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Session 1: Word List

relax

v. to become or cause someone to become less active or tense and calmer

synonym: soften, comfort, soothe

(1) **relax** a series of muscles, (2) **relax** at home

The rules were **relaxed** after the new executive arrived.

calm

adj. not excited, angry, or nervous; free from wind, large waves

synonym: quiet, peaceful, tranquility

(1) **calm** sea, (2) **calm** manner

It was the first time in a long time that I felt truly **calm** and at peace.

participate

v. to take part in something

synonym: take part, partake, enter

(1) **participate** fully in conversation, (2) **participate** in the program

The majority of students actively **participated** in the college's intramural sports program.

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**.

aid

n. things sent to help countries in need, notably food or money; support

synonym: helper, resource, assistance

(1) financial **aid**, (2) country-by-country **aid** programs

Pakistan's **aid** budget was still being reviewed.

scholarship

n. a grant or payment made to support a student's education usually awarded based on academic or other achievements

synonym: grant, award, stipend

(1) a **scholarship** association, (2) college **scholarship**

She received a full **scholarship** to study abroad.

grant

v. to agree to give or allow somebody

synonym: allocate, authorize, give

(1) **grant** a new license, (2) **grant** a land

The chairperson **granted** him the right to speak.

booth

n. a small enclosed space, especially one with a counter or desk, used for selling tickets, goods, or services

synonym: kiosk, stand, cubicle

(1) **booth** cost, (2) phone **booth**

She set up a **booth** at the fair to sell her handmade jewelry.

subsidize

v. to pay part of the cost of something to support an organization, activity, etc. financially

synonym: finance, endow, sponsor

(1) **subsidize** the project, (2) **subsidize** the cost

Governments **subsidize** renewable energy generation in various ways.

- AI** *n.* (abbreviation for artificial intelligence) the theory and development of computer systems capable of doing activities that would ordinarily need human intelligence, such as object recognition, speech recognition, decision-making, and language translation
synonym: robot, machine learning, neural network
(1) **AI** expert, (2) apply **AI** technology to art
The evolution of processors has dramatically improved the performance of **AI**.
- tuition** *n.* the act of teaching something, especially when given to a small group or one person; fees charged by education institutions for instruction or other services
synonym: fee, schooling, education
(1) **tuition** assistance, (2) a college **tuition**
His father cannot afford his **tuition**.
- woo** *v.* to seek the affection or favor of someone; to court or pursue someone romantically or with flattery
synonym: court, pursue, charm
(1) **woo** consumers, (2) **woo** voters with promises
He tried to **woo** her with his charm and wit.
- gang** *n.* a group of people who organize and engage in criminal activity
synonym: crew, posse, group
(1) a motorcycle **gang**, (2) **gang** member
The street **gang** was known for its violent behavior.
- scholar** *n.* professor; a person who studies a topic in considerable depth, particularly in a university
synonym: professor, pupil, learner
(1) **scholar** in international politics, (2) noted **scholar**
You won't have to pay college tuition if you're a **scholar**.
- beastie** *n.* a small or insignificant animal often used to describe insects, rodents, or other vermin
synonym:

critter, creature, animal

(1) cute little **beastie**, (2) monster **beastie**

Scientists discovered a new species of **beastie** in the rainforest.

crazy

adj. stupid or not sensible; very angry

synonym: insane, absurd, bizarre

(1) **crazy** about cars and racing, (2) a **crazy** scheme

The rain and thunder are **crazy** today.

rive

v. to tear or split apart forcefully; to break or divide by a sharp blow or force

synonym: split, cleave, rip

(1) **rive** the sails of the ship, (2) **rive** the stone into precise shapes

The lumberjack used a strong axe to **rive** the logs into smaller pieces.

thug

n. a violent or criminal individual, especially one who is part of a group or gang

synonym: gangster, hooligan, criminal

(1) local **thug**, (2) notorious **thug**

The police arrested the **thug** who robbed the convenience store.

revenge

n. the act of inflicting punishment or harm in return for an injury or wrongdoing; retaliation, retribution

synonym: retaliation, retribution, vengeance

(1) plot **revenge**, (2) **revenge** killing

He seeks **revenge** against the person who wronged him.

biggie

n. something important or significant

synonym: important, significant, crucial

(1) a media **biggie**, (2) **biggie** in the market

Winning the lottery is a **biggie** for most people.

genesis

n. the origin or beginning of something; the first book of the biblical scriptures of both Judaism and Christianity, describing the creation of the Earth and humankind

synonym : beginning, creation, provenance

(1) the **genesis** of civilization, (2) in the Book of **Genesis**

The politician's remarks became the **genesis** of the clash between the two countries.

