. the co____ct between good and evil *n.* a strong disagreement, argument, or a violent clash between two opposing groups or individuals
129. agree to su____t the bill *v.* to give or offer a document, proposal, etc. to a decision-maker for examination or consideration
130. dispel do__ts *n.* a feeling of being uncertain about something, especially about how good or accurate it is
131. sound e__o *n.* a sound heard after being reflected off a surface, such as a wall or a cliff
132. surgical la____t *n.* a sharp, pointed surgical instrument used for making incisions or punctures, typically in medical procedures
133. the ar____nt against capital punishment *n.* a set of statements or reasons used to support or refute a proposition or theory; a verbal or physical fight or dispute

ANSWERS: 124. argument, 125. resist, 126. bound, 127. aft, 128. conflict, 129. submit, 130. doubt, 131. echo, 132. lancet, 133. argument

134. ma___n error *n.* the space around the edge of a page or document; (finance) the net sales minus the cost of goods and services sold
135. needs of pr_____nt women *adj.* having a baby or young animal developing in the uterus
136. ca_____te selection *n.* a person who is seeking or being considered for some kind of position, title, honor, or award; a job applicant
137. em_____l him in a controversy *v.* to involve or entangle someone or something in a difficult, complicated, or unpleasant situation; to implicate or incriminate
138. ou__o him in trickery *v.* to do better than someone; to surpass
139. la___t device *n.* a sharp, pointed surgical instrument used for making incisions or punctures, typically in medical procedures
140. di_____er recovery *n.* an unexpected event or series of events that cause widespread damage, destruction, or loss of life
141. bl__d spot *adj.* unable to see; unable or unwilling to perceive or understand the true nature of something
142. po_____y alleviation *n.* the condition of being extremely poor
143. ind_____al freedom *n.* a single person or thing, as distinct from a group
144. avoid climate cat_____he *n.* a sudden event that causes extreme ruin and misfortune
145. a_t view *adj.* (the opposite of "forward") located at or towards the rear or back of a ship, aircraft, or other vehicle

ANSWERS: 134. margin, 135. pregnant, 136. candidate, 137. embroil, 138. outdo, 139. lancet, 140. disaster, 141. blind, 142. poverty, 143. individual, 144. catastrophe, 145. aft

146. barren of cr____ve spirit *adj.* relating to or involving the use of skill and original and unusual ideas to create something
147. me____al park *n.* a structure or monument to commemorate a person or event
148. de____e competition *n.* a formal discussion or argument of opposing viewpoints, often to persuade others to adopt a specific position; a public discussion, often on an issue of current interest, in which participants offer opinions and differing perspectives
149. a profit ma____n *n.* the space around the edge of a page or document; (finance) the net sales minus the cost of goods and services sold
150. 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
151. pr____e a reaction *v.* to stimulate or give rise to a particular reaction or have a particular effect
152. co____te closely with the quality *v.* to have a connection or relationship in which one thing affects or depends on another
153. ha____ck fire *n.* a large mound of hay, usually stacked in a conical or cylindrical shape, used for animal feed or bedding
154. cr__k handle *n.* a mechanical device that converts rotary motion into linear motion or vice versa; an eccentric or unpredictable person

ANSWERS: 146. creative, 147. memorial, 148. debate, 149. margin, 150. develop, 151. provoke, 152. correlate, 153. haystack, 154. crank

155. pr___r a window seat *v.* to like, choose, or want one thing or person better than another
156. tr____h of the spirit *n.* a great victory or achievement
157. the cycle of po____y *n.* the condition of being extremely poor
158. the advice of the ph____an *n.* a medical doctor who practices medicine
159. full of em____y *n.* the ability to share another person's feelings or experiences by imagining that person's situation
160. em____y for patients *n.* the ability to share another person's feelings or experiences by imagining that person's situation
161. di____ve global warming *v.* to show that something is not true or correct
162. environmental sta____ian *n.* a person who studies or is an expert in statistics
163. ex___e the crowd *v.* to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager
164. nev____ess, she persevered *adv.* in spite of that; yet
165. a private ind____al *n.* a single person or thing, as distinct from a group
166. com____ty theory *n.* the state or quality of being complicated or intricate and difficult to understand
167. show pa____ce *n.* the ability to remain calm and composed in the face of adversity, delay, or frustration; the capacity to tolerate or endure difficult or unpleasant situations without becoming upset or angry

