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Session 1: Word List

depressed

adj. sad and without any hope

synonym : despondent, despairing, sad

(1) **depressed** feeling, (2) the market is **depressed**

After his mother died, he got **depressed**.

illegal

adj. not allowed by law

synonym : banned, prohibited, illicit

(1) **illegal** drugs, (2) child of **illegal** immigrants

The customs agents seized the **illegal** shipment.

escort

n. a person or group of people accompanying someone for protection, guidance, or courtesy; a companion or attendant; a service or a person providing a service for accompanying someone or something to or from a destination

synonym : chaperone, guardian, attendant

(1) **escort** for VIPs, (2) personal **escort**

An **escort** of bodyguards surrounded the celebrity to keep fans safe.

educated

adj. having received a high standard of education

synonym : knowledgeable, erudite, enlightened

(1) **educated** adult, (2) **educated** speech

Excellent speech is a characteristic of an **educated** man.

suspect

v. to consider anything to be actual or probable

synonym : assume, distrust, surmise

(1) **suspect** a plot, (2) **suspect** that he is sick

The cops **suspected** him of being the killer.

grocery

n. a shop that sells food and other household items

synonym : foodstuff, market

(1) the **grocery** business, (2) run a **grocery**

I will go to the **grocery** store to buy food for dinner.

packed

adj. extremely full of people; very crowded

synonym : jammed, crowded, consolidated

(1) **packed** audience, (2) a romance- **packed** movie

The drama is fascinating and action- **packed**.

cozy

adj. comfortable and warm; giving a feeling of comfort, warmth, and relaxation

synonym : comfortable, warm, snug

(1) have **cozy** relations, (2) **cozy** sound of rain

The fireplace made the room feel **cozy** and inviting.

extreme

adj. very great in amount or degree

synonym : farthestmost, outermost, fierce

(1) **extreme** sports, (2) **extreme** weather events

Solar gravity creates **extreme** pressures and temperatures.

stud

n. a small object with a head on one end and a sharp point on the other, used for fastening clothing, leather, or other materials; an animal used for breeding, typically a male horse or bull that is of superior breeding stock; (verb) to decorate or adorn with studs; to provide with studs for support

synonym : beam, scantling, framing

(1) horse **stud**, (2) wall **stud**

He bought a new **stud** to attach the strap to his watch.

par *n.* a state of being equal to someone or something
synonym : equality, standard, balance
(1) above **par** performance, (2) not up to **par**
Shares in the company finally fell below their **par** value.

suddenly *adv.* quickly and unexpectedly
synonym : abruptly, unexpectedly, unawares
(1) **suddenly** attacked by an enemy, (2) die **suddenly**
Who answers **suddenly** knows little.

cancel *v.* to decide that a previously scheduled activity will not take place
synonym : abort, invalidate, annul
(1) **cancel** a class, (2) **cancel** a free subscription trial
When customers **cancel** their reservations, they lose the deposit they made.

suspicious *adj.* making you feel that someone has done something wrong, illegal, or dishonest without any evidence
synonym : fishy, questionable, doubtful
(1) report **suspicious** activity, (2) a person who is **suspicious**
We carefully examine each **suspicious** transaction report we receive.

scared *adj.* afraid or frightened
synonym : frightened, fearful, dreading
(1) **scared** all the time, (2) **scared** dog
I'm **scared** of insects.

treasure *n.* a valuable or desirable possession; something that is cherished or held dear; a collection of valuable objects or money that is hidden or protected
synonym : hoard, fortune, gem

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

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

extraordinary

adj. exceptional, unexpected, very unusual; surpassing the ordinary or usual

synonym : exceptional, noteworthy, astonishing

(1) **extraordinary** ability, (2) **extraordinary** weather

He narrated the **extraordinary** story of his adventure.

maverick

adj. characterized by independence or nonconformity; unconventional, idiosyncratic, or rebellious

synonym : unconventional, nonconformist, independent-minded

(1) **maverick** behavior, (2) **maverick** politician

The **maverick** artist refused to follow traditional painting styles and created his unique art.

province

n. the territory occupied by one of the constituent administrative districts of a nation

synonym : area, section, region

(1) Bengal **province**, (2) home **province**

A network of railways has developed over the **province**.

insist

v. to say something clearly or demand something forcefully, especially when other people disagree with or oppose what you say

synonym : demand, assert, claim

(1) **insist** on a clear answer, (2) **insist** over and over

He **insisted** that she pay her debt to the last penny.

disown

v. to reject or refuse to acknowledge or accept as one's own; to renounce or disclaim any connection or relationship with someone or something

synonym : renounce, disinherit, reject

(1) **disown** an adoption, (2) **disown** a responsibility

He was so disappointed in his son's actions that he decided to **disown** him completely.

retire

v. to withdraw from one's position or occupation, especially because of age

synonym: relinquish, step down, withdraw

(1) **retire** voluntarily, (2) **retire** after four terms

After working for the company for 30 years, she decided to **retire** from her job.