cuckoo

n. a bird of the Cuculidae family, known for its distinctive call; (informally) a person who is crazy, eccentric, or foolish

synonym : loony, nut, madcap

(1) **cuckoo** clock, (2) **cuckoo** in the nest

The **cuckoo** bird's call echoed through the forest.

cocoa

n. a powder made from roasted cacao beans used to flavor sweets and drinks; the dried and fermented seeds from which the powder is made

(1) **cocoa** powder, (2) **cocoa** butter

The culinary class learned how to make homemade **cocoa** mix from scratch.

bang

v. to hit or cause to hit something in a way that makes a loud noise

synonym : crash, hit, smash

(1) **bang** his fist on a desk, (2) **bang** a phone down

My father tried to **bang** mathematics into my head since childhood.

dumb

adj. lacking the power of speech, unable to speak; stupid, or lacking intelligence

synonym : mute, speechless, idiotic

(1) **dumb** creatures, (2) struck **dumb**

He made a **dumb** mistake and forgot to submit the report on time.

opportune

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

synonym : suitable, timely, practical

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

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

ancestor

n. a person from whom one is descended; a forefather

synonym : forebear, forefather, progenitor

(1) **ancestor** language, (2) earliest human **ancestor**

My remote **ancestor** immigrated to the United States from Ireland in the 1800s.

strangle

v. to choke or suffocate someone by compressing their neck; to inhibit or suppress something, such as a movement or idea

synonym : choke, suffocate, throttle

(1) **strangle** a cry, (2) **strangle** economic growth

The killer used his hands to **strangle** his victim.

vacant

adj. not occupied or in use; empty; showing no indication of thought or life, lacking expression or animation

synonym : empty, unoccupied, available

(1) **vacant** land, (2) **vacant** position

The real estate agent showed me a **vacant** apartment perfect for my needs.

lynch

v. to put to death or punish (usually by hanging) without legal authorization or due process, often as an act of mob justice or vigilante action; (noun) a violent punishment, often extrajudicial, in which a mob or group of people seize and kill someone, usually by hanging, as a form of punishment or vengeance

synonym : hang, execute, mob

(1) **lynch** law, (2) **lynch** him to death

The mob wanted to **lynch** the suspect before he could be tried in court.

deception

n. the act of misleading or tricking someone, often by creating a false impression or concealing the truth; a fraudulent or dishonest action

synonym : fraud, deceit, trickery

(1) **deception** tactics, (2) **deception** in advertising

The politician was accused of **deception** for making false promises during his campaign.

brain

n. the organ inside the head that is responsible for one's movement, thought, memory, and feeling

synonym : intellect, mind, encephalon

(1) basic **brain** function, (2) permanent **brain** damage

X-rays revealed a small tumor in his **brain**.

malfunction

v. to fail to operate or work properly; to break down or stop functioning as expected or intended; (noun) a failure or defect in the way a machine, system, or device is supposed to operate

synonym : malfunction, break down, fail

(1) **malfunction** alarm, (2) **malfunction** and start moving unpredictably

The car's engine **malfunctioned** on the highway, so we had to call for a tow truck.

sight

n. the ability to see; anything that is seen

synonym : vision, spectacle, view

(1) an unexpected **sight**, (2) dull **sight**

Many famous **sights** are within walking distance.

cycle

n. an interval during which a recurring sequence of events occurs; a bicycle or motorcycle

synonym : revolution, rotation, bike

(1) the **cycle** of the seasons, (2) go to the workplace by **cycle**

The food chain causes a material **cycle**.

debt

n. something, especially money, goods, or services owed by one person to another; the state of owing something

synonym: liability, obligation, deficit

(1) **debt** ceiling, (2) corporate **debt**

He became in **debt** after losing his job.

backbreaking

adj. extremely physically demanding or strenuous, often to the point of causing fatigue or pain in the back or body

synonym: demanding, strenuous, arduous

(1) **backbreaking** effort, (2) **backbreaking** work

The construction workers endured **backbreaking** labor under the scorching sun.

rust

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

synonym: corrosion, oxidation, decay

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

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

shackle

n. a metal ring, bar, or other device used to confine, restrain, or limit freedom of movement; a restraint or impediment of any kind

synonym: chains, fetters, handcuffs

(1) **shackle** chains, (2) metal **shackle**

The prisoner wore heavy **shackles** on his wrists and ankles.

degree

n. a unit of measurement for angles, temperature, or level of proficiency or achievement; a rank or level of academic or professional attainment

synonym: level, qualification, diploma

(1) bachelor's **degree**, (2) **degree** centigrade

She received her **degree** in psychology from the university.

amendment

n. the act or the process of changing something, especially a document or proposed new law

synonym: modification, revision, emendation

(1) constitutional **amendment**, (2) make an **amendment** to a contract

The opposition politicians jointly proposed an **amendment** to that law.

