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Session 1: Word List

harry

v. to persistently harass, badger, or bother someone or something; to persistently attack or pursue an opposing force or target

synonym: bother, pester, annoy

(1) **harry** the ship all night, (2) **harry** a suspect

I need to **harry** my coworkers to finish the project on time.

potter

n. a person who makes pottery, objects that are made of clay and then fired in a kiln to make them hard and durable; (verb, also putter) to occupy oneself in a leisurely or casual way, often with no particular goal or aim in mind

synonym: shape, form, mold

(1) **potter's** studio, (2) **potter** around in the garden

The ancient Egyptians were skilled **potters** and left behind many beautiful artifacts.

hero

n. a person who is admired or idealized for courage, outstanding achievements, or noble qualities; a character in literature or history who is central to the plot and who exhibits heroic qualities

synonym: champion, protagonist, savior

(1) local **hero**, (2) unsung **hero**

The soldier who sacrificed his life for his country is

considered a national **hero**.

ancient

adj. relating to the long ago, particularly the historical period preceding the fall of the Western Roman Empire; very old

synonym : archaic, age-old, obsolete

(1) pre-Christian **ancient**, (2) **ancient** stories

They have been living near water since **ancient** times.

myth

n. an ancient story or set of stories accepted as history, especially explaining the worldview of a people

synonym : fable, legend, lore

(1) the **myth** of an old religion, (2) perpetuate a **myth**

With the financial bubble bursting, the **myth** of economic growth in investment banking collapsed.

roar

v. to make a loud, deep sound, like a lion or a car engine

synonym : bellow, yell, shout

(1) **roar** with laughter, (2) **roar** for more

The lion **roared** loudly, signaling its dominance over the other animals.

variant

n. something that is slightly different from others of the same type

synonym : variation, modification, variance

(1) **variant** types of pigeon, (2) a **variant** of the same word

The first **variant** of the virus appeared in less than a month.

retell

v. to tell someone about something again or differently

synonym : reiterate, repeat, restate

(1) **retell** a story, (2) **retell** an old tale

He **retells** the truth to plead not guilty.

represent

v. to speak, act, or be present on behalf of another person or group; to form or constitute

synonym : depict, express, describe

(1) **represent** by a diagram, (2) the characters that **represent** numbers

We elected him to **represent** us at the international conference.

ordinary

adj. not different, exceptional, or unexpected in any way, especially in quality, ability, size, or degree

synonym : mundane, prosaic, average

(1) an **ordinary** school, (2) **ordinary** annual revenue

The **ordinary** session of the Diet opened.

quest

n. a long or challenging search for something

synonym : exploration, inquisition, pursuit

(1) the **quest** for truth, (2) on a **quest** for happiness

That adventurer traveled in **quest** of buried treasure.

unfamiliar

adj. not known or recognized; not experienced or encountered before

synonym : unknown, strange, foreign

(1) the **unfamiliar** surroundings, (2) around **unfamiliar** people

She was **unfamiliar** with the city and got lost while trying to find her way back to the hotel.

doe

n. a mature female of mammals of which the male is called a buck, such as a deer or a rabbit

synonym : rabbit, bunny, hare

(1) **doe** rabbit, (2) buck and **doe**

Hunters use a whistle that makes the **doe** sound to lure stags.

quo

n. the existing state or condition of something, especially in relation to a particular situation or issue

synonym : status, condition, state

(1) status **quo** politician, (2) **quo** warranto

The company has been successful in maintaining the status

quo.

adventure

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

synonym: experience, happening, incident

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

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

mysterious

adj. difficult to understand, explain, or identify; having an aura of secrecy, intrigue, or puzzlement

synonym: enigmatic, cryptic, puzzling

(1) **mysterious** object, (2) **mysterious** stranger

The **mysterious** disappearance of the ship remains unsolved.

invitation

n. a spoken or written request to participate or be present or take part in something

synonym: request, asking, proposal

(1) a letter of **invitation**, (2) **invitation** of foreign investment

I will be very happy to accept your **invitation**.

assist

v. to help someone in doing anything

synonym: help, support, aid

(1) **assist** a patient, (2) **assist** his goal

Please **assist** her with the furniture relocation.

departure

n. the act of leaving, especially to start a journey

synonym: leaving, exit, flight

(1) **departure** from tradition, (2) **departure** from the company

The **departure** time for the flight is 6:00 am.