frustrate

v. to hinder or prevent efforts, plans, or desires from doing, succeeding, or being fulfilled; to make someone feel upset or annoyed because they are unable to change or achieve something

synonym: hinder, thwart, dishearten

(1) **frustrate** the advancement, (2) **frustrate** other team members

The coach explained a strategy to **frustrate** the opponent's schemes to the players.

quitter

n. a person who gives up easily or does not have the determination to finish what they have started

synonym: coward, deserter, surrender

(1) easy **quitter**, (2) serial **quitter**

He was labeled as a **quitter** after he abandoned the project halfway.

fee

n. a sum of money charged for a particular service

synonym: charge, cost, expense

(1) **fee** calculation, (2) service **fee**

The lawyer's **fee** for the case was \$10,000.

destroy

v. to ruin or damage severely or completely; to eradicate or eliminate completely

synonym: demolish, ruin, obliterate

(1) **destroy** the ecosystem, (2) **destroyed** evidence

The building was **destroyed** in the fire and had to be rebuilt.

committed

adj. willing to put in a lot of effort, time, and energy into something; firmly believing in something

synonym : devoted, faithful, attached

(1) in a **committed** relationship, (2) strong and **committed** sales staff

Our company is strongly **committed** to meeting customers' needs.

graduate

n. a person who has a first degree from university or college; (verb) to complete the first course of university or college and get a degree

synonym : alumna, alum, grad

(1) **graduate** degree program, (2) honor **graduate**

Many employers hire **graduate** trainees to train as managers.

exile

n. the state of being forced to leave one's country or home, typically for political or punitive reasons

synonym : banishment, expulsion, deportation

(1) **exile** community, (2) political **exile**

The **exiled** king lived in poverty in a foreign country for many years.

daring

adj. brave and taking risks

synonym : audacious, bold, venturesome

(1) **daring** escape, (2) make a **daring** face

Her choices become increasingly **daring** and creative.

educate

v. to provide or receive instruction or training over a period of time at a school, university, etc.

synonym : instruct, teach, train

(1) **educate** student, (2) **educate** public

The school's mission is to **educate** young children and prepare them for the future.

congratulation

n. the act of expressing that someone has an occasion for celebration or the expression of pleasure at the success or good fortune of another

synonym : praise, compliment, felicitation

(1) **congratulation** on a promotion, (2) a matter for **congratulation**

The **congratulations** from her friends and family were overwhelming after she won the championship.

brag

v. to say something in a boastful manner, to impress others, or make oneself feel superior

synonym: boast, swagger, vaunt

(1) **brag** to each other, (2) **brag** about my knowledge

Despite his impressive achievements, he refrained from **bragging** about his success.

degree

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

synonym: level, qualification, diploma

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

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

ambassador

n. a diplomatic representative of a country who is sent to another country or international organization

synonym: envoy, diplomat, representative

(1) **ambassador** for football, (2) send an **ambassador** abroad

The **ambassador** of peace met with government officials to discuss bilateral relations.

cofounder

n. one of several people who establishes an organization or starts a business

(1) **cofounder** of the university, (2) late **cofounder**

He is the **cofounder** and chairman of this tech company.

risky

adj. involving the possibility of danger, failure, or loss

synonym: dangerous, perilous, scary

(1) change **risky** behavior, (2) a **risky** enterprise

It is extremely **risky** to sail in such a storm.

exciting

adj. causing a lot of interest or excitement

synonym : exhilarating, stimulating, thrilling

(1) **exciting** football player, (2) **exciting** news

The findings of the experiment were both **exciting** and unexpected.

ambition

n. a strong wish to do or achieve something

synonym : purpose, aim, endeavor

(1) an **ambition** for political power, (2) boundless **ambition**

Greed and **ambition** composed his personality.

grab

v. to take hold of something or someone suddenly with a hand, especially in a violent way

synonym : clutch, snatch, grasp

(1) **grab** an audience, (2) **grab** an opportunity

Shall we **grab** a bite to eat?

opportune

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

synonym : suitable, timely, practical

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

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

advocate

n. a person who supports or suggests an idea, development, or way of doing something

synonym : proponent, exponent, promoter

(1) an **advocate** of disarmament, (2) public education

advocates

Advocates of abolishing the death penalty often argue that the alternative heaviest sentence should be life in prison.

daunting

adj. looking challenging to manage in prospect; making someone anxious and less confident about carrying out something

synonym : intimidating, stunning, disheartening

(1) face the **daunting** reality, (2) seem like a **daunting** task

My homework was **daunting** and complex, but it was also intriguing.

