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Session 1: Word List

manger

n. a trough or open container used to hold food, typically for animals, historically associated with the feeding trough where Jesus Christ was placed after his birth, as described in the Christian Bible

synonym : trough, crib

(1) wooden **manger**, (2) feed in a **manger**

The nativity scene depicted baby Jesus lying in a humble **manger**.

passee

adj. no longer fashionable or current; outdated; considered to be old-fashioned or out of date

synonym : outdated, old-fashioned, antique

(1) **passee** entertainment, (2) **passee** trend

Bell-bottom jeans, once considered **passee** fashion, have made a surprising comeback in recent years.

convention

n. a large formal assembly of people who do a particular job or have a similar interest or of a political party; something regarded as a normative example

synonym : meeting, conference, congress

(1) **convention** center, (2) political **convention**

They met at biennial **conventions**.

self-interest

n. the fact or action of only considering their own interests and of not caring about others

synonym : selfishness, selfhood, egocentricity

(1) unaffected by **self-interest**, (2) material **self-interest**

The company's donation was undoubtedly motivated by **self-interest**.

topography

n. the arrangement and physical features of a particular area or region, including its natural and artificial elements and their relative positions and elevations; the study or description of this arrangement and these features

synonym : terrain, landscape, geography

(1) **topography** map, (2) detailed **topography**

The **topography** of the region is rugged, with many hills and valleys.

statistics

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

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

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

collapse

v. to fall down or give way suddenly, often after breaking apart

synonym : tumble, spill, bankruptcy

(1) the stock market **collapsed**, (2) ready to **collapse**

The roof finally **collapsed** after three days and three nights of heavy snowfall.

sensation

n. a feeling associated with stimulation of a sense organ or with a specific body condition; a general feeling of interest and excitement

synonym : feeling, perception, mania

(1) cause a widespread **sensation**, (2) taste **sensation**

If you apply this ointment, you may feel a mild burning **sensation**.

nonetheless

adv. in spite of what has just been said or done; nevertheless
synonym : nevertheless, regardless, still

(1) we are **nonetheless** confident, (2) love him

nonetheless

They each choose **nonetheless** to battle.

background

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

synonym : ground, experience, backdrop

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

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

radiation

n. the energy that comes from a nuclear reaction in the form of rays, waves, or particles and that can be hazardous to health

synonym : dissemination, emission, irradiation

(1) exposure to **radiation**, (2) electromagnetic **radiation**

He tried every possible treatment, including chemotherapy and **radiation** therapy.

static

adj. not moving or not capable of moving, not changing or not capable of changing

synonym : immobile, unchanging, fixed

(1) **static** electricity, (2) **static** website

The **static** image on the screen took a lot of work to make out.

norm

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

synonym : criterion, mean, standard

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

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

spectral

adj. relating to or having the properties of a spectrum (= an ordered array of colors into which a light beam can be

split); relating to a ghost or apparition

synonym : spiritual, ghostly, otherworldly

(1) two **spectral** bands, (2) **spectral** colors

The **spectral** analysis revealed unexpected details about the composition of the planet's atmosphere.

analyze

v. to think about in-depth and evaluate to discover essential features or meaning

synonym : explore, examine, investigate

(1) **analyze** a chemical compound, (2) **analyze** your real motives

The teacher attempted to **analyze** the root cause of our mistake.

accent

n. a distinctive way of pronouncing the words of a language that shows which area, country, or social group a person comes from; particular importance or significance

synonym : articulation, inflection, pronunciation

(1) a foreign **accent**, (2) put the **accent** on comfort

She has a thick southern **accent**.

hop

v. to jump lightly and quickly on one foot or both feet; to move rapidly from one place to another; to travel using an aircraft, bus, etc.

synonym : jump, bounce, skip

(1) **hop** on one foot, (2) **hop** from one place to another

The rabbit **hopped** over the fence.

singe

v. to burn something slightly or superficially, usually by mistake

synonym : sear, char, burn

(1) **singe** off the hair over the flames, (2) **singe** the edges of a fabric

I didn't realize the iron was still hot and **singed** my dress.

vocalize

v. to express something such as feelings or ideas in words
synonym : sing, chant, descant

