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Session 1: Word List

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 no longer fashionable or current; outdated; considered to be old-fashioned or out of date

synonym: outdated, old-fashioned, antique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.

culprit

n. someone who is responsible for a crime or wrongdoing

synonym: criminal, felon, fugitive

(1) the **culprit** of global warming, (2) the arrest of the **culprit**

They finally found the **culprit** of the bug after a long time.

determinant

n. a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result

synonym: cause, factor, element

(1) environmental **determinant**, (2) a **determinant** of crop yields

One **determinant** of success is having a positive attitude and a strong work ethic.

convict

v. to prove or declare someone to be guilty of a crime;
(*noun*) a person serving a sentence in a jail or prison

synonym : condemn, sentence, judge

(1) **convict** him of manslaughter, (2) **convict** in a jail

He was **convicted** on fraud charges and sentenced to five years in prison.

alibi

n. a claim or piece of evidence that shows an individual was elsewhere at the time a crime or offense was committed and thus could not have been involved

synonym : excuse, defense, justification

(1) airtight **alibi**, (2) provide an **alibi**

The suspect claimed to have an **alibi** at the time of the crime, but the evidence proved otherwise.

whereabouts

n. the location of a person or thing; the place or region where someone or something is currently located

synonym : location, position, residence

(1) unknown **whereabouts**, (2) revealing **whereabouts**

The police are still investigating the **whereabouts** of the missing person.

adamantly

adv. in a manner that shows firm, unwavering determination or resistance; with strong opposition or refusal to change one's stance

synonym : firmly, resolutely, steadfastly

(1) **adamantly** oppose, (2) **adamantly** deny any wrongdoing

She **adamantly** refused to compromise on her principles.

threefold

adj. three times as great or as many

synonym : three, triple, three times

(1) rise nearly **threefold**, (2) **threefold** increase

The price of the item was reduced **threefold** after the sale.

exonerate

v. to clear someone of blame or accusation; to free someone from responsibility or guilt

synonym : absolve, clear, acquit

(1) **exonerate** from blame, (2) **exonerate** the defendant
The DNA evidence **exonerated** the suspect, proving his innocence.

eyewitness

n. someone who sees an event, especially a crime or accident, happen and can describe what happened
synonym: observer, spectator, witness

(1) a memory of an **eyewitness**, (2) **eyewitness** report
The **eyewitness** testimony was crucial in solving the case.

fallible

adj. capable of making mistakes or errors; subject to being wrong or imperfect

synonym: imperfect, errant, fallacious

(1) **fallible** reasoning, (2) **fallible** perception

The detective could not ignore his **fallible** memory during the witness interview.

brevity

n. the quality of using only a few words or lasting only a short time

synonym: briefness, shortness, conciseness

(1) for the sake of **brevity**, (2) **brevity** of life

Unnecessary information has been omitted for **brevity**.

abhor

v. to feel strong hatred or disgust towards something or someone; to loathe intensely

synonym: loathe, detest, despise

(1) **abhor** violence, (2) **abhor** injustice

I **abhor** lying and deceitful behavior.

motto

n. a phrase or slogan that expresses a guiding principle or goal

synonym: slogan, catchphrase, phrase

(1) the **motto** for safe traffic, (2) company **motto**

The company's **motto** is "Innovation and Service," which is reflected in its products and customer support.

speculate

v. to form a theory or conjecture or guess about a subject without solid evidence

synonym: assume, conjecture, infer

(1) **speculate** about the reason, (2) **speculate** on the outcome

He **speculated** that this investment would lead to success.

cognizant

adj. aware of or knowledgeable about something; having consciousness or recognition of something

synonym: aware, mindful, conscious

(1) **cognizant** of the risk, (2) become **cognizant**

I have to be **cognizant** of my budget when I go on vacation.

reconstruct

v. to build or form something again that has been damaged or destroyed

synonym: rebuild, revamp, reorganize

(1) **reconstruct** an image, (2) **reconstruct** the original text

They've decided to **reconstruct** a ruined castle.

instigate

v. to initiate, start or incite something, often to cause trouble, conflict, or violence; to urge or stir someone to take a particular action or behavior

synonym: provoke, incite, raise

(1) **instigate** a conflict, (2) **instigate** a discussion

The protesters tried to **instigate** change and promote equality in their community.