reverse

v. to change something's direction, order, position, decision, etc., to the opposite one; (adjective) directed or moving toward the rear

synonym: overturn, shift, switch

(1) **reverse** the trend, (2) **reverse** the order

The restaurant **reversed** a ban on smoking.

cotton

n. a plant that is grown in warm countries and bears bolls containing seeds with soft and long hairs that are made into textile fiber and thread for sewing

(1) **cotton** cloth, (2) culture of **cotton**

The price of raw **cotton** continued to rise.

muffle

v. to wrap or cover something to deaden sound or prevent others from hearing it; to suppress or soften the sound of something; to decrease the intensity or impact of something

synonym: mute, stifle, embower

(1) **muffle** the sound, (2) **muffle** my cries

He tried to **muffle** his coughs during the movie not to disturb the other viewers.

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**.

- jaw** *n.* either of the two bones at the bottom of the face that moves when you open your mouth; (verb) talk socially without exchanging too much information
synonym : mouth, (verb) chitchat
(1) snatch victory from the **jaws** of defeat, (2) **jaw** muscle
He dropped his **jaw** at the unexpected sight.
- generation** *n.* all the people born and living at about the same time, regarded collectively; the production of heat or electricity
synonym : cohort, age group, era
(1) **generation** gap, (2) the **generation** of electricity
The younger **generation** has different values and beliefs than the older one.
- psychology** *n.* the scientific study of mind and behavior
(1) **psychology** experiment, (2) **psychology** of crowd
She had a master's degree in **psychology**.
- feeble** *adj.* lacking physical or mental strength; weak or frail; lacking force, effectiveness, or impact
synonym : weak, frail, feeble-minded
(1) **feeble** attempt, (2) **feeble** excuse
The older man's **feeble** voice suggested he was not feeling well.
- process** *n.* a series of actions or operations performed to achieve a particular outcome or goal; a systematic procedure or approach used to accomplish a specific task or objective; a method of treating milk to make it suitable for consumption or use in other dairy products
synonym : procedure, method, system
(1) **process** improvement, (2) decision-making **process**
The **process** for applying for a visa can be lengthy and complicated.
- thievery** *n.* the act of stealing or theft, often without the use of force or violence

synonym : theft, stealing, larceny

(1) **thievery** charges, (2) organized **thievery**

The police arrested the suspect for **thievery** after he was caught stealing from a local store.

aspiration

n. a strong desire to achieve something; the action or process of drawing breath

synonym : ambition, inhalation, intake

(1) no **aspiration** for fame, (2) **aspiration** into the lungs

He has an **aspiration** to become a doctor.

barricade

n. a barrier, often improvised or temporary, used to block passage or protect against danger or attack

synonym : barrier, obstacle, blockade

(1) **barricade** fencing, (2) police **barricade**

The protestors built a **barricade** to prevent police from entering the area.

potentially

adv. in a possible state or condition; possibly

synonym : likely, possibly, probably

(1) **potentially** affected, (2) **potentially** lucrative

The organization assisted in the de-escalation of **potentially** violent situations.

stomach

n. the internal organ in the body where food is digested, situated in the abdomen; the part of the body below the chest that contains the stomach

synonym : belly, abdomen, gut

(1) upset **stomach**, (2) **stomach** virus

I have a **stomach** ache after overeating junk food.

blast

n. explosion, or a strong current of air, usually caused by an explosion; a sudden, thunderous noise

synonym : blow, burst, explosion

(1) a **blast** of wind, (2) an icy **blast**

The **blast** shattered the laboratory equipment.

cousin

n. the child of your aunt or uncle

synonym : relative

(1) cross- **cousin** marriage, (2) **cousin's** family

I used to play with my younger male **cousins** when I was a little girl.

noose

n. a loop or knot, typically made of rope, used for hanging or executing a person or animal; a trap or snare in which the neck catches the prey

synonym : loop, snare, halter

(1) **noose** knot, (2) hangman's **noose**

The criminal was caught in the **noose** of the law and faced severe consequences for their actions.

