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Session 1: Word List

apartment

n. a self-contained living unit within a larger building or complex, typically consisting of one or more rooms or an open space used for living, cooking, and sleeping

synonym : flat, dwelling, unit

(1) rented **apartment**, (2) furnished **apartment**

I am seeking a spacious **apartment** with a balcony and a parking spot.

industrious

adj. hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort

synonym : diligent, hardworking, assiduous

(1) **industrious** worker, (2) **industrious** student

He was known to be very **industrious** and would often work late into the night.

storage

n. the act or process of putting in and keeping something in a particular place for use in the future; an electronic memory device that can store information

synonym : storehouse, depository, warehousing

(1) a **storage** battery, (2) **storage** at low temperature

We store customer data in cloud **storage**.

triple

adj. consisting of three items or people; three times as great or many

synonym : threefold

(1) a **triple** mirror, (2) **triple** digits
His coach is a **triple** Olympic champion.

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.

debt

n. something, especially money, goods, or services owed by one person to another; the state of owing something
synonym: liability, obligation, deficit
(1) **debt** ceiling, (2) corporate **debt**
He became in **debt** after losing his job.

environment

n. the natural world such as air, water, and land in which humans, animals, and plants live
synonym: atmosphere, surroundings, climate
(1) **environment** affairs, (2) chaotic **environment**
Every human is responsible for taking care of the Earth's **environment**.

footprint

n. a mark of a foot, shoe, or animal's foot left on a surface
synonym: footmark, imprint, impression
(1) **footprints** in the snow, (2) the **footprints** of an earlier civilization
We choose transportation that has a smaller carbon **footprint**.

coincident

adj. happening or operating in the same place or at the same time
synonym: concurrent, accompanying, coextensive
(1) **coincident** indicators, (2) a series of **coincident** events
Coincident with the negotiation, the bank was permitted to open a Beijing branch.

flatline

v. to experience a cessation of electrical activity in the heart or other vital organs, leading to a loss of function

and potential death; to cease or level off (as in an economic trend or another line graph) at a low or bottomed-out point

synonym : die, expire, pass away

(1) **flatline** over the past few quarters, (2) before the patient's heart **flatline**

The patient's heart rate suddenly **flatlined**, requiring immediate resuscitation.

bet

v. to risk money on the result of an event or a competition, such as a race or game, to get more money; to have faith or confidence in something

synonym : stake, wager, gamble

(1) **bet** on a race, (2) **bet** my future

I **bet** that you know it.

dorm

n. a residence hall or building that provides living quarters for students or other occupants, typically on a college or university campus

synonym : residence hall, hostel, boarding house

(1) **dorm** room, (2) university **dorm**

Living in a **dorm** can be a great way to meet new people when you're in college.

rig

v. to prepare or set up something in a certain way, typically in a carefully planned or fraudulent manner; to equip with sails or masts

synonym : set up, prepare, arrange

(1) **rig** an election, (2) **rig** a ship with new sails

He **rigged** the game so he could win the prize.

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.

crowdsourcing

n. the practice of obtaining needed services, ideas, or content by enlisting the services of a large number of people, either paid or unpaid, typically via the internet

(1) **crowdsourcing** apps, (2) **crowdsourcing** in climate policy

The company used this **crowdsourcing** platform to gather ideas for its next product.

kite

n. a toy made of a light frame covered with cloth or plastic and joined to a long string that you fly in the air

(1) **kite** string, (2) a picture on a **kite**

Benjamin Franklin proved that lightning is electricity through experiments with **kites**.

surf

v. to ride on or through waves while standing or lying down on a board or other object; to search or browse the Internet or other computer networks in a casual or aimless manner

synonym: browse, scan, paddle

(1) **surf** the Internet, (2) **surf** the waves

I'll **surf** the online store to see if I can find that item in a different color.

gear

n. a toothed wheel that engages another toothed mechanism to change the speed or direction of transmitted motion; a set of tools, equipment, or other items for a particular purpose

synonym: equipment, tools, apparatus

(1) sports **gear**, (2) a **gear** change lever

She checked her **gear** before embarking on the hike.