(1) **vocalize** long input text, (2) **vocalize** his belief
City residents continue to **vocalize** their discontent.

beatbox

n. a style of vocal percussion or vocal mimicry in which a person creates rhythmic sounds and beats using their mouth, lips, tongue, and voice; (verb) to create percussive sounds, rhythms, and beats using the mouth, lips, tongue, and voice

synonym : mouth drum, lip-smack percussion

(1) **beatbox** rhythm, (2) **beatbox** battle

His **beatbox** performance at the concert was mind-blowing.

saucy

adj. behavior or language that is bold, cheeky, or irreverent; having a spicy or piquant flavor or aroma

synonym : flirtatious, impertinent, bold

(1) **saucy** jokes, (2) a **saucy** dress

The **saucy** remark made by the comedian caused a stir in the audience.

unclear

adj. poorly stated or described and therefore not easy to understand; not easy to perceive

synonym : ambiguous, fuzzy, obscure

(1) an **unclear** match, (2) in no **unclear** terms

It is important not to undertake tasks with **unclear** objectives to improve productivity.

survive

v. to live or exist despite a dangerous event or period

synonym : endure, persist, stay

(1) **survive** a blizzard, (2) **survive** a plane crash

These birds can only **survive** in temperate climates.

abrupt

adj. sudden and unexpected

synonym : sudden, unexpected, quick

(1) **abrupt** departure, (2) speak in an **abrupt** manner

The sudden, **abrupt** change in weather caught everyone by surprise.

conclude

v. to come to an end or close; to reach a judgment or opinion by reasoning

synonym: complete, finish, decide

(1) **conclude** a meeting, (2) **conclude** that he is healthy

We **concluded** a cease-fire.

institute

n. an organization that has a specific purpose, particularly one dealing with science, education, or a particular profession; (verb) to initiate, introduce, or establish something

synonym: academy, university, college

(1) **institute** a lawsuit, (2) research **institutes**

This region has many **institutes** offering higher education.

simulate

v. to make a pretense of someone's behavior or looks; to reproduce something that exists in real life using computers, models, etc., usually for study or training purposes

synonym: pretend, imitate, mimic

(1) **simulate** climate change, (2) **simulate** a future scenario

He had painted the wood to **simulate** stone.

believable

adj. able to be accepted or easily believed; convincing or plausible

synonym: plausible, credible, convincing

(1) **believable** story, (2) **believable** excuse

The novel's plot was so well-written that it seemed **believable** and realistic.

tactile

adj. relating to the sense of touch; tangible or perceptible through the sense of touch

synonym: touchable, tangible, palpable

(1) **tactile** stimulation, (2) **tactile** feedback

The **tactile** sensation of the fabric was soft and smooth to the

touch.

solid

adj. hard or firm; characterized by good substantial quality

synonym : stable, reliable, hard

(1) **solid** ally, (2) **solid** employment measures

The **solid-state** of water is called ice.

locate

v. to specify or determine the exact position of someone or something

synonym : discover, find, place

(1) **locate** a missing pet, (2) **locate** a tumor

The robot can accurately **locate** construction material.

mass

n. a large amount of a substance with no definite shape or form; a large number of people or things grouped or crowded together

synonym : abundance, crowd, mob

(1) a **mass** of molten rock, (2) critical **mass**

The **mass** of people who do not own property is politically impotent.

molecule

n. a group of two or more atoms held together by attractive forces known as chemical bonds

synonym : particle, element, atom

(1) small **molecules**, (2) **molecule** behavior

The shape of the DNA **molecule** is a double helix.

allocate

v. to give or distribute something, such as resources or duties, to someone or something for a particular purpose

synonym : apportion, assign, distribute

(1) **allocate** resource, (2) **allocate** budgets

The company **allocated** a portion of its profits to developing new products.

era

n. a period that is distinct from others, typically in history

synonym : epoch, age, period

(1) dawn of a new **era**, (2) the **era** of the Renaissance
Political corruption was common throughout the postwar **era**.

comp

v. short for "compensate," meaning to give goods or services to someone without asking for payment

synonym: waive, cover, provide

(1) **comp** their meal, (2) **comp** the employees with a bonus
The casino **comped** her room and meals for being a high-rolling gambler.