hemisphere

n. half of the terrestrial globe; half of a sphere

(1) northern **hemisphere**, (2) cerebral **hemisphere**

This weather pattern is unique to the southern **hemisphere**.

lunar

adj. of or pertaining to the moon

synonym: moony

(1) **lunar** crater, (2) **lunar** surface

Ancient people felt mystified by the patterns on the **lunar** surface.

twilight

n. the soft, diffused light from the sky when the sun is below the horizon, either from sunrise to sunrise or sunset to sunset

synonym : dusk, sunset, gloaming

(1) **twilight** sky, (2) **twilight** of an era

The sky was a beautiful pink and orange color at **twilight**.

photometer

n. an instrument used to measure the intensity of light or other forms of radiation, which typically measures the amount of brightness or luminosity emitted by a source

synonym : light meter, spectrograph, radiometer

(1) spectral **photometer**, (2) handheld **photometer**

The scientist used a digital **photometer** to measure the light intensity in the experiment.

illumination

n. light or source of light; the degree of visibility of your environment

synonym : light, luminosity, brightness

(1) starry **illumination**, (2) indirect **illumination**

The skylight will give adequate **illumination** from above.

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**.

lux

n. a unit of measurement of the intensity of light equal to one lumen per square meter

synonym : lx, candlepower, brightness

(1) **lux** level, (2) ambient **lux**

The nighttime cityscape was illuminated with thousands of **lux** of lights from the buildings.

versed

adj. well-informed or experienced in a particular field or skill; knowledgeable or proficient

synonym : knowledgeable, experienced, skilled

(1) **versed** in law, (2) tech- **versed** professional
She was well- **versed** in French literature and could recite many works by heart.

salamander

n. any of various typically terrestrial amphibians that resemble lizards and that return to water only to breed
synonym: amphibian

(1) terrestrial **salamander**, (2) semiaquatic **salamander**
We plan to raise a giant **salamander** as a pet.

tangent

n. a line or curve that intersects a circle or curved line at just one point without crossing through it; a completely different or unrelated topic or subject that diverts from the main discussion

synonym: digression, deviation

(1) **tangent** line, (2) intellectual **tangents**

The periodic nature of the **tangent** curve makes it essential for understanding waveforms in electrical engineering.

glaze

v. to cover or coat with a thin layer of film, particularly a shiny or glossy layer, such as a layer of protective material on ceramics or a top coat of paint on a surface; to apply a thin, glossy coating to food, often using a sauce or syrup

synonym: coat, enamel, varnish

(1) **glaze** a window, (2) **glaze** over eyes

The baker used a brush to **glaze** the donuts with a sweet, shiny coating.

scotopic

adj. relating to or occurring in low light conditions when the eye's cones are not functional, and vision relies primarily on the rod cells

synonym: dark-adapted, low-light, dim-light

(1) **scotopic** sensitivity syndrome, (2) **scotopic** conditions

The **scotopic** vision allows humans to see in low-light conditions, such as nighttime.

dilate

v. to make something wider, larger, or more open
synonym: widen, open, enlarge

(1) **dilate** the bronchial tubes, (2) **dilate** blood vessel
The pupils of the eyes **dilate** in low light.

attentive

adj. paying close attention to something or someone; showing interest or careful consideration; being mindful or observant

synonym: observant, mindful, careful

(1) **attentive** care, (2) **attentive** customer service

The **attentive** student took diligent notes during the lecture.

nudge

v. to push someone or something gently, especially with your elbow, to attract the person's attention; (noun) a small push or prod to encourage a desired action or behavior

synonym: bump, elbow, (noun) prod

(1) **nudge** price levels up, (2) give a person a **nudge**

The teacher **nudged** the student to get his attention and asked him a question.

audacious

adj. showing a willingness to take bold risks or to do something that is considered unconventional or daring; marked by originality, creativity, or boldness

synonym: bold, daring, fearless

(1) **audacious** stunt, (2) **audacious** decision

The young entrepreneur had an **audacious** plan to start his own company.

creditor

n. a person, company, etc. to whom a debtor owes money

(1) the **creditor's** claims, (2) bankrupt **creditor**

I asked the lawyer to initiate **creditor** negotiations for voluntary liquidation.