Session 2: Spelling

1. 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
2. make an am_____nt to a contract *n.* the act or the process of changing something, especially a document or proposed new law
3. noted sc_____r *n.* professor; a person who studies a topic in considerable depth, particularly in a university
4. the gen_____on of electricity *n.* all the people born and living at about the same time, regarded collectively; the production of heat or electricity
5. su_____ze the cost *v.* to pay part of the cost of something to support an organization, activity, etc. financially
6. a bl__t of wind *n.* explosion, or a strong current of air, usually caused by an explosion; a sudden, thunderous noise
7. bac_____ing effort *adj.* extremely physically demanding or strenuous, often to the point of causing fatigue or pain in the back or body
8. ly__h law *v.* to put to death or punish (usually by hanging) without legal authorization or due process, often as an act of mob justice or vigilante action; (noun) a violent punishment, often extrajudicial, in which a mob or group of people seize and kill someone, usually by hanging, as a form of punishment or vengeance

ANSWERS: 1. trap, 2. amendment, 3. scholar, 4. generation, 5. subsidize, 6. blast, 7. backbreaking, 8. lynch

9. fe___e attempt *adj.* lacking physical or mental strength; weak or frail; lacking force, effectiveness, or impact
10. plot re____e *n.* the act of inflicting punishment or harm in return for an injury or wrongdoing; retaliation, retribution
11. an icy bl__t *n.* explosion, or a strong current of air, usually caused by an explosion; a sudden, thunderous noise
12. police ba____de *n.* a barrier, often improvised or temporary, used to block passage or protect against danger or attack
13. psy____gy of crowd *n.* the scientific study of mind and behavior
14. d__b creatures *adj.* lacking the power of speech, unable to speak; stupid, or lacking intelligence
15. d__t ceiling *n.* something, especially money, goods, or services owed by one person to another; the state of owing something
16. mu___e the sound *v.* to wrap or cover something to deaden sound or prevent others from hearing it; to suppress or soften the sound of something; to decrease the intensity or impact of something
17. country-by-country a_d programs *n.* things sent to help countries in need, notably food or money; support
18. co___n cloth *n.* a plant that is grown in warm countries and bears bolls containing seeds with soft and long hairs that are made into textile fiber and thread for sewing

ANSWERS: 9. feeble, 10. revenge, 11. blast, 12. barricade, 13. psychology, 14. dumb, 15. debt, 16. muffle, 17. aid, 18. cotton

19. par_____te fully in conversation *v.* to take part in something
20. upset st_____h *n.* the internal organ in the body where food is digested, situated in the abdomen; the part of the body below the chest that contains the stomach
21. c__m sea *adj.* not excited, angry, or nervous; free from wind, large waves
22. j_w muscle *n.* either of the two bones at the bottom of the face that moves when you open your mouth; (verb) talk socially without exchanging too much information
23. a sch_____ip association *n.* a grant or payment made to support a student's education usually awarded based on academic or other achievements
24. cute little be_____e *n.* a small or insignificant animal often used to describe insects, rodents, or other vermin
25. struck d__b *adj.* lacking the power of speech, unable to speak; stupid, or lacking intelligence
26. su_____ze the project *v.* to pay part of the cost of something to support an organization, activity, etc. financially
27. th_____ry charges *n.* the act of stealing or theft, often without the use of force or violence
28. permanent br__n damage *n.* the organ inside the head that is responsible for one's movement, thought, memory, and feeling
29. monster be_____e *n.* a small or insignificant animal often used to describe insects, rodents, or other vermin

ANSWERS: 19. participate, 20. stomach, 21. calm, 22. jaw, 23. scholarship, 24. beastie, 25. dumb, 26. subsidize, 27. thievery, 28. brain, 29. beastie

30. constitutional am_____nt *n.* the act or the process of changing something, especially a document or proposed new law
31. culture of co____n *n.* a plant that is grown in warm countries and bears bolls containing seeds with soft and long hairs that are made into textile fiber and thread for sewing
32. cu____o clock *n.* a bird of the Cuculidae family, known for its distinctive call; (informally) a person who is crazy, eccentric, or foolish
33. asp_____on into the lungs *n.* a strong desire to achieve something; the action or process of drawing breath
34. mu____e my cries *v.* to wrap or cover something to deaden sound or prevent others from hearing it; to suppress or soften the sound of something; to decrease the intensity or impact of something
35. psy_____gy experiment *n.* the scientific study of mind and behavior
36. an____or language *n.* a person from whom one is descended; a forefather
37. 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
38. phone bo__h *n.* a small enclosed space, especially one with a counter or desk, used for selling tickets, goods, or services
39. re__x at home *v.* to become or cause someone to become less active or tense and calmer

ANSWERS: 30. amendment, 31. cotton, 32. cuckoo, 33. aspiration, 34. muffle, 35. psychology, 36. ancestor, 37. hero, 38. booth, 39. relax

40. notorious t__g *n.* a violent or criminal individual, especially one who is part of a group or gang
41. co__a powder *n.* a powder made from roasted cacao beans used to flavor sweets and drinks; the dried and fermented seeds from which the powder is made
42. re____e killing *n.* the act of inflicting punishment or harm in return for an injury or wrongdoing; retaliation, retribution
43. re____e the order *v.* to change something's direction, order, position, decision, etc., to the opposite one; (adjective) directed or moving toward the rear
44. an op____ne remark *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
45. corporate d__t *n.* something, especially money, goods, or services owed by one person to another; the state of owing something
46. bo__h cost *n.* a small enclosed space, especially one with a counter or desk, used for selling tickets, goods, or services
47. fe___e excuse *adj.* lacking physical or mental strength; weak or frail; lacking force, effectiveness, or impact
48. w_o consumers *v.* to seek the affection or favor of someone; to court or pursue someone romantically or with flattery