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.

literally

adv. in the real or original meaning of a word or phrase; in a literal sense or way; not figuratively

synonym : actually, truly, verily

(1) translate **literally**, (2) bite his tongue **literally**

He **literally** jumped out of his chair when he heard the news.

bomb

n. a weapon that explodes and is used to kill or injure people or to cause damage to something

synonym : missile, explosive, ammunition

(1) atomic **bombs**, (2) disarm the **bomb**

The use of cluster **bombs** is strictly prohibited by international law.

warn

v. to make someone aware of potential danger or difficulty, particularly one that may occur in the future

synonym : alert, caution, admonish

(1) **warn** a reckless driver, (2) **warned** me of the plan

I attempted to **warn** him, but he ignored me.

ruin

v. to damage, spoil, or demolish something; (noun) an unrecoverable state of devastation and destruction,

synonym : bankrupt, demolish, destroy

(1) **ruin** the plan, (2) **ruin** the reputation

He knocked over the red wine and **ruined** the tablecloth.

backward

adv. at, to, or toward the direction or place that is behind or rear

synonym : back, rearward, in reverse

(1) walk **backward**, (2) **backward** angle

She falls over **backward** when she sees her mother-in-law.

dismiss

v. to regard something or someone as not important and not worth considering; to terminate someone's employment

synonym : decline, disband, dissolve

(1) **dismiss** a person from the office, (2) **dismiss** a matter with a laugh

The committee has decided to **dismiss** the president from the post.

succeed

v. to accomplish or achieve a desired or intended result or goal; to prosper or attain success in a given field or endeavor

synonym : achieve, accomplish, triumph

(1) **succeed** beyond expectations, (2) **succeed** academically

I hope to **succeed** in my career and live a happy life.

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.

moth

n. an insect with wings similar to a butterfly that travels at night and is attracted to light

(1) **moth** larva, (2) **moth** attracted to the light

The **moth** is a serious threat to the farm's output.

initial

adj. of or happening at the beginning; (noun) the first letter of a word, especially a person's name

synonym : basic, primary, beginning

(1) **initial** velocity, (2) an **initial** letter

They took the **initial** step toward reconciliation.

convincing

adj. able to make someone believe that something is true

synonym : clear, compelling, believable

(1) a **convincing** victory, (2) **convincing** biochemical explanation

I found her assertion pretty **convincing**.

negotiate

v. to have formal discussions with someone to reach an agreement

synonym : discuss, mediate, bargain

(1) **negotiate** a settlement, (2) **negotiate** the price of the house

We are always happy to **negotiate** a discount.

context

n. the circumstances, facts, or conditions that surround a particular event, situation, or statement and that give it meaning

synonym : background, setting, environment

(1) historical **context**, (2) legal **context**

It's important to understand the **context** of a situation before making a decision.

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**.

fragility

n. the quality of being easily broken, damaged, or destroyed; the state of being delicate or vulnerable

synonym : delicacy, weakness, frailty

(1) **fragility** of life, (2) emotional **fragility**

The **fragility** of the glass required careful handling during shipping.

troop

n. a group of soldiers, especially a large one; a group of people, animals, or things considered as a unit.

synonym : group, unit, band

(1) the members of a military **troop**, (2) a **troop** of deer

The **troop** of soldiers marched through the city in a parade.

withdrawal

n. the act of taking money out of an account; the act of ceasing to participate in an activity and moving or taking something away or back

synonym : retreat, pullback, escape

(1) deposits and **withdrawals**, (2) **withdrawal** from membership

NATO's allied forces made a strategic **withdrawal**.

encourage

v. to give someone support, confidence, or hope; to persuade someone to do or continue to do something by making it easier for them and making them believe it is a good thing to do

synonym : facilitate, persuade, stimulate

(1) **encourage** a sense of affinity, (2) **encourage** antisocial behavior

They **encouraged** customers with a premium for loyal patronage.

promising

adj. having the potential to be successful, helpful, or beneficial; showing signs of future success or achievement

synonym : hopeful, optimistic, encouraging

(1) **promising** idea, (2) **promising** start

Several top teams scouted **promising** young athletes.

lasting

adj. durable and enduring over time; continuing or permanent in effect

synonym : enduring, permanent, persistent

(1) **lasting** impression, (2) **lasting** impact

Their marriage was built on a foundation of love and trust, which resulted in a **lasting** relationship that spanned over fifty

years.

boundless

adj. having no limits; limitless

synonym : limitless, indefinite, bottomless

(1) **boundless** imagination, (2) **boundless** energy

The **boundless** ocean stretched before them as far as the eye could see.

possibility

n. a chance that something may happen or be true

synonym : chance, prospect, likelihood

(1) **possibility** for growth, (2) **possibility** of a major earthquake

The **possibility** of getting the disease will drastically increase.

Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. en_____ge antisocial behavior | v. | to give someone support, confidence, or hope; to persuade someone to do or continue to do something by making it easier for them and making them believe it is a good thing to do |
| 2. the gr_____y business | n. | a shop that sells food and other household items |
| 3. fr_____te the advancement | v. | to hinder or prevent efforts, plans, or desires from doing, succeeding, or being fulfilled; to make someone feel upset or annoyed because they are unable to change or achieve something |
| 4. m__h larva | n. | an insect with wings similar to a butterfly that travels at night and is attracted to light |
| 5. make a da____g face | adj. | brave and taking risks |
| 6. ne_____te the price of the house | v. | to have formal discussions with someone to reach an agreement |
| 7. 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 |
| 8. fr_____te other team members | v. | to hinder or prevent efforts, plans, or desires from doing, succeeding, or being fulfilled; to make someone feel upset or annoyed because they are unable to change or achieve something |

ANSWERS: 1. encourage, 2. grocery, 3. frustrate, 4. moth, 5. daring, 6. negotiate, 7. recognize, 8. frustrate

9. w__ned me of the plan *v.* to make someone aware of potential danger or difficulty, particularly one that may occur in the future
10. a tr__p of deer *n.* a group of soldiers, especially a large one; a group of people, animals, or things considered as a unit.
11. in___t over and over *v.* to say something clearly or demand something forcefully, especially when other people disagree with or oppose what you say
12. la_____g impact *adj.* durable and enduring over time; continuing or permanent in effect
13. translate li_____ly *adv.* in the real or original meaning of a word or phrase; in a literal sense or way; not figuratively
14. sc___d dog *adj.* afraid or frightened
15. il_____l drugs *adj.* not allowed by law
16. ma_____ck politician *adj.* characterized by independence or nonconformity; unconventional, idiosyncratic, or rebellious
17. n__b with cold *adj.* unable to feel physical sensation and movement; not showing human feeling or sensitivity
18. re___e voluntarily *v.* to withdraw from one's position or occupation, especially because of age
19. r__n the plan *v.* to damage, spoil, or demolish something; (noun) an unrecoverable state of devastation and destruction,

ANSWERS: 9. warn, 10. troop, 11. insist, 12. lasting, 13. literally, 14. scared, 15. illegal, 16. maverick, 17. numb, 18. retire, 19. ruin

20. di___n an adoption *v.* to reject or refuse to acknowledge or accept as one's own; to renounce or disclaim any connection or relationship with someone or something
21. the market is de_____ed *adj.* sad and without any hope
22. ba_____rd angle *adv.* at, to, or toward the direction or place that is behind or rear
23. service f_e *n.* a sum of money charged for a particular service
24. wit_____al from membership *n.* the act of taking money out of an account; the act of ceasing to participate in an activity and moving or taking something away or back
25. not up to p_r *n.* a state of being equal to someone or something
26. have c__y relations *adj.* comfortable and warm; giving a feeling of comfort, warmth, and relaxation
27. b__g to each other *v.* to say something in a boastful manner, to impress others, or make oneself feel superior
28. di_____s a person from the office *v.* to regard something or someone as not important and not worth considering; to terminate someone's employment
29. wall s__d *n.* a small object with a head on one end and a sharp point on the other, used for fastening clothing, leather, or other materials; an animal used for breeding, typically a male horse or bull that is of superior breeding stock; (verb) to decorate or adorn with studs; to provide with studs for support

ANSWERS: 20. disown, 21. depressed, 22. backward, 23. fee, 24. withdrawal, 25. par, 26. cozy, 27. brag, 28. dismiss, 29. stud

30. walk ba____rd *adv.* at, to, or toward the direction or place that is behind or rear
31. ex____e weather events *adj.* very great in amount or degree
32. send an amb____or abroad *n.* a diplomatic representative of a country who is sent to another country or international organization
33. late co____er *n.* one of several people who establishes an organization or starts a business
34. con_____ion on a promotion *n.* the act of expressing that someone has an occasion for celebration or the expression of pleasure at the success or good fortune of another
35. g__b an opportunity *v.* to take hold of something or someone suddenly with a hand, especially in a violent way
36. ca____l a free subscription trial *v.* to decide that a previously scheduled activity will not take place
37. political ex__e *n.* the state of being forced to leave one's country or home, typically for political or punitive reasons
38. de____ed feeling *adj.* sad and without any hope
39. es__t for VIPs *n.* a person or group of people accompanying someone for protection, guidance, or courtesy; a companion or attendant; a service or a person providing a service for accompanying someone or something to or from a destination

ANSWERS: 30. backward, 31. extreme, 32. ambassador, 33. cofounder, 34. congratulation, 35. grab, 36. cancel, 37. exile, 38. depressed, 39. escort

40. tr____re island *n.* a valuable or desirable possession; something that is cherished or held dear; a collection of valuable objects or money that is hidden or protected
41. pr_____ng start *adj.* having the potential to be successful, helpful, or beneficial; showing signs of future success or achievement
42. above p_r performance *n.* a state of being equal to someone or something
43. personal es____t *n.* a person or group of people accompanying someone for protection, guidance, or courtesy; a companion or attendant; a service or a person providing a service for accompanying someone or something to or from a destination
44. a romance-pa____d movie *adj.* extremely full of people; very crowded
45. ext_____ary ability *adj.* exceptional, unexpected, very unusual; surpassing the ordinary or usual
46. w__n a reckless driver *v.* to make someone aware of potential danger or difficulty, particularly one that may occur in the future
47. public education ad____tes *n.* a person who supports or suggests an idea, development, or way of doing something
48. ex____ng football player *adj.* causing a lot of interest or excitement
49. g__b an audience *v.* to take hold of something or someone suddenly with a hand, especially in a violent way

ANSWERS: 40. treasure, 41. promising, 42. par, 43. escort, 44. packed, 45. extraordinary, 46. warn, 47. advocate, 48. exciting, 49. grab

50. sc___d all the time *adj.* afraid or frightened
51. op_____ne occasion *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
52. change ri__y behavior *adj.* involving the possibility of danger, failure, or loss
53. di___n a responsibility *v.* to reject or refuse to acknowledge or accept as one's own; to renounce or disclaim any connection or relationship with someone or something
54. da___g escape *adj.* brave and taking risks
55. a matter for con_____ion *n.* the act of expressing that someone has an occasion for celebration or the expression of pleasure at the success or good fortune of another
56. amb_____or for football *n.* a diplomatic representative of a country who is sent to another country or international organization
57. ext_____ary weather *adj.* exceptional, unexpected, very unusual; surpassing the ordinary or usual
58. ex_____ng news *adj.* causing a lot of interest or excitement
59. ca___l a class *v.* to decide that a previously scheduled activity will not take place
60. bo_____ss imagination *adj.* having no limits; limitless
61. m__h attracted to the light *n.* an insect with wings similar to a butterfly that travels at night and is attracted to light

ANSWERS: 50. scared, 51. opportune, 52. risky, 53. disown, 54. daring, 55. congratulation, 56. ambassador, 57. extraordinary, 58. exciting, 59. cancel, 60. boundless, 61. moth

62. co_____er of the university *n.* one of several people who establishes an organization or starts a business
63. di_____s a matter with a laugh *v.* to regard something or someone as not important and not worth considering; to terminate someone's employment
64. serial qu_____r *n.* a person who gives up easily or does not have the determination to finish what they have started
65. b__g about my knowledge *v.* to say something in a boastful manner, to impress others, or make oneself feel superior
66. 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
67. tr_____re hunt *n.* a valuable or desirable possession; something that is cherished or held dear; a collection of valuable objects or money that is hidden or protected
68. c__y sound of rain *adj.* comfortable and warm; giving a feeling of comfort, warmth, and relaxation
69. in a co_____ed relationship *adj.* willing to put in a lot of effort, time, and energy into something; firmly believing in something
70. Bengal pr_____ce *n.* the territory occupied by one of the constituent administrative districts of a nation
71. in___t on a clear answer *v.* to say something clearly or demand something forcefully, especially when other people disagree with or oppose what you say

ANSWERS: 62. cofounder, 63. dismiss, 64. quitter, 65. brag, 66. recognize, 67. treasure, 68. cozy, 69. committed, 70. province, 71. insist

72. an in_____l letter *adj.* of or happening at the beginning; (noun) the first letter of a word, especially a person's name
73. an op_____ne remark *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
74. pos_____ty for growth *n.* a chance that something may happen or be true
75. pos_____ty of a major earthquake *n.* a chance that something may happen or be true
76. su_____t that he is sick *v.* to consider anything to be actual or probable
77. an am_____on for political power *n.* a strong wish to do or achieve something
78. easy qu_____r *n.* a person who gives up easily or does not have the determination to finish what they have started
79. ex_____e sports *adj.* very great in amount or degree
80. de_____yed evidence *v.* to ruin or damage severely or completely; to eradicate or eliminate completely
81. disarm the b__b *n.* a weapon that explodes and is used to kill or injure people or to cause damage to something
82. boundless am_____on *n.* a strong wish to do or achieve something
83. re___e after four terms *v.* to withdraw from one's position or occupation, especially because of age

ANSWERS: 72. initial, 73. opportune, 74. possibility, 75. possibility, 76. suspect, 77. ambition, 78. quitter, 79. extreme, 80. destroy, 81. bomb, 82. ambition, 83. retire

84. su____d beyond expectations *v.* to accomplish or achieve a desired or intended result or goal; to prosper or attain success in a given field or endeavor
85. meet with opp_____on *n.* the act of disagreeing or resisting; the state of strong disagreement
86. strong and co_____ed sales staff *adj.* willing to put in a lot of effort, time, and energy into something; firmly believing in something
87. pr_____ng idea *adj.* having the potential to be successful, helpful, or beneficial; showing signs of future success or achievement
88. ed_____e student *v.* to provide or receive instruction or training over a period of time at a school, university, etc.
89. honor gr_____te *n.* a person who has a first degree from university or college; (verb) to complete the first course of university or college and get a degree
90. opp_____on campaign *n.* the act of disagreeing or resisting; the state of strong disagreement
91. in_____l velocity *adj.* of or happening at the beginning; (noun) the first letter of a word, especially a person's name
92. ed_____e public *v.* to provide or receive instruction or training over a period of time at a school, university, etc.
93. gr_____te degree program *n.* a person who has a first degree from university or college; (verb) to complete the first course of university or college and get a degree