ANSWERS: 155. prefer, 156. triumph, 157. poverty, 158. physician, 159. empathy, 160. empathy, 161. disprove, 162. statistician, 163. excite, 164. nevertheless, 165. individual, 166. complexity, 167. patience

168. st___e a blow *v.* to wallop somebody or something with the hand, fist, or weapon; to have an emotional or cognitive impact upon
169. a bac_____nd color *n.* the details of a person's social heritage, such as family, vocational or educational experience; past information that is essential to understanding a situation or problem
170. si___t reading *adj.* without any or little sound
171. re_____on of inclusion *n.* the way two persons or groups of people feel and act toward one another
172. ha___ed the incident *v.* to deal with a situation, problem, or strong emotion
173. de_____p a skill *v.* to grow or expand; to improve or refine through a process of progress and refinement, often to achieve greater sophistication or complexity; to elaborate or add detail to something that is in the process of being created
174. ou_____ng mail *adj.* friendly and energetic in talking to others; tending to go out or away
175. hea_____ead challenge *adj.* of or relating to a direct or confrontational competition or comparison between two people, teams, or entities
176. unflagging ent_____sm *n.* a strong feeling of excitement and interest in a particular subject or cause and an eagerness to become involved in it

ANSWERS: 168. strike, 169. background, 170. silent, 171. relation, 172. handle, 173. develop, 174. outgoing, 175. head-to-head, 176. enthusiasm

177. pa_____t with weight loss *n.* a person who is receiving medical treatment, care, or attention from a healthcare professional, such as a doctor, nurse, or therapist; a personal quality or characteristic
178. pre_____ry investigation *adj.* serving as a preparation for something more important or extensive; introductory; taking place before the main event or decision
179. mental co_____e *n.* the ability to face danger, difficulty, uncertainty, or pain without being overcome by fear or despair; the quality of being brave or courageous
180. br_____nt idea *adj.* extremely clever, skilled, or impressive
181. st___e up a conversation *v.* to wallop somebody or something with the hand, fist, or weapon; to have an emotional or cognitive impact upon
182. con_____ce as a teacher *n.* the feeling or attitude that one can trust or rely on the abilities or good qualities of someone or something
183. a consensual di_____e *n.* the legal dissolution of a marriage
184. a scientific di_____ry *n.* the act or process of finding information, a place, or an object, or learning about something that was previously not known
185. no do__t about the news *n.* a feeling of being uncertain about something, especially about how good or accurate it is
186. es_____al commodities of life *adj.* indispensable; fundamental

ANSWERS: 177. patient, 178. preliminary, 179. courage, 180. brilliant, 181. strike, 182. confidence, 183. divorce, 184. discovery, 185. doubt, 186. essential

187. di____e settlement *n.* the legal dissolution of a marriage
188. an X-__y of arteries *n.* a type of electromagnetic radiation that has a wavelength shorter than visible light allowing hidden objects such as bones and organs inside the body to be photographed
189. co____e electricity *v.* to spend something, especially fuel, energy, or time, in a large amount
190. the e__o of a person's footsteps *n.* a sound heard after being reflected off a surface, such as a wall or a cliff
191. a com_____ed process *adj.* involving a lot of different things or parts in a way that is difficult to understand or analyze
192. ex___e rebellion *v.* to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager
193. da___e a relationship *v.* to harm or cause injury to something or someone, often resulting in decreased value or functionality; to impair or negatively affect something, such as a reputation or relationship; (noun) harm or injury that is caused to a person, thing, or entity
194. cr__k caller *n.* a mechanical device that converts rotary motion into linear motion or vice versa; an eccentric or unpredictable person
195. prince ro__l *adj.* relating to or belonging to the king or queen or a member of their family
196. el__t the school board *v.* to choose someone for a specific position by voting for them; to decide or choose to do something