jurisprudence

n. the theory and practice of law; the study and interpretation of legal principles and legal systems

synonym: legal theory, laws, legal system

(1) **jurisprudence** system, (2) modern **jurisprudence**
The lawyer's understanding of **jurisprudence** helped her win the case.

brigade

n. a military unit typically consisting of several battalions, usually commanded by a brigadier general; a group of people organized for a particular purpose or activity
synonym: squad, group, unit

(1) **brigade** commander, (2) rescue **brigade**
The culinary **brigade** prepared a delicious meal for the guests at the banquet.

poke

v. to push or prod with a sharp object or the finger
synonym: prod, jab, push

(1) **poke** around the desk, (2) **poke** a fire
They **poked** fun at each other's jokes, laughing and teasing.

stoic

adj. calm and unemotional, especially in difficult situations;
(noun) a member of the ancient Greek school of philosophy founded by Zeno
synonym: unflappable, resigned, unemotional

(1) **stoic** courage, (2) do **stoic** strength training
He was known for his **stoic** demeanor, never showing emotion or weakness.

twitch

v. to make a sudden and quick movement with a part of the body; (noun) a sudden, small, jerky movement of a muscle or part of the body
synonym: spasm, jerk, flinch

(1) **twitch** at his sleeve, (2) **twitch** of an eye
She couldn't stop her leg from **twitching** nervously.

eyebrow

n. the hair arc over each eye in humans
synonym: brow, supercilium

(1) raise her **eyebrows**, (2) **eyebrow** cosmetics
She raised an inquiring **eyebrow** towards me.

embolden

v. to give courage or confidence to someone; to make someone feel brave or empowered; to strengthen or reinforce a position or belief

synonym: encourage, inspire, empower

(1) **embolden** the opposition, (2) **embolden** a country's leadership

She was **emboldened** by her success and decided to take on a more significant challenge.

occlude

v. to obstruct or block something, usually a passage or opening, in a way that prevents normal flow or access

synonym: block, obstruct, close

(1) **occlude** a blood vessel, (2) **occlude** the ureteral orifice

The traffic jam **occluded** the road and caused a significant delay in the journey.

backlit

adj. with light shining from behind; (noun) light from behind

(1) **backlit** by a window, (2) **backlit** photo

I like to code in dark rooms, so a **backlit** keyboard is convenient.

antipathy

n. a strong feeling of dislike or aversion towards someone or something; a deep-seated hostility or opposition; a natural repugnance or enmity

synonym: dislike, hatred, aversion

(1) deep-seated **antipathy**, (2) political **antipathy**

There is always an intense **antipathy** between the two rival football teams.

regale

v. to entertain or delight someone with stories, anecdotes, or other forms of enjoyable or interesting content; to give pleasure or amusement through lively or engaging entertainment

synonym: entertain, delight, amuse

(1) **regale** with music, (2) **regale** his audiences with jokes

The chef **regaled** the guests with a delicious five-course meal and entertaining stories.

courtroom

n. a room in which a court of law is held

synonym: law court, tribunal

(1) **courtroom** drama, (2) **courtroom** trial

The eyewitness took the stand in the **courtroom** and gave testimony crucial to the case.

attune

v. to make receptive or aware; to bring into harmony or alignment

synonym: align, harmonize, acclimate

(1) **attune** to nature, (2) **attune** myself to the rhythm

It is important to **attune** yourself to your customers' needs to provide the best service possible.

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**.

malleable

adj. able to be easily shaped, molded, or manipulated, particularly in a physical or metaphorical sense; capable of being adapted or changed according to different circumstances or situations

synonym: flexible, adaptable, pliable

(1) **malleable** clay, (2) **malleable** attitude

Gold is a **malleable** metal that can be easily shaped into different forms.

Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. br____y of life | <i>n.</i> the quality of using only a few words or lasting only a short time |
| 2. di___e the bronchial tubes | <i>v.</i> to make something wider, larger, or more open |
| 3. airtight al__i | <i>n.</i> a claim or piece of evidence that shows an individual was elsewhere at the time a crime or offense was committed and thus could not have been involved |
| 4. go there af_____rd | <i>adv.</i> after the time mentioned |
| 5. at_____ve customer service | <i>adj.</i> paying close attention to something or someone; showing interest or careful consideration; being mindful or observant |
| 6. terrestrial sal_____er | <i>n.</i> any of various typically terrestrial amphibians that resemble lizards and that return to water only to breed |
| 7. at___e to nature | <i>v.</i> to make receptive or aware; to bring into harmony or alignment |
| 8. co_____t him of manslaughter | <i>v.</i> to prove or declare someone to be guilty of a crime; (noun) a person serving a sentence in a jail or prison |
| 9. lu__r surface | <i>adj.</i> of or pertaining to the moon |
| 10. pa__e trend | <i>adj.</i> no longer fashionable or current; outdated; considered to be old-fashioned or out of date |

ANSWERS: 1. brevity, 2. dilate, 3. alibi, 4. afterward, 5. attentive, 6. salamander, 7. attune, 8. convict, 9. lunar, 10. passe

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| 11. sp_____te on the outcome | <i>v.</i> | to form a theory or conjecture or guess about a subject without solid evidence |
| 12. starry ill_____ion | <i>n.</i> | light or source of light; the degree of visibility of your environment |
| 13. the arrest of the cu_____t | <i>n.</i> | someone who is responsible for a crime or wrongdoing |
| 14. become co_____nt | <i>adj.</i> | aware of or knowledgeable about something; having consciousness or recognition of something |
| 15. the cu_____t of global warming | <i>n.</i> | someone who is responsible for a crime or wrongdoing |
| 16. raise her ey_____ws | <i>n.</i> | the hair arc over each eye in humans |
| 17. oc_____e a blood vessel | <i>v.</i> | to obstruct or block something, usually a passage or opening, in a way that prevents normal flow or access |
| 18. a det_____nt of crop yields | <i>n.</i> | a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result |
| 19. bankrupt cr_____or | <i>n.</i> | a person, company, etc. to whom a debtor owes money |
| 20. co_____om trial | <i>n.</i> | a room in which a court of law is held |
| 21. a memory of an eye_____ss | <i>n.</i> | someone who sees an event, especially a crime or accident, happen and can describe what happened |
| 22. handheld pho_____er | <i>n.</i> | an instrument used to measure the intensity of light or other forms of radiation, which typically measures the amount of brightness or luminosity emitted by a source |

ANSWERS: 11. speculate, 12. illumination, 13. culprit, 14. cognizant, 15. culprit, 16. eyebrow, 17. occlude, 18. determinant, 19. creditor, 20. courtroom, 21. eyewitness, 22. photometer

23. au_____us decision *adj.* showing a willingness to take bold risks or to do something that is considered unconventional or daring; marked by originality, creativity, or boldness
24. br_____e commander *n.* a military unit typically consisting of several battalions, usually commanded by a brigadier general; a group of people organized for a particular purpose or activity
25. lu__r crater *adj.* of or pertaining to the moon
26. ve____d in law *adj.* well-informed or experienced in a particular field or skill; knowledgeable or proficient
27. give a person a nu__e *v.* to push someone or something gently, especially with your elbow, to attract the person's attention; (noun) a small push or prod to encourage a desired action or behavior
28. intellectual ta_____ts *n.* a line or curve that intersects a circle or curved line at just one point without crossing through it; a completely different or unrelated topic or subject that diverts from the main discussion
29. p__e around the desk *v.* to push or prod with a sharp object or the finger
30. the mo__o for safe traffic *n.* a phrase or slogan that expresses a guiding principle or goal
31. eye_____ss report *n.* someone who sees an event, especially a crime or accident, happen and can describe what happened

ANSWERS: 23. audacious, 24. brigade, 25. lunar, 26. versed, 27. nudge, 28. tangent, 29. poke, 30. motto, 31. eyewitness

32. th_____ld increase *adj.* three times as great or as many
33. em_____en a country's leadership *v.* to give courage or confidence to someone; to make someone feel brave or empowered; to strengthen or reinforce a position or belief
34. tw___h of an eye *v.* to make a sudden and quick movement with a part of the body; (noun) a sudden, small, jerky movement of a muscle or part of the body
35. tech-ve___d professional *adj.* well-informed or experienced in a particular field or skill; knowledgeable or proficient
36. indirect ill_____ion *n.* light or source of light; the degree of visibility of your environment
37. re___e with music *v.* to entertain or delight someone with stories, anecdotes, or other forms of enjoyable or interesting content; to give pleasure or amusement through lively or engaging entertainment
38. ad_____ly deny any wrongdoing *adv.* in a manner that shows firm, unwavering determination or resistance; with strong opposition or refusal to change one's stance
39. sp_____te about the reason *v.* to form a theory or conjecture or guess about a subject without solid evidence
40. jur_____nce system *n.* the theory and practice of law; the study and interpretation of legal principles and legal systems
41. semiaquatic sal_____er *n.* any of various typically terrestrial amphibians that resemble lizards and that return to water only to breed

ANSWERS: 32. threefold, 33. embolden, 34. twitch, 35. versed, 36. illumination, 37. regale, 38. adamantly, 39. speculate, 40. jurisprudence, 41. salamander

42. nu__e price levels up *v.* to push someone or something gently, especially with your elbow, to attract the person's attention; (noun) a small push or prod to encourage a desired action or behavior
43. at____ve care *adj.* paying close attention to something or someone; showing interest or careful consideration; being mindful or observant
44. em____en the opposition *v.* to give courage or confidence to someone; to make someone feel brave or empowered; to strengthen or reinforce a position or belief
45. co____nt of the risk *adj.* aware of or knowledgeable about something; having consciousness or recognition of something
46. do st__c strength training *adj.* calm and unemotional, especially in difficult situations; (noun) a member of the ancient Greek school of philosophy founded by Zeno
47. the cr____or's claims *n.* a person, company, etc. to whom a debtor owes money
48. rescue br____e *n.* a military unit typically consisting of several battalions, usually commanded by a brigadier general; a group of people organized for a particular purpose or activity
49. ad____ly oppose *adv.* in a manner that shows firm, unwavering determination or resistance; with strong opposition or refusal to change one's stance

ANSWERS: 42. nudge, 43. attentive, 44. embolden, 45. cognizant, 46. stoic, 47. creditor, 48. brigade, 49. adamantly

50. ex_____te from blame *v.* to clear someone of blame or accusation; to free someone from responsibility or guilt
51. rise nearly th_____ld *adj.* three times as great or as many
52. at___e myself to the rhythm *v.* to make receptive or aware; to bring into harmony or alignment
53. ambient l_x *n.* a unit of measurement of the intensity of light equal to one lumen per square meter
54. in_____te a conflict *v.* to initiate, start or incite something, often to cause trouble, conflict, or violence; to urge or stir someone to take a particular action or behavior
55. ba_____t photo *adj.* with light shining from behind; (noun) light from behind
56. deep-seated an_____hy *n.* a strong feeling of dislike or aversion towards someone or something; a deep-seated hostility or opposition; a natural repugnance or enmity
57. spectral pho_____er *n.* an instrument used to measure the intensity of light or other forms of radiation, which typically measures the amount of brightness or luminosity emitted by a source
58. ab__r injustice *v.* to feel strong hatred or disgust towards something or someone; to loathe intensely
59. a few years af_____rd *adv.* after the time mentioned

ANSWERS: 50. exonerate, 51. threefold, 52. attune, 53. lux, 54. instigate, 55. backlit, 56. antipathy, 57. photometer, 58. abhor, 59. afterward

60. provide an al__i *n.* a claim or piece of evidence that shows an individual was elsewhere at the time a crime or offense was committed and thus could not have been involved
61. fa____le reasoning *adj.* capable of making mistakes or errors; subject to being wrong or imperfect
62. di___e blood vessel *v.* to make something wider, larger, or more open
63. ta____t line *n.* a line or curve that intersects a circle or curved line at just one point without crossing through it; a completely different or unrelated topic or subject that diverts from the main discussion
64. sc____ic conditions *adj.* relating to or occurring in low light conditions when the eye's cones are not functional, and vision relies primarily on the rod cells
65. ey____w cosmetics *n.* the hair arc over each eye in humans
66. co____om drama *n.* a room in which a court of law is held
67. company mo__o *n.* a phrase or slogan that expresses a guiding principle or goal
68. l_x level *n.* a unit of measurement of the intensity of light equal to one lumen per square meter
69. northern hem____re *n.* half of the terrestrial globe; half of a sphere
70. ba____t by a window *adj.* with light shining from behind; (noun) light from behind

ANSWERS: 60. alibi, 61. fallible, 62. dilate, 63. tangent, 64. scotopic, 65. eyebrow, 66. courtroom, 67. motto, 68. lux, 69. hemisphere, 70. backlit

71. a n__b mind *adj.* unable to feel physical sensation and movement; not showing human feeling or sensitivity
72. co_____t in a jail *v.* to prove or declare someone to be guilty of a crime; (noun) a person serving a sentence in a jail or prison
73. p__e a fire *v.* to push or prod with a sharp object or the finger
74. gl__e a window *v.* to cover or coat with a thin layer of film, particularly a shiny or glossy layer, such as a layer of protective material on ceramics or a top coat of paint on a surface; to apply a thin, glossy coating to food, often using a sauce or syrup
75. fa_____le perception *adj.* capable of making mistakes or errors; subject to being wrong or imperfect
76. rec_____ct an image *v.* to build or form something again that has been damaged or destroyed
77. st__c courage *adj.* calm and unemotional, especially in difficult situations; (noun) a member of the ancient Greek school of philosophy founded by Zeno
78. environmental det_____nt *n.* a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result
79. pa__e entertainment *adj.* no longer fashionable or current; outdated; considered to be old-fashioned or out of date

ANSWERS: 71. numb, 72. convict, 73. poke, 74. glaze, 75. fallible, 76. reconstruct, 77. stoic, 78. determinant, 79. passe

80. ma_____le attitude *adj.* able to be easily shaped, molded, or manipulated, particularly in a physical or metaphorical sense; capable of being adapted or changed according to different circumstances or situations
81. modern jur_____nce *n.* the theory and practice of law; the study and interpretation of legal principles and legal systems
82. tw___h at his sleeve *v.* to make a sudden and quick movement with a part of the body; (noun) a sudden, small, jerky movement of a muscle or part of the body
83. unknown whe_____ts *n.* the location of a person or thing; the place or region where someone or something is currently located
84. political an_____hy *n.* a strong feeling of dislike or aversion towards someone or something; a deep-seated hostility or opposition; a natural repugnance or enmity
85. ab__r violence *v.* to feel strong hatred or disgust towards something or someone; to loathe intensely
86. tw_____ht sky *n.* the soft, diffused light from the sky when the sun is below the horizon, either from sunrise to sunrise or sunset to sunset
87. ex_____te the defendant *v.* to clear someone of blame or accusation; to free someone from responsibility or guilt
88. rec_____ct the original text *v.* to build or form something again that has been damaged or destroyed

ANSWERS: 80. malleable, 81. jurisprudence, 82. twitch, 83. whereabouts, 84. antipathy, 85. abhor, 86. twilight, 87. exonerate, 88. reconstruct

89. for the sake of br____y *n.* the quality of using only a few words or lasting only a short time
90. au____us stunt *adj.* showing a willingness to take bold risks or to do something that is considered unconventional or daring; marked by originality, creativity, or boldness
91. revealing whe____ts *n.* the location of a person or thing; the place or region where someone or something is currently located
92. re___e his audiences with jokes *v.* to entertain or delight someone with stories, anecdotes, or other forms of enjoyable or interesting content; to give pleasure or amusement through lively or engaging entertainment
93. in____te a discussion *v.* to initiate, start or incite something, often to cause trouble, conflict, or violence; to urge or stir someone to take a particular action or behavior
94. oc____e the ureteral orifice *v.* to obstruct or block something, usually a passage or opening, in a way that prevents normal flow or access
95. ma____le clay *adj.* able to be easily shaped, molded, or manipulated, particularly in a physical or metaphorical sense; capable of being adapted or changed according to different circumstances or situations
96. tw____ht of an era *n.* the soft, diffused light from the sky when the sun is below the horizon, either from sunrise to sunrise or sunset to sunset

ANSWERS: 89. brevity, 90. audacious, 91. whereabouts, 92. regale, 93. instigate, 94. occlude, 95. malleable, 96. twilight

97. cerebral hem_____re *n.* half of the terrestrial globe; half of a sphere
98. n__b with cold *adj.* unable to feel physical sensation and movement; not showing human feeling or sensitivity
99. sc_____ic sensitivity syndrome *adj.* relating to or occurring in low light conditions when the eye's cones are not functional, and vision relies primarily on the rod cells
100. gl__e over eyes *v.* to cover or coat with a thin layer of film, particularly a shiny or glossy layer, such as a layer of protective material on ceramics or a top coat of paint on a surface; to apply a thin, glossy coating to food, often using a sauce or syrup

