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Session 1: Word List

- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- scribble** *v.* to write or draw carelessly and in a hurry
synonym: scabble, scrawl, jot

(1) **scribble** on paper, (2) **scribble** notes
The words were **scribbled** in pencil.

unkempt

adj. untidy, disheveled, or messy in appearance; not properly cared for or maintained

synonym: messy, disheveled, untidy

(1) **unkempt** hair, (2) **unkempt** garden

She was so absorbed in her research that she often had an **unkempt** appearance, forgetting even basic grooming.

cursive

adj. written in flowing, joined-up script, often used in handwriting or calligraphy

synonym: flowing, joined-up, script

(1) **cursive** letter, (2) **cursive** script

The teacher encouraged the students to improve their **cursive** handwriting skills.

punch

v. to strike someone or something with one's fist; to make a hole in something

synonym: hit, strike, slap

(1) **punch** out numbers, (2) **punch** a ticket

He **punched** the wall in anger.

depression

n. a mental condition in which a person feels very unhappy and without hope for the future; a severe recession in an economy or market

synonym: recession, slump, despair

(1) the Great **Depression**, (2) the root problem of her **depression**

Depression symptoms might include a decrease in appetite and weight loss.

tuck

v. to push a stray piece of clothing or material into a particular area or position, especially to make it more orderly or comfortable

synonym: insert, wrap, pinch

(1) **tuck** a baby in the blanket, (2) **tuck** into another

cigarette

You should **tuck** your shirt into your trousers.

pose

v. to present a risk, problem, or other issues that must be addressed

synonym : present, put, position

(1) **pose** a significant threat to my company, (2) **pose** a challenge

The chemicals **pose** a massive health risk.

crazy

adj. stupid or not sensible; very angry

synonym : insane, absurd, bizarre

(1) **crazy** about cars and racing, (2) a **crazy** scheme

The rain and thunder are **crazy** today.

handwritten

adj. written with a pen or pencil rather than typed

(1) **handwritten** character, (2) **handwritten** signature

The letter was written in **handwritten** script and had a personal touch.

quest

n. a long or challenging search for something

synonym : exploration, inquisition, pursuit

(1) the **quest** for truth, (2) on a **quest** for happiness

That adventurer traveled in **quest** of buried treasure.

overnight

adj. lasting for or occurring during one night; occurring or changing extremely quickly or suddenly; happening or being achieved in a short amount of time

synonym : all-night, sudden, immediate

(1) **overnight** parking, (2) **overnight** success

The **overnight** package delivery arrived at my door this morning.

inbox

n. an electronic folder on a computer or phone where new emails, text messages, etc., that are sent to you are kept

(1) **inbox** full of emails, (2) **inbox** folder

After you register, you will receive an email with a coupon shortly in your **inbox**.

morph

v. to change or cause to change something or someone smoothly and gradually from one thing to another

synonym: alter, modify, transform

(1) **morph** into a different shape, (2) **morph** into something entirely different

This company **morphed** into an enterprise company.

harbor

n. an area of water next to the coast where ships and boats are protected from rough water by piers, jetties, and other artificial structures; (verb) keep in one's possession

synonym: port, dock, pier

(1) a sheltered **harbor**, (2) **harbor** a resentment

The tsunami swamped every boat in the **harbor**.

heartbreak

n. a feeling of great sadness or disappointment

synonym: grief, sorrow, bitterness

(1) ease her **heartbreak**, (2) go through **heartbreak**

They had experienced the **heartbreak** of losing two children due to premature births.

bully

n. a person who uses strength or power to harm or intimidate those who are weaker; (verb) to intimidate, harass, or mistreat someone weaker or less powerful

synonym: tormentor, intimidator, aggressor

(1) **bully** bystander, (2) **bully** the weak

The schoolyard **bully** terrorized the other children and made their lives miserable.

rural

adj. of or relating to the countryside

synonym: agrarian, country, rustic

(1) **rural** accents, (2) people in **rural** areas

Many **rural** areas are still impoverished.

barely

adv. just enough; hardly; with great difficulty or effort

synonym : scarcely, hardly, only just

(1) **barely** noticeable, (2) **barely** finished

I **barely** made it to the meeting on time, rushing from another appointment across town.

fuel

n. a substance that is typically burned to generate heat or energy

synonym : energy, power, gas

(1) biomass **fuel**, (2) smokeless **fuel**

The **fuel** scarcity most severely impacted the manufacturing sector

organization

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

synonym : association, institution, community

(1) **organization** chart, (2) agricultural **organization**

She is the president of a large international **organization**.