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.

norm

n. something that is regarded as usual, typical, or standard
synonym: criterion, mean, standard

(1) **norm** of action, (2) cultural **norm**

The systems we have developed has accepted as industry **norms**.

riddle

n. a type of question that describes something in a difficult and confusing way, and that has a surprising answer, often asked as a game

synonym: mystery, puzzle, enigma

(1) **riddle** me a riddle, (2) solve the **riddle**

The **riddle** remains mysterious to us.

slay

v. to kill violently, especially with a weapon

synonym: kill, murder, eliminate

(1) **slay** a dragon, (2) **slay** civilians

The singer **slayed** the audience with her powerful voice and amazing performance.

monster

n. an imaginary creature that is large and has various human and animal parts; someone or something large and powerful

synonym: giant, freak, behemoth

(1) horde of **monsters**, (2) **monster** film

This car has a **monster** engine.

trap

n. a piece of equipment or hole for catching animals or people; (verb) to catch animals or people and prevent them from escaping

synonym: catch, snare, pinfall

(1) set a **trap**, (2) **trap** an animal

The enemy fell right into the **trap**.

ordeal

n. a painful, difficult, or dangerous experience or trial; a severe test of endurance or patience

synonym: trial, hardship, torment

(1) **ordeal** by fire, (2) emotional **ordeal**

The car accident was a traumatic **ordeal** for everyone involved.

crisis

n. a time of great disagreement, confusion, or danger when problems must be resolved or critical decisions must be taken

synonym: concern, problem, emergency

(1) financial **crisis**, (2) **crisis** management

The Chinese word for **crisis** comprises two characters, one for danger and the other for opportunity.

reborn

adj. brought back to life in a new form or with a new nature

synonym: regenerated, revived, renewed

(1) **reborn** soul, (2) **reborn** identity

After recovering from her illness, she felt like a **reborn** person with a new perspective on life.

treasure

n. a valuable or desirable possession; something that is cherished or held dear; a collection of valuable objects or money that is hidden or protected

synonym: hoard, fortune, gem

(1) **treasure** hunt, (2) **treasure** island

The pirates searched for buried **treasure** in the dunes.

claim

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

synonym: assert, declare, maintain

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

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

recognition

n. the action or process of recognizing or being recognized, especially by remembering; an agreement that something is true or legal

synonym : acknowledgement, identification, credit

(1) **recognition** award, (2) joint **recognition**

He was given **recognition** for his outstanding work in the field of medicine.

vary

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

synonym : alter, contrast, differ

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

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

bow

v. to bend your knee or body, or lower your head; (noun) a weapon made of a curved piece of wood or other flexible material, strung with a cord and used to shoot arrows

synonym : bend, curve, arch

(1) **bow** and greet, (2) a **bow** wave

She **bowed** to the audience after her performance.

chase

v. to pursue something or someone to catch or capture them; to go after something vigorously or with determination; (noun) a pursuit or a hunt; a narrow groove or channel cut into a surface, often used for decorative purposes

synonym : pursue, hunt, track

(1) **chase** a dream, (2) wild goose **chase**

The police officer **chased** the suspect through the crowded streets until they finally caught him.

flee

v. to leave by running away, especially out of fear or danger

synonym : exit, escape, run away

(1) **flee** their homes, (2) **flee** abroad

It is a basic instinct to **flee** from a dangerous situation.

- 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.
- outgrow** *v.* to grow too large for something; to grow taller or faster than another person
(1) **outgrow** my coat, (2) **outgrow** its usefulness
Bamboo will soon **outgrow** the other plants.
- resolution** *n.* a firm decision or determination to do or not do something; the action of solving a problem, dispute, or conflict; the quality of being resolved or determined; the clarity and sharpness of an image or display
synonym: determination, decision, settlement
(1) **resolution** of a conflict, (2) display **resolution**
He made a New Year's **resolution** to exercise more and eat healthier.
- tangle** *n.* a confused mass of something twisted together
synonym: knot, snarl, entanglement
(1) in a **tangle**, (2) **tangle** wires
The cords behind my computer were a **tangled** mess.
- plot** *n.* a secret plan or scheme to achieve a specific goal; the plan or main story of a literary work; (verb) to plan secretly, usually something illegal
synonym: scheme, plan, design
(1) **plot** twist, (2) **plot** a revolution
The **plot** of the novel centers around a group of friends who uncover a conspiracy to control the world's water supply.
- straighten** *v.* to make something straight or orderly; to adjust or fix something crooked, bent, or misaligned
synonym: even up, align, untangle
(1) **straighten** out a problem, (2) **straighten** a crooked

picture

I need to **straighten** my hair before I go to the party.