jewel

n. a precious stone that is cut and polished for use in jewelry

synonym: gem, precious stone, treasure

(1) **jewel** of the crown, (2) gleaming **jewel**

She treasured the small **jewel** that her grandmother had given her.

immediately

adv. now or without delay

synonym : directly, instantly, promptly

(1) **immediately** recall a product, (2) write him an answer **immediately**

A suspension order from the court is effective **immediately**.

grand

adj. important and large in size, scope, or extent

synonym : impressive, great, ambitious

(1) a **grand** meal, (2) **grand** bargain

This year's **grand** gathering will be held in Canada.

utility

n. the state or quality of being useful or convenient; the service, such as electric power or water or transportation, provided by a public

synonym : usefulness, practicality, utility

(1) **utility** costs, (2) marginal **utility**

The **utility** of the device was immediately apparent to all who saw it.

edit

v. to prepare written material for publication by correcting, condensing, or otherwise modifying it

synonym : revise, modify, adjust

(1) **edit** a history book, (2) **edit** a video

I need to **edit** this document before submitting it to my boss.

possession

n. the state or fact of owning or having something

synonym : ownership, holding, control

(1) **possession** of the evidence, (2) a territorial **possession**

That painting is my **possession**, and I inherited it from my grandmother.

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.

ruthlessly

adv. without compassion or pity; mercilessly

synonym : mercilessly, brutally, cruelly

(1) **ruthlessly** efficient, (2) judge **ruthlessly**

He **ruthlessly** cut ties with anyone who crossed him.

artery

n. one of the thick tubes in humans and most other animals that takes blood away from the heart to one or more parts of the body such as tissues, lungs, brain, etc.

synonym : blood vessel, channel, roadway

(1) **artery** blockage, (2) risk of coronary **artery** disease

Continuous consumption of fatty foods leads to the hardening of the **artery**.

extraneous

adj. irrelevant or unrelated to the subject at hand; not essential or necessary; coming from or existing outside of something

synonym : irrelevant, unnecessary, unrelated

(1) **extraneous** variables, (2) **extraneous** details

The **extraneous** information in the report made it difficult to understand the main points.

stem

n. the central part of something from which other parts can develop or grow; the part of a word common to all its inflected variants; (verb) to grow out of, have roots in, or originate in

synonym : branch, limb, (verb) come from

(1) **stem** from a belief, (2) the **stem** of a matchstick

A rose has thorns on its **stem**.

inflow

n. a stream or movement of something, typically liquid or gas, that is flowing into a particular place or system; the amount of incoming resources or funds into a system or organization

synonym : influx, incursion, income

(1) river **inflow**, (2) **inflow** of refugees

The **inflow** of cash from investors helped the startup company grow and expand.

secondly

adv. used to introduce the second point or item in a list or series of statements, considerations, etc.

synonym : in the second place, next, subsequently

(1) **secondly** connected, (2) **secondly**, it is important

Firstly, we will discuss the budget; **secondly**, we will go over the schedule.

mantra

n. a word or phrase, often repeated, that is used as a focus for the mind during meditation

synonym : hymn, chant, phrase

(1) campaign **mantra**, (2) chant the **mantra** of structural reform

She repeated her personal **mantra** to herself to stay motivated.

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**.

vast

adj. enormous in size, number, amount, or quantity

synonym : expansive, extended, boundless

(1) **vast** majority, (2) **vast** desert

A **vast** audience viewed the broadcast.

stove

n. a kitchen appliance consisting of a flat top, usually with heating elements, used for cooking food

synonym : range, cooker, hotplate

(1) **stove** top, (2) hot **stove**

I made dinner on the **stove** using a pot and a pan.

rarely

adv. not happening often; infrequently; seldom

synonym : seldom, infrequently, hardly ever

(1) **rarely** seen, (2) **rarely** used

I **rarely** eat fast food because I prefer healthy options.

nest

n. a structure in which animals lay their eggs or give birth to their young

synonym : roost, perch, burrow

(1) bird's **nest**, (2) a **nest** of thieves

The female birds build a **nest** and lay their eggs in May.