figurative

adj. using figures of speech, especially metaphors, to create a special effect; not literal

synonym: metaphorical, symbolic, allegorical

(1) in a **figurative** sense, (2) **figurative** painting
When he said he was starving to death, it was a **figurative** way of saying he was very hungry.

folding

adj. capable of being folded or bent; having one or more sections that can be folded or collapsed for easier storage or transportation

synonym: foldable, collapsible, bendable

(1) **folding** knife, (2) **folding** table
The **folding** chairs were easy to set up and take down for the event.

partial

adj. not complete; fragmentary; favoring somebody or something very much

synonym: limited, incomplete, partisan

(1) **partial** withdrawal, (2) **partial** knowledge
Although some progress had been made, the study's findings were **partial**.

sphere

n. a round object or geometric shape that is three-dimensional and symmetrical around a central point; a particular aspect or scope of life or activity

synonym: ball, globe, scope

(1) **sphere** of influence, (2) business **sphere**

The **sphere** of the earth is divided into several layers including the crust, mantle, and core.

infinite

adj. unlimited or very great; impossible to measure

synonym : boundless, countless, limitless

(1) **infinite** appetite, (2) **infinite** in supply

The battle had an **infinite** impact on the nation.

illusion

n. a false idea or belief, especially about somebody or about a situation

synonym : delusion, fallacy, magic trick

(1) optical **illusion**, (2) the **illusion** of being in the forest

He could no longer tell the difference between **illusion** and reality.

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.

plain

adj. without being decorated in any way; (Noun) a vast expanse of flat land with few trees

synonym : basic, straight, bare

(1) **plain** answer, (2) delta **plain**

The lowest lowland region is mostly flat **plain**.

negative

adj. having the quality of something bad or harmful; expressing refusal

synonym : minus, adverse, pessimistic

(1) have a **negative** effect, (2) a **negative** number

The movie has received almost universally **negative** criticism.

division

n. the act or outcome of splitting into separate parts; a critical organizational unit or sector

synonym : branch, separator, section

(1) cellular **division**, (2) **division** chief

Which **division** of the company do you work in?

divide

v. to separate or cause to separate into parts or groups

synonym: separate, disconnect, split

(1) **divide** the cake into two pieces, (2) **divide** money equally

Can you **divide** 123321 by eleven?

comparison

n. the consideration or examination of the similarities between two or more people or things

synonym: equivalence, analogy, contrast

(1) ease of **comparison**, (2) **comparison** of foods on a caloric basis

I've included the two designs for a **comparison**.

transmit

v. to send or forward an electronic signal; to pass something from one person or thing to another

synonym: convey, share, dispatch

(1) **transmit** the disease, (2) **transmit** information

Parents often **transmit** their characteristics to their children.

ado

n. an action, fuss, or commotion, often over a trivial or unimportant matter; unnecessary activity or effort

synonym: commotion, fuss, bother

(1) much **ado**, (2) kick up **ado**

We need to resolve this issue without any further **ado**.

gibberish

n. unintelligible or nonsensical language or speech; meaningless or difficult to comprehend talk or writing

synonym: nonsense, babble, drivel

(1) **gibberish** language, (2) meaningless **gibberish**

He spoke in **gibberish**, and no one could understand what he was trying to say.

recognize

v. to acknowledge or realize something or someone; to identify, remember, or become aware of something that was previously known or encountered

synonym: acknowledge, identify, admit

(1) **recognize** talent, (2) **recognize** achievement

It's important to **recognize** your strengths and weaknesses.

fade

v. to vanish; to fade away; to lose color; to lose freshness

synonym: languish, wither

(1) **fade** away almost completely, (2) **fade** in importance

My memory will **fade**, but my heart will live on.

