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Session 1: Word List

elevate

v. to raise something from a lower to a higher position; to give a promotion to or assign to a higher position

synonym : lift, heighten, promote

(1) **elevate** educational standards, (2) **elevate** a close relationship

Eating food in a hurry **elevates** blood glucose levels.

rail

n. a long, thin piece of metal or wood that is used to make fences or as a support for something; (verb) to complain bitterly

synonym : bar, beam, (verb) criticize

(1) **rail** system, (2) **rail** against his enemies

The children leaned over the bridge **rail** to watch the fish swimming below.

origin

n. the first existence or beginning of something

synonym : root, source, ancestor

(1) **origin** of information, (2) racial **origin**

There are various hypotheses concerning the **origin** of life.

freight

n. goods or cargo that are transported by land, sea, or air; the transportation of goods or cargo by land, sea, or air

synonym : cargo, shipment, haul

(1) **freight** transport, (2) **freight** cost

The large **freight** shipment arrived at the port early in the morning.

avenue

n. a wide road in a town or city, especially with trees or tall buildings on both sides; a line of approach

synonym: artery, roadway, street

(1) an **avenue** of poplars, (2) an **avenue** to success

They explored every **avenue** they could think of.

railroad

n. metal tracks laid with rails on which trains run; a system of tracks with the trains operated by an organization

synonym: railway, track, railway system

(1) coast-to-coast **railroad**, (2) **railroad** industry

The town was founded in the 19th century as a stop on the **railroad**, and it grew rapidly as a result.

hire

v. to give somebody a job

synonym: employ, engage, lease

(1) **hire** a guide, (2) **hire** a car by the hour

We should always be prepared to **hire** talented recruits.

horseback

n. the back of a horse; the act of riding on a horse

synonym: equestrian, horse riding, mounted

(1) **horseback** trek, (2) **horseback** adventure

We went on a scenic trail ride on **horseback** through the mountains.

cowboy

n. a man, typically one on horseback, who herds and tends cattle, especially in the western US; a person who behaves roughly or recklessly, typically a man; a skilled ranch worker who is adept at many tasks, especially those involving horses and cattle

synonym: cowpuncher, rancher, wrangler

(1) **cowboy** rodeo, (2) **cowboy** boots

The **cowboy** hat she wore added to her rugged and tough

look.

interstate

adj. between or involving different states (= the territory occupied by one of the constituent administrative districts of a nation)

synonym: cross-state, between states

(1) **interstate** disputes, (2) **interstate** travel

The **interstate** highway connects the major cities of the state.

turkey

n. (of an animal) a large bird with a fan-shaped tail native to North America, widely grown for food; (of a country) a Eurasian republic in Asia Minor and the Balkans

(1) swell like a **turkey**, (2) **turkey** breast meat

They prepared a stuffed **turkey** for Thanksgiving.

thanksgiving

n. an annual holiday celebrated primarily in the United States and Canada, typically observed on the fourth Thursday in November in the U.S. and on the second Monday in October in Canada, that commemorates the giving of thanks for the blessings of the previous year

synonym: gratitude, appreciation, recognition

(1) **thanksgiving** traditions, (2) **thanksgiving** parade

My family gathers together every year for **thanksgiving** dinner.

district

n. a part of a country or town, especially one with particular features

synonym: territory, dominion, zone

(1) school **districts**, (2) urban **districts**

Since 2001, the **district** has provided training programs for automotive technicians.

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.

demolish

v. to completely destroy or tear down a building, structure, or other entity; to ruin or eliminate the effectiveness or power of something

synonym: destroy, wreck, level

(1) **demolish** a myth, (2) **demolish** a bridge

The city decided to **demolish** the old, unsafe building and build a new one.

assume

v. to think or accept something to be true without having proof of it; to take or begin to have power; to begin to exhibit a specific quality or appearance

synonym: guess, presume, suppose

(1) **assume** a lousy attitude to his boss, (2) **assume** an important role

The following example **assumes** that the capacity of each battery is the same.

preserve

v. to keep or maintain a particular quality, feature, etc., especially to prevent it from decaying, being damaged, or being destroyed

synonym: conserve, care for, maintain

(1) **preserve** my strength, (2) **preserve** a country's heritage

They worked hard to **preserve** the nature of their native lands.

volunteer

n. a person who performs or offers to perform a job or service without being paid for or forced to do

synonym: unpaid worker, draftee, enlistee

(1) seek **volunteers**, (2) my **volunteer** work

The teachers make full use of **volunteer** assistance.

communal

adj. belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use

synonym: collaborative, combined, collective

(1) **communal** swimming pool, (2) **communal** combination of funds

Communal elections were held in several European

countries.

exchange

- v. to give something and receive something else in return, often with the implication that the items being traded are of equal or comparable value; (noun) the act of giving or taking something in return for something else; a place or system where goods or services can be bought, sold, or traded

synonym: trade, swap, interchange

(1) **exchange** rate, (2) **exchange** a few friendly words
My sister and I frequently **exchange** books, as we love reading.

decide

- v. to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options

synonym: choose, determine, settle

(1) **decide** a question, (2) **decide** on a course of action
She couldn't **decide** whether to order the pizza or the pasta for dinner.

organization

- n. a group of people who work together for a shared purpose

synonym: association, institution, community

(1) **organization** chart, (2) agricultural **organization**
She is the president of a large international **organization**.

demolition

- n. the act of destroying or tearing down a building or other structure

synonym: destruction, clearance, leveling

(1) **demolition** site, (2) **demolition** work
The city authorized the **demolition** of the abandoned building.

attract

- v. to draw or entice someone or something towards them through the qualities they have, especially positive ones

synonym: lure, entice, draw in

(1) **attract** attention, (2) **attract** customers

The government is eager to **attract** international investment.

