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Session 1: Word List

vocation

n. a strong feeling of suitability for a particular career or occupation; a person's employment or main occupation, seen as worthy of dedication and commitment; a calling or strong inclination toward a particular way of life

synonym : occupation, profession, career

(1) **vocation** training, (2) artistic **vocation**

Her **vocation** as a nurse gave her great satisfaction and purpose in life.

addict

n. a person who cannot stop using or doing something as a habit, especially something harmful

synonym : devotee, buff, freak

(1) a drug **addict**, (2) Internet **addict**

We have become TV **addicts** due to video streaming services.

incarcerate

v. to put or keep somebody in prison or in a place from which they cannot escape

synonym : confine, detain, imprison

(1) **incarcerate** the murderer, (2) **incarcerate** her for life

He was **incarcerated** for the duration of the war.

grandparent

n. a parent of one's father or mother

(1) great- **grandparent**, (2) person of **grandparent** age

She was close to her paternal **grandparents** and often spent summers with them.

sitcom

n. a television or radio program that features a continuing cast of characters in humorous or dramatic situations, typically presented in a half-hour format

synonym : comedy, TV show

(1) **sitcom** series, (2) popular **sitcom**

I love to watch **sitcoms** when I need a good laugh.

homemaking

n. the act or practice of managing a household and taking care of domestic duties such as cooking, cleaning, and organizing; the work or occupation of being a homemaker

synonym : housekeeping, domestic management

(1) traditional **homemaking** skills, (2) **homemaking** tools

Homemaking duties can include anything from cooking and cleaning to managing household finances.

snoop

v. to investigate or pry into something in a stealthy or nosy manner; to snoop through someone else's possessions or property

synonym : spy, pry, eavesdrop

(1) **snoop** around the house, (2) **snoop** for information

The nosy neighbor liked to **snoop** around and eavesdrop on other people's conversations.

ninja

n. a Japanese warrior or assassin trained in martial arts and stealth tactics, associated with the feudal era of Japan

synonym : assassin, spy

(1) **ninja** costume, (2) **ninja** warrior

The skilled **ninja** moved stealthily through the shadows to carry out their mission.

monumental

adj. great in importance or influence, size, extent, or solidity;
massive

synonym: massive, awesome, enormous

(1) **monumental** task, (2) **monumental** sculpture

Everyone, even non-scholars, knows Einstein's **monumental** contributions to physics.

afterward

adv. after the time mentioned

synonym: later, thereafter, following

(1) a few years **afterward**, (2) go there **afterward**

We will explain the countermeasure concerning this problem **afterward**.

rendition

n. a performance or interpretation, often of a piece of music or artwork; a version or translation of something into another language or style; the act of surrendering someone to another country for interrogation or punishment

synonym: interpretation, performance, presentation

(1) **rendition** of judgment, (2) film **rendition**

The singer gave a beautiful **rendition** of the classic song during the concert.

rot

v. to decay, or cause something to decay, naturally and gradually

synonym: perish, decay, corrode

(1) begin to **rot**, (2) **rot** with age

Please refrigerate the meat, or it will **rot**.

doorway

n. an opening in a wall for a door to fit into

synonym: entrance, portal, gateway

(1) a wide **doorway**, (2) **doorway** to success

He leaned against the **doorway**, waiting for her to come home.

saunter

n. a leisurely and unhurried walk or stroll, often taken for pleasure or to enjoy the surroundings; (verb) to walk in a

slow, relaxed, and leisurely way, often in a confident and self-assured manner

synonym : stroll, walk, amble

(1) leisurely **saunter**, (2) **saunter** down the street

I went for a **saunter** through the park on a beautiful afternoon.

aisle

n. a passage between rows of seats in a theater, airplane, or other public building, typically one of two or more running parallel with the main body of the structure

synonym : corridor, passageway, gangway

(1) **aisle** seat, (2) the center **aisle** of a church

She walked down the **aisle** to the front of the church.

colossal

adj. extremely large and impressive

synonym : gigantic, huge, enormous

(1) **colossal** statue, (2) a **colossal** success

The new building is truly **colossal**, towering over the surrounding buildings.

owl

n. a nocturnal bird of prey with large eyes, a facial disc, and typically a loud hooting call

synonym : raptor, bird of prey, nocturnal bird

(1) a night **owl**, (2) an **owl** hooted

The snowy **owl** is a large, white bird often seen in the Arctic.