upgrade

v. to improve the value or usefulness of something such as a machine, computer system, etc., or to replace it with something newer or of a higher standard

synonym: improve, boost, enrich

(1) **upgrade** a product, (2) **upgrade** work performance

It's an excellent opportunity to **upgrade** our networking.

formula

n. a group of symbols, letters, or numbers that represent a rule, law, or mathematical statement

synonym: expression, recipe, procedure

(1) structural **formula**, (2) a binomial **formula**

The teacher told the students to memorize the math **formula**.

hunger

n. a strong desire or craving for something; a feeling of discomfort or weakness caused by lack of food; a chronic condition of insufficient food intake and malnutrition

synonym: appetite, craving, starvation

(1) **hunger** pangs, (2) chronic **hunger**

Many people in the world suffer from **hunger** and malnourishment every day.

template

n. a pre-designed file or document used as a starting point for a particular application so that the format does not have to be created from scratch

synonym: pattern, model, blueprint

(1) **template** file, (2) **template** design

The **template** format provided a useful guide for creating the budget.

lottery

n. a game of chance in which a large number of people buy tickets or chances to win a prize, with the winner(s) determined by a random drawing

synonym: raffle, sweepstakes, drawing

(1) national **lottery**, (2) scratch-off **lottery**

The odds of winning the **lottery** are extremely low, but millions still buy tickets hoping to hit the jackpot.

symbol

n. something visible that is used to represent something else

synonym: mark, character, insignia

(1) **symbol** color, (2) **symbol** for happiness

The dragon is considered a **symbol** of bravery.

comfort

n. a state of physical ease and freedom from pain or constraint

synonym: ease, solace, coziness

(1) words of **comfort**, (2) **comfort** level

He found **comfort** in the warm embrace of his loved ones.

zone

n. a specific area, region, or section that is marked off or defined in some way

synonym: area, region, territory

(1) time **zone**, (2) **zone** defense

He was reluctant to leave his comfort **zone** and try something new.

transform

v. to change in outward structure or looks;

synonym: alter, convert, change

(1) **transform** an education system, (2) **transform** heat into power

My father's death **transformed** my life completely.

recover

v. to return to a former condition, health, mind, or strength

synonym: come back, convalesce, heal

(1) **recover** a loss, (2) **recover** approval ratings

She is still **recovering** from a shot to her shoulder.

dragon

n. a mythical monster typically depicted as a giant reptile with wings, claws, and a fiery breath often portrayed as

being fierce and dangerous

synonym : wyvern, serpent, drake

(1) **dragon** fruit, (2) **dragon** wing

In Chinese mythology, **dragons** are considered powerful and benevolent creatures.

scary

adj. causing fear or fright; frightening; intimidating

synonym : terrifying, frightening, alarming

(1) **scary** dream, (2) **scary** story

The horror movie was so **scary** that I couldn't watch it alone.

cave

n. a large hole in the side of a hill, cliff, mountain, or under the ground

synonym : cavern, grotto, burrow

(1) domiciliary **caves**, (2) the mouth of the **cave**

Bats reside in sheltered **caves**.

audition

n. a performance or test given by an actor, musician, or other performers to demonstrate their abilities and suitability for a particular role or position

synonym : tryout, test

(1) music **audition**, (2) dance **audition**

I have an **audition** for a role in a play tomorrow.

tryout

n. a trial or test of something, particularly about sports teams or performers auditioning for a role

synonym : audition, test, trial

(1) **tryout** audition, (2) sports **tryout**

She practiced for weeks for the cheerleading **tryouts**, hoping to make the team.

sensitive

adj. able to notice slight changes, signals, or influences; able to feel or perceive other's feelings; susceptible to the things people say or do

synonym : exposed, susceptible, keen

(1) **sensitive** documents, (2) baby with **sensitive** skin

The teacher is very **sensitive** to children's feelings.

conquer

v. to bring under control by force or authority

synonym: defeat, overpower, subdue

(1) **conquer** fatal disease, (2) **conquer** the world

You must **conquer** your anxiety about driving.

Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. p__t a revolution | <i>n.</i> a secret plan or scheme to achieve a specific goal; the plan or main story of a literary work; (verb) to plan secretly, usually something illegal |
| 2. words of co____t | <i>n.</i> a state of physical ease and freedom from pain or constraint |
| 3. or___l by fire | <i>n.</i> a painful, difficult, or dangerous experience or trial; a severe test of endurance or patience |
| 4. v__y directly with the price | <i>v.</i> to become different in terms of size, shape, etc. |
| 5. a binomial fo____a | <i>n.</i> a group of symbols, letters, or numbers that represent a rule, law, or mathematical statement |
| 6. sports tr___t | <i>n.</i> a trial or test of something, particularly about sports teams or performers auditioning for a role |
| 7. false cl__m | <i>v.</i> to assert that something is true; to demand or request something as one's own; to lay legal or moral right to something; (noun) a demand or assertion of a right or something that one believes to be true |
| 8. p__t twist | <i>n.</i> a secret plan or scheme to achieve a specific goal; the plan or main story of a literary work; (verb) to plan secretly, usually something illegal |

ANSWERS: 1. plot, 2. comfort, 3. ordeal, 4. vary, 5. formula, 6. tryout, 7. claim, 8. plot

9. s__y civilians *v.* to kill violently, especially with a weapon
10. emotional or___l *n.* a painful, difficult, or dangerous experience or trial; a severe test of endurance or patience
11. tr_____rm an education system *v.* to change in outward structure or looks;
12. cr___s management *n.* a time of great disagreement, confusion, or danger when problems must be resolved or critical decisions must be taken
13. a letter of inv_____on *n.* a spoken or written request to participate or be present or take part in something
14. z__e defense *n.* a specific area, region, or section that is marked off or defined in some way
15. tr_____re hunt *n.* a valuable or desirable possession; something that is cherished or held dear; a collection of valuable objects or money that is hidden or protected
16. dr___n wing *n.* a mythical monster typically depicted as a giant reptile with wings, claws, and a fiery breath often portrayed as being fierce and dangerous
17. f__e abroad *v.* to leave by running away, especially out of fear or danger
18. co_____r fatal disease *v.* to bring under control by force or authority
19. scratch-off lo_____y *n.* a game of chance in which a large number of people buy tickets or chances to win a prize, with the winner(s) determined by a random drawing

ANSWERS: 9. slay, 10. ordeal, 11. transform, 12. crisis, 13. invitation, 14. zone, 15. treasure, 16. dragon, 17. flee, 18. conquer, 19. lottery

20. q_o warranto *n.* the existing state or condition of something, especially in relation to a particular situation or issue
21. de_____re from the company *n.* the act of leaving, especially to start a journey
22. cl__m responsibility *v.* to assert that something is true; to demand or request something as one's own; to lay legal or moral right to something; (noun) a demand or assertion of a right or something that one believes to be true
23. ou_____w my coat *v.* to grow too large for something; to grow taller or faster than another person
24. status q_o politician *n.* the existing state or condition of something, especially in relation to a particular situation or issue
25. in a ta___e *n.* a confused mass of something twisted together
26. mys_____us stranger *adj.* difficult to understand, explain, or identify; having an aura of secrecy, intrigue, or puzzlement
27. solve the ri___e *n.* a type of question that describes something in a difficult and confusing way, and that has a surprising answer, often asked as a game
28. r__r for more *v.* to make a loud, deep sound, like a lion or a car engine
29. sy___l color *n.* something visible that is used to represent something else

ANSWERS: 20. quo, 21. departure, 22. claim, 23. outgrow, 24. quo, 25. tangle, 26. mysterious, 27. riddle, 28. roar, 29. symbol

30. music au____on *n.* a performance or test given by an actor, musician, or other performers to demonstrate their abilities and suitability for a particular role or position
31. re____r approval ratings *v.* to return to a former condition, health, mind, or strength
32. ri___e me a riddle *n.* a type of question that describes something in a difficult and confusing way, and that has a surprising answer, often asked as a game
33. local h__o *n.* a person who is admired or idealized for courage, outstanding achievements, or noble qualities; a character in literature or history who is central to the plot and who exhibits heroic qualities
34. mo____r film *n.* an imaginary creature that is large and has various human and animal parts; someone or something large and powerful
35. sc__y story *adj.* causing fear or fright; frightening; intimidating
36. national lo____y *n.* a game of chance in which a large number of people buy tickets or chances to win a prize, with the winner(s) determined by a random drawing
37. up____e work performance *v.* to improve the value or usefulness of something such as a machine, computer system, etc., or to replace it with something newer or of a higher standard

ANSWERS: 30. audition, 31. recover, 32. riddle, 33. hero, 34. monster, 35. scary, 36. lottery, 37. upgrade