ANSWERS: 40. thug, 41. cocoa, 42. revenge, 43. reverse, 44. opportune, 45. debt, 46. booth, 47. feeble, 48. woo

49. re__x a series of muscles *v.* to become or cause someone to become less active or tense and calmer
50. the ge____s of civilization *n.* the origin or beginning of something; the first book of the biblical scriptures of both Judaism and Christianity, describing the creation of the Earth and humankind
51. local t__g *n.* a violent or criminal individual, especially one who is part of a group or gang
52. a college tu____n *n.* the act of teaching something, especially when given to a small group or one person; fees charged by education institutions for instruction or other services
53. cr__y about cars and racing *adj.* stupid or not sensible; very angry
54. a motorcycle g__g *n.* a group of people who organize and engage in criminal activity
55. gr__t a new license *v.* to agree to give or allow somebody
56. the cy__e of the seasons *n.* an interval during which a recurring sequence of events occurs; a bicycle or motorcycle
57. va____t land *adj.* not occupied or in use; empty; showing no indication of thought or life, lacking expression or animation
58. par____te in the program *v.* to take part in something
59. b__g a phone down *v.* to hit or cause to hit something in a way that makes a loud noise

ANSWERS: 49. relax, 50. genesis, 51. thug, 52. tuition, 53. crazy, 54. gang, 55. grant, 56. cycle, 57. vacant, 58. participate, 59. bang

60. st____le economic growth *v.* to choke or suffocate someone by compressing their neck; to inhibit or suppress something, such as a movement or idea
61. cross-co____n marriage *n.* the child of your aunt or uncle
62. earliest human an____or *n.* a person from whom one is descended; a forefather
63. co__a butter *n.* a powder made from roasted cacao beans used to flavor sweets and drinks; the dried and fermented seeds from which the powder is made
64. a media bi____e *n.* something important or significant
65. hangman's no__e *n.* a loop or knot, typically made of rope, used for hanging or executing a person or animal; a trap or snare in which the neck catches the prey
66. r__e the sails of the ship *v.* to tear or split apart forcefully; to break or divide by a sharp blow or force
67. r__ty metal *n.* a reddish-brown coating or corrosion layer that forms on iron or steel as a result of exposure to moisture and oxygen; the process of corrosion on metal caused by oxidation
68. AI expert *n.* (abbreviation for artificial intelligence) the theory and development of computer systems capable of doing activities that would ordinarily need human intelligence, such as object recognition, speech recognition, decision-making, and language translation

ANSWERS: 60. strangle, 61. cousin, 62. ancestor, 63. cocoa, 64. biggie, 65. noose, 66. rive, 67. rust, 68. AI

69. 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
70. de_____on in advertising *n.* the act of misleading or tricking someone, often by creating a false impression or concealing the truth; a fraudulent or dishonest action
71. decision-making pr_____s *n.* a series of actions or operations performed to achieve a particular outcome or goal; a systematic procedure or approach used to accomplish a specific task or objective; a method of treating milk to make it suitable for consumption or use in other dairy products
72. no asp_____on for fame *n.* a strong desire to achieve something; the action or process of drawing breath
73. snatch victory from the j_ws of defeat *n.* either of the two bones at the bottom of the face that moves when you open your mouth; (verb) talk socially without exchanging too much information
74. co___n's family *n.* the child of your aunt or uncle
75. bi___e in the market *n.* something important or significant
76. b__g his fist on a desk *v.* to hit or cause to hit something in a way that makes a loud noise
77. tu_____n assistance *n.* the act of teaching something, especially when given to a small group or one person; fees charged by education institutions for instruction or other services

ANSWERS: 69. hero, 70. deception, 71. process, 72. aspiration, 73. jaw, 74. cousin, 75. biggie, 76. bang, 77. tuition