intellect

n. the ability to think logically and comprehend information, especially at an advanced level

synonym : mind, brightness, cleverness

(1) enrich my **intellect**, (2) human **intellect**

Your **intellect** is capable of distinguishing among similar objects.

writ

n. a written legal order or command

synonym : legal document, order, legal process

(1) a **writ** of summons, (2) issue a **writ**

He was served with a **writ** of eviction, giving him the notice to vacate the property.

staple

adj. essential, crucial, or regularly used

synonym : essential, fundamental, pivotal

(1) **staple** commodities, (2) **staple** crop

Rice and beans are a **staple** food in many cultures.

lettuce

n. a leafy vegetable that is often used as a base for salads or sandwiches; it has green leaves and a mild flavor

synonym : greens, salad, cress

(1) crisp **lettuce**, (2) wilted **lettuce**

I want a sandwich with extra **lettuce**, please.

pumpkin

n. large, round, yellow or orange fruit with a thick rind and pulpy interior, often carved into a Halloween decoration or used as a base for pies, soups, or other dishes

synonym : gourd, squash, vegetable

(1) **pumpkin** soup, (2) **pumpkin** pie

The **pumpkin** festival was filled with giant carved pumpkins on display and pumpkin-themed food stalls.

haunted

adj. inhabited, visited, or frequented by ghosts or spirits; disturbed or troubled by persistent or disturbing memories or emotions

synonym : spooky, eerie, ghostly

(1) **haunted** house, (2) **haunted** by memories

The old mansion was known to be **haunted**, with strange noises and eerie sightings reported by visitors.

chop

v. to cut something into pieces with a sharp tool, such as a knife

synonym : cut, hack, slice

(1) **chop** wood, (2) **chop** a meet with a knife

The cook **chopped** the vegetables for the soup.

kidnapping

n. the act of taking somebody away illegally and holding them captive

synonym : abduction, snatch, kidnap

(1) **kidnapping** attempt, (2) mass **kidnapping**

She received a year's imprisonment for aggravated **kidnapping**.

yearbook

n. a book published annually by a school, college, or other organization featuring photographs and records of the previous year's events and the individuals involved in them

synonym : annual, yearly

(1) **yearbook** photography, (2) college **yearbook**

I still like flipping through my high school **yearbook** to remember old friends.

mascot

n. a person, animal, or object that is believed to bring good luck, often adopted by a sports team or organization as a symbol of their identity or values

synonym : symbol, emblem, icon

(1) team **mascot**, (2) corporate **mascot**

The city's **mascot** is a famous landmark that attracts tourists.

tempt

v. to make someone want to do or have something, especially something that is unnecessary or wrong

synonym : entice, lure, attract

(1) **tempt** young people, (2) **tempt** the taste buds

Though he was evil, he never **tempted** his friends into wrongdoing.

stab

v. to cause harm with a sharp, pointed object, such as a knife

synonym : poke, thrust, jab

(1) **stab** at the enemy with a knife, (2) **stab** in the chest

He was **stabbed** many times with scissors.

coed

n. (a shortened form of "coeducational") a female student attending a coeducational institution (= an educational establishment where both males and females are taught together in the same environment or classrooms) alongside male students

(1) **coed** dormitory, (2) **coed** sports team

I joined a **coed** soccer league to meet new people and improve my skills.

solace

n. comfort or consolation in a time of distress, sadness, or disappointment; (verb) to comfort or console someone in a time of distress, loss, or suffering

synonym: comfort, condolence, peace

(1) **solace** in music, (2) offer **solace**

The grieving widow found **solace** in reading her late husband's letters.

flourish

v. to grow or develop vigorously or successfully

synonym: boom, advance, succeed

(1) **flourish** economically, (2) **flourish** worldwide

The Ottoman Empire **flourished** for over five centuries.