Session 2: Spelling

1. a bac_____nd color *n.* the details of a person's social heritage, such as family, vocational or educational experience; past information that is essential to understanding a situation or problem
2. tr_____it the disease *v.* to send or forward an electronic signal; to pass something from one person or thing to another
3. top_____hy map *n.* the arrangement and physical features of a particular area or region, including its natural and artificial elements and their relative positions and elevations; the study or description of this arrangement and these features
4. di___e the cake into two pieces *v.* to separate or cause to separate into parts or groups
5. c__p their meal *v.* short for "compensate," meaning to give goods or services to someone without asking for payment
6. the stock market co_____sed *v.* to fall down or give way suddenly, often after breaking apart
7. a foreign ac___t *n.* a distinctive way of pronouncing the words of a language that shows which area, country, or social group a person comes from; particular importance or significance
8. bel_____le excuse *adj.* able to be accepted or easily believed; convincing or plausible

ANSWERS: 1. background, 2. transmit, 3. topography, 4. divide, 5. comp, 6. collapse, 7. accent, 8. believable

9. mo_____le behavior *n.* a group of two or more atoms held together by attractive forces known as chemical bonds
10. ab____t departure *adj.* sudden and unexpected
11. ease of com_____on *n.* the consideration or examination of the similarities between two or more people or things
12. unaffected by sel_____est *n.* the fact or action of only considering their own interests and of not caring about others
13. an_____e a chemical compound *v.* to think about in-depth and evaluate to discover essential features or meaning
14. meaningless gi_____sh *n.* unintelligible or nonsensical language or speech; meaningless or difficult to comprehend talk or writing
15. co_____de that he is healthy *v.* to come to an end or close; to reach a judgment or opinion by reasoning
16. electromagnetic ra_____on *n.* the energy that comes from a nuclear reaction in the form of rays, waves, or particles and that can be hazardous to health
17. lo____e a tumor *v.* to specify or determine the exact position of someone or something
18. in no un_____r terms *adj.* poorly stated or described and therefore not easy to understand; not easy to perceive
19. taste se_____on *n.* a feeling associated with stimulation of a sense organ or with a specific body condition; a general feeling of interest and excitement

ANSWERS: 9. molecule, 10. abrupt, 11. comparison, 12. self-interest, 13. analyze, 14. gibberish, 15. conclude, 16. radiation, 17. locate, 18. unclear, 19. sensation

20. ta_____e feedback *adj.* relating to the sense of touch; tangible or perceptible through the sense of touch
21. al_____te budgets *v.* to give or distribute something, such as resources or duties, to someone or something for a particular purpose
22. re_____ze talent *v.* to acknowledge or realize something or someone; to identify, remember, or become aware of something that was previously known or encountered
23. sta_____cs for cancer *n.* the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data
24. kick up a_o *n.* an action, fuss, or commotion, often over a trivial or unimportant matter; unnecessary activity or effort
25. pa__e entertainment *adj.* no longer fashionable or current; outdated; considered to be old-fashioned or out of date
26. al_____te resource *v.* to give or distribute something, such as resources or duties, to someone or something for a particular purpose
27. ta_____e stimulation *adj.* relating to the sense of touch; tangible or perceptible through the sense of touch
28. two sp_____al bands *adj.* relating to or having the properties of a spectrum (= an ordered array of colors into which a light beam can be split); relating to a ghost or apparition

ANSWERS: 20. tactile, 21. allocate, 22. recognize, 23. statistics, 24. ado, 25. passe, 26. allocate, 27. tactile, 28. spectral

29. put the ac___t on comfort *n.* a distinctive way of pronouncing the words of a language that shows which area, country, or social group a person comes from; particular importance or significance
30. exposure to ra_____on *n.* the energy that comes from a nuclear reaction in the form of rays, waves, or particles and that can be hazardous to health
31. official sta_____cs *n.* the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data
32. a sa__y dress *adj.* behavior or language that is bold, cheeky, or irreverent; having a spicy or piquant flavor or aroma
33. cultural n__m *n.* something that is regarded as usual, typical, or standard
34. di_____on chief *n.* the act or outcome of splitting into separate parts; a critical organizational unit or sector
35. sp___e of influence *n.* a round object or geometric shape that is three-dimensional and symmetrical around a central point; a particular aspect or scope of life or activity
36. detailed top_____hy *n.* the arrangement and physical features of a particular area or region, including its natural and artificial elements and their relative positions and elevations; the study or description of this arrangement and these features

ANSWERS: 29. accent, 30. radiation, 31. statistics, 32. saucy, 33. norm, 34. division, 35. sphere, 36. topography