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.

digit

n. one of the elements that collectively form a system of numeration; a finger, thumb, or toe

synonym : number, integer, numeral

(1) **digit** identifier, (2) the **digit** in the hundreds place

We must enter a six- **digit** number to unlock the safe.

paperwork

n. administrative tasks that involve writing or typing documents

synonym : documentation, filing, office work

(1) **paperwork** process, (2) bureaucratic **paperwork**

The **paperwork** for the loan application was extensive.

disappear

v. to cease to exist or be visible

synonym : fade, evaporate, vanish

(1) **disappear** without a trace, (2) **disappear** after a week

They watched the train **disappear** into the distance.

magic

n. beliefs and actions employed to influence supernatural beings and forces; any art or performance that invokes supernatural powers

synonym : fascination, illusion, wizardry

(1) a **magic** spell, (2) she is **magic**

He performed **magic** tricks with sophisticated moves.

fin

n. a thin flat part on the body of a fish or other aquatic animal used for propulsion or balance

synonym : flipper, appendage, stabilizer

(1) back **fin**, (2) a **fin** of a plane

The shark's powerful **fins** allowed it to swim at high speeds.

functional

adj. designed for or capable of a particular activity, purpose, or task; practical or ready for use or service

synonym : applicable, practical, usable

(1) field of **functional** medicine, (2) **functional** deafness

The mobile phone was still **functional** even after being dropped.

ware

n. goods or merchandise that are offered for sale, typically referring to items that are produced in large quantities, such as kitchenware, software, and hardware

synonym : merchandise, product, goods

(1) **ware** store, (2) bamboo **ware**

The store sells a wide range of porcelain **ware**, including plates, bowls, and mugs.

sink

v. to submerge or go down below the surface of a liquid or substance; to decline or deteriorate; to cause something to go down into a liquid substance or sink into something else

synonym : descend, drop, plummet

(1) **sink** a lot of capital, (2) **sink** a buzzer-beater

The abandoned ship slowly began to **sink** into the murky waters of the harbor.

combine

v. to join or merge to form a single thing or group

synonym : coalesce, cohere, blend

(1) **combine** chemically with another substance,

(2) **combine** augmented reality

Hydrogen and oxygen **combine** to form water.

toilet

n. a bowl-shaped plumbing fixture with a seat for defecation and urination, or a room or building containing one or more of this fixture

synonym : bathroom, lavatory, washroom

(1) **toilet** paper, (2) **toilet** seat

She walked to the **toilet** to freshen up before the meeting.

din

n. a loud, confused noise; a loud, persistent racket

synonym : noise, racket, clamor

(1) **din** of traffic, (2) mighty **din**

The **din** of the city was overwhelming.

stretch

v. to make or be capable of making anything longer or broader without hurting or breaking

synonym : lengthen, prolong, extend

(1) **stretch** along the coast, (2) **stretch** a story

Some herds have been observed to **stretch** hundreds of kilometers.

scheme

n. an organized and often large-scale plan or arrangement for doing something

synonym : strategy, blueprint, plan

(1) a pilot **scheme**, (2) draw out a **scheme**

They carefully executed the well-planned **scheme** they had prepared over the years.

render

v. to bring someone or something into a particular state; to provide something such as service, help, etc.

synonym : deliver, give, provide

(1) **render** an assessment, (2) **render** the contract void

The jury must **render** a decision on this complex case.

moving

adj. causing strong emotions or feelings, especially sadness or sympathy

synonym : emotional, poignant, touching

(1) **moving** experience, (2) **moving** ceremony

His **moving** speech about his struggles with addiction brought tears to the audience's eyes.

transform

v. to change in outward structure or looks;

synonym: alter, convert, change

(1) **transform** an education system, (2) **transform** heat into power

My father's death **transformed** my life completely.

bunch

n. a grouping of several similar things which are growing or fastened together

synonym: group, assemblage, bundle

(1) a **bunch** of trees, (2) a **bunch** of schoolgirls

One bad apple spoils the whole **bunch**.

Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. a ma__c spell | <i>n.</i> beliefs and actions employed to influence supernatural beings and forces; any art or performance that invokes supernatural powers |
| 2. mo___g experience | <i>adj.</i> causing strong emotions or feelings, especially sadness or sympathy |
| 3. pa_____rk process | <i>n.</i> administrative tasks that involve writing or typing documents |
| 4. better fuel eff_____cy | <i>n.</i> the state or quality of doing something well with no waste of input such as time or money |
| 5. s__f the waves | <i>v.</i> to ride on or through waves while standing or lying down on a board or other object; to search or browse the Internet or other computer networks in a casual or aimless manner |
| 6. e__t a history book | <i>v.</i> to prepare written material for publication by correcting, condensing, or otherwise modifying it |
| 7. to___t paper | <i>n.</i> a bowl-shaped plumbing fixture with a seat for defecation and urination, or a room or building containing one or more of this fixture |
| 8. bureaucratic pa_____rk | <i>n.</i> administrative tasks that involve writing or typing documents |
| 9. a pilot sc___e | <i>n.</i> an organized and often large-scale plan or arrangement for doing something |

ANSWERS: 1. magic, 2. moving, 3. paperwork, 4. efficiency, 5. surf, 6. edit, 7. toilet, 8. paperwork, 9. scheme

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| 10. bird's n__t | <i>n.</i> | a structure in which animals lay their eggs or give birth to their young |
| 11. before the patient's heart fl_____ne | <i>v.</i> | to experience a cessation of electrical activity in the heart or other vital organs, leading to a loss of function and potential death; to cease or level off (as in an economic trend or another line graph) at a low or bottomed-out point |
| 12. co_____e augmented reality | <i>v.</i> | to join or merge to form a single thing or group |
| 13. di__t identifier | <i>n.</i> | one of the elements that collectively form a system of numeration; a finger, thumb, or toe |
| 14. re___r an assessment | <i>v.</i> | to bring someone or something into a particular state; to provide something such as service, help, etc. |
| 15. the cr_____or's claims | <i>n.</i> | a person, company, etc. to whom a debtor owes money |
| 16. pos_____on of the evidence | <i>n.</i> | the state or fact of owning or having something |
| 17. draw out a sc___e | <i>n.</i> | an organized and often large-scale plan or arrangement for doing something |
| 18. cro_____ing apps | <i>n.</i> | the practice of obtaining needed services, ideas, or content by enlisting the services of a large number of people, either paid or unpaid, typically via the internet |
| 19. se_____ly, it is important | <i>adv.</i> | used to introduce the second point or item in a list or series of statements, considerations, etc. |

ANSWERS: 10. nest, 11. flatline, 12. combine, 13. digit, 14. render, 15. creditor, 16. possession, 17. scheme, 18. crowdsourcing, 19. secondly

20. hot st__e *n.* a kitchen appliance consisting of a flat top, usually with heating elements, used for cooking food
21. s__k a lot of capital *v.* to submerge or go down below the surface of a liquid or substance; to decline or deteriorate; to cause something to go down into a liquid substance or sink into something else
22. gr__d bargain *adj.* important and large in size, scope, or extent
23. v__t desert *adj.* enormous in size, number, amount, or quantity
24. st__e top *n.* a kitchen appliance consisting of a flat top, usually with heating elements, used for cooking food
25. ex___e rebellion *v.* to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager
26. cro_____ing in climate policy *n.* the practice of obtaining needed services, ideas, or content by enlisting the services of a large number of people, either paid or unpaid, typically via the internet
27. write him an answer imm_____ly *adv.* now or without delay
28. s__m from a belief *n.* the central part of something from which other parts can develop or grow; the part of a word common to all its inflected variants; (verb) to grow out of, have roots in, or originate in
29. v__t majority *adj.* enormous in size, number, amount, or quantity

ANSWERS: 20. stove, 21. sink, 22. grand, 23. vast, 24. stove, 25. excite, 26. crowdsourcing, 27. immediately, 28. stem, 29. vast

30. a friendly con_____ion *n.* an informal talk between two or more people to exchange their views, ideas, information, etc.
31. ra___y seen *adv.* not happening often; infrequently; seldom
32. a picture on a k___e *n.* a toy made of a light frame covered with cloth or plastic and joined to a long string that you fly in the air
33. bankrupt cr_____or *n.* a person, company, etc. to whom a debtor owes money
34. fl_____ne over the past few quarters *v.* to experience a cessation of electrical activity in the heart or other vital organs, leading to a loss of function and potential death; to cease or level off (as in an economic trend or another line graph) at a low or bottomed-out point
35. d___t ceiling *n.* something, especially money, goods, or services owed by one person to another; the state of owing something
36. a st_____e battery *n.* the act or process of putting in and keeping something in a particular place for use in the future; an electronic memory device that can store information
37. rented ap_____nt *n.* a self-contained living unit within a larger building or complex, typically consisting of one or more rooms or an open space used for living, cooking, and sleeping
38. sports g___r *n.* a toothed wheel that engages another toothed mechanism to change the speed or direction of transmitted motion; a set of tools, equipment, or other items for a particular purpose