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.

commotion

n. a state of confused and noisy disturbance

synonym: disturbance, fuss, uproar

(1) a few minutes of **commotion**, (2) make **commotion**

The **commotion** in the classroom made it hard for the teacher to teach.

doom

n. death, destruction, or some other terrible situation that cannot be avoided

synonym : judgment, destiny, fate

(1) economic **doom**, (2) prophet of **doom**

Everyone was aware of the impending **doom** but was unable to prevent it.

hallway

n. an interior passage or corridor onto which rooms open

synonym : foyer, corridor, entrance

(1) the head of a **hallway**, (2) wax a **hallway** floor

He dashed down a **hallway** to a bathroom.

nerd

n. a person who is very interested in and knowledgeable about a particular subject such as computers, mathematics, chess, etc.

synonym : geek, techie, wonk

(1) a computer **nerd**, (2) **nerd** neck

He was, by nature, a cyber **nerd**.

promenade

n. a stroll or walk, often taken in a public place or park; a public place for walking or strolling, often filled with shops or vendors; a dance movement in which the partners move around the floor in a circle or similar pattern

synonym : stroll, walkway, boulevard

(1) evening **promenade**, (2) **promenade** in the park

The boardwalk by the beach was a beautiful **promenade** for tourists and locals alike.

headmaster

n. the chief administrator or principal of a school or educational institution, typically in charge of its daily operation and management

synonym : principal, headmistress, director

(1) **headmaster** position, (2) former **headmaster**

The school's **headmaster** announced the cancellation of classes due to inclement weather.

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.

hamster

n. a small, furry rodent commonly kept as a pet; often used in research laboratories due to their small size and ease of handling

synonym : gerbil, guinea pig, mouse

(1) **hamster** wheel, (2) pet **hamster**

It's important to clean your **hamster's** cage frequently to ensure their health and comfort.

plead

v. to make a serious and urgent request or appeal, especially for help or mercy

synonym : beg, implore, supplicate

(1) **plead** for mercy, (2) **plead** a political cause

He **pleaded** with the authorities to release his son, who had been wrongly accused.

secondhand

adj. having been previously owned or used by someone else

synonym : used, pre-owned, recycled

(1) **secondhand** car, (2) **secondhand** information

He was excited to find a vintage suit at the **secondhand** shop for a fraction of the price of a new one.

animate

v. to make something full of interest and energy

synonym : invigorate, energize, enliven

(1) **animate** the body, (2) **animate** his soul

The positive attitude of the supervisor **animated** the discussion.

lynch

v. to put to death or punish (usually by hanging) without legal authorization or due process, often as an act of mob justice or vigilante action; (noun) a violent

punishment, often extrajudicial, in which a mob or group of people seize and kill someone, usually by hanging, as a form of punishment or vengeance

synonym: hang, execute, mob

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

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

excite

v. to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager

synonym: thrill, exhilarate, animate

(1) **excite** the crowd, (2) **excite** rebellion

The news of her promotion **excited** her.

marvel

n. someone something that causes feelings of wonder or surprise

synonym: wonder, phenomenon, amazement

(1) a **marvel** of beauty, (2) technical **marvel**

The space shuttle is a modern engineering **marvel**.

superhero

n. a fictional hero who possesses extraordinary powers and abilities and is dedicated to protecting the public

(1) **superhero** movies, (2) **superhero** comics

Superman is a classic **superhero** known for his superhuman strength and flying ability.

angst

n. a feeling of deep anxiety or dread, typically an unfocused one about the human condition or the state of the world in general

synonym: anxiety, worry, stress

(1) an endless stream of **angst**, (2) with no **angst**

He felt a sense of **angst** about the future and wasn't sure what would happen.

faceless

adj. lacking distinctive or individual features or characteristics; anonymous and impersonal

synonym: anonymous, impersonal, nameless

(1) **faceless** enemy, (2) **faceless** bureaucracy

The artist painted a series of **faceless** portraits to represent anonymity and self-discovery.

slug

n. a common name for any terrestrial gastropod mollusk that appears to lack a shell with soft and black or brown color; a bullet, a shot of alcoholic drink

(1) lazy **slug**, (2) reduce **slug** damage

I spotted a giant **slug** in the rain garden.

unanswered

adj. not responded to or explained

synonym: ignored, unrequited, undecided

(1) **unanswered** love, (2) **unanswered** e-mail

Pardon me for leaving some of your questions **unanswered**.

exclamation

n. a sudden outcry or shout, especially one expressing strong emotion

synonym: outcry, shout, yell

(1) an **exclamation** of surprise, (2) **exclamation** mark

Her sudden **exclamation** drew everyone's attention.

platypus

n. a semiaquatic, egg-laying mammal native to Australia and Tasmania, having a broad tail, webbed feet, and a bill resembling that of a duck

synonym: duckbill, monotreme, marsupial

(1) duck-billed **platypus**, (2) **platypus** habitat

The **platypus** diet consists mainly of small invertebrates, insects, and crustaceans.