38. te____te design *n.* a pre-designed file or document used as a starting point for a particular application so that the format does not have to be created from scratch
39. tr_____rm heat into power *v.* to change in outward structure or looks;
40. an____t stories *adj.* relating to the long ago, particularly the historical period preceding the fall of the Western Roman Empire; very old
41. set a t__p *n.* a piece of equipment or hole for catching animals or people; (verb) to catch animals or people and prevent them from escaping
42. ta___e wires *n.* a confused mass of something twisted together
43. re_____r a loss *v.* to return to a former condition, health, mind, or strength
44. co_____t level *n.* a state of physical ease and freedom from pain or constraint
45. the m__h of an old religion *n.* an ancient story or set of stories accepted as history, especially explaining the worldview of a people
46. unsung h__o *n.* a person who is admired or idealized for courage, outstanding achievements, or noble qualities; a character in literature or history who is central to the plot and who exhibits heroic qualities
47. perpetuate a m__h *n.* an ancient story or set of stories accepted as history, especially explaining the worldview of a people

ANSWERS: 38. template, 39. transform, 40. ancient, 41. trap, 42. tangle, 43. recover, 44. comfort, 45. myth, 46. hero, 47. myth

48. f__e their homes *v.* to leave by running away, especially out of fear or danger
49. around unf_____ar people *adj.* not known or recognized; not experienced or encountered before
50. tr___t audition *n.* a trial or test of something, particularly about sports teams or performers auditioning for a role
51. a b_w wave *v.* to bend your knee or body, or lower your head; (noun) a weapon made of a curved piece of wood or other flexible material, strung with a cord and used to shoot arrows
52. financial cr___s *n.* a time of great disagreement, confusion, or danger when problems must be resolved or critical decisions must be taken
53. ha__y the ship all night *v.* to persistently harass, badger, or bother someone or something; to persistently attack or pursue an opposing force or target
54. the unf_____ar surroundings *adj.* not known or recognized; not experienced or encountered before
55. gastronomic ad_____res *n.* a journey or a series of events that is unusual, exciting, or dangerous
56. d_e rabbit *n.* a mature female of mammals of which the male is called a buck, such as a deer or a rabbit
57. cultural n__m *n.* something that is regarded as usual, typical, or standard

ANSWERS: 48. flee, 49. unfamiliar, 50. tryout, 51. bow, 52. crisis, 53. harry, 54. unfamiliar, 55. adventure, 56. doe, 57. norm

58. re_____nt by a diagram *v.* to speak, act, or be present on behalf of another person or group; to form or constitute
59. va_____t types of pigeon *n.* something that is slightly different from others of the same type
60. 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
61. wild goose ch___e *v.* to pursue something or someone to catch or capture them; to go after something vigorously or with determination; (noun) a pursuit or a hunt; a narrow groove or channel cut into a surface, often used for decorative purposes
62. baby with se_____ve skin *adj.* able to notice slight changes, signals, or influences; able to feel or perceive other's feelings; susceptible to the things people say or do
63. str_____en a crooked picture *v.* to make something straight or orderly; to adjust or fix something crooked, bent, or misaligned
64. tr_____re island *n.* a valuable or desirable possession; something that is cherished or held dear; a collection of valuable objects or money that is hidden or protected
65. the characters that re_____nt numbers *v.* to speak, act, or be present on behalf of another person or group; to form or constitute

ANSWERS: 58. represent, 59. variant, 60. threshold, 61. chase, 62. sensitive, 63. straighten, 64. treasure, 65. represent

66. se_____ve documents *adj.* able to notice slight changes, signals, or influences; able to feel or perceive other's feelings; susceptible to the things people say or do
67. a va_____t of the same word *n.* something that is slightly different from others of the same type
68. time z___e *n.* a specific area, region, or section that is marked off or defined in some way
69. de_____re from tradition *n.* the act of leaving, especially to start a journey
70. te_____te file *n.* a pre-designed file or document used as a starting point for a particular application so that the format does not have to be created from scratch
71. dr___n fruit *n.* a mythical monster typically depicted as a giant reptile with wings, claws, and a fiery breath often portrayed as being fierce and dangerous
72. s___y a dragon *v.* to kill violently, especially with a weapon
73. rec_____on award *n.* the action or process of recognizing or being recognized, especially by remembering; an agreement that something is true or legal
74. res_____on of a conflict *n.* a firm decision or determination to do or not do something; the action of solving a problem, dispute, or conflict; the quality of being resolved or determined; the clarity and sharpness of an image or display