ANSWERS: 187. divorce, 188. X-ray, 189. consume, 190. echo, 191. complicated, 192. excite, 193. damage, 194. crank, 195. royal, 196. elect

197. di_____e prevention *n.* a disorder or illness that affects the body or mind, often characterized by specific symptoms or abnormal functioning of organs or systems
198. designed for in____r use *adj.* located, happened, or used inside a building
199. wi____m literature *n.* the quality of being wise, or the ability to use your knowledge and experience to make sensible decisions
200. high pain th_____ld *n.* the floor or ground that forms the bottom of a doorway and offers support when passing through a doorway; the smallest detectable sensation
201. rigid dis_____ne *n.* the practice of training people to obey rules or a code of behavior, using and punishments if these are broken; a region of activity, knowledge, or influence
202. junior fe____w *adj.* someone who has the same job or interests as you, or is in the same class, profession, or situation as you
203. co_____m the diagnosis *v.* to support or establish the truth or certainty of something previously believed or suspected to be the case
204. temporary me_____l treatment *adj.* relating to the treatment of illness or injuries; relating to the practice of medicine
205. pl_____ng problem *n.* the system of pipes, fittings, and fixtures that are used to distribute water and remove waste in a building or structure; the trade or profession of installing and maintaining such systems

ANSWERS: 197. disease, 198. indoor, 199. wisdom, 200. threshold, 201. discipline, 202. fellow, 203. confirm, 204. medical, 205. plumbing

206. re___t being kissed *v.* to refuse to accept something and attempt to prevent it from happening
207. pl_____ng service *n.* the system of pipes, fittings, and fixtures that are used to distribute water and remove waste in a building or structure; the trade or profession of installing and maintaining such systems
208. financial cr___h *n.* a loud, crackling noise made by something being crushed or broken; a difficult or critical situation
209. solitary re_____e *n.* a person who lives in solitude and isolation
210. mo__l burden *adj.* concerned with the principles of what is right and wrong, fairness, honesty, etc.
211. co_____ct a dam *v.* to build or create something; to assemble or combine different parts to form something whole
212. ca___n emission *n.* a chemical element that can be found in pure form as diamond or graphite, and it is also an essential part of coal and oil and is found in all plants and animals
213. d__e not go *v.* to have the courage to do something
214. inspire co_____e *n.* the ability to face danger, difficulty, uncertainty, or pain without being overcome by fear or despair; the quality of being brave or courageous
215. lost in a ha_____ck *n.* a large mound of hay, usually stacked in a conical or cylindrical shape, used for animal feed or bedding

ANSWERS: 206. resist, 207. plumbing, 208. crunch, 209. recluse, 210. moral, 211. construct, 212. carbon, 213. dare, 214. courage, 215. haystack

216. tr____h of democracy *n.* a great victory or achievement
217. a con_____nal style *adj.* based on or following traditional rules, standards, customs, etc.
218. a friendly con_____ion *n.* an informal talk between two or more people to exchange their views, ideas, information, etc.
219. the w_t of man *n.* the ability to say or write things or ideas in a clever and humorous way
220. a person of diverse ta____ts *n.* a natural ability to be good at something; someone who has a natural ability to be good at something

ANSWERS: 216. triumph, 217. conventional, 218. conversation, 219. wit, 220. talent

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The company sent out a lengthy _____ to gather feedback from its customers.
 - n.* a form or document containing a series of questions used for surveying or gathering information from a group of people, often used in research, marketing, or social science studies

2. I decided to seek counseling on the advice of my _____.
 - n.* one of a group of a coworker, especially in a profession or a business

3. He _____ himself to studying the history of ancient civilizations.
 - v.* to commit or dedicate oneself or one's time, effort, or energy to a particular task or purpose

4. The _____ of crime has decreased in the neighborhood since the new security measures were put in place.
 - n.* the frequency or rate at which a particular event or condition occurs within a specific population, group, or area; the occurrence or manifestation of something, especially something harmful or unpleasant