croak

v. to make a hoarse sound, like a raven or frog; to make complaining remarks or noises under one's breath

synonym: cronk, mutter

(1) start to **croak**, (2) don't **croak** on this festive occasion

Because of her severe cold, she could only **croak**.

well-being

n. the state of being happy and healthy and prosperous

synonym: health, welfare, happiness

(1) the **well-being** of a nation, (2) a sense of **well-being**
We are responsible for the care and **well-being** of all our employees.

doorbell

n. a bell that is pressed or pulled to signal that someone wishes to enter a building

synonym: bell, buzzer, ring

(1) touch a **doorbell**, (2) **doorbell** chime

He rang the **doorbell** and waited for someone to answer.

situ

adj. short for "situated," meaning located or placed in a particular position or circumstance

synonym: situational, contextual, circumstantial

(1) ex- **situ** conservation, (2) in- **situ** control

Melanoma in **situ** is considered the earliest stage of melanoma and has a high cure rate with appropriate treatment.

caretaker

n. a person employed to take care of a large building such as a school and who deals with the cleaning, repairs, etc.; a person employed to look after a house or land while the owner is away

synonym: custodian, caregiver

(1) welfare **caretaker**, (2) the role of **caretaker**

He acted as a **caretaker** until a new president was elected.

mural

adj. a large painting or other artwork that is applied directly to a wall or other surface

synonym: wall painting, fresco, wall art

(1) **mural** painting, (2) a **mural** decoration

The **mural** on the wall depicted the history of the city.

Session 2: Spelling

1. pu____n pie *n.* large, round, yellow or orange fruit with a thick rind and pulpy interior, often carved into a Halloween decoration or used as a base for pies, soups, or other dishes
2. una_____ed love *adj.* not responded to or explained
3. pet ha_____r *n.* a small, furry rodent commonly kept as a pet; often used in research laboratories due to their small size and ease of handling
4. mu__l painting *adj.* a large painting or other artwork that is applied directly to a wall or other surface
5. ye_____ok photography *n.* a book published annually by a school, college, or other organization featuring photographs and records of the previous year's events and the individuals involved in them
6. ha_____d house *adj.* inhabited, visited, or frequented by ghosts or spirits; disturbed or troubled by persistent or disturbing memories or emotions
7. Internet ad____t *n.* a person who cannot stop using or doing something as a habit, especially something harmful
8. exc_____on mark *n.* a sudden outcry or shout, especially one expressing strong emotion

ANSWERS: 1. pumpkin, 2. unanswered, 3. hamster, 4. mural, 5. yearbook, 6. haunted, 7. addict, 8. exclamation

9. enrich my in_____ct *n.* the ability to think logically and comprehend information, especially at an advanced level
10. c__d sports team *n.* (a shortened form of "coeducational") a female student attending a coeducational institution (= an educational establishment where both males and females are taught together in the same environment or classrooms) alongside male students
11. start to cr__k *v.* to make a hoarse sound, like a raven or frog; to make complaining remarks or noises under one's breath
12. s__b at the enemy with a knife *v.* to cause harm with a sharp, pointed object, such as a knife
13. person of gra_____nt age *n.* a parent of one's father or mother
14. do_____ll chime *n.* a bell that is pressed or pulled to signal that someone wishes to enter a building
15. sec_____nd car *adj.* having been previously owned or used by someone else
16. kid_____ng attempt *n.* the act of taking somebody away illegally and holding them captive
17. economic d__m *n.* death, destruction, or some other terrible situation that cannot be avoided
18. offer so___e *n.* comfort or consolation in a time of distress, sadness, or disappointment; (verb) to comfort or console someone in a time of distress, loss, or suffering
19. co_____al statue *adj.* extremely large and impressive

ANSWERS: 9. intellect, 10. coed, 11. croak, 12. stab, 13. grandparent, 14. doorbell, 15. secondhand, 16. kidnapping, 17. doom, 18. solace, 19. colossal