harness

v. to control and exploit the power of something, especially natural resources that produce energy; (noun) a set of narrow pieces of leather and metal that are used to control or hold in place a person, animal, or object

synonym : rein in, control, (noun) belt

(1) **harness** a horse to a carriage, (2) put a **harness** on my pet

People have been exploring ways to **harness** natural forces and resources since ancient times.

crate

n. a large container, typically made of wood or metal, used for transporting or storing goods

synonym : box, container, receptacle

(1) **crate** of apples, (2) beer **crate**

The shipping **crate** was filled with fragile glassware that must be shipped carefully.

script

n. a written text of a film, play, broadcast, or speech; something written by hand

synonym: writing, penmanship, article

(1) a hand **script**, (2) the **script** of a play

The archaeologist found a hieratic Egyptian **script** on a stone monument.

ordinary

adj. not different, exceptional, or unexpected in any way, especially in quality, ability, size, or degree

synonym: mundane, prosaic, average

(1) an **ordinary** school, (2) **ordinary** annual revenue

The **ordinary** session of the Diet opened.

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.

generation

n. all the people born and living at about the same time, regarded collectively; the production of heat or electricity

synonym: cohort, age group, era

(1) **generation** gap, (2) the **generation** of electricity

The younger **generation** has different values and beliefs than the older one.

conversation

n. an informal talk between two or more people to exchange their views, ideas, information, etc.

synonym: chat, discussion, dialogue

(1) **conversation** in English, (2) a friendly **conversation**

Your **conversation** reflects your thoughts.

swift

adj. happening, moving, or capable of moving quickly

synonym: quick, speedy, brisk

(1) take **swift** action, (2) a **swift** current of a river

Her voice was **swift**, yet ever the last words fell lingeringly.

efficiency

n. the state or quality of doing something well with no waste of input such as time or money

synonym : effectiveness, efficacy, productivity

(1) better fuel **efficiency**, (2) an energy **efficiency**

Our company must continue to strive for greater **efficiency**.

subway

n. an underground railway system, typically in a city

synonym : underground, metro, tube

(1) **subway** train, (2) rapid transit **subway**

He took the **subway** to work every day to avoid traffic congestion.

stare

v. to gaze or look fixedly and intently at someone or something, often in a questioning, curious, or suspicious manner; (noun) a fixed, intense, and prolonged gaze or look

synonym : gaze, look, gawk

(1) **stare** blankly, (2) give a menacing **stare**

He couldn't help but **stare** at the beautiful sunset over the ocean.

strategy

n. a detailed plan of action designed to achieve a long-term or overall goal.

synonym : approach, procedure, scenario

(1) military **strategy**, (2) develop a **strategy**

Our plan includes a comprehensive marketing **strategy**.

specialize

v. to become an expert in a specific career field, study, or business

synonym : narrow down, particularize

(1) **specialize** in child care, (2) **specialize** in market research

The restaurant has chefs who **specialize** in beef.

mere

adj. used to emphasize how insignificant or minor someone or something is

synonym : bare, minor, sheer

(1) **mere** acquaintance, (2) **mere** incident
He lost the election by **mere** votes.

storytelling

n. the act or art of narrating or writing stories
synonym: narrating, relating, recounting

(1) **storytelling** performance, (2) courtroom **storytelling**
She was skilled in **storytelling** techniques, such as using different voices for other characters.

unearth

v. to discover or bring to light something that is in the ground or was previously hidden or unknown
synonym: discover, uncover, expose

(1) **unearth** burial mound, (2) **unearth** a mystery
The detective **unearthed** a critical clue that led to the suspect's arrest.

decide

v. to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options
synonym: choose, determine, settle

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

ripple

n. a small wave on the surface of a liquid, typically caused by an object falling into it or a slight wind
synonym: wave, undulation, fluctuation

(1) a **ripple** of laughter, (2) **ripple** in the water
Many businesses felt the **ripple** effect of the economy's decline.

quad

n. (short for quadrangle) a square or rectangular open area or courtyard, often surrounded by buildings or used for recreational or social purposes
synonym: quadrangle, square, block

(1) **quad** room, (2) **quad** biking
We met at the campus **quad** to study for our upcoming

exams.

bush

n. a plant growing thickly with many small branches and several stiff stems coming up from the root

synonym: copse, scrub, brushwood

(1) trees and **bushes**, (2) a **bush** of hair

I am going to trim this **bush** off.