37. racial or ___n *n.* the first existence or beginning of something
38. an ___e your real motives *v.* to think about in-depth and evaluate to discover essential features or meaning
39. n__m of action *n.* something that is regarded as usual, typical, or standard
40. pl__n answer *adj.* without being decorated in any way; (Noun) a vast expanse of flat land with few trees
41. a criminal bac____nd *n.* the details of a person's social heritage, such as family, vocational or educational experience; past information that is essential to understanding a situation or problem
42. or___n of information *n.* the first existence or beginning of something
43. love him non_____ss *adv.* in spite of what has just been said or done; nevertheless
44. an un_____r match *adj.* poorly stated or described and therefore not easy to understand; not easy to perceive
45. optical il_____on *n.* a false idea or belief, especially about somebody or about a situation
46. in a fig_____ve sense *adj.* using figures of speech, especially metaphors, to create a special effect; not literal
47. sp_____al colors *adj.* relating to or having the properties of a spectrum (= an ordered array of colors into which a light beam can be split); relating to a ghost or apparition

ANSWERS: 37. origin, 38. analyze, 39. norm, 40. plain, 41. background, 42. origin, 43. nonetheless, 44. unclear, 45. illusion, 46. figurative, 47. spectral

48. c__p the employees with a bonus *v.* short for "compensate," meaning to give goods or services to someone without asking for payment
49. h_p on one foot *v.* to jump lightly and quickly on one foot or both feet; to move rapidly from one place to another; to travel using an aircraft, bus, etc.
50. vo____ze his belief *v.* to express something such as feelings or ideas in words
51. pa__e trend *adj.* no longer fashionable or current; outdated; considered to be old-fashioned or out of date
52. sa__y jokes *adj.* behavior or language that is bold, cheeky, or irreverent; having a spicy or piquant flavor or aroma
53. con_____on center *n.* a large formal assembly of people who do a particular job or have a similar interest or of a political party; something regarded as a normative example
54. gi_____sh language *n.* unintelligible or nonsensical language or speech; meaningless or difficult to comprehend talk or writing
55. com_____on of foods on a caloric basis *n.* the consideration or examination of the similarities between two or more people or things
56. so__d employment measures *adj.* hard or firm; characterized by good substantial quality
57. cellular di_____on *n.* the act or outcome of splitting into separate parts; a critical organizational unit or sector

ANSWERS: 48. comp, 49. hop, 50. vocalize, 51. passe, 52. saucy, 53. convention, 54. gibberish, 55. comparison, 56. solid, 57. division

58. su____e a blizzard *v.* to live or exist despite a dangerous event or period
59. the il____on of being in the forest *n.* a false idea or belief, especially about somebody or about a situation
60. in____te appetite *adj.* unlimited or very great; impossible to measure
61. ready to co____se *v.* to fall down or give way suddenly, often after breaking apart
62. fo____g knife *adj.* capable of being folded or bent; having one or more sections that can be folded or collapsed for easier storage or transportation
63. si__e off the hair over the flames *v.* to burn something slightly or superficially, usually by mistake
64. in____te in supply *adj.* unlimited or very great; impossible to measure
65. f__e in importance *v.* to vanish; to fade away; to lose color; to lose freshness
66. feed in a ma____r *n.* a trough or open container used to hold food, typically for animals, historically associated with the feeding trough where Jesus Christ was placed after his birth, as described in the Christian Bible
67. st____c electricity *adj.* not moving or not capable of moving, not changing or not capable of changing
68. lo____e a missing pet *v.* to specify or determine the exact position of someone or something
69. business sp____e *n.* a round object or geometric shape that is three-dimensional and symmetrical around a central point; a particular aspect or scope of life or activity

ANSWERS: 58. survive, 59. illusion, 60. infinite, 61. collapse, 62. folding, 63. singe, 64. infinite, 65. fade, 66. manger, 67. static, 68. locate, 69. sphere