20. an o_l hooted *n.* a nocturnal bird of prey with large eyes, a facial disc, and typically a loud hooting call
21. ex-s__u conservation *adj.* short for "situated," meaning located or placed in a particular position or circumstance
22. st___e crop *adj.* essential, crucial, or regularly used
23. film re_____on *n.* a performance or interpretation, often of a piece of music or artwork; a version or translation of something into another language or style; the act of surrendering someone to another country for interrogation or punishment
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25. hom_____ng tools *n.* the act or practice of managing a household and taking care of domestic duties such as cooking, cleaning, and organizing; the work or occupation of being a homemaker
26. artistic vo_____on *n.* a strong feeling of suitability for a particular career or occupation; a person's employment or main occupation, seen as worthy of dedication and commitment; a calling or strong inclination toward a particular way of life
27. te__t the taste buds *v.* to make someone want to do or have something, especially something that is unnecessary or wrong

ANSWERS: 20. owl, 21. situ, 22. staple, 23. rendition, 24. afterward, 25. homemaking, 26. vocation, 27. tempt

28. ly__h law
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29. hea_____er position
- n. the chief administrator or principal of a school or educational institution, typically in charge of its daily operation and management
30. c__p wood
- v. to cut something into pieces with a sharp tool, such as a knife
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ANSWERS: 28. lynch, 29. headmaster, 30. chop, 31. aisle, 32. rendition, 33. lynch

34. college ye____ok *n.* a book published annually by a school, college, or other organization featuring photographs and records of the previous year's events and the individuals involved in them
35. an____e the body *v.* to make something full of interest and energy
36. wilted le____e *n.* a leafy vegetable that is often used as a base for salads or sandwiches; it has green leaves and a mild flavor
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38. pa__e trend *adj.* no longer fashionable or current; outdated; considered to be old-fashioned or out of date
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42. a wide do____y *n.* an opening in a wall for a door to fit into
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ANSWERS: 34. yearbook, 35. animate, 36. lettuce, 37. flourish, 38. passe, 39. nerd, 40. mascot, 41. kidnapping, 42. doorway, 43. vocation

44. with no an__t *n.* a feeling of deep anxiety or dread, typically an unfocused one about the human condition or the state of the world in general
45. fa_____ss enemy *adj.* lacking distinctive or individual features or characteristics; anonymous and impersonal
46. ha_____r wheel *n.* a small, furry rodent commonly kept as a pet; often used in research laboratories due to their small size and ease of handling
47. su_____ro movies *n.* a fictional hero who possesses extraordinary powers and abilities and is dedicated to protecting the public
48. ni__a costume *n.* a Japanese warrior or assassin trained in martial arts and stealth tactics, associated with the feudal era of Japan
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50. make co_____on *n.* a state of confused and noisy disturbance
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53. mon_____al task *adj.* great in importance or influence, size, extent, or solidity; massive
54. duck-billed pl_____us *n.* a semiaquatic, egg-laying mammal native to Australia and Tasmania, having a broad tail, webbed feet, and a bill resembling that of a duck

ANSWERS: 44. angst, 45. faceless, 46. hamster, 47. superhero, 48. ninja, 49. doorway, 50. commotion, 51. ninja, 52. rot, 53. monumental, 54. platypus

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63. sa____r down the street *n.* a leisurely and unhurried walk or stroll, often taken for pleasure or to enjoy the surroundings; (verb) to walk in a slow, relaxed, and leisurely way, often in a confident and self-assured manner
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ANSWERS: 55. excite, 56. slug, 57. homemaking, 58. staple, 59. saunter, 60. monumental, 61. plead, 62. excite, 63. saunter, 64. rot

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v. to cut something into pieces with a sharp tool, such as a knife
87. crisp le____e
n. a leafy vegetable that is often used as a base for salads or sandwiches; it has green leaves and a mild flavor
88. ha____d by memories
adj. inhabited, visited, or frequented by ghosts or spirits; disturbed or troubled by persistent or disturbing memories or emotions
89. the head of a ha____y
n. an interior passage or corridor onto which rooms open
90. sec____nd information
adj. having been previously owned or used by someone else
91. the role of ca____er
n. a person employed to take care of a large building such as a school and who deals with the cleaning, repairs, etc.; a person employed to look after a house or land while the owner is away
92. a ma___l of beauty
n. someone something that causes feelings of wonder or surprise
93. former hea____er
n. the chief administrator or principal of a school or educational institution, typically in charge of its daily operation and management
94. prophet of d__m
n. death, destruction, or some other terrible situation that cannot be avoided
95. a few minutes of co____on
n. a state of confused and noisy disturbance
96. technical ma___l
n. someone something that causes feelings of wonder or surprise

ANSWERS: 86. chop, 87. lettuce, 88. haunted, 89. hallway, 90. secondhand, 91. caretaker, 92. marvel, 93. headmaster, 94. doom, 95. commotion, 96. marvel