steel

n. a strong metal alloy made up of iron with typically a few tenths of a percent of carbon used for making things that need a strong structure

synonym : iron

(1) magnetic **steel**, (2) **steel** beam

This bridge is the third largest **steel** bridge in the world.

structure

n. the way of construction of something and the arrangement of its parts, or a complex thing constructed of many parts

synonym : construction, architecture, establishment

(1) the **structure** of a machine, (2) **structure** and function of the brain

The organizational **structure** of start-ups is often flat and straightforward.

rusty

adj. covered with rust (= a reddish-brown coating or corrosion layer); deteriorated or corroded due to lack of use or exposure to the elements; affected by disuse or neglect

synonym : corroded, oxidized, weathered

(1) **rusty** metal, (2) **rusty** nail

The **rusty** gate creaked loudly as it opened.

industrial

adj. of or relating to or resulting from industry

synonym : manufacturing, mechanical

(1) beginning of the **industrial** revolution, (2) **industrial** alcohol

Industrial design has become more focused on human nature aspect than ever before.

relic

n. an object from a previous era, especially one of historical value

synonym : whiff, vestige, antique

(1) historical **relic**, (2) holy **relics**

This bronze sword is a **relic** of ancient times.

empire

n. a group of countries ruled by one leader or government
synonym: imperium, conglomerate, kingdom

(1) **empire** building, (2) **empire** of the Maya

He has built a thriving e-commerce **empire**.

statue

n. a sculpture of a person or animal, typically made of stone or metal, that is intended to represent the subject in a lifelike or symbolic way

synonym: sculpture, figurine, monument

(1) a beautiful **statue**, (2) the ancient Egyptian **statues**

The **statue** of the famous hero stood proudly in the town square.

liberty

n. the state of being free within society from oppressive restrictions imposed by authority on one's way of life, behavior, or political views

synonym: freedom, autonomy, independence

(1) personal **liberty**, (2) **liberty** as a right

The founding fathers fought for the **liberty** of the American people.

coalesce

v. to come together or merge into a single group, mass, or whole; to blend or combine elements or ideas into a unified whole

synonym: merge, combine, unite

(1) **coalesce** ideas, (2) **coalesce** with the other

The various departments of the company will **coalesce** into one cohesive unit.

inspire

v. to make somebody fill with the desire, confidence, or enthusiasm, especially to do something creative

synonym: boost, encourage, enlighten

(1) **inspire** a feeling of curiosity, (2) **inspire** him to write a novel

The unique style of this martial arts **inspired** many action film

producers.

landscape

n. an expanse of scenery that can be seen in a single view; a large area of land, especially in the country and relating to its appearance

synonym : geography, terrain, topography

(1) a peaceful **landscape**, (2) **landscape** painting

Recent electoral shocks have shaken the political **landscape** in Europe.

opposition

n. the act of disagreeing or resisting; the state of strong disagreement

synonym : resistance, hostility, antagonism

(1) **opposition** campaign, (2) meet with **opposition**

The **opposition** party strongly disagreed with the government's proposed legislation.

mayor

n. an elected official who presides over a city or town government

synonym : governor, leader, chief executive

(1) a deputy **mayor**, (2) **mayor's** race

The incumbent **mayor** announced his plans to address the city's homelessness crisis.

fast-forward

v. to advance or move forward in time or progress, particularly in a rapid or accelerated manner; to increase the playback speed of a recording

synonym : advance, hasten, speed up

(1) **fast-forward** 10 seconds, (2) **fast-forward** to the good part

I like to **fast-forward** through commercials when watching TV shows.

lawsuit

n. a legal action taken by one party against another in a court of law, typically seeking damages or some other form of remedy for perceived wrongs or harms suffered

synonym : suit, legal action, litigation

(1) **lawsuit** settlement, (2) file a **lawsuit**

The company is facing a **lawsuit** for its alleged discrimination against employees.

engagement

n. a mutual promise to marry someone; an agreement to do something, especially at a particular time

synonym: betrothal, promise, commitment

(1) a prior **engagement**, (2) break off an **engagement**

They selected a gorgeous diamond **engagement** ring.

economy

n. the system by which a country or region produces, manages, and distributes goods and services, including the money and finances involved in these activities; (of an airline) the lowest-priced, most basic option for seating in commercial travel

synonym: finance, trade, business

(1) **economy** of scale, (2) **economy** class

The **economy** of the country is struggling due to the recent political instability.

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.

feasibility

n. the state or quality of being feasible; the likelihood or possibility of something being successful or able to be accomplished

synonym: viability, practicality, workability

(1) determine the **feasibility**, (2) **feasibility** assessment

A **feasibility** study is necessary to determine if a project is viable and worthwhile.

numb

adj. unable to feel physical sensation and movement; not showing human feeling or sensitivity

synonym: dazed, insensitive, emotionless

(1) **numb** with cold, (2) a **numb** mind

My left arm became **numb**.

doll *n.* a child's toy that typically represents a human figure, especially a young girl; an attractive woman; a woman who is subservient or passive
synonym : puppet, dolly, toy
(1) plastic **doll**, (2) rag **doll**
The antique **doll** was worth thousands of dollars.

property *n.* a thing or things that belong to someone
synonym : belongings, possessions, equity
(1) a man of **property**, (2) chemical **property**
He stood to inherit a million-dollar **property**.

estimate *v.* to guess or calculate the cost, size, value, etc. of something
synonym : calculate, gauge, evaluate
(1) **estimate** a fair value, (2) **estimate** this chicken to weigh three pounds
We **estimated** the season's total trade deficit at \$50 billion.

revenue *n.* the income that a government receives from taxes or that a company earns from its business
synonym : earnings, payment, remuneration
(1) tax **revenue**, (2) annual **revenue**
This graph indicates the city's tourism **revenue** over five years.

competition *n.* a situation in which someone is attempting to beat or outperform another
synonym : contest, match, fight
(1) the first round of the **competition**, (2) intraspecific **competition**
Global **competition** is rising in virtually every industry.