bench

n. a long, flat surface, often elevated and supported by legs, used for sitting, working, or displaying objects; persons who administer justice

synonym: seat, terrace, judiciary

(1) **bench** conference, (2) **bench board**

I sat on the **bench** in the park and enjoyed the beautiful scenery.

stack

n. a pile of something arranged or laid one on top of another; a large tall chimney through which combustion gases and smoke can be evacuated

synonym: accumulation, heap, pile

(1) high **stack**, (2) a large **stack** of paper

The earthquake caused a **stack** of lumber to crumble noisily.

beneath

adv. in or to a lower place than someone or something

synonym: down, under, low

(1) the ground **beneath** my feet, (2) **beneath** contempt

A great stretch of the lake lay **beneath** them.

convinced

adj. completely certain about something; having a strong belief or conviction in a particular religion

synonym: confident, positive, indoctrinated

(1) **convinced** of the idea, (2) **convinced** criminal

The public is **convinced** that the prime minister has committed fraud.

flip

v. to turn over into a different position quickly; to throw or toss with a light motion

synonym : throw, jump

(1) **flip** over the pork chop, (2) **flip** a coin

He **flipped** when he heard that he had been accepted into the university.

doodle

v. to draw or scribble absentmindedly or idly; to make aimless marks or designs

synonym : scribble, sketch, draw

(1) **doodle** my way through life, (2) **doodle** in a notebook

When on the phone, he likes to **doodle** little sketches in the margins of his notepad.

margin

n. the space around the edge of a page or document; (finance) the net sales minus the cost of goods and services sold

synonym : edge, border, periphery

(1) **margin** error, (2) a profit **margin**

Unfortunately, the book's **margin** was too small to make notes.

intention

n. something you want to do and are going to do

synonym : purpose, connotation, will

(1) **intention** behind his decision, (2) clear **intention**

Our CEO's **intentions** are always transparent and straightforward.

browse

v. to shop around in a leisurely and casual way; to look through a book, magazine, Internet, etc., casually and randomly, without seeking anything in particular; (of an animal) to feed on plants

synonym : look around, look through, scan

(1) **browse** a website, (2) **browse** through the text

We **browsed** in a souvenir shop.

smartphone

n. a mobile phone that functions as a computer and connects to the Internet

(1) **smartphone** app developer, (2) **smartphone** addict

Internet traffic volumes have increased significantly with the advent of **smartphones**.

ping

v. to make a high-pitched, ringing sound; to send a brief electronic message or signal to another computer or device to check its availability or connection status

synonym: knock, sound, ring

(1) **ping** me when you have arrived, (2) **ping** him with updates

I can **ping** my friend's computer to see if it's online.

roll

v. to move in a particular direction by turning over and over or from side to side

synonym: spin, swirl, wheel

(1) **roll** a ball, (2) **roll** down his cheeks

He was exhausted and **rolled** into bed as soon as he got home.

goliath

n. a biblical figure and legendary giant warrior whom the young shepherd David defeated; a symbol of great strength or size

synonym: giant, colossus, titan

(1) automotive **goliath**, (2) **goliath** bird-eating spider

The young entrepreneur took down the **goliath** corporation with her innovative idea.

clutch

v. to grasp and hold somebody or something tightly

synonym: grip, hold, grab

(1) **clutch** at any straw, (2) **clutched** her daughter to her breast

The boy **clutched** his mother's hand tightly as they walked in the dark.

palette

n. a thin board or tablet used by artists to mix and apply paint; a range of colors or shades used in a particular work of art

synonym: board, plate, color chart

(1) **palette** knife, (2) **palette** art

The artist selected colors from her **palette** to paint a beautiful landscape.

broth

n. a liquid in which meat, fish, or vegetables have been cooked, used as a base for soups and stews

synonym: bouillon, consomme, soup

(1) chicken **broth**, (2) remains of **broth**

I always add a bit of **broth** to my soup to give it more flavor.

Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. pa_____e knife | <i>n.</i> a thin board or tablet used by artists to mix and apply paint; a range of colors or shades used in a particular work of art |
| 2. smokeless f__l | <i>n.</i> a substance that is typically burned to generate heat or energy |
| 3. cr__e of apples | <i>n.</i> a large container, typically made of wood or metal, used for transporting or storing goods |
| 4. in_____on behind his decision | <i>n.</i> something you want to do and are going to do |
| 5. p__g him with updates | <i>v.</i> to make a high-pitched, ringing sound; to send a brief electronic message or signal to another computer or device to check its availability or connection status |
| 6. go_____h bird-eating spider | <i>n.</i> a biblical figure and legendary giant warrior whom the young shepherd David defeated; a symbol of great strength or size |
| 7. org_____ion chart | <i>n.</i> a group of people who work together for a shared purpose |
| 8. un_____h burial mound | <i>v.</i> to discover or bring to light something that is in the ground or was previously hidden or unknown |
| 9. develop a st_____gy | <i>n.</i> a detailed plan of action designed to achieve a long-term or overall goal. |

ANSWERS: 1. palette, 2. fuel, 3. crate, 4. intention, 5. ping, 6. goliath, 7. organization, 8. unearh, 9. strategy

10. ru__l accents *adj.* of or relating to the countryside
11. mo__h into something entirely different *v.* to change or cause to change something or someone smoothly and gradually from one thing to another
12. ease her hea_____ak *n.* a feeling of great sadness or disappointment
13. q__d biking *n.* (short for quadrangle) a square or rectangular open area or courtyard, often surrounded by buildings or used for recreational or social purposes
14. pu__h out numbers *v.* to strike someone or something with one's fist; to make a hole in something
15. con_____ion in English *n.* an informal talk between two or more people to exchange their views, ideas, information, etc.
16. su___y train *n.* an underground railway system, typically in a city
17. un_____t hair *adj.* untidy, disheveled, or messy in appearance; not properly cared for or maintained
18. issue a w__t *n.* a written legal order or command
19. an or_____ry school *adj.* not different, exceptional, or unexpected in any way, especially in quality, ability, size, or degree
20. a profit ma___n *n.* the space around the edge of a page or document; (finance) the net sales minus the cost of goods and services sold
21. r__l a ball *v.* to move in a particular direction by turning over and over or from side to side

ANSWERS: 10. rural, 11. morph, 12. heartbreak, 13. quad, 14. punch, 15. conversation, 16. subway, 17. unkempt, 18. writ, 19. ordinary, 20. margin, 21. roll

22. biomass f__l *n.* a substance that is typically burned to generate heat or energy
23. cr__y about cars and racing *adj.* stupid or not sensible; very angry
24. t__k into another cigarette *v.* to push a stray piece of clothing or material into a particular area or position, especially to make it more orderly or comfortable
25. sma_____ne addict *n.* a mobile phone that functions as a computer and connects to the Internet
26. f__p over the pork chop *v.* to turn over into a different position quickly; to throw or toss with a light motion
27. a large st__k of paper *n.* a pile of something arranged or laid one on top of another; a large tall chimney through which combustion gases and smoke can be evacuated
28. ba___y noticeable *adv.* just enough; hardly; with great difficulty or effort
29. or_____ry annual revenue *adj.* not different, exceptional, or unexpected in any way, especially in quality, ability, size, or degree
30. trees and b__hes *n.* a plant growing thickly with many small branches and several stiff stems coming up from the root
31. han_____en signature *adj.* written with a pen or pencil rather than typed
32. on a qu__t for happiness *n.* a long or challenging search for something

ANSWERS: 22. fuel, 23. crazy, 24. tuck, 25. smartphone, 26. flip, 27. stack, 28. barely, 29. ordinary, 30. bush, 31. handwritten, 32. quest

33. de___e a question *v.* to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options
34. put a ha_____s on my pet *v.* to control and exploit the power of something, especially natural resources that produce energy; (noun) a set of narrow pieces of leather and metal that are used to control or hold in place a person, animal, or object
35. st__e blankly *v.* to gaze or look fixedly and intently at someone or something, often in a questioning, curious, or suspicious manner; (noun) a fixed, intense, and prolonged gaze or look
36. han_____en character *adj.* written with a pen or pencil rather than typed
37. in__x full of emails *n.* an electronic folder on a computer or phone where new emails, text messages, etc., that are sent to you are kept
38. spe_____ze in child care *v.* to become an expert in a specific career field, study, or business
39. ri___e in the water *n.* a small wave on the surface of a liquid, typically caused by an object falling into it or a slight wind
40. remains of br__h *n.* a liquid in which meat, fish, or vegetables have been cooked, used as a base for soups and stews
41. sc_____le notes *v.* to write or draw carelessly and in a hurry

ANSWERS: 33. decide, 34. harness, 35. stare, 36. handwritten, 37. inbox, 38. specialize, 39. ripple, 40. broth, 41. scribble

42. better fuel eff_____cy *n.* the state or quality of doing something well with no waste of input such as time or money
43. be__h conference *n.* a long, flat surface, often elevated and supported by legs, used for sitting, working, or displaying objects; persons who administer justice
44. military st_____gy *n.* a detailed plan of action designed to achieve a long-term or overall goal.
45. a sw__t current of a river *adj.* happening, moving, or capable of moving quickly
46. agricultural org_____ion *n.* a group of people who work together for a shared purpose
47. r__l down his cheeks *v.* to move in a particular direction by turning over and over or from side to side
48. br___e a website *v.* to shop around in a leisurely and casual way; to look through a book, magazine, Internet, etc., casually and randomly, without seeking anything in particular; (of an animal) to feed on plants
49. un_____h a mystery *v.* to discover or bring to light something that is in the ground or was previously hidden or unknown
50. go through hea_____ak *n.* a feeling of great sadness or disappointment
51. ha_____s a horse to a carriage *v.* to control and exploit the power of something, especially natural resources that produce energy; (noun) a set of narrow pieces of leather and metal that are used to control or hold in place a person, animal, or object

ANSWERS: 42. efficiency, 43. bench, 44. strategy, 45. swift, 46. organization, 47. roll, 48. browse, 49. unearth, 50. heartbreak, 51. harness

52. rapid transit su___y *n.* an underground railway system, typically in a city
53. cl___h at any straw *v.* to grasp and hold somebody or something tightly
54. gen_____on gap *n.* all the people born and living at about the same time, regarded collectively; the production of heat or electricity
55. the sc___t of a play *n.* a written text of a film, play, broadcast, or speech; something written by hand
56. sto_____ing performance *n.* the act or art of narrating or writing stories
57. clear in_____on *n.* something you want to do and are going to do
58. a b__h of hair *n.* a plant growing thickly with many small branches and several stiff stems coming up from the root
59. not up to p_r *n.* a state of being equal to someone or something
60. 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
61. people in ru__l areas *adj.* of or relating to the countryside
62. pa_____e art *n.* a thin board or tablet used by artists to mix and apply paint; a range of colors or shades used in a particular work of art
63. cu_____e script *adj.* written in flowing, joined-up script, often used in handwriting or calligraphy
64. an energy eff_____cy *n.* the state or quality of doing something well with no waste of input such as time or money

ANSWERS: 52. subway, 53. clutch, 54. generation, 55. script, 56. storytelling, 57. intention, 58. bush, 59. par, 60. literally, 61. rural, 62. palette, 63. cursive, 64. efficiency

65. cl___hed her daughter to her breast *v.* to grasp and hold somebody or something tightly
66. the root problem of her dep_____on *n.* a mental condition in which a person feels very unhappy and without hope for the future; a severe recession in an economy or market
67. sma_____ne app developer *n.* a mobile phone that functions as a computer and connects to the Internet
68. take sw__t action *adj.* happening, moving, or capable of moving quickly
69. translate li_____ly *adv.* in the real or original meaning of a word or phrase; in a literal sense or way; not figuratively
70. do___e my way through life *v.* to draw or scribble absentmindedly or idly; to make aimless marks or designs
71. courtroom sto_____ing *n.* the act or art of narrating or writing stories
72. be__h board *n.* a long, flat surface, often elevated and supported by legs, used for sitting, working, or displaying objects; persons who administer justice
73. bu__y bystander *n.* a person who uses strength or power to harm or intimidate those who are weaker; (verb) to intimidate, harass, or mistreat someone weaker or less powerful
74. a hand sc___t *n.* a written text of a film, play, broadcast, or speech; something written by hand
75. be_____h contempt *adv.* in or to a lower place than someone or something

ANSWERS: 65. clutch, 66. depression, 67. smartphone, 68. swift, 69. literally, 70. doodle, 71. storytelling, 72. bench, 73. bully, 74. script, 75. beneath

76. br___e through the text
v. to shop around in a leisurely and casual way; to look through a book, magazine, Internet, etc., casually and randomly, without seeking anything in particular; (of an animal) to feed on plants
77. p___e a significant threat to my company
v. to present a risk, problem, or other issues that must be addressed
78. co_____ed of the idea
adj. completely certain about something; having a strong belief or conviction in a particular religion
79. high st__k
n. a pile of something arranged or laid one on top of another; a large tall chimney through which combustion gases and smoke can be evacuated
80. 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
81. co_____ed criminal
adj. completely certain about something; having a strong belief or conviction in a particular religion
82. sc_____le on paper
v. to write or draw carelessly and in a hurry
83. de___e on a course of action
v. to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options
84. a w__t of summons
n. a written legal order or command
85. ba___y finished
adv. just enough; hardly; with great difficulty or effort