ANSWERS: 30. conversation, 31. rarely, 32. kite, 33. creditor, 34. flatline, 35. debt, 36. storage, 37. apartment, 38. gear

39. back f_n *n.* a thin flat part on the body of a fish or other aquatic animal used for propulsion or balance
40. mo___g ceremony *adj.* causing strong emotions or feelings, especially sadness or sympathy
41. tr___e digits *adj.* consisting of three items or people; three times as great or many
42. 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
43. campaign ma___a *n.* a word or phrase, often repeated, that is used as a focus for the mind during meditation
44. field of fun_____al medicine *adj.* designed for or capable of a particular activity, purpose, or task; practical or ready for use or service
45. ext_____us variables *adj.* irrelevant or unrelated to the subject at hand; not essential or necessary; coming from or existing outside of something
46. a tr___e mirror *adj.* consisting of three items or people; three times as great or many
47. corporate d__t *n.* something, especially money, goods, or services owed by one person to another; the state of owing something
48. a f_n of a plane *n.* a thin flat part on the body of a fish or other aquatic animal used for propulsion or balance

ANSWERS: 39. fin, 40. moving, 41. triple, 42. stack, 43. mantra, 44. functional, 45. extraneous, 46. triple, 47. debt, 48. fin

49. university d__m *n.* a residence hall or building that provides living quarters for students or other occupants, typically on a college or university campus
50. b_t my future *v.* to risk money on the result of an event or a competition, such as a race or game, to get more money; to have faith or confidence in something
51. 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
52. st____h a story *v.* to make or be capable of making anything longer or broader without hurting or breaking
53. a bu__h of trees *n.* a grouping of several similar things which are growing or fastened together
54. fo_____nts in the snow *n.* a mark of a foot, shoe, or animal's foot left on a surface
55. ar___y blockage *n.* one of the thick tubes in humans and most other animals that takes blood away from the heart to one or more parts of the body such as tissues, lungs, brain, etc.
56. d__m room *n.* a residence hall or building that provides living quarters for students or other occupants, typically on a college or university campus
57. a territorial pos_____on *n.* the state or fact of owning or having something

ANSWERS: 49. dorm, 50. bet, 51. stack, 52. stretch, 53. bunch, 54. footprint, 55. artery, 56. dorm, 57. possession

58. e__t a video *v.* to prepare written material for publication by correcting, condensing, or otherwise modifying it
59. con_____ion in English *n.* an informal talk between two or more people to exchange their views, ideas, information, etc.
60. marginal ut_____y *n.* the state or quality of being useful or convenient; the service, such as electric power or water or transportation, provided by a public
61. gleaming je__l *n.* a precious stone that is cut and polished for use in jewelry
62. co_____e chemically with another substance *v.* to join or merge to form a single thing or group
63. d_n of traffic *n.* a loud, confused noise; a loud, persistent racket
64. judge rut_____ly *adv.* without compassion or pity; mercilessly
65. chaotic env_____nt *n.* the natural world such as air, water, and land in which humans, animals, and plants live
66. a n__t of thieves *n.* a structure in which animals lay their eggs or give birth to their young
67. the fo_____nts of an earlier civilization *n.* a mark of a foot, shoe, or animal's foot left on a surface
68. to___t seat *n.* a bowl-shaped plumbing fixture with a seat for defecation and urination, or a room or building containing one or more of this fixture

ANSWERS: 58. edit, 59. conversation, 60. utility, 61. jewel, 62. combine, 63. din, 64. ruthlessly, 65. environment, 66. nest, 67. footprint, 68. toilet