sect *n.* a group of people who follow a particular religious or philosophical belief system, especially one that is

regarded as outside the norm or mainstream

synonym : group, faction, cult

(1) **sect** beliefs, (2) secret **sect**

The minority **sect** believed in a set of unconventional religious practices.

fist

n. a hand with the fingers clenched tightly into the palm to form a hard rounded shape; an act of striking someone or something with the fist

synonym : clenched hand, knuckles, mitt

(1) tight **fist**, (2) raise a **fist**

The boxer clenched his **fist** before throwing a punch.

feat

n. a notable or impressive achievement, especially one that requires great skill or bravery

synonym : achievement, accomplishment, exploit

(1) intellectual **feat**, (2) **feat** accomplishment

It is an incredible **feat** to climb Mount Everest, the highest mountain in the world.

amphitheater

n. an open-air theater, usually circular or oval, with tiers of seats surrounding a central performance area

synonym : arena, stadium, coliseum

(1) outdoor **amphitheater**, (2) ancient **amphitheater**

The performers took to the stage in the **amphitheater's** center, surrounded by cheering fans.

generate

v. to produce or create something; to make offspring by reproduction

synonym : create, yield, produce

(1) **generate** more electricity, (2) **generate** \$100 a month

The economic stimulation program would **generate** a lot of new jobs.

obvious

adj. easy to see, discover or understand

synonym : apparent, conspicuous, evident

(1) **obvious** reasons, (2) his conclusion was **obvious**
There are **obvious** differences between the two wine-producing regions.

architecture

n. the art and science of designing and constructing buildings

synonym: design, structure, layout

(1) **architecture** design, (2) classic **architecture**

The city is known for its impressive **architecture** and beautiful old buildings.

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.

jean

n. a sturdy cotton twill fabric, typically blue, used for jeans and other clothing

synonym: denim, cotton, pants

(1) a **jean** skirt, (2) **jean** denim

She wore her favorite pair of **jeans** to the party.

ban

v. to officially or legally forbid or refuse to allow something

synonym: forbid, prohibit, restrict

(1) **ban** gender-related job discrimination, (2) **ban** any type of cloning

We should **ban** mildly violent video games from a child's development perspective.

moving

adj. causing strong emotions or feelings, especially sadness or sympathy

synonym: emotional, poignant, touching

(1) **moving** experience, (2) **moving** ceremony

His **moving** speech about his struggles with addiction brought tears to the audience's eyes.

downtown

adv. in or towards the central area of a town or city

synonym : central, city-center, urban

(1) **downtown** building, (2) **downtown** traffic

He decided to take a walk **downtown** area to explore the city.

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.

flyover

n. a region or area of a country that is often flown over by planes and not typically visited or considered by travelers; a flight that passes over a specific area without stopping

synonym : overpass, bridge, flypast

(1) **flyover** zone, (2) **flyover** construction

The city's new **flyover** allows traffic to bypass the busy intersection below.

canopy

n. a covering, typically of fabric, supported on poles or suspended above a bed, throne, or other object, used to shelter or screen the person or object below it

synonym : cover, top, shade

(1) **canopy** layer, (2) under a **canopy** of smoke

The forest's **canopy** provides shade and protection for the plants and animals below.

billboard

n. a large outdoor sign or display that is used for advertising, marketing, or public information, typically located along highways or main roads

synonym : hoarding, signboard, advertisement

(1) **billboard** advertising, (2) digital **billboard**

The new **billboard** on the highway promotes a popular vacation destination.

playful

adj. having a lighthearted, mischievous, or fun-loving nature; displaying a sense of enjoyment or amusement; characterized by a desire for entertainment or play

synonym : mischievous, frisky, sportful

(1) **playful** puppy, (2) **playful** children

The children couldn't contain their **playful** excitement at seeing the new playground.

frame

n. a strong border or structure of the wood, metal, etc. that surrounds something such as a picture, door, or window

synonym : body, skeleton, scaffolding

(1) a picture **frame**, (2) the **frame** of the policy

The detective looked for fingerprints on the window **frame**.

advertise

v. to draw attention to something such as a product, service, or event in public to encourage people to buy, use, or attend it

synonym : publicize, announce, promote

(1) **advertise** the campaign, (2) **advertise** on social media

We want to **advertise** our company through your media.

install

v. to fix furniture, a machine, or a piece of equipment into position so that it can be used; put into an office or a position

synonym : establish, inaugurate, lodge

(1) **install** a door, (2) **install** a chairperson

The new president was **installed** immediately after the national election.

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.

frightening

adj. causing fear or alarm, or very surprising and alarming
synonym : scary, terrifying, alarming

(1) cast **frightening** eyes, (2) **frightening** experience

The news of the pandemic was a **frightening** reminder of the fragility of human health.

recreate

v. to make something that existed previously happen or appear to exist again

synonym : renovate, vivify, revive

(1) **recreate** a single country, (2) **recreate** the feeling of the 1920s

She **recreated** the atmosphere of the pre-war age with her stage setting.

magic

n. beliefs and actions employed to influence supernatural beings and forces; any art or performance that invokes supernatural powers

synonym : fascination, illusion, wizardry

(1) a **magic** spell, (2) she is **magic**

He performed **magic** tricks with sophisticated moves.

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.

interact

v. to communicate or react with somebody

synonym : cooperate, combine, collaborate

(1) **interact** directly with customers, (2) **interact** with one another

He should **interact** more with his colleagues.