ANSWERS: 76. browse, 77. pose, 78. convinced, 79. stack, 80. frustrate, 81. convinced, 82. scribble, 83. decide, 84. writ, 85. barely

86. m__e acquaintance *adj.* used to emphasize how insignificant or minor someone or something is
87. the qu__t for truth *n.* a long or challenging search for something
88. ma___n error *n.* the space around the edge of a page or document; (finance) the net sales minus the cost of goods and services sold
89. ha___r a resentment *n.* an area of water next to the coast where ships and boats are protected from rough water by piers, jetties, and other artificial structures; (verb) keep in one's possession
90. p__e a challenge *v.* to present a risk, problem, or other issues that must be addressed
91. t__k a baby in the blanket *v.* to push a stray piece of clothing or material into a particular area or position, especially to make it more orderly or comfortable
92. m__e incident *adj.* used to emphasize how insignificant or minor someone or something is
93. ov_____ht success *adj.* lasting for or occurring during one night; occurring or changing extremely quickly or suddenly; happening or being achieved in a short amount of time
94. pu__h a ticket *v.* to strike someone or something with one's fist; to make a hole in something
95. 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: 86. mere, 87. quest, 88. margin, 89. harbor, 90. pose, 91. tuck, 92. mere, 93. overnight, 94. punch, 95. frustrate

96. a sheltered ha___r *n.* an area of water next to the coast where ships and boats are protected from rough water by piers, jetties, and other artificial structures; (verb) keep in one's possession
97. do___e in a notebook *v.* to draw or scribble absentmindedly or idly; to make aimless marks or designs
98. the gen_____on of electricity *n.* all the people born and living at about the same time, regarded collectively; the production of heat or electricity
99. automotive go_____h *n.* a biblical figure and legendary giant warrior whom the young shepherd David defeated; a symbol of great strength or size
100. a ri___e of laughter *n.* a small wave on the surface of a liquid, typically caused by an object falling into it or a slight wind
101. ov_____ht parking *adj.* lasting for or occurring during one night; occurring or changing extremely quickly or suddenly; happening or being achieved in a short amount of time
102. chicken br___h *n.* a liquid in which meat, fish, or vegetables have been cooked, used as a base for soups and stews
103. in__x folder *n.* an electronic folder on a computer or phone where new emails, text messages, etc., that are sent to you are kept
104. f__p a coin *v.* to turn over into a different position quickly; to throw or toss with a light motion

ANSWERS: 96. harbor, 97. doodle, 98. generation, 99. goliath, 100. ripple, 101. overnight, 102. broth, 103. inbox, 104. flip

105. the Great Dep_____on *n.* a mental condition in which a person feels very unhappy and without hope for the future; a severe recession in an economy or market
106. a friendly con_____ion *n.* an informal talk between two or more people to exchange their views, ideas, information, etc.
107. the ground be_____h my feet *adv.* in or to a lower place than someone or something
108. mo__h into a different shape *v.* to change or cause to change something or someone smoothly and gradually from one thing to another
109. beer cr__e *n.* a large container, typically made of wood or metal, used for transporting or storing goods
110. p__g me when you have arrived *v.* to make a high-pitched, ringing sound; to send a brief electronic message or signal to another computer or device to check its availability or connection status
111. spe_____ze in market research *v.* to become an expert in a specific career field, study, or business
112. bu__y the weak *n.* a person who uses strength or power to harm or intimidate those who are weaker; (verb) to intimidate, harass, or mistreat someone weaker or less powerful
113. give a menacing st__e *v.* to gaze or look fixedly and intently at someone or something, often in a questioning, curious, or suspicious manner; (noun) a fixed, intense, and prolonged gaze or look

ANSWERS: 105. depression, 106. conversation, 107. beneath, 108. morph, 109. crate, 110. ping, 111. specialize, 112. bully, 113. stare

114. un_____t garden *adj.* untidy, disheveled, or messy in appearance; not properly cared for or maintained
115. cu_____e letter *adj.* written in flowing, joined-up script, often used in handwriting or calligraphy
116. q__d room *n.* (short for quadrangle) a square or rectangular open area or courtyard, often surrounded by buildings or used for recreational or social purposes
117. a cr__y scheme *adj.* stupid or not sensible; very angry
118. above p_r performance *n.* a state of being equal to someone or something