5. We can use this campaign as a bargaining _____ in the negotiations.
 - n.* a small fragment of something broken off from the whole; a long and thin piece of potato fried in oil or fat

6. Many studies have investigated the relationship between _____ and academic achievement.
 - n.* the condition of being extremely poor

7. Please _____ the assignment to me.
 - v.* to give or offer a document, proposal, etc. to a decision-maker for examination or consideration

ANSWERS: 1. questionnaire, 2. colleague, 3. devoted, 4. incidence, 5. chip, 6. poverty, 7. submit

8. Full involvement means _____ and prompt responses.

adj. honest and sincere; open and candid in expression

9. As the _____ director of the non-profit, it's her responsibility to make sure they're meeting their mission goals.

n. a person or group of people with top-level management responsibility in a business or other organization; the branch that is responsible for implementing, administering, and enforcing laws, as well as running the day-to-day operations

10. Before starting the project, we need to go through some _____ research and planning.

adj. serving as a preparation for something more important or extensive; introductory; taking place before the main event or decision

11. She is willing to give up her position in the _____ family to marry him.

adj. relating to or belonging to the king or queen or a member of their family

12. Healing a broken heart requires _____ as it takes time to heal.

n. the ability to remain calm and composed in the face of adversity, delay, or frustration; the capacity to tolerate or endure difficult or unpleasant situations without becoming upset or angry

13. Unfortunately, the book's _____ was too small to make notes.

n. the space around the edge of a page or document; (finance) the net sales minus the cost of goods and services sold

14. The couple decided to get a _____ after many years of marriage.

n. the legal dissolution of a marriage

15. The new amusement park ride was _____ with twists, turns, and drops that left riders screaming with excitement.

adj. extremely good; excellent

ANSWERS: 8. frank, 9. executive, 10. preliminary, 11. royal, 12. patience, 13. margin, 14. divorce, 15. fantastic,

16. The professor's research in _____ has led to groundbreaking discoveries in the field of brain science.
- n.* a field of biology that studies the structure, function, and development of the nervous system, including the brain, spinal cord, and peripheral nerves encompassing a wide range of research topics, including the molecular and cellular processes involved in neural signaling, the organization of neural circuits, and the neural basis of behavior, cognition, and emotion
17. The doctor used a _____ for a small incision on the patient's skin.
- n.* a sharp, pointed surgical instrument used for making incisions or punctures, typically in medical procedures
18. The _____ competition between the two teams was intense and exciting.
- adj.* of or relating to a direct or confrontational competition or comparison between two people, teams, or entities
19. The castle was _____ several years later.
- v.* to leave a place, thing, or person with no intention of returning; (noun) a feeling of extreme emotional intensity
20. The sudden drop in the stock market was an _____ that puzzled many investors.
- n.* something or someone that deviates from what is expected or normal, often in a way that is difficult to explain or understand
21. The military has _____ an abuse of human rights.
- v.* to do something illegal or wrong
22. All the supervisor has to do is assign tasks that make his subordinates more _____.
- adj.* relating to or involving the use of skill and original and unusual ideas to create something

ANSWERS: 16. neurobiology, 17. lancet, 18. head-to-head, 19. abandoned, 20. anomaly, 21. committed, 22. creative

23. We would _____ an early reply.

- v.* to value and acknowledge the worth of someone or something; to be grateful for something or someone

24. Your _____ reflects your thoughts.

- n.* an informal talk between two or more people to exchange their views, ideas, information, etc.