Session 2: Spelling

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|-------------------------------|---|
| 1. tax re_____e | <i>n.</i> the income that a government receives from taxes or that a company earns from its business |
| 2. em___e of the Maya | <i>n.</i> a group of countries ruled by one leader or government |
| 3. n__b with cold | <i>adj.</i> unable to feel physical sensation and movement; not showing human feeling or sensitivity |
| 4. rag d__l | <i>n.</i> a child's toy that typically represents a human figure, especially a young girl; an attractive woman; a woman who is subservient or passive |
| 5. h__e a car by the hour | <i>v.</i> to give somebody a job |
| 6. the st_____re of a machine | <i>n.</i> the way of construction of something and the arrangement of its parts, or a complex thing constructed of many parts |
| 7. b_n any type of cloning | <i>v.</i> to officially or legally forbid or refuse to allow something |
| 8. determine the fea_____ty | <i>n.</i> the state or quality of being feasible; the likelihood or possibility of something being successful or able to be accomplished |
| 9. ab_____n a friend | <i>v.</i> to leave a place, thing, or person with no intention of returning; (noun) a feeling of extreme emotional intensity |

ANSWERS: 1. revenue, 2. empire, 3. numb, 4. doll, 5. hire, 6. structure, 7. ban, 8. feasibility, 9. abandon

10. the fr__e of the policy *n.* a strong border or structure of the wood, metal, etc. that surrounds something such as a picture, door, or window
11. 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
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14. school di_____cts *n.* a part of a country or town, especially one with particular features
15. em___e building *n.* a group of countries ruled by one leader or government
16. co_____al swimming pool *adj.* belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use
17. h__e a guide *v.* to give somebody a job
18. she is ma__c *n.* beliefs and actions employed to influence supernatural beings and forces; any art or performance that invokes supernatural powers
19. under a ca___y of smoke *n.* a covering, typically of fabric, supported on poles or suspended above a bed, throne, or other object, used to shelter or screen the person or object below it

ANSWERS: 10. frame, 11. develop, 12. construct, 13. attract, 14. district, 15. empire, 16. communal, 17. hire, 18. magic, 19. canopy

20. st__l beam *n.* a strong metal alloy made up of iron with typically a few tenths of a percent of carbon used for making things that need a strong structure
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24. a peaceful la_____pe *n.* an expanse of scenery that can be seen in a single view; a large area of land, especially in the country and relating to its appearance
25. ge_____te more electricity *v.* to produce or create something; to make offspring by reproduction
26. intraspecific com_____on *n.* a situation in which someone is attempting to beat or outperform another
27. es_____te a fair value *v.* to guess or calculate the cost, size, value, etc. of something
28. el_____e a close relationship *v.* to raise something from a lower to a higher position; to give a promotion to or assign to a higher position

ANSWERS: 20. steel, 21. develop, 22. jean, 23. statue, 24. landscape, 25. generate, 26. competition, 27. estimate, 28. elevate

29. el____e educational standards *v.* to raise something from a lower to a higher position; to give a promotion to or assign to a higher position
30. mo____g experience *adj.* causing strong emotions or feelings, especially sadness or sympathy
31. ho_____ck trek *n.* the back of a horse; the act of riding on a horse
32. ind_____al alcohol *adj.* of or relating to or resulting from industry
33. org_____ion chart *n.* a group of people who work together for a shared purpose
34. co____t suicide *v.* to do something illegal or wrong
35. ad_____se on social media *v.* to draw attention to something such as a product, service, or event in public to encourage people to buy, use, or attend it
36. b_n gender-related job discrimination *v.* to officially or legally forbid or refuse to allow something
37. ex____ge a few friendly words *v.* to give something and receive something else in return, often with the implication that the items being traded are of equal or comparable value; (noun) the act of giving or taking something in return for something else; a place or system where goods or services can be bought, sold, or traded
38. coast-to-coast ra_____ad *n.* metal tracks laid with rails on which trains run; a system of tracks with the trains operated by an organization

ANSWERS: 29. elevate, 30. moving, 31. horseback, 32. industrial, 33. organization, 34. commit, 35. advertise, 36. ban, 37. exchange, 38. railroad

39. ru__y nail *adj.* covered with rust (= a reddish-brown coating or corrosion layer); deteriorated or corroded due to lack of use or exposure to the elements; affected by disuse or neglect
40. es____te this chicken to weigh three pounds *v.* to guess or calculate the cost, size, value, etc. of something
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46. an av____e of poplars *n.* a wide road in a town or city, especially with trees or tall buildings on both sides; a line of approach
47. swell like a tu____y *n.* (of an animal) a large bird with a fan-shaped tail native to North America, widely grown for food; (of a country) a Eurasian republic in Asia Minor and the Balkans

ANSWERS: 39. rusty, 40. estimate, 41. mayor, 42. assume, 43. attract, 44. amphitheater, 45. coalesce, 46. avenue, 47. turkey

48. tha_____ing parade *n.* an annual holiday celebrated primarily in the United States and Canada, typically observed on the fourth Thursday in November in the U.S. and on the second Monday in October in Canada, that commemorates the giving of thanks for the blessings of the previous year
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52. la_____pe painting *n.* an expanse of scenery that can be seen in a single view; a large area of land, especially in the country and relating to its appearance
53. ca_____y layer *n.* a covering, typically of fabric, supported on poles or suspended above a bed, throne, or other object, used to shelter or screen the person or object below it

ANSWERS: 48. thanksgiving, 49. exchange, 50. liberty, 51. downtown, 52. landscape, 53. canopy

54. pl____l children *adj.* having a lighthearted, mischievous, or fun-loving nature; displaying a sense of enjoyment or amusement; characterized by a desire for entertainment or play
55. beginning of the ind_____al revolution *adj.* of or relating to or resulting from industry
56. co_____al combination of funds *adj.* belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use
57. ru__y metal *adj.* covered with rust (= a reddish-brown coating or corrosion layer); deteriorated or corroded due to lack of use or exposure to the elements; affected by disuse or neglect
58. co____t mistakes *v.* to do something illegal or wrong
59. in_____ct with one another *v.* to communicate or react with somebody
60. re_____te a single country *v.* to make something that existed previously happen or appear to exist again
61. dem_____on work *n.* the act of destroying or tearing down a building or other structure
62. or____n of information *n.* the first existence or beginning of something
63. fr__k and open discussion *adj.* honest and sincere; open and candid in expression
64. fr_____t transport *n.* goods or cargo that are transported by land, sea, or air; the transportation of goods or cargo by land, sea, or air