ANSWERS: 114. unkempt, 115. cursive, 116. quad, 117. crazy, 118. par

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. People have been exploring ways to _____ natural forces and resources since ancient times.
 - v.* to control and exploit the power of something, especially natural resources that produce energy; (noun) a set of narrow pieces of leather and metal that are used to control or hold in place a person, animal, or object

2. We met at the campus _____ to study for our upcoming exams.
 - n.* (short for quadrangle) a square or rectangular open area or courtyard, often surrounded by buildings or used for recreational or social purposes

3. The _____ session of the Diet opened.
 - adj.* not different, exceptional, or unexpected in any way, especially in quality, ability, size, or degree

4. _____ symptoms might include a decrease in appetite and weight loss.
 - n.* a mental condition in which a person feels very unhappy and without hope for the future; a severe recession in an economy or market

5. I can _____ my friend's computer to see if it's online.
 - v.* to make a high-pitched, ringing sound; to send a brief electronic message or signal to another computer or device to check its availability or connection status

6. Internet traffic volumes have increased significantly with the advent of _____.
 - n.* a mobile phone that functions as a computer and connects to the Internet

7. The words were _____ in pencil.
 - v.* to write or draw carelessly and in a hurry

ANSWERS: 1. harness, 2. quad, 3. ordinary, 4. Depression, 5. ping, 6. smartphones, 7. scribbled

8. Her voice was _____ yet ever the last words fell lingeringly.
adj. happening, moving, or capable of moving quickly
9. He _____ the wall in anger.
v. to strike someone or something with one's fist; to make a hole in something
10. I always add a bit of _____ to my soup to give it more flavor.
n. a liquid in which meat, fish, or vegetables have been cooked, used as a base for soups and stews
11. The earthquake caused a _____ of lumber to crumble noisily.
n. a pile of something arranged or laid one on top of another; a large tall chimney through which combustion gases and smoke can be evacuated
12. The _____ package delivery arrived at my door this morning.
adj. lasting for or occurring during one night; occurring or changing extremely quickly or suddenly; happening or being achieved in a short amount of time
13. The schoolyard _____ terrorized the other children and made their lives miserable.
n. a person who uses strength or power to harm or intimidate those who are weaker; (verb) to intimidate, harass, or mistreat someone weaker or less powerful
14. Our company must continue to strive for greater _____.
n. the state or quality of doing something well with no waste of input such as time or money
15. A great stretch of the lake lay _____ them.
adv. in or to a lower place than someone or something

ANSWERS: 8. swift, 9. punched, 10. broth, 11. stack, 12. overnight, 13. bully, 14. efficiency, 15. beneath

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

n. a state of being equal to someone or something

17. He lost the election by ____ votes.

adj. used to emphasize how insignificant or minor someone or something is

18. Our plan includes a comprehensive marketing _____.

n. a detailed plan of action designed to achieve a long-term or overall goal.

19. I am going to trim this ____ off.

n. a plant growing thickly with many small branches and several stiff stems coming up from the root

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

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

21. The young entrepreneur took down the _____ corporation with her innovative idea.

n. a biblical figure and legendary giant warrior whom the young shepherd David defeated; a symbol of great strength or size

22. She is the president of a large international _____.

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

23. I sat on the _____ in the park and enjoyed the beautiful scenery.

n. a long, flat surface, often elevated and supported by legs, used for sitting, working, or displaying objects; persons who administer justice

ANSWERS: 16. par, 17. mere, 18. strategy, 19. bush, 20. decide, 21. goliath, 22. organization, 23. bench

24. The public is _____ that the prime minister has committed fraud.
adj. completely certain about something; having a strong belief or conviction in a particular religion
25. The boy _____ his mother's hand tightly as they walked in the dark.
v. to grasp and hold somebody or something tightly
26. Many _____ areas are still impoverished.
adj. of or relating to the countryside
27. The chemicals _____ a massive health risk.
v. to present a risk, problem, or other issues that must be addressed
28. He was exhausted and _____ into bed as soon as he got home.
v. to move in a particular direction by turning over and over or from side to side
29. After you register, you will receive an email with a coupon shortly in your _____.
n. an electronic folder on a computer or phone where new emails, text messages, etc., that are sent to you are kept
30. The letter was written in _____ script and had a personal touch.
adj. written with a pen or pencil rather than typed
31. That adventurer traveled in _____ of buried treasure.
n. a long or challenging search for something
32. We _____ in a souvenir shop.
v. to shop around in a leisurely and casual way; to look through a book, magazine, Internet, etc., casually and randomly, without seeking anything in particular; (of an animal) to feed on plants