25. The industrial _____ laws were passed with little to no alteration.

- n.* the way two persons or groups of people feel and act toward one another

26. The birds _____ open water areas with reeds around them.

- v.* to like, choose, or want one thing or person better than another

27. I chose to _____ cancer by trying every possible treatment.

- v.* to refuse to accept something and attempt to prevent it from happening

28. The doctor ordered an _____ to see if there was any damage to the bones.

- n.* a type of electromagnetic radiation that has a wavelength shorter than visible light allowing hidden objects such as bones and organs inside the body to be photographed

29. The team's _____ in the championship resulted from their hard work and dedication.

- n.* a great victory or achievement

30. She lived in an _____ neighborhood surrounded by wealth and luxury.

- adj.* rich and wealthy; having a lot of money and material wealth

ANSWERS: 23. appreciate, 24. conversation, 25. relations, 26. prefer, 27. resist, 28. X-ray, 29. triumph, 30. affluent

31. She is very _____ in her thoughts.

adj. based on or following traditional rules, standards, customs, etc.

32. Every five years, the provincial governors are _____.

v. to choose someone for a specific position by voting for them; to decide or choose to do something

33. The _____ in my house needs to be replaced because it keeps leaking.

n. the system of pipes, fittings, and fixtures that are used to distribute water and remove waste in a building or structure; the trade or profession of installing and maintaining such systems

34. He _____ hypotheses that no mathematician has ever imagined before.

v. to build or create something; to assemble or combine different parts to form something whole

35. The news of her promotion _____ her.

v. to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager

36. _____ is also necessary to understand history.

n. the ability to share another person's feelings or experiences by imagining that person's situation

37. We all should learn how to _____ stress.

v. to deal with a situation, problem, or strong emotion

38. She is a very _____ person who loves meeting new people.

adj. being friendly, outgoing, and inclined to engage in social activities or interactions; enjoying the company of others

ANSWERS: 31. conventional, 32. elected, 33. plumbing, 34. constructs, 35. excited, 36. Empathy, 37. handle, 38. sociable

39. Trial and error is an _____ part of education.

adj. indispensable; fundamental

40. After years in the limelight, the actor decided to retreat from the public eye and become a _____.

n. a person who lives in solitude and isolation

41. Numerous great professional sports _____ have come from this city.

n. a natural ability to be good at something; someone who has a natural ability to be good at something

42. The _____ between the two sides over the proposed policy was heated.

n. a set of statements or reasons used to support or refute a proposition or theory; a verbal or physical fight or dispute

43. She was nearly _____ due to severe diabetes.

adj. unable to see; unable or unwilling to perceive or understand the true nature of something

44. Ethics deals with _____ conduct.

adj. concerned with the principles of what is right and wrong, fairness, honesty, etc.

45. The _____ response team worked around the clock to aid those affected by the earthquake.

n. an unexpected event or series of events that cause widespread damage, destruction, or loss of life

46. That _____ shows that people are accepting the tax increase to some extent.

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

ANSWERS: 39. essential, 40. recluse, 41. talents, 42. argument, 43. blind, 44. moral, 45. disaster, 46. survey

47. She agreed to _____ with him in creating new artwork.

v. to work with someone else to produce or achieve something

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

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

49. The _____ demonstrate that poverty and unemployment are genuine problems.

n. the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data

50. The researchers were unable to _____ the theory.

v. to show that something is not true or correct

51. The company's hiring criteria emphasize personality, not a person's _____.

n. the details of a person's social heritage, such as family, vocational or educational experience; past information that is essential to understanding a situation or problem

52. The politician remained _____ despite intense media scrutiny.

adj. without any or little sound

53. He has the ____ to keep talking about this topic.

n. the ability to say or write things or ideas in a clever and humorous way

54. He and I often had _____ not only in personality but also in ideology.

n. a strong disagreement, argument, or a violent clash between two opposing groups or individuals

ANSWERS: 47. collaborate, 48. fellow, 49. statistics, 50. disprove, 51. background, 52. silent, 53. wit, 54. conflicts,

55. The _____ team worked quickly to save the patient's life.

adj. relating to the treatment of illness or injuries; relating to the practice of medicine

56. We _____ to achieve more wages and safer working conditions.

v. to wallop somebody or something with the hand, fist, or weapon; to have an emotional or cognitive impact upon

57. She's on the _____ of adulthood.

n. the floor or ground that forms the bottom of a doorway and offers support when passing through a doorway; the smallest detectable sensation

58. Breast _____ is the most common type of cancer in women.

n. abnormal growth of cells that can invade and destroy surrounding tissues and organs; a disease characterized by the uncontrolled growth and spread of abnormal cells

59. Her behavior _____ a quarrel between the couple.

v. to stimulate or give rise to a particular reaction or have a particular effect

60. Many multinational companies are _____ in the reconstruction of that country.

v. to attract and keep someone's attention and interest; to participate in or obtain services of something

61. The surgeon made an incision in the _____ of the patient's heart.

n. a large room used for a formal, public, or particular purpose; one of the parts of a parliament

62. They watched the train _____ into the distance.

v. to cease to exist or be visible

ANSWERS: 55. medical, 56. strike, 57. threshold, 58. cancer, 59. provoked, 60. engaged, 61. chambers, 62. disappear

63. During the surgery, the doctor had to be extremely cautious not to _____ a blood vessel.
- v.* to harm or cause injury to something or someone, often resulting in decreased value or functionality; to impair or negatively affect something, such as a reputation or relationship; (noun) harm or injury that is caused to a person, thing, or entity
64. The community greatly respected and sought after the older adult's _____.
- n.* the quality of being wise, or the ability to use your knowledge and experience to make sensible decisions
65. I wouldn't _____ to speak to him like that.
- v.* to have the courage to do something
66. His _____ expertise in the field earned him the respect of his peers.
- adj.* recognized or admitted as being true or valid
67. It takes a lot of _____ to stand up for what you believe is right.
- n.* the ability to face danger, difficulty, uncertainty, or pain without being overcome by fear or despair; the quality of being brave or courageous
68. The children played hide and seek in the _____ in the barnyard.
- n.* a large mound of hay, usually stacked in a conical or cylindrical shape, used for animal feed or bedding
69. She vacated the position when she got _____.
- adj.* having a baby or young animal developing in the uterus
70. The acupuncturist inserted _____ into specific points on my body to alleviate my pain.
- n.* a thin, pointed object typically used for sewing or medical purposes; a metal or plastic instrument used for administering injections or drawing blood

ANSWERS: 63. damage, 64. wisdom, 65. dare, 66. acknowledged, 67. courage, 68. haystacks, 69. pregnant, 70. needles

71. He quickly learned the military _____.

- n.* the practice of training people to obey rules or a code of behavior, using and punishments if these are broken; a region of activity, knowledge, or influence

72. As an _____ he had the right to make his own decisions and live his life as he saw fit.

- n.* a single person or thing, as distinct from a group

73. 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

74. She visited the local _____ to seek treatment for her persistent headache.

- n.* a medical doctor who practices medicine

75. The government has laws in place to protect _____ from retaliation.

- n.* a person who reveals or reports illegal, unethical, or immoral activities, primarily in the workplace or government, that are not publicly known but harm the public interest or other people

76. I always carry a backup _____ in case my phone runs out of battery.

- n.* a piece of equipment, tool, or technology that serves a particular purpose or function, often mechanical or electronic

77. _____ is the start, not the end, of intelligence.

- n.* a feeling of being uncertain about something, especially about how good or accurate it is

ANSWERS: 71. discipline, 72. individual, 73. develop, 74. physician, 75. whistleblowers, 76. device, 77. Doubt

78. The ___ section of the ship suffered significant damage after the collision with the reef.
adj. (the opposite of "forward") located at or towards the rear or back of a ship, aircraft, or other vehicle
79. The doctor diagnosed him with a rare _____ that had no known cure.
n. a disorder or illness that affects the body or mind, often characterized by specific symptoms or abnormal functioning of organs or systems
80. The _____ over climate change continues to be a hot topic in politics.
n. a formal discussion or argument of opposing viewpoints, often to persuade others to adopt a specific position; a public discussion, often on an issue of current interest, in which participants offer opinions and differing perspectives
81. Table tennis is an _____ sport.
adj. located, happened, or used inside a building
82. The war _____ stands as a reminder of the sacrifices made by our ancestors.
n. a structure or monument to commemorate a person or event
83. Skill and _____ are an unconquered army.
n. the feeling or attitude that one can trust or rely on the abilities or good qualities of someone or something
84. International law allows each nation to _____ itself when its rights and interests are illegally violated.
v. to protect someone or something from attack, criticism, danger, etc.
85. The _____ platform focused on healthcare reform and reducing income inequality.
n. a person who is seeking or being considered for some kind of position, title, honor, or award; a job applicant

ANSWERS: 78. aft, 79. disease, 80. debate, 81. indoor, 82. memorial, 83. confidence, 84. defend, 85. candidate's

86. She was an _____ person and loved meeting new people and trying new things.

adj. friendly and energetic in talking to others; tending to go out or away

87. Please write to _____ your reservation.

v. to support or establish the truth or certainty of something previously believed or suspected to be the case

88. We are tackling the development for updates with _____.

n. a strong feeling of excitement and interest in a particular subject or cause and an eagerness to become involved in it

89. The publisher will proofread most of this manuscript for _____.

n. the quality of being coherent and understandable; the quality of transparency or purity

90. A smaller car will _____ less fuel.

v. to spend something, especially fuel, energy, or time, in a large amount

91. We may frequently _____ age with the frequency of disease.

v. to have a connection or relationship in which one thing affects or depends on another

92. The firm employs several _____ to develop a recommendation engine.

n. a person who studies or is an expert in statistics

93. The car's front bumper cost fifteen hundred _____.

n. the standard unit of money in the UK; the standard unit of weight equal to 16 ounces

ANSWERS: 86. outgoing, 87. confirm, 88. enthusiasm, 89. clarity, 90. consume, 91. correlate, 92. statisticians, 93. pounds

94. Trees absorb _____ dioxide and give off oxygen.

n. a chemical element that can be found in pure form as diamond or graphite, and it is also an essential part of coal and oil and is found in all plants and animals

95. She was tired and hungry, but _____ she persevered.

adv. in spite of that; yet

96. He did _____ pen-and-ink drawings in just a few days.

adj. involving a lot of different things or parts in a way that is difficult to understand or analyze

97. The _____ of the leaves underfoot was heard as they walked through the park.

n. a loud, crackling noise made by something being crushed or broken; a difficult or critical situation

98. The doctor carefully examined the _____ medical history.

n. a person who is receiving medical treatment, care, or attention from a healthcare professional, such as a doctor, nurse, or therapist; a personal quality or characteristic

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

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

100. The partnership program requires a mutual _____ between both agencies.

n. the act or situation of working together to create or produce something

101. The more _____ you are, the more people around you look at you with envy and jealousy.

adj. extremely clever, skilled, or impressive

ANSWERS: 94. carbon, 95. nevertheless, 96. complicated, 97. crunch, 98. patient's, 99. Emerging, 100. collaboration, 101. brilliant

102. Her research team made an important _____.

- n.* the act or process of finding information, a place, or an object, or learning about something that was previously not known

103. Canada _____ on the United States.

- v.* to move forward by leaps and bounds; to form the boundary of something

104. He tried to _____ his rival by breaking the world record.

- v.* to do better than someone; to surpass

105. The scandal _____ the company's CEO and other high-level executives.

- v.* to involve or entangle someone or something in a difficult, complicated, or unpleasant situation; to implicate or incriminate

106. The project's _____ made it difficult for the team to complete it on time.

- n.* the state or quality of being complicated or intricate and difficult to understand

107. The _____ of influenza has been well studied over the years, leading to the development of effective vaccines and treatment strategies.

- n.* the study of the distribution and determinants of health-related states or events, including diseases, in specified populations, and the application of this study to the control of health problems

108. The lack of funds has resulted in a _____ for our university system.

- n.* a sudden event that causes extreme ruin and misfortune

109. 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: 102. discovery, 103. bounds, 104. outdo, 105. embroiled, 106. complexity, 107. epidemiology, 108. catastrophe, 109. crank

110. A thunderous boom _____ throughout the valley.

n. a sound heard after being reflected off a surface, such as a wall or a cliff

ANSWERS: 110. echoed