ANSWERS: 54. playful, 55. industrial, 56. communal, 57. rusty, 58. commit, 59. interact, 60. recreate, 61. demolition, 62. origin, 63. frank, 64. freight

65. meet with opp_____on *n.* the act of disagreeing or resisting; the state of strong disagreement
66. seek vo_____ers *n.* a person who performs or offers to perform a job or service without being paid for or forced to do
67. ob_____s reasons *adj.* easy to see, discover or understand
68. the ancient Egyptian st___es *n.* a sculpture of a person or animal, typically made of stone or metal, that is intended to represent the subject in a lifelike or symbolic way
69. a ma__c spell *n.* beliefs and actions employed to influence supernatural beings and forces; any art or performance that invokes supernatural powers
70. f__t accomplishment *n.* a notable or impressive achievement, especially one that requires great skill or bravery
71. do_____wn traffic *adv.* in or towards the central area of a town or city
72. de_____sh a myth *v.* to completely destroy or tear down a building, structure, or other entity; to ruin or eliminate the effectiveness or power of something
73. fl_____r construction *n.* a region or area of a country that is often flown over by planes and not typically visited or considered by travelers; a flight that passes over a specific area without stopping
74. an av___e to success *n.* a wide road in a town or city, especially with trees or tall buildings on both sides; a line of approach

ANSWERS: 65. opposition, 66. volunteer, 67. obvious, 68. statue, 69. magic, 70. feat, 71. downtown, 72. demolish, 73. flyover, 74. avenue

75. pl____l puppy *adj.* having a lighthearted, mischievous, or fun-loving nature; displaying a sense of enjoyment or amusement; characterized by a desire for entertainment or play
76. cast fri_____ng eyes *adj.* causing fear or alarm, or very surprising and alarming
77. make a fr__k apology *adj.* honest and sincere; open and candid in expression
78. ge_____te \$100 a month *v.* to produce or create something; to make offspring by reproduction
79. co_____ct a 3D image *v.* to build or create something; to assemble or combine different parts to form something whole
80. de_____sh a bridge *v.* to completely destroy or tear down a building, structure, or other entity; to ruin or eliminate the effectiveness or power of something
81. opp_____on campaign *n.* the act of disagreeing or resisting; the state of strong disagreement
82. de___e on a course of action *v.* to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options
83. r__l against his enemies *n.* a long, thin piece of metal or wood that is used to make fences or as a support for something; (verb) to complain bitterly
84. file a la_____t *n.* a legal action taken by one party against another in a court of law, typically seeking damages or some other form of remedy for perceived wrongs or harms suffered

ANSWERS: 75. playful, 76. frightening, 77. frank, 78. generate, 79. construct, 80. demolish, 81. opposition, 82. decide, 83. rail, 84. lawsuit

85. co___y boots *n.* a man, typically one on horseback, who herds and tends cattle, especially in the western US; a person who behaves roughly or recklessly, typically a man; a skilled ranch worker who is adept at many tasks, especially those involving horses and cattle
86. fas_____ard 10 seconds *v.* to advance or move forward in time or progress, particularly in a rapid or accelerated manner; to increase the playback speed of a recording
87. historical re__c *n.* an object from a previous era, especially one of historical value
88. li_____y as a right *n.* the state of being free within society from oppressive restrictions imposed by authority on one's way of life, behavior, or political views
89. s__t beliefs *n.* a group of people who follow a particular religious or philosophical belief system, especially one that is regarded as outside the norm or mainstream
90. agricultural org_____ion *n.* a group of people who work together for a shared purpose
91. a n__b mind *adj.* unable to feel physical sensation and movement; not showing human feeling or sensitivity
92. j__n denim *n.* a sturdy cotton twill fabric, typically blue, used for jeans and other clothing
93. co___y rodeo *n.* a man, typically one on horseback, who herds and tends cattle, especially in the western US; a person who behaves roughly or recklessly, typically a man; a skilled ranch worker who is adept at many tasks, especially those involving horses and cattle

ANSWERS: 85. cowboy, 86. fast-forward, 87. relic, 88. liberty, 89. sect, 90.

organization, 91. numb, 92. jean, 93. cowboy

94. in_____e him to write a novel *v.* to make somebody fill with the desire, confidence, or enthusiasm, especially to do something creative
95. tr_____rm an education system *v.* to change in outward structure or looks;
96. in_____ct directly with customers *v.* to communicate or react with somebody
97. annual re_____e *n.* the income that a government receives from taxes or that a company earns from its business
98. a man of pr_____ty *n.* a thing or things that belong to someone
99. int_____te disputes *adj.* between or involving different states (= the territory occupied by one of the constituent administrative districts of a nation)
100. as___e a lousy attitude to his boss *v.* to think or accept something to be true without having proof of it; to take or begin to have power; to begin to exhibit a specific quality or appearance
101. fr_____t cost *n.* goods or cargo that are transported by land, sea, or air; the transportation of goods or cargo by land, sea, or air
102. digital bi_____rd *n.* a large outdoor sign or display that is used for advertising, marketing, or public information, typically located along highways or main roads
103. racial or___n *n.* the first existence or beginning of something
104. ec_____y of scale *n.* the system by which a country or region produces manages, and distributes goods and services, including the money and finances involved in these activities; (of an airline) the lowest-priced, most basic option for seating in commercial travel

ANSWERS: 94. inspire, 95. transform, 96. interact, 97. revenue, 98. property, 99. interstate, 100. assume, 101. freight, 102. billboard, 103. origin, 104. economy

105. fl____r zone *n.* a region or area of a country that is often flown over by planes and not typically visited or considered by travelers; a flight that passes over a specific area without stopping
106. a prior eng_____nt *n.* a mutual promise to marry someone; an agreement to do something, especially at a particular time
107. ab_____n the practice *v.* to leave a place, thing, or person with no intention of returning; (noun) a feeling of extreme emotional intensity
108. r__l system *n.* a long, thin piece of metal or wood that is used to make fences or as a support for something; (verb) to complain bitterly
109. st_____re and function of the brain *n.* the way of construction of something and the arrangement of its parts, or a complex thing constructed of many parts
110. la_____t settlement *n.* a legal action taken by one party against another in a court of law, typically seeking damages or some other form of remedy for perceived wrongs or harms suffered
111. tr_____rm heat into power *v.* to change in outward structure or looks;
112. fea_____ty assessment *n.* the state or quality of being feasible; the likelihood or possibility of something being successful or able to be accomplished

ANSWERS: 105. flyover, 106. engagement, 107. abandon, 108. rail, 109. structure, 110. lawsuit, 111. transform, 112. feasibility

113. tu___y breast meat *n.* (of an animal) a large bird with a fan-shaped tail native to North America, widely grown for food; (of a country) a Eurasian republic in Asia Minor and the Balkans
114. arc_____ure design *n.* the art and science of designing and constructing buildings
115. break off an eng_____nt *n.* a mutual promise to marry someone; an agreement to do something, especially at a particular time
116. in_____l a chairperson *v.* to fix furniture, a machine, or a piece of equipment into position so that it can be used; put into an office or a position
117. magnetic st___l *n.* a strong metal alloy made up of iron with typically a few tenths of a percent of carbon used for making things that need a strong structure
118. chemical pr_____ty *n.* a thing or things that belong to someone
119. intellectual f___t *n.* a notable or impressive achievement, especially one that requires great skill or bravery
120. the first round of the com_____on *n.* a situation in which someone is attempting to beat or outperform another
121. my vo_____er work *n.* a person who performs or offers to perform a job or service without being paid for or forced to do
122. mo___g ceremony *adj.* causing strong emotions or feelings, especially sadness or sympathy

ANSWERS: 113. turkey, 114. architecture, 115. engagement, 116. install, 117. steel, 118. property, 119. feat, 120. competition, 121. volunteer, 122. moving

123. de___e a question *v.* to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options
124. co_____ce with the other *v.* to come together or merge into a single group, mass, or whole; to blend or combine elements or ideas into a unified whole
125. urban di_____cts *n.* a part of a country or town, especially one with particular features
126. classic arc_____ure *n.* the art and science of designing and constructing buildings
127. ho_____ck adventure *n.* the back of a horse; the act of riding on a horse
128. plastic d__l *n.* a child's toy that typically represents a human figure, especially a young girl; an attractive woman; a woman who is subservient or passive
129. ra_____ad industry *n.* metal tracks laid with rails on which trains run; a system of tracks with the trains operated by an organization
130. ma__r's race *n.* an elected official who presides over a city or town government
131. fri_____ng experience *adj.* causing fear or alarm, or very surprising and alarming
132. bi_____rd advertising *n.* a large outdoor sign or display that is used for advertising, marketing, or public information, typically located along highways or main roads
133. raise a f__t *n.* a hand with the fingers clenched tightly into the palm to form a hard rounded shape; an act of striking someone or something with the fist

ANSWERS: 123. decide, 124. coalesce, 125. district, 126. architecture, 127. horseback, 128. doll, 129. railroad, 130. mayor, 131. frightening, 132. billboard, 133. fist

134. fas_____ard to the good part *v.* to advance or move forward in time or progress, particularly in a rapid or accelerated manner; to increase the playback speed of a recording
135. pr_____ve a country's heritage *v.* to keep or maintain a particular quality, feature, etc., especially to prevent it from decaying, being damaged, or being destroyed
136. ec_____y class *n.* the system by which a country or region produces manages, and distributes goods and services, including the money and finances involved in these activities; (of an airline) the lowest-priced, most basic option for seating in commercial travel
137. his conclusion was ob_____s *adj.* easy to see, discover or understand
138. secret s____t *n.* a group of people who follow a particular religious or philosophical belief system, especially one that is regarded as outside the norm or mainstream
139. pr_____ve my strength *v.* to keep or maintain a particular quality, feature, etc., especially to prevent it from decaying, being damaged, or being destroyed
140. outdoor amp_____ter *n.* an open-air theater, usually circular or oval, with tiers of seats surrounding a central performance area
141. dem_____on site *n.* the act of destroying or tearing down a building or other structure

ANSWERS: 134. fast-forward, 135. preserve, 136. economy, 137. obvious, 138. sect, 139. preserve, 140. amphitheater, 141. demolition

142. holy re__cs *n.* an object from a previous era, especially one of historical value
143. ad_____se the campaign *v.* to draw attention to something such as a product, service, or event in public to encourage people to buy, use, or attend it
144. tight f__t *n.* a hand with the fingers clenched tightly into the palm to form a hard rounded shape; an act of striking someone or something with the fist
145. re_____te the feeling of the 1920s *v.* to make something that existed previously happen or appear to exist again
146. int_____te travel *adj.* between or involving different states (= the territory occupied by one of the constituent administrative districts of a nation)
147. tha_____ing traditions *n.* an annual holiday celebrated primarily in the United States and Canada, typically observed on the fourth Thursday in November in the U.S. and on the second Monday in October in Canada, that commemorates the giving of thanks for the blessings of the previous year
148. in_____l a door *v.* to fix furniture, a machine, or a piece of equipment into position so that it can be used; put into an office or a position
149. in_____e a feeling of curiosity *v.* to make somebody fill with the desire, confidence, or enthusiasm, especially to do something creative

ANSWERS: 142. relic, 143. advertise, 144. fist, 145. recreate, 146. interstate, 147. thanksgiving, 148. install, 149. inspire