97. a mu__l decoration *adj.* a large painting or other artwork that is applied directly to a wall or other surface
98. a sense of wel_____ng *n.* the state of being happy and healthy and prosperous
99. a computer n__d *n.* a person who is very interested in and knowledgeable about a particular subject such as computers, mathematics, chess, etc.
100. corporate ma____t *n.* a person, animal, or object that is believed to bring good luck, often adopted by a sports team or organization as a symbol of their identity or values
101. popular si____m *n.* a television or radio program that features a continuing cast of characters in humorous or dramatic situations, typically presented in a half-hour format
102. wax a ha____y floor *n.* an interior passage or corridor onto which rooms open
103. 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
104. so____e in music *n.* comfort or consolation in a time of distress, sadness, or disappointment; (verb) to comfort or console someone in a time of distress, loss, or suffering
105. in-s__u control *adj.* short for "situated," meaning located or placed in a particular position or circumstance

ANSWERS: 97. mural, 98. well-being, 99. nerd, 100. mascot, 101. sitcom, 102. hallway, 103. rusty, 104. solace, 105. situ

106. sn__p for information *v.* to investigate or pry into something in a stealthy or nosy manner; to snoop through someone else's possessions or property
107. great-gra_____nt *n.* a parent of one's father or mother
108. s__b in the chest *v.* to cause harm with a sharp, pointed object, such as a knife
109. ai__e seat *n.* a passage between rows of seats in a theater, airplane, or other public building, typically one of two or more running parallel with the main body of the structure
110. sn__p around the house *v.* to investigate or pry into something in a stealthy or nosy manner; to snoop through someone else's possessions or property
111. touch a do_____ll *n.* a bell that is pressed or pulled to signal that someone wishes to enter a building
112. fl_____sh worldwide *v.* to grow or develop vigorously or successfully
113. a w__t of summons *n.* a written legal order or command
114. c__d dormitory *n.* (a shortened form of "coeducational") a female student attending a coeducational institution (= an educational establishment where both males and females are taught together in the same environment or classrooms) alongside male students
115. lazy s__g *n.* a common name for any terrestrial gastropod mollusk that appears to lack a shell with soft and black or brown color; a bullet, a shot of alcoholic drink

ANSWERS: 106. snoop, 107. grandparent, 108. stab, 109. aisle, 110. snoop, 111. doorbell, 112. flourish, 113. writ, 114. coed, 115. slug

116. 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
117. welfare ca_____er *n.* a person employed to take care of a large building such as a school and who deals with the cleaning, repairs, etc.; a person employed to look after a house or land while the owner is away
118. pr_____de in the park *n.* a stroll or walk, often taken in a public place or park; a public place for walking or strolling, often filled with shops or vendors; a dance movement in which the partners move around the floor in a circle or similar pattern
119. the wel_____ng of a nation *n.* the state of being happy and healthy and prosperous
120. pl__d a political cause *v.* to make a serious and urgent request or appeal, especially for help or mercy

ANSWERS: 116. rusty, 117. caretaker, 118. promenade, 119. well-being, 120. plead

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The nosy neighbor liked to _____ around and eavesdrop on other people's conversations.
 - v. to investigate or pry into something in a stealthy or nosy manner; to snoop through someone else's possessions or property
2. He _____ with the authorities to release his son, who had been wrongly accused.
 - v. to make a serious and urgent request or appeal, especially for help or mercy
3. Pardon me for leaving some of your questions _____.
 - adj. not responded to or explained
4. Your _____ is capable of distinguishing among similar objects.
 - n. the ability to think logically and comprehend information, especially at an advanced level
5. He leaned against the _____ waiting for her to come home.
 - n. an opening in a wall for a door to fit into
6. 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
7. The news of her promotion _____ her.
 - v. to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager

ANSWERS: 1. snoop, 2. pleaded, 3. unanswered, 4. intellect, 5. doorway, 6. passe, 7. excited