78. mal_____on alarm
- v. to fail to operate or work properly; to break down or stop functioning as expected or intended; (noun) a failure or defect in the way a machine, system, or device is supposed to operate
79. c__m manner
- adj.* not excited, angry, or nervous; free from wind, large waves
80. apply AI technology to art
- n.* (abbreviation for artificial intelligence) the theory and development of computer systems capable of doing activities that would ordinarily need human intelligence, such as object recognition, speech recognition, decision-making, and language translation
81. st_____h virus
- n.* the internal organ in the body where food is digested, situated in the abdomen; the part of the body below the chest that contains the stomach
82. ly__h him to death
- v. to put to death or punish (usually by hanging) without legal authorization or due process, often as an act of mob justice or vigilante action; (noun) a violent punishment, often extrajudicial, in which a mob or group of people seize and kill someone, usually by hanging, as a form of punishment or vengeance
83. mal_____on and start moving unpredictably
- v. to fail to operate or work properly; to break down or stop functioning as expected or intended; (noun) a failure or defect in the way a machine, system, or device is supposed to operate

ANSWERS: 78. malfunction, 79. calm, 80. AI, 81. stomach, 82. lynch, 83. malfunction

84. bac_____ing work *adj.* extremely physically demanding or strenuous, often to the point of causing fatigue or pain in the back or body
85. r__t-proofing *n.* a reddish-brown coating or corrosion layer that forms on iron or steel as a result of exposure to moisture and oxygen; the process of corrosion on metal caused by oxidation
86. gr__t a land *v.* to agree to give or allow somebody
87. re_____e the trend *v.* to change something's direction, order, position, decision, etc., to the opposite one; (adjective) directed or moving toward the rear
88. gen_____on gap *n.* all the people born and living at about the same time, regarded collectively; the production of heat or electricity
89. a cr__y scheme *adj.* stupid or not sensible; very angry
90. dull si__t *n.* the ability to see; anything that is seen
91. organized th_____ry *n.* the act of stealing or theft, often without the use of force or violence
92. g__g member *n.* a group of people who organize and engage in criminal activity
93. no__e knot *n.* a loop or knot, typically made of rope, used for hanging or executing a person or animal; a trap or snare in which the neck catches the prey
94. va__t position *adj.* not occupied or in use; empty; showing no indication of thought or life, lacking expression or animation

ANSWERS: 84. backbreaking, 85. rust, 86. grant, 87. reverse, 88. generation, 89. crazy, 90. sight, 91. thievery, 92. gang, 93. noose, 94. vacant

95. metal sh____e *n.* a metal ring, bar, or other device used to confine, restrain, or limit freedom of movement; a restraint or impediment of any kind
96. de_____on tactics *n.* the act of misleading or tricking someone, often by creating a false impression or concealing the truth; a fraudulent or dishonest action
97. in the Book of Ge____s *n.* the origin or beginning of something; the first book of the biblical scriptures of both Judaism and Christianity, describing the creation of the Earth and humankind
98. t__p an animal *n.* a piece of equipment or hole for catching animals or people; (verb) to catch animals or people and prevent them from escaping
99. ba_____de fencing *n.* a barrier, often improvised or temporary, used to block passage or protect against danger or attack
100. sc_____r in international politics *n.* professor; a person who studies a topic in considerable depth, particularly in a university
101. r__e the stone into precise shapes *v.* to tear or split apart forcefully; to break or divide by a sharp blow or force
102. pot_____ly lucrative *adv.* in a possible state or condition; possibly
103. pr_____s improvement *n.* a series of actions or operations performed to achieve a particular outcome or goal; a systematic procedure or approach used to accomplish a specific task or objective; a method of treating milk to make it suitable for consumption or use in other dairy products

ANSWERS: 95. shackle, 96. deception, 97. genesis, 98. trap, 99. barricade, 100. scholar, 101. rive, 102. potentially, 103. process

104. bachelor's de___e *n.* a unit of measurement for angles, temperature, or level of proficiency or achievement; a rank or level of academic or professional attainment
105. st_____le a cry *v.* to choke or suffocate someone by compressing their neck; to inhibit or suppress something, such as a movement or idea
106. go to the workplace by cy__e *n.* an interval during which a recurring sequence of events occurs; a bicycle or motorcycle
107. w_o voters with promises *v.* to seek the affection or favor of someone; to court or pursue someone romantically or with flattery
108. an unexpected si__t *n.* the ability to see; anything that is seen
109. college sch_____ip *n.* a grant or payment made to support a student's education usually awarded based on academic or other achievements
110. financial a_d *n.* things sent to help countries in need, notably food or money; support
111. op_____ne occasion *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
112. de___e centigrade *n.* a unit of measurement for angles, temperature, or level of proficiency or achievement; a rank or level of academic or professional attainment
113. pot_____ly affected *adv.* in a possible state or condition; possibly

ANSWERS: 104. degree, 105. strangle, 106. cycle, 107. woo, 108. sight, 109. scholarship, 110. aid, 111. opportune, 112. degree, 113. potentially