150. a picture fr__e

n. a strong border or structure of the wood, metal, etc. that surrounds something such as a picture, door, or window

ANSWERS: 150. frame

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. 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

2. I like to _____ through commercials when watching TV shows.
 - v. to advance or move forward in time or progress, particularly in a rapid or accelerated manner; to increase the playback speed of a recording

3. We went on a scenic trail ride on _____ through the mountains.
 - n. the back of a horse; the act of riding on a horse

4. The various departments of the company will _____ into one cohesive unit.
 - v. to come together or merge into a single group, mass, or whole; to blend or combine elements or ideas into a unified whole

5. The _____ hat she wore added to her rugged and tough look.
 - n. a man, typically one on horseback, who herds and tends cattle, especially in the western US; a person who behaves roughly or recklessly, typically a man; a skilled ranch worker who is adept at many tasks, especially those involving horses and cattle

6. A _____ study is necessary to determine if a project is viable and worthwhile.
 - n. the state or quality of being feasible; the likelihood or possibility of something being successful or able to be accomplished

7. He performed _____ tricks with sophisticated moves.
 - n. beliefs and actions employed to influence supernatural beings and forces; any art or performance that invokes supernatural powers

ANSWERS: 1. abandoned, 2. fast-forward, 3. horseback, 4. coalesce, 5. cowboy, 6. feasibility, 7. magic

8. The following example _____ that the capacity of each battery is the same.
- v.* to think or accept something to be true without having proof of it; to take or begin to have power; to begin to exhibit a specific quality or appearance
9. The detective looked for fingerprints on the window _____.
- n.* a strong border or structure of the wood, metal, etc. that surrounds something such as a picture, door, or window
10. The children leaned over the bridge _____ to watch the fish swimming below.
- n.* a long, thin piece of metal or wood that is used to make fences or as a support for something; (verb) to complain bitterly
11. Since 2001, the _____ has provided training programs for automotive technicians.
- n.* a part of a country or town, especially one with particular features
12. The city authorized the _____ of the abandoned building.
- n.* the act of destroying or tearing down a building or other structure
13. The new president was _____ immediately after the national election.
- v.* to fix furniture, a machine, or a piece of equipment into position so that it can be used; put into an office or a position
14. They prepared a stuffed _____ for Thanksgiving.
- n.* (of an animal) a large bird with a fan-shaped tail native to North America, widely grown for food; (of a country) a Eurasian republic in Asia Minor and the Balkans
15. She is the president of a large international _____.
- n.* a group of people who work together for a shared purpose

ANSWERS: 8. assumes, 9. frame, 10. rail, 11. district, 12. demolition, 13. installed, 14. turkey, 15. organization

16. The children couldn't contain their _____ excitement at seeing the new playground.

adj. having a lighthearted, mischievous, or fun-loving nature; displaying a sense of enjoyment or amusement; characterized by a desire for entertainment or play

17. The city decided to _____ the old, unsafe building and build a new one.

v. to completely destroy or tear down a building, structure, or other entity; to ruin or eliminate the effectiveness or power of something

18. The company is facing a _____ for its alleged discrimination against employees.

n. a legal action taken by one party against another in a court of law, typically seeking damages or some other form of remedy for perceived wrongs or harms suffered

19. We _____ the season's total trade deficit at \$50 billion.

v. to guess or calculate the cost, size, value, etc. of something

20. The founding fathers fought for the _____ of the American people.

n. the state of being free within society from oppressive restrictions imposed by authority on one's way of life, behavior, or political views

21. The _____ gate creaked loudly as it opened.

adj. covered with rust (= a reddish-brown coating or corrosion layer); deteriorated or corroded due to lack of use or exposure to the elements; affected by disuse or neglect

22. My family gathers together every year for _____ dinner.

n. an annual holiday celebrated primarily in the United States and Canada, typically observed on the fourth Thursday in November in the U.S. and on the second Monday in October in Canada, that commemorates the giving of thanks for the blessings of the previous year

ANSWERS: 16. playful, 17. demolish, 18. lawsuit, 19. estimated, 20. liberty, 21. rusty, 22. thanksgiving

23. My sister and I frequently _____ books, as we love reading.

- v. to give something and receive something else in return, often with the implication that the items being traded are of equal or comparable value; (noun) the act of giving or taking something in return for something else; a place or system where goods or services can be bought, sold, or traded

24. He should _____ more with his colleagues.

- v. to communicate or react with somebody

25. Full involvement means _____ and prompt responses.

- adj. honest and sincere; open and candid in expression

26. The boxer clenched his _____ before throwing a punch.

- n. a hand with the fingers clenched tightly into the palm to form a hard rounded shape; an act of striking someone or something with the fist

27. They worked hard to _____ the nature of their native lands.

- v. to keep or maintain a particular quality, feature, etc., especially to prevent it from decaying, being damaged, or being destroyed

28. We should always be prepared to _____ talented recruits.

- v. to give somebody a job

29. The economic stimulation program would _____ a lot of new jobs.

- v. to produce or create something; to make offspring by reproduction

30. They selected a gorgeous diamond _____ ring.

- n. a mutual promise to marry someone; an agreement to do something, especially at a particular time

ANSWERS: 23. exchange, 24. interact, 25. frank, 26. fist, 27. preserve, 28. hire, 29. generate, 30. engagement

31. The organizational _____ of start-ups is often flat and straightforward.
n. the way of construction of something and the arrangement of its parts, or a complex thing constructed of many parts
32. My left arm became _____.
adj. unable to feel physical sensation and movement; not showing human feeling or sensitivity
33. The government is eager to _____ international investment.
v. to draw or entice someone or something towards them through the qualities they have, especially positive ones
34. The _____ highway connects the major cities of the state.
adj. between or involving different states (= the territory occupied by one of the constituent administrative districts of a nation)
35. She wore her favorite pair of _____ to the party.
n. a sturdy cotton twill fabric, typically blue, used for jeans and other clothing
36. He stood to inherit a million-dollar _____.
n. a thing or things that belong to someone
37. _____ elections were held in several European countries.
adj. belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use
38. This graph indicates the city's tourism _____ over five years.
n. the income that a government receives from taxes or that a company earns from its business

ANSWERS: 31. structure, 32. numb, 33. attract, 34. interstate, 35. jeans, 36. property, 37. Communal, 38. revenue

39. The unique style of this martial arts _____ many action film producers.
- v.* to make somebody fill with the desire, confidence, or enthusiasm, especially to do something creative
40. The teachers make full use of _____ assistance.
- n.* a person who performs or offers to perform a job or service without being paid for or forced to do
41. The minority ____ believed in a set of unconventional religious practices.
- n.* a group of people who follow a particular religious or philosophical belief system, especially one that is regarded as outside the norm or mainstream
42. Global _____ is rising in virtually every industry.
- n.* a situation in which someone is attempting to beat or outperform another
43. She _____ the atmosphere of the pre-war age with her stage setting.
- v.* to make something that existed previously happen or appear to exist again
44. Recent electoral shocks have shaken the political _____ in Europe.
- n.* an expanse of scenery that can be seen in a single view; a large area of land, especially in the country and relating to its appearance
45. 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
46. The _____ party strongly disagreed with the government's proposed legislation.
- n.* the act of disagreeing or resisting; the state of strong disagreement

ANSWERS: 39. inspired, 40. volunteer, 41. sect, 42. competition, 43. recreated, 44. landscape, 45. develop, 46. opposition

47. The news of the pandemic was a _____ reminder of the fragility of human health.

adj. causing fear or alarm, or very surprising and alarming

48. Eating food in a hurry _____ blood glucose levels.

v. to raise something from a lower to a higher position; to give a promotion to or assign to a higher position

49. There are _____ differences between the two wine-producing regions.

adj. easy to see, discover or understand

50. It is an incredible _____ to climb Mount Everest, the highest mountain in the world.

n. a notable or impressive achievement, especially one that requires great skill or bravery

51. This bronze sword is a _____ of ancient times.

n. an object from a previous era, especially one of historical value

52. The city's new _____ allows traffic to bypass the busy intersection below.

n. a region or area of a country that is often flown over by planes and not typically visited or considered by travelers; a flight that passes over a specific area without stopping

53. The antique _____ was worth thousands of dollars.

n. a child's toy that typically represents a human figure, especially a young girl; an attractive woman; a woman who is subservient or passive

54. The forest's _____ provides shade and protection for the plants and animals below.

n. a covering, typically of fabric, supported on poles or suspended above a bed, throne, or other object, used to shelter or screen the person or object below it

ANSWERS: 47. frightening, 48. elevates, 49. obvious, 50. feat, 51. relic, 52. flyover, 53. doll, 54. canopy

55. The military has _____ an abuse of human rights.

v. to do something illegal or wrong

56. The new _____ on the highway promotes a popular vacation destination.

n. a large outdoor sign or display that is used for advertising, marketing, or public information, typically located along highways or main roads

57. She couldn't _____ whether to order the pizza or the pasta for dinner.

v. to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options

58. The large _____ shipment arrived at the port early in the morning.

n. goods or cargo that are transported by land, sea, or air; the transportation of goods or cargo by land, sea, or air

59. _____ design has become more focused on human nature aspect than ever before.

adj. of or relating to or resulting from industry

60. The incumbent _____ announced his plans to address the city's homelessness crisis.

n. an elected official who presides over a city or town government

61. The _____ of the famous hero stood proudly in the town square.

n. a sculpture of a person or animal, typically made of stone or metal, that is intended to represent the subject in a lifelike or symbolic way

62. This bridge is the third largest _____ bridge in the world.

n. a strong metal alloy made up of iron with typically a few tenths of a percent of carbon used for making things that need a strong structure

ANSWERS: 55. committed, 56. billboard, 57. decide, 58. freight, 59. Industrial, 60. mayor, 61. statue, 62. steel

63. We want to _____ our company through your media.
- v. to draw attention to something such as a product, service, or event in public to encourage people to buy, use, or attend it
64. We should ____ mildly violent video games from a child's development perspective.
- v. to officially or legally forbid or refuse to allow something
65. His _____ speech about his struggles with addiction brought tears to the audience's eyes.
- adj. causing strong emotions or feelings, especially sadness or sympathy
66. There are various hypotheses concerning the _____ of life.
- n. the first existence or beginning of something
67. He decided to take a walk _____ area to explore the city.
- adv. in or towards the central area of a town or city
68. The city is known for its impressive _____ and beautiful old buildings.
- n. the art and science of designing and constructing buildings
69. The town was founded in the 19th century as a stop on the _____ and it grew rapidly as a result.
- n. metal tracks laid with rails on which trains run; a system of tracks with the trains operated by an organization
70. He has built a thriving e-commerce _____.
- n. a group of countries ruled by one leader or government

ANSWERS: 63. advertise, 64. ban, 65. moving, 66. origin, 67. downtown, 68. architecture, 69. railroad, 70. empire

71. 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
72. They explored every _____ they could think of.
- n. a wide road in a town or city, especially with trees or tall buildings on both sides; a line of approach
73. My father's death _____ my life completely.
- v. to change in outward structure or looks;
74. The performers took to the stage in the _____ center, surrounded by cheering fans.
- n. an open-air theater, usually circular or oval, with tiers of seats surrounding a central performance area
75. The _____ of the country is struggling due to the recent political instability.
- n. the system by which a country or region produces manages, and distributes goods and services, including the money and finances involved in these activities; (of an airline) the lowest-priced, most basic option for seating in commercial travel

ANSWERS: 71. constructs, 72. avenue, 73. transformed, 74. amphitheater's, 75. economy