70. small mo____les *n.* a group of two or more atoms held together by attractive forces known as chemical bonds
71. tr____it information *v.* to send or forward an electronic signal; to pass something from one person or thing to another
72. in____te a lawsuit *n.* an organization that has a specific purpose, particularly one dealing with science, education, or a particular profession; (verb) to initiate, introduce, or establish something
73. a ne____ve number *adj.* having the quality of something bad or harmful; expressing refusal
74. cause a widespread se_____on *n.* a feeling associated with stimulation of a sense organ or with a specific body condition; a general feeling of interest and excitement
75. critical m__s *n.* a large amount of a substance with no definite shape or form; a large number of people or things grouped or crowded together
76. a m__s of molten rock *n.* a large amount of a substance with no definite shape or form; a large number of people or things grouped or crowded together
77. have a ne____ve effect *adj.* having the quality of something bad or harmful; expressing refusal
78. delta pl__n *adj.* without being decorated in any way; (Noun) a vast expanse of flat land with few trees

ANSWERS: 70. molecule, 71. transmit, 72. institute, 73. negative, 74. sensation, 75. mass, 76. mass, 77. negative, 78. plain

79. si_____te climate change *v.* to make a pretense of someone's behavior or looks; to reproduce something that exists in real life using computers, models, etc., usually for study or training purposes
80. dawn of a new e_a *n.* a period that is distinct from others, typically in history
81. so__d ally *adj.* hard or firm; characterized by good substantial quality
82. wooden ma____r *n.* a trough or open container used to hold food, typically for animals, historically associated with the feeding trough where Jesus Christ was placed after his birth, as described in the Christian Bible
83. f__e away almost completely *v.* to vanish; to fade away; to lose color; to lose freshness
84. re_____ze achievement *v.* to acknowledge or realize something or someone; to identify, remember, or become aware of something that was previously known or encountered
85. pa_____l withdrawal *adj.* not complete; fragmentary; favoring somebody or something very much
86. si__e the edges of a fabric *v.* to burn something slightly or superficially, usually by mistake
87. h_p from one place to another *v.* to jump lightly and quickly on one foot or both feet; to move rapidly from one place to another; to travel using an aircraft, bus, etc.
88. fig_____ve painting *adj.* using figures of speech, especially metaphors, to create a special effect; not literal

ANSWERS: 79. simulate, 80. era, 81. solid, 82. manger, 83. fade, 84. recognize, 85. partial, 86. singe, 87. hop, 88. figurative

89. we are non_____ss confident *adv.* in spite of what has just been said or done; nevertheless
90. di___e money equally *v.* to separate or cause to separate into parts or groups
91. vo_____ze long input text *v.* to express something such as feelings or ideas in words
92. much a_o *n.* an action, fuss, or commotion, often over a trivial or unimportant matter; unnecessary activity or effort
93. the e_a of the Renaissance *n.* a period that is distinct from others, typically in history
94. co_____de a meeting *v.* to come to an end or close; to reach a judgment or opinion by reasoning
95. pa_____l knowledge *adj.* not complete; fragmentary; favoring somebody or something very much
96. political con_____on *n.* a large formal assembly of people who do a particular job or have a similar interest or of a political party; something regarded as a normative example
97. fo_____g table *adj.* capable of being folded or bent; having one or more sections that can be folded or collapsed for easier storage or transportation
98. research in_____tes *n.* an organization that has a specific purpose, particularly one dealing with science, education, or a particular profession; (verb) to initiate, introduce, or establish something
99. be_____x battle *n.* a style of vocal percussion or vocal mimicry in which a person creates rhythmic sounds and beats using their mouth, lips, tongue, and voice; (verb) to create percussive sounds, rhythms, and beats using the mouth, lips, tongue, and voice

ANSWERS: 89. nonetheless, 90. divide, 91. vocalize, 92. ado, 93. era, 94. conclude, 95. partial, 96. convention, 97. folding, 98. institute, 99. beatbox

100. material sel_____est *n.* the fact or action of only considering their own interests and of not caring about others
101. su_____e a plane crash *v.* to live or exist despite a dangerous event or period
102. si_____te a future scenario *v.* to make a pretense of someone's behavior or looks; to reproduce something that exists in real life using computers, models, etc., usually for study or training purposes
103. speak in an ab____t manner *adj.* sudden and unexpected
104. st____c website *adj.* not moving or not capable of moving, not changing or not capable of changing
105. bel_____le story *adj.* able to be accepted or easily believed; convincing or plausible
106. be_____x rhythm *n.* a style of vocal percussion or vocal mimicry in which a person creates rhythmic sounds and beats using their mouth, lips, tongue, and voice; (verb) to create percussive sounds, rhythms, and beats using the mouth, lips, tongue, and voice

ANSWERS: 100. self-interest, 101. survive, 102. simulate, 103. abrupt, 104. static, 105. believable, 106. beatbox

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. Bell-bottom jeans, once considered _____ fashion, have made a surprising comeback in recent years.
adj. no longer fashionable or current; outdated; considered to be old-fashioned or out of date
2. The robot can accurately _____ construction material.
v. to specify or determine the exact position of someone or something
3. The novel's plot was so well-written that it seemed _____ and realistic.
adj. able to be accepted or easily believed; convincing or plausible
4. They met at biennial _____.
n. a large formal assembly of people who do a particular job or have a similar interest or of a political party; something regarded as a normative example
5. The lowest lowland region is mostly flat _____.
adj. without being decorated in any way; (Noun) a vast expanse of flat land with few trees
6. There are various hypotheses concerning the _____ of life.
n. the first existence or beginning of something
7. They each choose _____ to battle.
adv. in spite of what has just been said or done; nevertheless
8. The company's donation was undoubtedly motivated by _____.
n. the fact or action of only considering their own interests and of not caring about others

ANSWERS: 1. passe, 2. locate, 3. believable, 4. conventions, 5. plain, 6. origin, 7. nonetheless, 8. self-interest

9. These birds can only _____ in temperate climates.
v. to live or exist despite a dangerous event or period
10. It's important to _____ your strengths and weaknesses.
v. to acknowledge or realize something or someone; to identify, remember, or become aware of something that was previously known or encountered
11. Parents often _____ their characteristics to their children.
v. to send or forward an electronic signal; to pass something from one person or thing to another
12. The _____ demonstrate that poverty and unemployment are genuine problems.
n. the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data
13. The company _____ a portion of its profits to developing new products.
v. to give or distribute something, such as resources or duties, to someone or something for a particular purpose
14. The roof finally _____ after three days and three nights of heavy snowfall.
v. to fall down or give way suddenly, often after breaking apart
15. The _____ of people who do not own property is politically impotent.
n. a large amount of a substance with no definite shape or form; a large number of people or things grouped or crowded together
16. The _____ sensation of the fabric was soft and smooth to the touch.
adj. relating to the sense of touch; tangible or perceptible through the sense of touch

ANSWERS: 9. survive, 10. recognize, 11. transmit, 12. statistics, 13. allocated, 14. collapsed, 15. mass, 16. tactile

17. The shape of the DNA _____ is a double helix.

n. a group of two or more atoms held together by attractive forces known as chemical bonds

18. When he said he was starving to death, it was a _____ way of saying he was very hungry.

adj. using figures of speech, especially metaphors, to create a special effect; not literal

19. The _____ remark made by the comedian caused a stir in the audience.

adj. behavior or language that is bold, cheeky, or irreverent; having a spicy or piquant flavor or aroma

20. His _____ performance at the concert was mind-blowing.

n. a style of vocal percussion or vocal mimicry in which a person creates rhythmic sounds and beats using their mouth, lips, tongue, and voice; (verb) to create percussive sounds, rhythms, and beats using the mouth, lips, tongue, and voice

21. If you apply this ointment, you may feel a mild burning _____.

n. a feeling associated with stimulation of a sense organ or with a specific body condition; a general feeling of interest and excitement

22. He spoke in _____ and no one could understand what he was trying to say.

n. unintelligible or nonsensical language or speech; meaningless or difficult to comprehend talk or writing

23. The movie has received almost universally _____ criticism.

adj. having the quality of something bad or harmful; expressing refusal

ANSWERS: 17. molecule, 18. figurative, 19. saucy, 20. beatbox, 21. sensation, 22. gibberish, 23. negative

24. We _____ a cease-fire.

v. to come to an end or close; to reach a judgment or opinion by reasoning

25. She has a thick southern _____.

n. a distinctive way of pronouncing the words of a language that shows which area, country, or social group a person comes from; particular importance or significance

26. City residents continue to _____ their discontent.

v. to express something such as feelings or ideas in words

27. The _____ of water is called ice.

adj. hard or firm; characterized by good substantial quality

28. The _____ of the region is rugged, with many hills and valleys.

n. the arrangement and physical features of a particular area or region, including its natural and artificial elements and their relative positions and elevations; the study or description of this arrangement and these features

29. The sudden, _____ change in weather caught everyone by surprise.

adj. sudden and unexpected

30. It is important not to undertake tasks with _____ objectives to improve productivity.

adj. poorly stated or described and therefore not easy to understand; not easy to perceive

31. We need to resolve this issue without any further _____.

n. an action, fuss, or commotion, often over a trivial or unimportant matter; unnecessary activity or effort

ANSWERS: 24. concluded, 25. accent, 26. vocalize, 27. solid-state, 28. topography, 29. abrupt, 30. unclear, 31. ado

32. The _____ chairs were easy to set up and take down for the event.
adj. capable of being folded or bent; having one or more sections that can be folded or collapsed for easier storage or transportation
33. Political corruption was common throughout the postwar _____.
n. a period that is distinct from others, typically in history
34. I didn't realize the iron was still hot and _____ my dress.
v. to burn something slightly or superficially, usually by mistake
35. Although some progress had been made, the study's findings were _____.
adj. not complete; fragmentary; favoring somebody or something very much
36. The nativity scene depicted baby Jesus lying in a humble _____.
n. a trough or open container used to hold food, typically for animals, historically associated with the feeding trough where Jesus Christ was placed after his birth, as described in the Christian Bible
37. The teacher attempted to _____ the root cause of our mistake.
v. to think about in-depth and evaluate to discover essential features or meaning
38. The battle had an _____ impact on the nation.
adj. unlimited or very great; impossible to measure
39. This region has many _____ offering higher education.
n. an organization that has a specific purpose, particularly one dealing with science, education, or a particular profession; (verb) to initiate, introduce, or establish something

ANSWERS: 32. folding, 33. era, 34. singed, 35. partial, 36. manger, 37. analyze, 38. infinite, 39. institutes

40. The casino _____ her room and meals for being a high-rolling gambler.
- v.* short for "compensate," meaning to give goods or services to someone without asking for payment
41. I've included the two designs for a _____.
- n.* the consideration or examination of the similarities between two or more people or things
42. The _____ of the earth is divided into several layers including the crust, mantle, and core.
- n.* a round object or geometric shape that is three-dimensional and symmetrical around a central point; a particular aspect or scope of life or activity
43. The systems we have developed has accepted as industry _____.
- n.* something that is regarded as usual, typical, or standard
44. The company's hiring criteria emphasize personality, not a person's _____.
- n.* the details of a person's social heritage, such as family, vocational or educational experience; past information that is essential to understanding a situation or problem
45. My memory will _____ but my heart will live on.
- v.* to vanish; to fade away; to lose color; to lose freshness
46. The _____ analysis revealed unexpected details about the composition of the planet's atmosphere.
- adj.* relating to or having the properties of a spectrum (= an ordered array of colors into which a light beam can be split); relating to a ghost or apparition

ANSWERS: 40. comped, 41. comparison, 42. sphere, 43. norms, 44. background, 45. fade, 46. spectral

47. The _____ image on the screen took a lot of work to make out.

adj. not moving or not capable of moving, not changing or not capable of changing

48. He could no longer tell the difference between _____ and reality.

n. a false idea or belief, especially about somebody or about a situation

49. Which _____ of the company do you work in?

n. the act or outcome of splitting into separate parts; a critical organizational unit or sector

50. Can you _____ 123321 by eleven?

v. to separate or cause to separate into parts or groups

51. He had painted the wood to _____ stone.

v. to make a pretense of someone's behavior or looks; to reproduce something that exists in real life using computers, models, etc., usually for study or training purposes

52. He tried every possible treatment, including chemotherapy and _____ therapy.

n. the energy that comes from a nuclear reaction in the form of rays, waves, or particles and that can be hazardous to health

53. The rabbit _____ over the fence.

v. to jump lightly and quickly on one foot or both feet; to move rapidly from one place to another; to travel using an aircraft, bus, etc.

ANSWERS: 47. static, 48. illusion, 49. division, 50. divide, 51. simulate, 52. radiation, 53. hopped