114. sh____e chains *n.* a metal ring, bar, or other device used to confine, restrain, or limit freedom of movement; a restraint or impediment of any kind
115. cu___o in the nest *n.* a bird of the Cuculidae family, known for its distinctive call; (informally) a person who is crazy, eccentric, or foolish
116. basic br__n function *n.* the organ inside the head that is responsible for one's movement, thought, memory, and feeling

ANSWERS: 114. shackle, 115. cuckoo, 116. brain

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The older man's _____ voice suggested he was not feeling well.
adj. lacking physical or mental strength; weak or frail; lacking force, effectiveness, or impact
2. She received a full _____ to study abroad.
n. a grant or payment made to support a student's education usually awarded based on academic or other achievements
3. The chairperson _____ him the right to speak.
v. to agree to give or allow somebody
4. The majority of students actively _____ in the college's intramural sports program.
v. to take part in something
5. 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
6. The killer used his hands to _____ his victim.
v. to choke or suffocate someone by compressing their neck; to inhibit or suppress something, such as a movement or idea
7. He made a _____ mistake and forgot to submit the report on time.
adj. lacking the power of speech, unable to speak; stupid, or lacking intelligence
8. The lumberjack used a strong axe to _____ the logs into smaller pieces.
v. to tear or split apart forcefully; to break or divide by a sharp blow or force

ANSWERS: 1. feeble, 2. scholarship, 3. granted, 4. participated, 5. trap, 6. strangle, 7. dumb, 8. rive

9. The food chain causes a material _____.
- n.* an interval during which a recurring sequence of events occurs; a bicycle or motorcycle
10. He has an _____ to become a doctor.
- n.* a strong desire to achieve something; the action or process of drawing breath
11. She received her _____ in psychology from the university.
- n.* a unit of measurement for angles, temperature, or level of proficiency or achievement; a rank or level of academic or professional attainment
12. You won't have to pay college tuition if you're a _____.
- n.* professor; a person who studies a topic in considerable depth, particularly in a university
13. His father cannot afford his _____.
- n.* the act of teaching something, especially when given to a small group or one person; fees charged by education institutions for instruction or other services
14. The culinary class learned how to make homemade _____ mix from scratch.
- n.* a powder made from roasted cacao beans used to flavor sweets and drinks; the dried and fermented seeds from which the powder is made
15. He tried to _____ his coughs during the movie not to disturb the other viewers.
- v.* to wrap or cover something to deaden sound or prevent others from hearing it; to suppress or soften the sound of something; to decrease the intensity or impact of something
16. I have a _____ ache after overeating junk food.
- n.* the internal organ in the body where food is digested, situated in the abdomen; the part of the body below the chest that contains the stomach

ANSWERS: 9. cycle, 10. aspiration, 11. degree, 12. scholar, 13. tuition, 14. cocoa, 15. muffle, 16. stomach

17. He seeks _____ against the person who wronged him.
n. the act of inflicting punishment or harm in return for an injury or wrongdoing; retaliation, retribution
18. Many famous _____ are within walking distance.
n. the ability to see; anything that is seen
19. Scientists discovered a new species of _____ in the rainforest.
n. a small or insignificant animal often used to describe insects, rodents, or other vermin
20. Governments _____ renewable energy generation in various ways.
v. to pay part of the cost of something to support an organization, activity, etc. financially
21. The mob wanted to _____ the suspect before he could be tried in court.
v. to put to death or punish (usually by hanging) without legal authorization or due process, often as an act of mob justice or vigilante action; (noun) a violent punishment, often extrajudicial, in which a mob or group of people seize and kill someone, usually by hanging, as a form of punishment or vengeance
22. The street _____ was known for its violent behavior.
n. a group of people who organize and engage in criminal activity
23. The police arrested the suspect for _____ after he was caught stealing from a local store.
n. the act of stealing or theft, often without the use of force or violence
24. I used to play with my younger male _____ when I was a little girl.
n. the child of your aunt or uncle

ANSWERS: 17. revenge, 18. sights, 19. beastie, 20. subsidize, 21. lynch, 22. gang, 23. thievery, 24. cousins

25. The evolution of processors has dramatically improved the performance of ____.
- n.* (abbreviation for artificial intelligence) the theory and development of computer systems capable of doing activities that would ordinarily need human intelligence, such as object recognition, speech recognition, decision-making, and language translation
26. She set up a _____ at the fair to sell her handmade jewelry.
- n.* a small enclosed space, especially one with a counter or desk, used for selling tickets, goods, or services
27. The criminal was caught in the _____ of the law and faced severe consequences for their actions.
- n.* a loop or knot, typically made of rope, used for hanging or executing a person or animal; a trap or snare in which the neck catches the prey
28. Winning the lottery is a _____ for most people.
- n.* something important or significant
29. The price of raw _____ continued to rise.
- n.* a plant that is grown in warm countries and bears bolls containing seeds with soft and long hairs that are made into textile fiber and thread for sewing
30. The real estate agent showed me a _____ apartment perfect for my needs.
- adj.* not occupied or in use; empty; showing no indication of thought or life, lacking expression or animation
31. The phone rang at the most _____ time.
- adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose

ANSWERS: 25. AI, 26. booth, 27. noose, 28. biggie, 29. cotton, 30. vacant, 31. opportune

32. She had a master's degree in _____.
- n.* the scientific study of mind and behavior
33. The rules were _____ after the new executive arrived.
- v.* to become or cause someone to become less active or tense and calmer
34. He tried to ____ her with his charm and wit.
- v.* to seek the affection or favor of someone; to court or pursue someone romantically or with flattery
35. The old car was covered in _____ and needed extensive repair work.
- n.* a reddish-brown coating or corrosion layer that forms on iron or steel as a result of exposure to moisture and oxygen; the process of corrosion on metal caused by oxidation
36. It was the first time in a long time that I felt truly _____ and at peace.
- adj.* not excited, angry, or nervous; free from wind, large waves
37. The younger _____ has different values and beliefs than the older one.
- n.* all the people born and living at about the same time, regarded collectively; the production of heat or electricity
38. He dropped his ____ at the unexpected sight.
- n.* either of the two bones at the bottom of the face that moves when you open your mouth; (verb) talk socially without exchanging too much information
39. The protestors built a _____ to prevent police from entering the area.
- n.* a barrier, often improvised or temporary, used to block passage or protect against danger or attack

ANSWERS: 32. psychology, 33. relaxed, 34. woo, 35. rust, 36. calm, 37. generation, 38. jaw, 39. barricade

40. The _____ for applying for a visa can be lengthy and complicated.
- n.* a series of actions or operations performed to achieve a particular outcome or goal; a systematic procedure or approach used to accomplish a specific task or objective; a method of treating milk to make it suitable for consumption or use in other dairy products
41. The opposition politicians jointly proposed an _____ to that law.
- n.* the act or the process of changing something, especially a document or proposed new law
42. The _____ bird's call echoed through the forest.
- n.* a bird of the Cuculidae family, known for its distinctive call; (informally) a person who is crazy, eccentric, or foolish
43. The organization assisted in the de-escalation of _____ violent situations.
- adv.* in a possible state or condition; possibly
44. The restaurant _____ a ban on smoking.
- v.* to change something's direction, order, position, decision, etc., to the opposite one; (adjective) directed or moving toward the rear
45. My remote _____ immigrated to the United States from Ireland in the 1800s.
- n.* a person from whom one is descended; a forefather
46. He became in _____ after losing his job.
- n.* something, especially money, goods, or services owed by one person to another; the state of owing something
47. My father tried to _____ mathematics into my head since childhood.
- v.* to hit or cause to hit something in a way that makes a loud noise

ANSWERS: 40. process, 41. amendment, 42. cuckoo, 43. potentially, 44. reversed, 45. ancestor, 46. debt, 47. bang

48. The construction workers endured _____ labor under the scorching sun.
adj. extremely physically demanding or strenuous, often to the point of causing fatigue or pain in the back or body
49. The car's engine _____ on the highway, so we had to call for a tow truck.
v. to fail to operate or work properly; to break down or stop functioning as expected or intended; (noun) a failure or defect in the way a machine, system, or device is supposed to operate
50. The rain and thunder are _____ today.
adj. stupid or not sensible; very angry
51. 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
52. The politician was accused of _____ for making false promises during his campaign.
n. the act of misleading or tricking someone, often by creating a false impression or concealing the truth; a fraudulent or dishonest action
53. The police arrested the _____ who robbed the convenience store.
n. a violent or criminal individual, especially one who is part of a group or gang
54. The _____ shattered the laboratory equipment.
n. explosion, or a strong current of air, usually caused by an explosion; a sudden, thunderous noise

ANSWERS: 48. backbreaking, 49. malfunctioned, 50. crazy, 51. hero, 52. deception, 53. thug, 54. blast

55. The prisoner wore heavy _____ on his wrists and ankles.
- n.* a metal ring, bar, or other device used to confine, restrain, or limit freedom of movement; a restraint or impediment of any kind
56. X-rays revealed a small tumor in his _____.
- n.* the organ inside the head that is responsible for one's movement, thought, memory, and feeling
57. Pakistan's ____ budget was still being reviewed.
- n.* things sent to help countries in need, notably food or money; support
58. The politician's remarks became the _____ of the clash between the two countries.
- n.* the origin or beginning of something; the first book of the biblical scriptures of both Judaism and Christianity, describing the creation of the Earth and humankind

ANSWERS: 55. shackles, 56. brain, 57. aid, 58. genesis