ANSWERS: 97. hemisphere, 98. numb, 99. scotopic, 100. glaze

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The detective could not ignore his _____ memory during the witness interview.
adj. capable of making mistakes or errors; subject to being wrong or imperfect
2. We plan to raise a giant _____ as a pet.
n. any of various typically terrestrial amphibians that resemble lizards and that return to water only to breed
3. The teacher _____ the student to get his attention and asked him a question.
v. to push someone or something gently, especially with your elbow, to attract the person's attention; (noun) a small push or prod to encourage a desired action or behavior
4. He was known for his _____ demeanor, never showing emotion or weakness.
adj. calm and unemotional, especially in difficult situations; (noun) a member of the ancient Greek school of philosophy founded by Zeno
5. The culinary _____ prepared a delicious meal for the guests at the banquet.
n. a military unit typically consisting of several battalions, usually commanded by a brigadier general; a group of people organized for a particular purpose or activity
6. She couldn't stop her leg from _____ nervously.
v. to make a sudden and quick movement with a part of the body; (noun) a sudden, small, jerky movement of a muscle or part of the body
7. The price of the item was reduced _____ after the sale.
adj. three times as great or as many

ANSWERS: 1. fallible, 2. salamander, 3. nudged, 4. stoic, 5. brigade, 6. twitching, 7. threefold

8. The periodic nature of the _____ curve makes it essential for understanding waveforms in electrical engineering.
- n.* a line or curve that intersects a circle or curved line at just one point without crossing through it; a completely different or unrelated topic or subject that diverts from the main discussion
9. I _____ lying and deceitful behavior.
- v.* to feel strong hatred or disgust towards something or someone; to loathe intensely
10. We will explain the countermeasure concerning this problem _____.
- adv.* after the time mentioned
11. I like to code in dark rooms, so a _____ keyboard is convenient.
- adj.* with light shining from behind; (noun) light from behind
12. The suspect claimed to have an _____ at the time of the crime, but the evidence proved otherwise.
- n.* a claim or piece of evidence that shows an individual was elsewhere at the time a crime or offense was committed and thus could not have been involved
13. I asked the lawyer to initiate _____ negotiations for voluntary liquidation.
- n.* a person, company, etc. to whom a debtor owes money
14. The pupils of the eyes _____ in low light.
- v.* to make something wider, larger, or more open
15. The baker used a brush to _____ the donuts with a sweet, shiny coating.
- v.* to cover or coat with a thin layer of film, particularly a shiny or glossy layer, such as a layer of protective material on ceramics or a top coat of paint on a surface; to apply a thin, glossy coating to food, often using a sauce or syrup

ANSWERS: 8. tangent, 9. abhor, 10. afterward, 11. backlit, 12. alibi, 13. creditor, 14. dilate, 15. glaze

16. They finally found the _____ of the bug after a long time.

n. someone who is responsible for a crime or wrongdoing

17. The police are still investigating the _____ of the missing person.

n. the location of a person or thing; the place or region where someone or something is currently located

18. She raised an inquiring _____ towards me.

n. the hair arc over each eye in humans

19. I have to be _____ of my budget when I go on vacation.

adj. aware of or knowledgeable about something; having consciousness or recognition of something

20. She was well-_____ in French literature and could recite many works by heart.

adj. well-informed or experienced in a particular field or skill; knowledgeable or proficient

21. Ancient people felt mystified by the patterns on the _____ surface.

adj. of or pertaining to the moon

22. The lawyer's understanding of _____ helped her win the case.

n. the theory and practice of law; the study and interpretation of legal principles and legal systems

23. She _____ refused to compromise on her principles.

adv. in a manner that shows firm, unwavering determination or resistance; with strong opposition or refusal to change one's stance

ANSWERS: 16. culprit, 17. whereabouts, 18. eyebrow, 19. cognizant, 20. versed, 21. lunar, 22. jurisprudence, 23. adamantly