ANSWERS: 24. convinced, 25. clutched, 26. rural, 27. pose, 28. rolled, 29. inbox, 30. handwritten, 31. quest, 32. browsed

33. The shipping _____ was filled with fragile glassware that must be shipped carefully.
- n.* a large container, typically made of wood or metal, used for transporting or storing goods
34. Our CEO's _____ are always transparent and straightforward.
- n.* something you want to do and are going to do
35. He couldn't help but _____ at the beautiful sunset over the ocean.
- v.* to gaze or look fixedly and intently at someone or something, often in a questioning, curious, or suspicious manner; (noun) a fixed, intense, and prolonged gaze or look
36. He was served with a _____ of eviction, giving him the notice to vacate the property.
- n.* a written legal order or command
37. 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
38. The teacher encouraged the students to improve their _____ handwriting skills.
- adj.* written in flowing, joined-up script, often used in handwriting or calligraphy
39. The artist selected colors from her _____ to paint a beautiful landscape.
- n.* a thin board or tablet used by artists to mix and apply paint; a range of colors or shades used in a particular work of art

ANSWERS: 33. crate, 34. intentions, 35. stare, 36. writ, 37. frustrate, 38. cursive, 39. palette

40. I _____ made it to the meeting on time, rushing from another appointment across town.
adv. just enough; hardly; with great difficulty or effort
41. The tsunami swamped every boat in the _____.
n. an area of water next to the coast where ships and boats are protected from rough water by piers, jetties, and other artificial structures; (verb) keep in one's possession
42. The archaeologist found a hieratic Egyptian _____ on a stone monument.
n. a written text of a film, play, broadcast, or speech; something written by hand
43. The detective _____ a critical clue that led to the suspect's arrest.
v. to discover or bring to light something that is in the ground or was previously hidden or unknown
44. She was so absorbed in her research that she often had an _____ appearance, forgetting even basic grooming.
adj. untidy, disheveled, or messy in appearance; not properly cared for or maintained
45. He took the _____ to work every day to avoid traffic congestion.
n. an underground railway system, typically in a city
46. You should _____ your shirt into your trousers.
v. to push a stray piece of clothing or material into a particular area or position, especially to make it more orderly or comfortable
47. The _____ scarcity most severely impacted the manufacturing sector
n. a substance that is typically burned to generate heat or energy

ANSWERS: 40. barely, 41. harbor, 42. script, 43. unearthed, 44. unkempt, 45. subway, 46. tuck, 47. fuel

48. The rain and thunder are _____ today.

adj. stupid or not sensible; very angry

49. They had experienced the _____ of losing two children due to premature births.

n. a feeling of great sadness or disappointment

50. The younger _____ has different values and beliefs than the older one.

n. all the people born and living at about the same time, regarded collectively; the production of heat or electricity

51. Many businesses felt the _____ effect of the economy's decline.

n. a small wave on the surface of a liquid, typically caused by an object falling into it or a slight wind

52. She was skilled in _____ techniques, such as using different voices for other characters.

n. the act or art of narrating or writing stories

53. When on the phone, he likes to _____ little sketches in the margins of his notepad.

v. to draw or scribble absentmindedly or idly; to make aimless marks or designs

54. 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

55. The restaurant has chefs who _____ in beef.

v. to become an expert in a specific career field, study, or business

ANSWERS: 48. crazy, 49. heartbreak, 50. generation, 51. ripple, 52. storytelling, 53. doodle, 54. literally, 55. specialize

56. He _____ when he heard that he had been accepted into the university.

- v.* to turn over into a different position quickly; to throw or toss with a light motion

57. This company _____ into an enterprise company.

- v.* to change or cause to change something or someone smoothly and gradually from one thing to another

58. Your _____ reflects your thoughts.

- n.* an informal talk between two or more people to exchange their views, ideas, information, etc.

59. Unfortunately, the book's _____ was too small to make notes.

- n.* the space around the edge of a page or document; (finance) the net sales minus the cost of goods and services sold

ANSWERS: 56. flipped, 57. morphed, 58. conversation, 59. margin