ANSWERS: 84. succeed, 85. opposition, 86. committed, 87. promising, 88. educate, 89. graduate, 90. opposition, 91. initial, 92. educate, 93. graduate

94. la____g impression *adj.* durable and enduring over time; continuing or permanent in effect
95. seem like a da____ng task *adj.* looking challenging to manage in prospect; making someone anxious and less confident about carrying out something
96. fr____ty of life *n.* the quality of being easily broken, damaged, or destroyed; the state of being delicate or vulnerable
97. con____ng biochemical explanation *adj.* able to make someone believe that something is true
98. a con____ng victory *adj.* able to make someone believe that something is true
99. die su____ly *adv.* quickly and unexpectedly
100. ex__e community *n.* the state of being forced to leave one's country or home, typically for political or punitive reasons
101. a person who is sus____us *adj.* making you feel that someone has done something wrong, illegal, or dishonest without any evidence
102. ed____ed speech *adj.* having received a high standard of education
103. ne____te a settlement *v.* to have formal discussions with someone to reach an agreement
104. bite his tongue li____ly *adv.* in the real or original meaning of a word or phrase; in a literal sense or way; not figuratively
105. legal co____t *n.* the circumstances, facts, or conditions that surround a particular event, situation, or statement and that give it meaning

ANSWERS: 94. lasting, 95. daunting, 96. fragility, 97. convincing, 98. convincing, 99. suddenly, 100. exile, 101. suspicious, 102. educated, 103. negotiate, 104. literally, 105. context

106. pa___d audience	<i>adj.</i> extremely full of people; very crowded
107. bachelor's de___e	<i>n.</i> a unit of measurement for angles, temperature, or level of proficiency or achievement; a rank or level of academic or professional attainment
108. a ri__y enterprise	<i>adj.</i> involving the possibility of danger, failure, or loss
109. a n__b mind	<i>adj.</i> unable to feel physical sensation and movement; not showing human feeling or sensitivity
110. su_____ly attacked by an enemy	<i>adv.</i> quickly and unexpectedly
111. su_____t a plot	<i>v.</i> to consider anything to be actual or probable
112. atomic b__bs	<i>n.</i> a weapon that explodes and is used to kill or injure people or to cause damage to something
113. historical co_____t	<i>n.</i> the circumstances, facts, or conditions that surround a particular event, situation, or statement and that give it meaning
114. ma_____ck behavior	<i>adj.</i> characterized by independence or nonconformity; unconventional, idiosyncratic, or rebellious
115. ed_____ed adult	<i>adj.</i> having received a high standard of education
116. home pr_____ce	<i>n.</i> the territory occupied by one of the constituent administrative districts of a nation

ANSWERS: 106. packed, 107. degree, 108. risky, 109. numb, 110. suddenly, 111. suspect, 112. bomb, 113. context, 114. maverick, 115. educated, 116. province

117. f_e calculation *n.* a sum of money charged for a particular service
118. an ad_____te of disarmament *n.* a person who supports or suggests an idea, development, or way of doing something
119. de_____y the ecosystem *v.* to ruin or damage severely or completely; to eradicate or eliminate completely
120. en_____ge a sense of affinity *v.* to give someone support, confidence, or hope; to persuade someone to do or continue to do something by making it easier for them and making them believe it is a good thing to do
121. de___e centigrade *n.* a unit of measurement for angles, temperature, or level of proficiency or achievement; a rank or level of academic or professional attainment
122. r__n the reputation *v.* to damage, spoil, or demolish something; (noun) an unrecoverable state of devastation and destruction,
123. emotional fr_____ty *n.* the quality of being easily broken, damaged, or destroyed; the state of being delicate or vulnerable
124. su_____d academically *v.* to accomplish or achieve a desired or intended result or goal; to prosper or attain success in a given field or endeavor
125. face the da_____ng reality *adj.* looking challenging to manage in prospect; making someone anxious and less confident about carrying out something

ANSWERS: 117. fee, 118. advocate, 119. destroy, 120. encourage, 121. degree, 122. ruin, 123. fragility, 124. succeed, 125. daunting

126. child of il____l immigrants *adj.* not allowed by law
127. bo____ss energy *adj.* having no limits; limitless
128. horse s__d *n.* a small object with a head on one end and a sharp point on the other, used for fastening clothing, leather, or other materials; an animal used for breeding, typically a male horse or bull that is of superior breeding stock; (verb) to decorate or adorn with studs; to provide with studs for support
129. report sus____us activity *adj.* making you feel that someone has done something wrong, illegal, or dishonest without any evidence
130. run a gr____y *n.* a shop that sells food and other household items
131. deposits and wit____als *n.* the act of taking money out of an account; the act of ceasing to participate in an activity and moving or taking something away or back
132. the members of a military tr__p *n.* a group of soldiers, especially a large one; a group of people, animals, or things considered as a unit.