ANSWERS: 66. sensitive, 67. variant, 68. zone, 69. departure, 70. template, 71. dragon, 72. slay, 73. recognition, 74. resolution

83. re___n soul *adj.* brought back to life in a new form or with a new nature
84. ha__y a suspect *v.* to persistently harass, badger, or bother someone or something; to persistently attack or pursue an opposing force or target
85. pre-Christian an____t *adj.* relating to the long ago, particularly the historical period preceding the fall of the Western Roman Empire; very old
86. a_t view *adj.* (the opposite of "forward") located at or towards the rear or back of a ship, aircraft, or other vehicle
87. r__r with laughter *v.* to make a loud, deep sound, like a lion or a car engine
88. buck and d_e *n.* a mature female of mammals of which the male is called a buck, such as a deer or a rabbit
89. chronic hu___r *n.* a strong desire or craving for something; a feeling of discomfort or weakness caused by lack of food; a chronic condition of insufficient food intake and malnutrition
90. mys_____us object *adj.* difficult to understand, explain, or identify; having an aura of secrecy, intrigue, or puzzlement
91. ch__e a dream *v.* to pursue something or someone to catch or capture them; to go after something vigorously or with determination; (noun) a pursuit or a hunt; a narrow groove or channel cut into a surface, often used for decorative purposes

ANSWERS: 83. reborn, 84. harry, 85. ancient, 86. aft, 87. roar, 88. doe, 89. hunger, 90. mysterious, 91. chase

92. re___l a story *v.* to tell someone about something again or differently
93. display res_____on *n.* a firm decision or determination to do or not do something; the action of solving a problem, dispute, or conflict; the quality of being resolved or determined; the clarity and sharpness of an image or display
94. re___l an old tale *v.* to tell someone about something again or differently
95. as___t his goal *v.* to help someone in doing anything
96. co_____r the world *v.* to bring under control by force or authority
97. on a qu__t for happiness *n.* a long or challenging search for something
98. as___t a patient *v.* to help someone in doing anything
99. po___r's studio *n.* a person who makes pottery, objects that are made of clay and then fired in a kiln to make them hard and durable; (verb, also putter) to occupy oneself in a leisurely or casual way, often with no particular goal or aim in mind
100. joint rec_____on *n.* the action or process of recognizing or being recognized, especially by remembering; an agreement that something is true or legal
101. ou_____w its usefulness *v.* to grow too large for something; to grow taller or faster than another person

ANSWERS: 92. retell, 93. resolution, 94. retell, 95. assist, 96. conquer, 97. quest, 98. assist, 99. potter, 100. recognition, 101. outgrow

102. ad_____re film *n.* a journey or a series of events that is unusual, exciting, or dangerous
103. 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
104. str_____en out a problem *v.* to make something straight or orderly; to adjust or fix something crooked, bent, or misaligned
105. po___r around in the garden *n.* a person who makes pottery, objects that are made of clay and then fired in a kiln to make them hard and durable; (verb, also putter) to occupy oneself in a leisurely or casual way, often with no particular goal or aim in mind
106. structural fo_____a *n.* a group of symbols, letters, or numbers that represent a rule, law, or mathematical statement
107. the qu__t for truth *n.* a long or challenging search for something
108. sc__y dream *adj.* causing fear or fright; frightening; intimidating
109. inv_____on of foreign investment *n.* a spoken or written request to participate or be present or take part in something
110. the mouth of the c__e *n.* a large hole in the side of a hill, cliff, mountain, or under the ground
111. up_____e a product *v.* to improve the value or usefulness of something such as a machine, computer system, etc., or to replace it with something newer or of a higher standard

ANSWERS: 102. adventure, 103. threshold, 104. straighten, 105. potter, 106. formula, 107. quest, 108. scary, 109. invitation, 110. cave, 111. upgrade

112. re___n identity *adj.* brought back to life in a new form or with a new nature
113. sy___l for happiness *n.* something visible that is used to represent something else
114. domiciliary c___es *n.* a large hole in the side of a hill, cliff, mountain, or under the ground
115. v___y according to the age *v.* to become different in terms of size, shape, etc.
116. an or____ry school *adj.* not different, exceptional, or unexpected in any way, especially in quality, ability, size, or degree

ANSWERS: 112. reborn, 113. symbol, 114. cave, 115. vary, 116. ordinary

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. He _____ the truth to plead not guilty.
v. to tell someone about something again or differently
2. The _____ of the novel centers around a group of friends who uncover a conspiracy to control the world's water supply.
n. a secret plan or scheme to achieve a specific goal; the plan or main story of a literary work; (verb) to plan secretly, usually something illegal
3. The _____ format provided a useful guide for creating the budget.
n. a pre-designed file or document used as a starting point for a particular application so that the format does not have to be created from scratch
4. The company has been successful in maintaining the status _____.
n. the existing state or condition of something, especially in relation to a particular situation or issue
5. The first _____ of the virus appeared in less than a month.
n. something that is slightly different from others of the same type
6. The _____ time for the flight is 6:00 am.
n. the act of leaving, especially to start a journey
7. The _____ disappearance of the ship remains unsolved.
adj. difficult to understand, explain, or identify; having an aura of secrecy, intrigue, or puzzlement
8. That adventurer traveled in _____ of buried treasure.
n. a long or challenging search for something

ANSWERS: 1. retells, 2. plot, 3. template, 4. quo, 5. variant, 6. departure, 7. mysterious, 8. quest

9. I need to _____ my hair before I go to the party.

- v.* to make something straight or orderly; to adjust or fix something crooked, bent, or misaligned

10. My father's death _____ my life completely.

- v.* to change in outward structure or looks;

11. The teacher is very _____ to children's feelings.

- adj.* able to notice slight changes, signals, or influences; able to feel or perceive other's feelings; susceptible to the things people say or do

12. The teacher told the students to memorize the math _____.

- n.* a group of symbols, letters, or numbers that represent a rule, law, or mathematical statement

13. The _____ remains mysterious to us.

- n.* a type of question that describes something in a difficult and confusing way, and that has a surprising answer, often asked as a game

14. The systems we have developed has accepted as industry _____.

- n.* something that is regarded as usual, typical, or standard

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

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

16. We elected him to _____ us at the international conference.

- v.* to speak, act, or be present on behalf of another person or group; to form or constitute

ANSWERS: 9. straighten, 10. transformed, 11. sensitive, 12. formula, 13. riddle, 14. norms, 15. adventures, 16. represent

17. Hunters use a whistle that makes the ____ sound to lure stags.

n. a mature female of mammals of which the male is called a buck, such as a deer or a rabbit

18. You must _____ your anxiety about driving.

v. to bring under control by force or authority

19. The pirates searched for buried _____ in the dunes.

n. a valuable or desirable possession; something that is cherished or held dear; a collection of valuable objects or money that is hidden or protected

20. With the financial bubble bursting, the ____ of economic growth in investment banking collapsed.

n. an ancient story or set of stories accepted as history, especially explaining the worldview of a people

21. The car accident was a traumatic _____ for everyone involved.

n. a painful, difficult, or dangerous experience or trial; a severe test of endurance or patience

22. She was _____ with the city and got lost while trying to find her way back to the hotel.

adj. not known or recognized; not experienced or encountered before

23. The lion _____ loudly, signaling its dominance over the other animals.

v. to make a loud, deep sound, like a lion or a car engine

24. Bamboo will soon _____ the other plants.

v. to grow too large for something; to grow taller or faster than another person

ANSWERS: 17. doe, 18. conquer, 19. treasure, 20. myth, 21. ordeal, 22. unfamiliar, 23. roared, 24. outgrow

25. I need to _____ my coworkers to finish the project on time.
- v.* to persistently harass, badger, or bother someone or something; to persistently attack or pursue an opposing force or target
26. Bats reside in sheltered _____.
- n.* a large hole in the side of a hill, cliff, mountain, or under the ground
27. The soldier who sacrificed his life for his country is considered a national _____.
- n.* a person who is admired or idealized for courage, outstanding achievements, or noble qualities; a character in literature or history who is central to the plot and who exhibits heroic qualities
28. The police officer _____ the suspect through the crowded streets until they finally caught him.
- v.* to pursue something or someone to catch or capture them; to go after something vigorously or with determination; (noun) a pursuit or a hunt; a narrow groove or channel cut into a surface, often used for decorative purposes
29. He made a New Year's _____ to exercise more and eat healthier.
- n.* a firm decision or determination to do or not do something; the action of solving a problem, dispute, or conflict; the quality of being resolved or determined; the clarity and sharpness of an image or display
30. The enemy fell right into the _____.
- n.* a piece of equipment or hole for catching animals or people; (verb) to catch animals or people and prevent them from escaping
31. The horror movie was so _____ that I couldn't watch it alone.
- adj.* causing fear or fright; frightening; intimidating

ANSWERS: 25. harry, 26. caves, 27. hero, 28. chased, 29. resolution, 30. trap, 31. scary

32. After recovering from her illness, she felt like a _____ person with a new perspective on life.

adj. brought back to life in a new form or with a new nature

33. It is a basic instinct to _____ from a dangerous situation.

v. to leave by running away, especially out of fear or danger

34. The odds of winning the _____ are extremely low, but millions still buy tickets hoping to hit the jackpot.

n. a game of chance in which a large number of people buy tickets or chances to win a prize, with the winner(s) determined by a random drawing

35. He was given _____ for his outstanding work in the field of medicine.

n. the action or process of recognizing or being recognized, especially by remembering; an agreement that something is true or legal

36. The _____ session of the Diet opened.

adj. not different, exceptional, or unexpected in any way, especially in quality, ability, size, or degree

37. She practiced for weeks for the cheerleading _____ hoping to make the team.

n. a trial or test of something, particularly about sports teams or performers auditioning for a role

38. I will be very happy to accept your _____.

n. a spoken or written request to participate or be present or take part in something

39. She _____ to the audience after her performance.

v. to bend your knee or body, or lower your head; (noun) a weapon made of a curved piece of wood or other flexible material, strung with a cord and used to shoot arrows

ANSWERS: 32. reborn, 33. flee, 34. lottery, 35. recognition, 36. ordinary, 37. tryouts, 38. invitation, 39. bowed

40. The ancient Egyptians were skilled _____ and left behind many beautiful artifacts.
- n.* a person who makes pottery, objects that are made of clay and then fired in a kiln to make them hard and durable; (verb, also putter) to occupy oneself in a leisurely or casual way, often with no particular goal or aim in mind
41. This car has a _____ engine.
- n.* an imaginary creature that is large and has various human and animal parts; someone or something large and powerful
42. The cords behind my computer were a _____ mess.
- n.* a confused mass of something twisted together
43. Maximum heart rates _____ a lot for each individual.
- v.* to become different in terms of size, shape, etc.
44. I have an _____ for a role in a play tomorrow.
- n.* a performance or test given by an actor, musician, or other performers to demonstrate their abilities and suitability for a particular role or position
45. It's an excellent opportunity to _____ our networking.
- v.* to improve the value or usefulness of something such as a machine, computer system, etc., or to replace it with something newer or of a higher standard
46. The singer _____ the audience with her powerful voice and amazing performance.
- v.* to kill violently, especially with a weapon
47. In Chinese mythology, _____ are considered powerful and benevolent creatures.
- n.* a mythical monster typically depicted as a giant reptile with wings, claws, and a fiery breath often portrayed as being fierce and dangerous

ANSWERS: 40. potters, 41. monster, 42. tangled, 43. vary, 44. audition, 45. upgrade, 46. slayed, 47. dragons

48. 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
49. She is still _____ from a shot to her shoulder.
v. to return to a former condition, health, mind, or strength
50. He was reluctant to leave his comfort ____ and try something new.
n. a specific area, region, or section that is marked off or defined in some way
51. The dragon is considered a _____ of bravery.
n. something visible that is used to represent something else
52. Many people in the world suffer from _____ and malnourishment every day.
n. a strong desire or craving for something; a feeling of discomfort or weakness caused by lack of food; a chronic condition of insufficient food intake and malnutrition
53. 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
54. He wants to _____ ownership of the abandoned property.
v. to assert that something is true; to demand or request something as one's own; to lay legal or moral right to something; (noun) a demand or assertion of a right or something that one believes to be true
55. Please _____ her with the furniture relocation.
v. to help someone in doing anything

ANSWERS: 48. aft, 49. recovering, 50. zone, 51. symbol, 52. hunger, 53. threshold, 54. claim, 55. assist

56. He found _____ in the warm embrace of his loved ones.

n. a state of physical ease and freedom from pain or constraint

57. They have been living near water since _____ times.

adj. relating to the long ago, particularly the historical period preceding the fall of the Western Roman Empire; very old

58. The Chinese word for _____ comprises two characters, one for danger and the other for opportunity.

n. a time of great disagreement, confusion, or danger when problems must be resolved or critical decisions must be taken

ANSWERS: 56. comfort, 57. ancient, 58. crisis