24. This weather pattern is unique to the southern _____.
- n.* half of the terrestrial globe; half of a sphere
25. Unnecessary information has been omitted for _____.
- n.* the quality of using only a few words or lasting only a short time
26. The _____ student took diligent notes during the lecture.
- adj.* paying close attention to something or someone; showing interest or careful consideration; being mindful or observant
27. The scientist used a digital _____ to measure the light intensity in the experiment.
- n.* an instrument used to measure the intensity of light or other forms of radiation, which typically measures the amount of brightness or luminosity emitted by a source
28. The _____ vision allows humans to see in low-light conditions, such as nighttime.
- adj.* relating to or occurring in low light conditions when the eye's cones are not functional, and vision relies primarily on the rod cells
29. She was _____ by her success and decided to take on a more significant challenge.
- v.* to give courage or confidence to someone; to make someone feel brave or empowered; to strengthen or reinforce a position or belief
30. The sky was a beautiful pink and orange color at _____.
- n.* the soft, diffused light from the sky when the sun is below the horizon, either from sunrise to sunrise or sunset to sunset

ANSWERS: 24. hemisphere, 25. brevity, 26. attentive, 27. photometer, 28. scotopic, 29. emboldened, 30. twilight

31. The young entrepreneur had an _____ plan to start his own company.
adj. showing a willingness to take bold risks or to do something that is considered unconventional or daring; marked by originality, creativity, or boldness
32. The chef _____ the guests with a delicious five-course meal and entertaining stories.
v. to entertain or delight someone with stories, anecdotes, or other forms of enjoyable or interesting content; to give pleasure or amusement through lively or engaging entertainment
33. He _____ that this investment would lead to success.
v. to form a theory or conjecture or guess about a subject without solid evidence
34. The company's _____ is "Innovation and Service," which is reflected in its products and customer support.
n. a phrase or slogan that expresses a guiding principle or goal
35. Gold is a _____ metal that can be easily shaped into different forms.
adj. able to be easily shaped, molded, or manipulated, particularly in a physical or metaphorical sense; capable of being adapted or changed according to different circumstances or situations
36. The eyewitness took the stand in the _____ and gave testimony crucial to the case.
n. a room in which a court of law is held
37. They _____ fun at each other's jokes, laughing and teasing.
v. to push or prod with a sharp object or the finger
38. The traffic jam _____ the road and caused a significant delay in the journey.
v. to obstruct or block something, usually a passage or opening, in a way that prevents normal flow or access

ANSWERS: 31. audacious, 32. regaled, 33. speculated, 34. motto, 35. malleable, 36. courtroom, 37. poked, 38. occluded

39. It is important to _____ yourself to your customers' needs to provide the best service possible.
- v.* to make receptive or aware; to bring into harmony or alignment
40. The _____ testimony was crucial in solving the case.
- n.* someone who sees an event, especially a crime or accident, happen and can describe what happened
41. 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
42. He was _____ on fraud charges and sentenced to five years in prison.
- v.* to prove or declare someone to be guilty of a crime; (noun) a person serving a sentence in a jail or prison
43. My left arm became _____.
- adj.* unable to feel physical sensation and movement; not showing human feeling or sensitivity
44. There is always an intense _____ between the two rival football teams.
- n.* a strong feeling of dislike or aversion towards someone or something; a deep-seated hostility or opposition; a natural repugnance or enmity
45. The skylight will give adequate _____ from above.
- n.* light or source of light; the degree of visibility of your environment
46. The nighttime cityscape was illuminated with thousands of ____ of lights from the buildings.
- n.* a unit of measurement of the intensity of light equal to one lumen per square meter

ANSWERS: 39. attune, 40. eyewitness, 41. passe, 42. convicted, 43. numb, 44. antipathy, 45. illumination, 46. lux

47. The protesters tried to _____ change and promote equality in their community.
- v.* to initiate, start or incite something, often to cause trouble, conflict, or violence; to urge or stir someone to take a particular action or behavior
48. They've decided to _____ a ruined castle.
- v.* to build or form something again that has been damaged or destroyed
49. The DNA evidence _____ the suspect, proving his innocence.
- v.* to clear someone of blame or accusation; to free someone from responsibility or guilt
50. One _____ of success is having a positive attitude and a strong work ethic.
- n.* a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result

ANSWERS: 47. instigate, 48. reconstruct, 49. exonerated, 50. determinant