ANSWERS: 126. illegal, 127. boundless, 128. stud, 129. suspicious, 130. grocery, 131. withdrawal, 132. troop

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. It's important to understand the _____ of a situation before making a decision.
n. the circumstances, facts, or conditions that surround a particular event, situation, or statement and that give it meaning

2. He _____ that she pay her debt to the last penny.
v. to say something clearly or demand something forcefully, especially when other people disagree with or oppose what you say

3. Their marriage was built on a foundation of love and trust, which resulted in a _____ relationship that spanned over fifty years.
adj. durable and enduring over time; continuing or permanent in effect

4. Who answers _____ knows little.
adv. quickly and unexpectedly

5. Our company is strongly _____ to meeting customers' needs.
adj. willing to put in a lot of effort, time, and energy into something; firmly believing in something

6. They _____ customers with a premium for loyal patronage.
v. to give someone support, confidence, or hope; to persuade someone to do or continue to do something by making it easier for them and making them believe it is a good thing to do

7. The lawyer's ____ for the case was \$10,000.
n. a sum of money charged for a particular service

ANSWERS: 1. context, 2. insisted, 3. lasting, 4. suddenly, 5. committed, 6. encouraged, 7. fee

8. I hope to _____ in my career and live a happy life.
- v. to accomplish or achieve a desired or intended result or goal; to prosper or attain success in a given field or endeavor
9. The school's mission is to _____ young children and prepare them for the future.
- v. to provide or receive instruction or training over a period of time at a school, university, etc.
10. A network of railways has developed over the _____.
- n. the territory occupied by one of the constituent administrative districts of a nation
11. We are always happy to _____ a discount.
- v. to have formal discussions with someone to reach an agreement
12. The _____ king lived in poverty in a foreign country for many years.
- n. the state of being forced to leave one's country or home, typically for political or punitive reasons
13. 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
14. Excellent speech is a characteristic of an _____ man.
- adj. having received a high standard of education
15. The committee has decided to _____ the president from the post.
- v. to regard something or someone as not important and not worth considering; to terminate someone's employment

ANSWERS: 8. succeed, 9. educate, 10. province, 11. negotiate, 12. exiled, 13. recognize, 14. educated, 15. dismiss

16. The _____ of peace met with government officials to discuss bilateral relations.
- n.* a diplomatic representative of a country who is sent to another country or international organization
17. After working for the company for 30 years, she decided to _____ from her job.
- v.* to withdraw from one's position or occupation, especially because of age
18. Greed and _____ composed his personality.
- n.* a strong wish to do or achieve something
19. He was labeled as a _____ after he abandoned the project halfway.
- n.* a person who gives up easily or does not have the determination to finish what they have started
20. My homework was _____ and complex, but it was also intriguing.
- adj.* looking challenging to manage in prospect; making someone anxious and less confident about carrying out something
21. The pirates searched for buried _____ in the dunes.
- n.* a valuable or desirable possession; something that is cherished or held dear; a collection of valuable objects or money that is hidden or protected
22. We carefully examine each _____ transaction report we receive.
- adj.* making you feel that someone has done something wrong, illegal, or dishonest without any evidence
23. The _____ party strongly disagreed with the government's proposed legislation.
- n.* the act of disagreeing or resisting; the state of strong disagreement

ANSWERS: 16. ambassador, 17. retire, 18. ambition, 19. quitter, 20. daunting, 21. treasure, 22. suspicious, 23. opposition

24. The _____ is a serious threat to the farm's output.
n. an insect with wings similar to a butterfly that travels at night and is attracted to light
25. The fireplace made the room feel _____ and inviting.
adj. comfortable and warm; giving a feeling of comfort, warmth, and relaxation
26. Despite his impressive achievements, he refrained from _____ about his success.
v. to say something in a boastful manner, to impress others, or make oneself feel superior
27. He _____ jumped out of his chair when he heard the news.
adv. in the real or original meaning of a word or phrase; in a literal sense or way; not figuratively
28. The _____ artist refused to follow traditional painting styles and created his unique art.
adj. characterized by independence or nonconformity; unconventional, idiosyncratic, or rebellious
29. After his mother died, he got _____.
adj. sad and without any hope
30. He is the _____ and chairman of this tech company.
n. one of several people who establishes an organization or starts a business
31. The customs agents seized the _____ shipment.
adj. not allowed by law

ANSWERS: 24. moth, 25. cozy, 26. bragging, 27. literally, 28. maverick, 29. depressed, 30. cofounder, 31. illegal

32. Shares in the company finally fell below their ____ value.

n. a state of being equal to someone or something

33. My left arm became _____.

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

34. He bought a new _____ to attach the strap to his watch.

n. a small object with a head on one end and a sharp point on the other, used for fastening clothing, leather, or other materials; an animal used for breeding, typically a male horse or bull that is of superior breeding stock; (verb) to decorate or adorn with studs; to provide with studs for support

35. I will go to the _____ store to buy food for dinner.

n. a shop that sells food and other household items

36. The phone rang at the most _____ time.

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

37. The _____ of soldiers marched through the city in a parade.

n. a group of soldiers, especially a large one; a group of people, animals, or things considered as a unit.

38. An _____ of bodyguards surrounded the celebrity to keep fans safe.

n. a person or group of people accompanying someone for protection, guidance, or courtesy; a companion or attendant; a service or a person providing a service for accompanying someone or something to or from a destination

39. The coach explained a strategy to _____ the opponent's schemes to the players.

v. to hinder or prevent efforts, plans, or desires from doing, succeeding, or being fulfilled; to make someone feel upset or annoyed because they are unable to change or achieve something

ANSWERS: 32. par, 33. numb, 34. stud, 35. grocery, 36. opportune, 37. troop, 38.

escort, 39. frustrate

40. The drama is fascinating and action-_____.

adj. extremely full of people; very crowded

41. He was so disappointed in his son's actions that he decided to _____ him completely.

v. to reject or refuse to acknowledge or accept as one's own; to renounce or disclaim any connection or relationship with someone or something

42. They took the _____ step toward reconciliation.

adj. of or happening at the beginning; (noun) the first letter of a word, especially a person's name

43. The findings of the experiment were both _____ and unexpected.

adj. causing a lot of interest or excitement

44. The building was _____ in the fire and had to be rebuilt.

v. to ruin or damage severely or completely; to eradicate or eliminate completely

45. Several top teams scouted _____ young athletes.

adj. having the potential to be successful, helpful, or beneficial; showing signs of future success or achievement

46. She received her _____ in psychology from the university.

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

47. He knocked over the red wine and _____ the tablecloth.

v. to damage, spoil, or demolish something; (noun) an unrecoverable state of devastation and destruction,

ANSWERS: 40. packed, 41. disown, 42. initial, 43. exciting, 44. destroyed, 45. promising, 46. degree, 47. ruined

48. The _____ of getting the disease will drastically increase.
n. a chance that something may happen or be true
49. The cops _____ him of being the killer.
v. to consider anything to be actual or probable
50. The _____ ocean stretched before them as far as the eye could see.
adj. having no limits; limitless
51. The use of cluster _____ is strictly prohibited by international law.
n. a weapon that explodes and is used to kill or injure people or to cause damage to something
52. It is extremely _____ to sail in such a storm.
adj. involving the possibility of danger, failure, or loss
53. The _____ of the glass required careful handling during shipping.
n. the quality of being easily broken, damaged, or destroyed; the state of being delicate or vulnerable
54. She falls over _____ when she sees her mother-in-law.
adv. at, to, or toward the direction or place that is behind or rear
55. I attempted to _____ him, but he ignored me.
v. to make someone aware of potential danger or difficulty, particularly one that may occur in the future
56. Solar gravity creates _____ pressures and temperatures.
adj. very great in amount or degree

ANSWERS: 48. possibility, 49. suspected, 50. boundless, 51. bombs, 52. risky, 53. fragility, 54. backward, 55. warn, 56. extreme

57. Shall we _____ a bite to eat?

- v.* to take hold of something or someone suddenly with a hand, especially in a violent way

58. I'm _____ of insects.

- adj.* afraid or frightened

59. Her choices become increasingly _____ and creative.

- adj.* brave and taking risks

60. I found her assertion pretty _____.

- adj.* able to make someone believe that something is true

61. Many employers hire _____ trainees to train as managers.

- n.* a person who has a first degree from university or college; (verb) to complete the first course of university or college and get a degree

62. The _____ from her friends and family were overwhelming after she won the championship.

- n.* the act of expressing that someone has an occasion for celebration or the expression of pleasure at the success or good fortune of another

63. NATO's allied forces made a strategic _____.

- n.* the act of taking money out of an account; the act of ceasing to participate in an activity and moving or taking something away or back

64. _____ of abolishing the death penalty often argue that the alternative heaviest sentence should be life in prison.

- n.* a person who supports or suggests an idea, development, or way of doing something

ANSWERS: 57. grab, 58. scared, 59. daring, 60. convincing, 61. graduate, 62. congratulations, 63. withdrawal, 64. Advocates

65. When customers _____ their reservations, they lose the deposit they made.

v. to decide that a previously scheduled activity will not take place

66. He narrated the _____ story of his adventure.

adj. exceptional, unexpected, very unusual; surpassing the ordinary or usual

ANSWERS: 65. cancel, 66. extraordinary