8. We are responsible for the care and _____ of all our employees.
n. the state of being happy and healthy and prosperous
9. The school's _____ announced the cancellation of classes due to inclement weather.
n. the chief administrator or principal of a school or educational institution, typically in charge of its daily operation and management
10. Everyone was aware of the impending _____ but was unable to prevent it.
n. death, destruction, or some other terrible situation that cannot be avoided
11. The new building is truly _____ towering over the surrounding buildings.
adj. extremely large and impressive
12. Rice and beans are a _____ food in many cultures.
adj. essential, crucial, or regularly used
13. The artist painted a series of _____ portraits to represent anonymity and self-discovery.
adj. lacking distinctive or individual features or characteristics; anonymous and impersonal
14. Her _____ as a nurse gave her great satisfaction and purpose in life.
n. a strong feeling of suitability for a particular career or occupation; a person's employment or main occupation, seen as worthy of dedication and commitment; a calling or strong inclination toward a particular way of life
15. The singer gave a beautiful _____ of the classic song during the concert.
n. a performance or interpretation, often of a piece of music or artwork; a version or translation of something into another language or style; the act of surrendering someone to another country for interrogation or punishment

ANSWERS: 8. well-being, 9. headmaster, 10. doom, 11. colossal, 12. staple, 13. faceless, 14. vocation, 15. rendition

16. The mob wanted to _____ the suspect before he could be tried in court.
- v.* to put to death or punish (usually by hanging) without legal authorization or due process, often as an act of mob justice or vigilante action; (noun) a violent punishment, often extrajudicial, in which a mob or group of people seize and kill someone, usually by hanging, as a form of punishment or vengeance
17. I went for a _____ through the park on a beautiful afternoon.
- n.* a leisurely and unhurried walk or stroll, often taken for pleasure or to enjoy the surroundings; (verb) to walk in a slow, relaxed, and leisurely way, often in a confident and self-assured manner
18. The boardwalk by the beach was a beautiful _____ for tourists and locals alike.
- n.* a stroll or walk, often taken in a public place or park; a public place for walking or strolling, often filled with shops or vendors; a dance movement in which the partners move around the floor in a circle or similar pattern
19. It's important to clean your _____ cage frequently to ensure their health and comfort.
- n.* a small, furry rodent commonly kept as a pet; often used in research laboratories due to their small size and ease of handling
20. She was close to her paternal _____ and often spent summers with them.
- n.* a parent of one's father or mother
21. Because of her severe cold, she could only _____.
- v.* to make a hoarse sound, like a raven or frog; to make complaining remarks or noises under one's breath

ANSWERS: 16. lynch, 17. saunter, 18. promenade, 19. hamster's, 20. grandparents, 21. croak

22. She received a year's imprisonment for aggravated _____.
- n.* the act of taking somebody away illegally and holding them captive
23. She walked down the _____ to the front of the church.
- n.* a passage between rows of seats in a theater, airplane, or other public building, typically one of two or more running parallel with the main body of the structure
24. He was excited to find a vintage suit at the _____ shop for a fraction of the price of a new one.
- adj.* having been previously owned or used by someone else
25. He was served with a _____ of eviction, giving him the notice to vacate the property.
- n.* a written legal order or command
26. I want a sandwich with extra _____ please.
- n.* a leafy vegetable that is often used as a base for salads or sandwiches; it has green leaves and a mild flavor
27. We have become TV _____ due to video streaming services.
- n.* a person who cannot stop using or doing something as a habit, especially something harmful
28. The positive attitude of the supervisor _____ the discussion.
- v.* to make something full of interest and energy
29. He dashed down a _____ to a bathroom.
- n.* an interior passage or corridor onto which rooms open

ANSWERS: 22. kidnapping, 23. aisle, 24. secondhand, 25. writ, 26. lettuce, 27. addicts, 28. animated, 29. hallway

30. 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

31. He was _____ for the duration of the war.

v. to put or keep somebody in prison or in a place from which they cannot escape

32. We will explain the countermeasure concerning this problem _____.

adv. after the time mentioned

33. He was _____ many times with scissors.

v. to cause harm with a sharp, pointed object, such as a knife

34. Please refrigerate the meat, or it will ____.

v. to decay, or cause something to decay, naturally and gradually

35. The space shuttle is a modern engineering _____.

n. someone something that causes feelings of wonder or surprise

36. He felt a sense of _____ about the future and wasn't sure what would happen.

n. a feeling of deep anxiety or dread, typically an unfocused one about the human condition or the state of the world in general

37. The city's _____ is a famous landmark that attracts tourists.

n. a person, animal, or object that is believed to bring good luck, often adopted by a sports team or organization as a symbol of their identity or values