69. ext_____us details *adj.* irrelevant or unrelated to the subject at hand; not essential or necessary; coming from or existing outside of something
70. b_t on a race *v.* to risk money on the result of an event or a competition, such as a race or game, to get more money; to have faith or confidence in something
71. chant the ma___a of structural reform *n.* a word or phrase, often repeated, that is used as a focus for the mind during meditation
72. s__f the Internet *v.* to ride on or through waves while standing or lying down on a board or other object; to search or browse the Internet or other computer networks in a casual or aimless manner
73. st_____h along the coast *v.* to make or be capable of making anything longer or broader without hurting or breaking
74. ut_____y costs *n.* the state or quality of being useful or convenient; the service, such as electric power or water or transportation, provided by a public
75. ind_____us student *adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
76. river in___w *n.* a stream or movement of something, typically liquid or gas, that is flowing into a particular place or system; the amount of incoming resources or funds into a system or organization

ANSWERS: 69. extraneous, 70. bet, 71. mantra, 72. surf, 73. stretch, 74. utility, 75. industrious, 76. inflow

77. r_g a ship with new sails *v.* to prepare or set up something in a certain way, typically in a carefully planned or fraudulent manner; to equip with sails or masts
78. w__e store *n.* goods or merchandise that are offered for sale, typically referring to items that are produced in large quantities, such as kitchenware, software, and hardware
79. r_g an election *v.* to prepare or set up something in a certain way, typically in a carefully planned or fraudulent manner; to equip with sails or masts
80. tr_____rm an education system *v.* to change in outward structure or looks;
81. tr_____rm heat into power *v.* to change in outward structure or looks;
82. k__e string *n.* a toy made of a light frame covered with cloth or plastic and joined to a long string that you fly in the air
83. a series of coi_____nt events *adj.* happening or operating in the same place or at the same time
84. furnished ap_____nt *n.* a self-contained living unit within a larger building or complex, typically consisting of one or more rooms or an open space used for living, cooking, and sleeping
85. in___w of refugees *n.* a stream or movement of something, typically liquid or gas, that is flowing into a particular place or system; the amount of incoming resources or funds into a system or organization

ANSWERS: 77. rig, 78. ware, 79. rig, 80. transform, 81. transform, 82. kite, 83. coincident, 84. apartment, 85. inflow

86. fun_____al deafness *adj.* designed for or capable of a particular activity, purpose, or task; practical or ready for use or service
87. s__k a buzzer-beater *v.* to submerge or go down below the surface of a liquid or substance; to decline or deteriorate; to cause something to go down into a liquid substance or sink into something else
88. di_____ar without a trace *v.* to cease to exist or be visible
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94. ind_____us worker *adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
95. st_____e at low temperature *n.* the act or process of putting in and keeping something in a particular place for use in the future; an electronic memory device that can store information

ANSWERS: 86. functional, 87. sink, 88. disappear, 89. bunch, 90. rarely, 91. immediately, 92. render, 93. stem, 94. industrious, 95. storage

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99. a g__r change lever *n.* a toothed wheel that engages another toothed mechanism to change the speed or direction of transmitted motion; a set of tools, equipment, or other items for a particular purpose
100. bamboo w__e *n.* goods or merchandise that are offered for sale, typically referring to items that are produced in large quantities, such as kitchenware, software, and hardware
101. coi_____nt indicators *adj.* happening or operating in the same place or at the same time
102. rut_____ly efficient *adv.* without compassion or pity; mercilessly
103. di_____ar after a week *v.* to cease to exist or be visible
104. env_____nt affairs *n.* the natural world such as air, water, and land in which humans, animals, and plants live
105. je__l of the crown *n.* a precious stone that is cut and polished for use in jewelry

ANSWERS: 96. efficiency, 97. excite, 98. artery, 99. gear, 100. ware, 101. coincident, 102. ruthlessly, 103. disappear, 104. environment, 105. jewel

106. she is ma__c *n.* beliefs and actions employed to influence supernatural beings and forces; any art or performance that invokes supernatural powers
107. mighty d_n *n.* a loud, confused noise; a loud, persistent racket
108. a gr__d meal *adj.* important and large in size, scope, or extent
109. the di__t in the hundreds place *n.* one of the elements that collectively form a system of numeration; a finger, thumb, or toe
110. se____ly connected *adv.* used to introduce the second point or item in a list or series of statements, considerations, etc.

ANSWERS: 106. magic, 107. din, 108. grand, 109. digit, 110. secondly

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. He was known to be very _____ and would often work late into the night.
adj. hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
2. The abandoned ship slowly began to _____ into the murky waters of the harbor.
v. to submerge or go down below the surface of a liquid or substance; to decline or deteriorate; to cause something to go down into a liquid substance or sink into something else
3. _____ with the negotiation, the bank was permitted to open a Beijing branch.
adj. happening or operating in the same place or at the same time
4. Benjamin Franklin proved that lightning is electricity through experiments with _____.
n. a toy made of a light frame covered with cloth or plastic and joined to a long string that you fly in the air
5. That painting is my _____ and I inherited it from my grandmother.
n. the state or fact of owning or having something
6. We store customer data in cloud _____.
n. the act or process of putting in and keeping something in a particular place for use in the future; an electronic memory device that can store information
7. I am seeking a spacious _____ with a balcony and a parking spot.
n. a self-contained living unit within a larger building or complex, typically consisting of one or more rooms or an open space used for living, cooking, and sleeping

ANSWERS: 1. industrious, 2. sink, 3. Coincident, 4. kites, 5. possession, 6. storage, 7. apartment

8. The ____ of the city was overwhelming.
n. a loud, confused noise; a loud, persistent racket
9. A ____ audience viewed the broadcast.
adj. enormous in size, number, amount, or quantity
10. She repeated her personal _____ to herself to stay motivated.
n. a word or phrase, often repeated, that is used as a focus for the mind during meditation
11. They watched the train _____ into the distance.
v. to cease to exist or be visible
12. 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
13. The mobile phone was still _____ even after being dropped.
adj. designed for or capable of a particular activity, purpose, or task; practical or ready for use or service
14. She walked to the _____ to freshen up before the meeting.
n. a bowl-shaped plumbing fixture with a seat for defecation and urination, or a room or building containing one or more of this fixture
15. Every human is responsible for taking care of the Earth's _____.
n. the natural world such as air, water, and land in which humans, animals, and plants live

ANSWERS: 8. din, 9. vast, 10. mantra, 11. disappear, 12. stack, 13. functional, 14. toilet, 15. environment

16. Your _____ reflects your thoughts.

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

17. The _____ of cash from investors helped the startup company grow and expand.

- n.* a stream or movement of something, typically liquid or gas, that is flowing into a particular place or system; the amount of incoming resources or funds into a system or organization

18. A rose has thorns on its _____.

- n.* the central part of something from which other parts can develop or grow; the part of a word common to all its inflected variants; (verb) to grow out of, have roots in, or originate in

19. His coach is a _____ Olympic champion.

- adj.* consisting of three items or people; three times as great or many

20. 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

21. Some herds have been observed to _____ hundreds of kilometers.

- v.* to make or be capable of making anything longer or broader without hurting or breaking

22. He became in _____ after losing his job.

- n.* something, especially money, goods, or services owed by one person to another; the state of owing something

ANSWERS: 16. conversation, 17. inflow, 18. stem, 19. triple, 20. efficiency, 21. stretch, 22. debt

23. The _____ information in the report made it difficult to understand the main points.

adj. irrelevant or unrelated to the subject at hand; not essential or necessary; coming from or existing outside of something

24. My father's death _____ my life completely.

v. to change in outward structure or looks;

25. The news of her promotion _____ her.

v. to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager

26. His _____ speech about his struggles with addiction brought tears to the audience's eyes.

adj. causing strong emotions or feelings, especially sadness or sympathy

27. The shark's powerful _____ allowed it to swim at high speeds.

n. a thin flat part on the body of a fish or other aquatic animal used for propulsion or balance

28. I asked the lawyer to initiate _____ negotiations for voluntary liquidation.

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

29. Hydrogen and oxygen _____ to form water.

v. to join or merge to form a single thing or group

30. The _____ for the loan application was extensive.

n. administrative tasks that involve writing or typing documents

31. The female birds build a _____ and lay their eggs in May.

n. a structure in which animals lay their eggs or give birth to their young

ANSWERS: 23. extraneous, 24. transformed, 25. excited, 26. moving, 27. fins, 28. creditor, 29. combine, 30. paperwork, 31. nest

32. He performed _____ tricks with sophisticated moves.
- n.* beliefs and actions employed to influence supernatural beings and forces; any art or performance that invokes supernatural powers
33. We choose transportation that has a smaller carbon _____.
- n.* a mark of a foot, shoe, or animal's foot left on a surface
34. I _____ eat fast food because I prefer healthy options.
- adv.* not happening often; infrequently; seldom
35. The company used this _____ platform to gather ideas for its next product.
- n.* the practice of obtaining needed services, ideas, or content by enlisting the services of a large number of people, either paid or unpaid, typically via the internet
36. Continuous consumption of fatty foods leads to the hardening of the _____.
- n.* one of the thick tubes in humans and most other animals that takes blood away from the heart to one or more parts of the body such as tissues, lungs, brain, etc.
37. One bad apple spoils the whole _____.
- n.* a grouping of several similar things which are growing or fastened together
38. The jury must _____ a decision on this complex case.
- v.* to bring someone or something into a particular state; to provide something such as service, help, etc.
39. He _____ the game so he could win the prize.
- v.* to prepare or set up something in a certain way, typically in a carefully planned or fraudulent manner; to equip with sails or masts

ANSWERS: 32. magic, 33. footprint, 34. rarely, 35. crowdsourcing, 36. artery, 37. bunch, 38. render, 39. rigged

40. I need to _____ this document before submitting it to my boss.
- v.* to prepare written material for publication by correcting, condensing, or otherwise modifying it
41. The _____ of the device was immediately apparent to all who saw it.
- n.* the state or quality of being useful or convenient; the service, such as electric power or water or transportation, provided by a public
42. A suspension order from the court is effective _____.
- adv.* now or without delay
43. She checked her _____ before embarking on the hike.
- n.* a toothed wheel that engages another toothed mechanism to change the speed or direction of transmitted motion; a set of tools, equipment, or other items for a particular purpose
44. The store sells a wide range of porcelain _____ including plates, bowls, and mugs.
- n.* goods or merchandise that are offered for sale, typically referring to items that are produced in large quantities, such as kitchenware, software, and hardware
45. They carefully executed the well-planned _____ they had prepared over the years.
- n.* an organized and often large-scale plan or arrangement for doing something
46. The patient's heart rate suddenly _____ requiring immediate resuscitation.
- v.* to experience a cessation of electrical activity in the heart or other vital organs, leading to a loss of function and potential death; to cease or level off (as in an economic trend or another line graph) at a low or bottomed-out point

ANSWERS: 40. edit, 41. utility, 42. immediately, 43. gear, 44. ware, 45. scheme, 46. flatlined,

47. I ____ that you know it.

- v.* to risk money on the result of an event or a competition, such as a race or game, to get more money; to have faith or confidence in something

48. I made dinner on the _____ using a pot and a pan.

- n.* a kitchen appliance consisting of a flat top, usually with heating elements, used for cooking food

49. We must enter a six-_____ number to unlock the safe.

- n.* one of the elements that collectively form a system of numeration; a finger, thumb, or toe

50. She treasured the small _____ that her grandmother had given her.

- n.* a precious stone that is cut and polished for use in jewelry

51. This year's _____ gathering will be held in Canada.

- adj.* important and large in size, scope, or extent

52. I'll ____ the online store to see if I can find that item in a different color.

- v.* to ride on or through waves while standing or lying down on a board or other object; to search or browse the Internet or other computer networks in a casual or aimless manner

53. Living in a ____ can be a great way to meet new people when you're in college.

- n.* a residence hall or building that provides living quarters for students or other occupants, typically on a college or university campus

54. Firstly, we will discuss the budget; _____ we will go over the schedule.

- adv.* used to introduce the second point or item in a list or series of statements, considerations, etc.

ANSWERS: 47. bet, 48. stove, 49. digit, 50. jewel, 51. grand, 52. surf, 53. dorm, 54. secondly,

55. He _____ cut ties with anyone who crossed him.

adv. without compassion or pity; mercilessly

ANSWERS: 55. ruthlessly