38. The grieving widow found _____ in reading her late husband's letters.

n. comfort or consolation in a time of distress, sadness, or disappointment; (verb) to comfort or console someone in a time of distress, loss, or suffering

ANSWERS: 30. rusty, 31. incarcerated, 32. afterward, 33. stabbed, 34. rot, 35. marvel, 36. angst, 37. mascot, 38. solace

39. Everyone, even non-scholars, knows Einstein's _____ contributions to physics.

adj. great in importance or influence, size, extent, or solidity; massive

40. I love to watch _____ when I need a good laugh.

n. a television or radio program that features a continuing cast of characters in humorous or dramatic situations, typically presented in a half-hour format

41. I spotted a giant _____ in the rain garden.

n. a common name for any terrestrial gastropod mollusk that appears to lack a shell with soft and black or brown color; a bullet, a shot of alcoholic drink

42. The _____ festival was filled with giant carved pumpkins on display and pumpkin-themed food stalls.

n. large, round, yellow or orange fruit with a thick rind and pulpy interior, often carved into a Halloween decoration or used as a base for pies, soups, or other dishes

43. Her sudden _____ drew everyone's attention.

n. a sudden outcry or shout, especially one expressing strong emotion

44. The cook _____ the vegetables for the soup.

v. to cut something into pieces with a sharp tool, such as a knife

45. Though he was evil, he never _____ his friends into wrongdoing.

v. to make someone want to do or have something, especially something that is unnecessary or wrong

46. I still like flipping through my high school _____ to remember old friends.

n. a book published annually by a school, college, or other organization featuring photographs and records of the previous year's events and the individuals involved in them

ANSWERS: 39. monumental, 40. sitcoms, 41. slug, 42. pumpkin, 43. exclamation, 44. chopped, 45. tempted, 46. yearbook

47. The _____ diet consists mainly of small invertebrates, insects, and crustaceans.
- n.* a semiaquatic, egg-laying mammal native to Australia and Tasmania, having a broad tail, webbed feet, and a bill resembling that of a duck
48. The _____ in the classroom made it hard for the teacher to teach.
- n.* a state of confused and noisy disturbance
49. The old mansion was known to be _____ with strange noises and eerie sightings reported by visitors.
- adj.* inhabited, visited, or frequented by ghosts or spirits; disturbed or troubled by persistent or disturbing memories or emotions
50. He was, by nature, a cyber _____.
- n.* a person who is very interested in and knowledgeable about a particular subject such as computers, mathematics, chess, etc.
51. The skilled _____ moved stealthily through the shadows to carry out their mission.
- n.* a Japanese warrior or assassin trained in martial arts and stealth tactics, associated with the feudal era of Japan
52. He rang the _____ and waited for someone to answer.
- n.* a bell that is pressed or pulled to signal that someone wishes to enter a building
53. He acted as a _____ until a new president was elected.
- n.* a person employed to take care of a large building such as a school and who deals with the cleaning, repairs, etc.; a person employed to look after a house or land while the owner is away

ANSWERS: 47. platypus, 48. commotion, 49. haunted, 50. nerd, 51. ninja, 52. doorbell, 53. caretaker

54. Melanoma in _____ is considered the earliest stage of melanoma and has a high cure rate with appropriate treatment.
- adj.* short for "situated," meaning located or placed in a particular position or circumstance
55. The _____ on the wall depicted the history of the city.
- adj.* a large painting or other artwork that is applied directly to a wall or other surface
56. _____ duties can include anything from cooking and cleaning to managing household finances.
- n.* the act or practice of managing a household and taking care of domestic duties such as cooking, cleaning, and organizing; the work or occupation of being a homemaker
57. The snowy ____ is a large, white bird often seen in the Arctic.
- n.* a nocturnal bird of prey with large eyes, a facial disc, and typically a loud hooting call
58. The Ottoman Empire _____ for over five centuries.
- v.* to grow or develop vigorously or successfully
59. I joined a _____ soccer league to meet new people and improve my skills.
- n.* (a shortened form of "coeducational") a female student attending a coeducational institution (= an educational establishment where both males and females are taught together in the same environment or classrooms) alongside male students
60. Superman is a classic _____ known for his superhuman strength and flying ability.
- n.* a fictional hero who possesses extraordinary powers and abilities and is dedicated to protecting the public

ANSWERS: 54. situ, 55. mural, 56. Homemaking, 57. owl, 58. flourished, 59. coed, 60. superhero

ANSWERS: