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Session 1: Word List

conventional

adj. based on or following traditional rules, standards, customs, etc.

synonym: ancestral, customary, established

(1) a **conventional** style, (2) get a **conventional** loan
She is very **conventional** in her thoughts.

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**.

foundation

n. the lowest load-bearing part of a building, typically below ground level; a fundamental basis or principle upon which something is built or established; an organization that provides funding or support for charitable or educational purposes

synonym: base, support, groundwork

(1) **foundation** course, (2) weak **foundation**
The **foundation** of the building was cracked and needed to be repaired.

innovation

n. the creation of a new device or process resulting from study and experimentation

synonym: invention, initiation, creation

(1) **innovation** leader, (2) cutting-edge **innovation**

The vegetarian burger was an **innovation** that quickly spread to the United Kingdom.

extended

adj. longer than usual or anticipated

synonym: extensive, prolonged, elongated

(1) **extended** vacation, (2) **extended** payment

The **extended** airport runways may accommodate larger jets.

priority

n. something that is more important than other things and should be dealt with first

synonym: importance, precedence, primacy

(1) **priority** call, (2) **priority** seating for elderly

Her **priority** is to be a mother.

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**.

bore

v. to make someone feel weary or uninterested, often by talking at length about uninteresting or mundane topics; to cause someone to feel bored or unengaged; (noun) a hole or tunnel drilled or dug into the ground, either for exploration or extraction of natural resources

synonym: bear, tire, weary

(1) **bore** diameter, (2) **bore** him with his stories

The lecture on quantum physics **bored** me to tears.

relation

n. the way two persons or groups of people feel and act toward one another

synonym: association, linkage, connection

(1) **relation** between cause and effect, (2) **relation** of

inclusion

The industrial **relations** laws were passed with little to no alteration.

employer

n. a person or organization that pays workers to work for them

synonym: boss, owner, company

(1) illegal **employer**, (2) **employer** responsibility

An **employer's** attitude toward its employees significantly impacts their productivity.

complain

v. to say dissatisfaction or annoyance about something or somebody

synonym: gripe, claim, denounce

(1) **complain** about a job, (2) call and **complain** frequently

Our users are often **complaining** about the slow application.

attitude

n. the way you think and feel about someone or something

synonym: mindset, perspective, philosophy

(1) **attitude** toward mistakes, (2) **attitude** control

She had the **attitude** that work was fun.

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.

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.

academic

adj. associated with schools, colleges, and universities, especially studying and thinking, not with practical skills

synonym: educational, scholarly, theoretical

(1) **academic** probation, (2) an **academic** discussion
An excellent historian must possess an **academic** mentality.

importance

n. the quality of being important and worthy of note
synonym: significance, primacy, matter

(1) a man of **importance**, (2) high **importance**
I stopped by the branch though I have no business of **importance**.

cognitive

adj. of or relating to mental processes of understanding
synonym: perceivable, mind, mental

(1) improve **cognitive** function, (2) research on **cognitive** psychology
His **cognitive** faculties were getting worse because of a lack of sleep.

motivation

n. the reason or enthusiasm for acting or behaving in a particular way
synonym: inspiration, incentive, reason

(1) understand his **motivation**, (2) **motivation** for a change
A significant amount of **motivation** is required to be a teacher.

resilient

adj. able to withstand or recover quickly from difficult conditions
synonym: robust, sturdy, tough

(1) a hard and **resilient** steel, (2) **resilient** population
She is a **resilient** person and has always bounced back from setbacks.

formal

adj. following established, public, or official forms and conventions, often in a serious or somber manner
synonym: ceremonial, official, traditional

(1) a **formal** festival, (2) **formal** request
The event required **formal** attire, so he wore a suit and tie.

studio

n. a room or building where creative or artistic work is produced; a television or radio production company

synonym : workshop, atelier, room

(1) a photo **studio**, (2) music **studio**

She works at a recording **studio** in Los Angeles.

Renaissance

n. a new growth in activity or enthusiasm in anything, particularly art, literature, or music

synonym : rebirth, golden age

(1) artistic **renaissance**, (2) industrial **renaissance**

Folk music is now experiencing a **renaissance**.

integrate

v. to combine one thing with another so that they form a whole or work together; to accept equal participation for members of all races and ethnic groups

synonym : mix, merge, combine

(1) **integrate** into the existing system, (2) **integrate** both businesses

He found that it is difficult to **integrate** socially.

characteristic

n. a typical feature or quality that can identify, tell apart, or describe something or somebody

synonym : feature, quality, attribute

(1) stripes **characteristic** of the zebra, (2) my friend's **characteristic** laugh

Bananas have their **characteristic** taste and odor.

pupil

n. the black circular opening in the center of the iris of the eye, through which light enters the eye; a student in school or university

synonym : iris, eye aperture, student

(1) **pupil** constriction, (2) attentive **pupil**

The **pupil** of your eye dilates in response to different light levels.

critic

n. someone who expresses opinions about the quality of books, music, etc.

synonym : pundit, analyst, attacker

(1) art **critic**, (2) severe **critic**

Advocates for legal reform hear less harsh words from their **critics**.

curriculum

n. a series of subjects comprising a course of study in a school, college, etc.

synonym : program, syllabus, course of study

(1) a **curriculum** vitae, (2) an academic **curriculum**

A committee was appointed to manage the reorganization of the **curriculum**.

practical

adj. of or connected with actual use or real situation rather than with theory and ideas

synonym : applicable, functional, realistic

(1) **practical** English, (2) gain **practical** experience

Her concept is highly **practical** and helpful.

commission

n. a formal instruction, command, or request given to a person or group; an official group of people entrusted by a government or other official body to control or enforce something

synonym : task, duty, authority

(1) **commission** appointed by the government, (2) the **commission** of murder

She gets a **commission** on each contract.

timetable

n. a schedule or plan that shows the times at which particular events or activities are intended to occur; a list of train, bus, or airplane departures and arrivals

synonym : schedule, itinerary, agenda

(1) exam **timetable**, (2) adjust the **timetable**

The airline's **timetable** showed a delay of three hours for our flight to London.

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**.

independence

n. freedom from another's or others' control or influence

synonym : freedom, liberty, autonomy

(1) financial **independence**, (2) **independence** ceremony

There is nothing more valuable than **independence** and freedom.

entrepreneur

n. an individual who creates or invests in one or more businesses, especially when this involves taking financial risks

synonym : founder, executive

(1) a successful **entrepreneur**, (2) billionaire **entrepreneur**

Entrepreneurs willingly accept business risks to achieve success.

manual

adj. done by hand rather than by machine; (noun) a book of instructions, especially for operating a machine or learning a subject

synonym : by hand, (noun) handbook, (noun) tutorial

(1) car with **manual** transmissions, (2) look at the **manual**

This machine cuts metal by **manual** control.

underlying

adj. significant as a cause or basis of something but not immediately apparent or stated clearly

synonym : fundamental, latent, basic

(1) an **underlying** motive, (2) an **underlying** cause of an accident

The **underlying** principle of every business was identical.

opposition

n. the act of disagreeing or resisting; the state of strong disagreement

synonym : resistance, hostility, antagonism

(1) **opposition** campaign, (2) meet with **opposition**
The **opposition** party strongly disagreed with the government's proposed legislation.

mainstream

n. the ideas, opinions, beliefs, etc., that are considered normal or accepted by most people
synonym: prevailing, average, common

(1) join the **mainstream**, (2) **mainstream** political beliefs
His thinking is **mainstream** in the country's culture.

prototype

n. a first or preliminary example of something such as a device or vehicle from which other forms are developed
synonym: mock-up, precursor, model

(1) complete a **prototype** product, (2) early **prototype**
The flying car is presently in the **prototype** stage.

phase

n. any stage in a series of events, change, or development
synonym: degree, stage, step

(1) enter on the last **phase**, (2) two- **phase** structure
The era of the industrial revolution was a crucial **phase** of history.

leisure

n. the freedom provided by the absence of pressures or responsibilities
synonym: relaxation, rest, downtime

(1) **leisure** activity, (2) a person of **leisure**
I like to spend my **leisure** time playing sports or reading on weekends.

improvisation

n. the act of making something up on the spot or creating or performing something without preparation
synonym: spontaneity, ad-lib, extemporization

(1) **improvisation** on stage, (2) jazz **improvisation**
He created a beautiful piece of music using only **improvisation**.

exciting

adj. causing a lot of interest or excitement

synonym : exhilarating, stimulating, thrilling

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

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

tradition

n. a belief, custom, or way of doing something that has been passed down from generation to generation within a group or society

synonym : custom, practice, ritual

(1) a **tradition** of a culture, (2) against **tradition**

It is a **tradition** in many families to have a big Thanksgiving dinner with all their relatives.

decile

n. a value on a scale of 1 to 10 that divides a group of data into ten equal parts, typically used in statistical analysis or ranking individuals or groups based on their relative position within a distribution

synonym : percentile, rank, grouping

(1) middle **decile**, (2) **decile** distribution

Students in the top **decile** of their class are considered the highest achievers.

surprisingly

adv. in a way that causes amazement or wonder

synonym : exceptionally, notably, unusually

(1) **surprisingly** advanced culture, (2) have **surprisingly** little effect

The exam was **surprisingly** tricky for everyone.

influence

n. the ability to affect someone's or something's character, growth, or behavior, or the effect itself

synonym : power, leverage, effect

(1) **influence** a child's future, (2) **influence** the daily life

The former emperor had a particular **influence** even after he abdicated.

minister

n. a person appointed to or a job of a head of a government department

synonym : bishop, official, ambassador

(1) **Minister** for Education, (2) deputy prime **minister**

The **minister** occasionally preaches at this church.

fan

n. a person who admires and supports a person, group, sport, sports team, etc.; a device for creating a current of air by the movement of a surface or surfaces

synonym : lover, devotee, blade

(1) a film **fan**, (2) engine cooling **fan**

I'm a big **fan** of French food.

commerce

n. the activity of buying and selling things, especially on a large scale

synonym : trade, transaction, dealings

(1) interstate **commerce**, (2) the local chamber of **commerce**

This company has invested heavily in Internet **commerce**.

chairperson

n. the officer who presides over organization meetings

synonym : director, head, leader

(1) vice **chairperson**, (2) the meeting elected a **chairperson**

The **chairperson** has the authority to approve or deny any request.

entirely

adv. completely

synonym : completely, fully, totally

(1) **entirely** satisfied with the meal, (2) he was **entirely** to blame

Later, his claim was found to be **entirely** false.

coverage

n. the reporting or news of an important event, sports, subject, etc.; the amount, range, area, or quality of something that something provides

synonym : reportage, scope, range

(1) full- **coverage** insurance, (2) contractual **coverage**
The scandal received widespread media **coverage**.

viral

adj. relating to or caused by a virus

(1) fight **viral** infections, (2) detect a **viral** code

This device can more accurately detect **viral** pathogens.

involve

v. to include or affect someone or something as a necessary part of something else

synonym: implicate, include, engage

(1) **involve** a lot of paperwork, (2) **involve** a high degree of risk

The investigation **involves** several government agencies and is expected to take several months.

marginal

adj. of, relating to, or situated at the edge or outer limit; of secondary or minor importance; barely satisfactory or effective

synonym: fringy, peripheral, borderline

(1) **marginal** note, (2) **marginal** cost

The company's profits have only been **marginal** this year, but they're hoping for a better year.

nephew

n. a son of your brother or sister

(1) three-year-old **nephew**, (2) nieces and **nephews**

My **nephew** is eight months old and still being breastfed.

attend

v. to be present at an event, to go to a place

synonym: go, be present, accompany

(1) **attend** a meeting, (2) **attend** service

We must **attend** to this matter.

creative

adj. relating to or involving the use of skill and original and unusual ideas to create something

synonym: imaginative, innovative, inventive

(1) **creative** writing, (2) barren of **creative** spirit

All the supervisor has to do is assign tasks that make his subordinates more **creative**.

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.

engineer

n. a person whose job is designing, building, or maintaining something such as machines, structures, or software

synonym : architect, creator, builder

(1) a civil **engineer**, (2) **engineer** shortage

The **engineer** will repair my telephone tomorrow morning.

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.

animate

v. to make something full of interest and energy

synonym : invigorate, energize, enliven

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

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

row

n. an arrangement of objects or people side by side in a line; (verb) to propel a boat through the water using oars

synonym : line, sequence, layer

(1) criminal on death **row**, (2) a **row** of cherry trees

He was the leader of the demonstrators and spoke out against the war in the front **row**.

experiment

n. the scientific test conducted to observe what happens and gain new knowledge

synonym :

experimentation, investigation

(1) **experiment** design, (2) series of **experiments**

His **experiments** showed highly positive results.

improve

v. to make or become better

synonym: enhance, ameliorate, enrich

(1) **improve** a process, (2) **improve** the test score

We want to **improve** ties between our two countries.

universal

adj. existing or affecting everywhere or everyone

synonym: common, broad, worldwide

(1) **universal** life, (2) principles of **universal** design

The picture earned near- **universal** acclaim from critics.

Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. severe cr___c | <i>n.</i> someone who expresses opinions about the quality of books, music, etc. |
| 2. a cur_____um vitae | <i>n.</i> a series of subjects comprising a course of study in a school, college, etc. |
| 3. have sur_____gly little effect | <i>adv.</i> in a way that causes amazement or wonder |
| 4. ex_____ed payment | <i>adj.</i> longer than usual or anticipated |
| 5. in_____te into the existing system | <i>v.</i> to combine one thing with another so that they form a whole or work together; to accept equal participation for members of all races and ethnic groups |
| 6. org_____ion chart | <i>n.</i> a group of people who work together for a shared purpose |
| 7. criminal on death r_w | <i>n.</i> an arrangement of objects or people side by side in a line; (verb) to propel a boat through the water using oars |
| 8. nieces and ne___ws | <i>n.</i> a son of your brother or sister |
| 9. a photo st___o | <i>n.</i> a room or building where creative or artistic work is produced; a television or radio production company |
| 10. env_____nt affairs | <i>n.</i> the natural world such as air, water, and land in which humans, animals, and plants live |
| 11. ac_____ic probation | <i>adj.</i> associated with schools, colleges, and universities, especially studying and thinking, not with practical skills |

ANSWERS: 1. critic, 2. curriculum, 3. surprisingly, 4. extended, 5. integrate, 6. organization, 7. row, 8. nephew, 9. studio, 10. environment, 11. academic

12. a friendly con_____ion *n.* an informal talk between two or more people to exchange their views, ideas, information, etc.
13. b__e diameter *v.* to make someone feel weary or uninterested, often by talking at length about uninteresting or mundane topics; to cause someone to feel bored or unengaged; (noun) a hole or tunnel drilled or dug into the ground, either for exploration or extraction of natural resources
14. le_____e activity *n.* the freedom provided by the absence of pressures or responsibilities
15. re_____on between cause and effect *n.* the way two persons or groups of people feel and act toward one another
16. n__b with cold *adj.* unable to feel physical sensation and movement; not showing human feeling or sensitivity
17. ex_____ng news *adj.* causing a lot of interest or excitement
18. an ac_____ic discussion *adj.* associated with schools, colleges, and universities, especially studying and thinking, not with practical skills
19. against tr_____on *n.* a belief, custom, or way of doing something that has been passed down from generation to generation within a group or society
20. com_____on appointed by the government *n.* a formal instruction, command, or request given to a person or group; an official group of people entrusted by a government or other official body to control or enforce something

ANSWERS: 12. conversation, 13. bore, 14. leisure, 15. relation, 16. numb, 17. exciting, 18. academic, 19. tradition, 20. commission

21. ind_____us worker *adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
22. re_____nt population *adj.* able to withstand or recover quickly from difficult conditions
23. billionaire ent_____eur *n.* an individual who creates or invests in one or more businesses, especially when this involves taking financial risks
24. music st___o *n.* a room or building where creative or artistic work is produced; a television or radio production company
25. in_____ce the daily life *n.* the ability to affect someone's or something's character, growth, or behavior, or the effect itself
26. car with ma___l transmissions *adj.* done by hand rather than by machine; (noun) a book of instructions, especially for operating a machine or learning a subject
27. en_____ly satisfied with the meal *adv.* completely
28. not up to p_r *n.* a state of being equal to someone or something
29. gain pr_____al experience *adj.* of or connected with actual use or real situation rather than with theory and ideas
30. ma_____al note *adj.* of, relating to, or situated at the edge or outer limit; of secondary or minor importance; barely satisfactory or effective
31. b__e him with his stories *v.* to make someone feel weary or uninterested, often by talking at length about uninteresting or mundane topics; to cause someone to feel bored or unengaged; (noun) a hole or tunnel drilled or dug into the ground, either for exploration or extraction of natural resources

ANSWERS: 21. industrious, 22. resilient, 23. entrepreneur, 24. studio, 25. influence,

26. manual, 27. entirely, 28. par, 29. practical, 30. marginal, 31. bore

32. an und_____ng cause of an accident
adj. significant as a cause or basis of something but not immediately apparent or stated clearly
33. at_____de control
n. the way you think and feel about someone or something
34. opp_____on campaign
n. the act of disagreeing or resisting; the state of strong disagreement
35. pr_____ty call
n. something that is more important than other things and should be dealt with first
36. at____d a meeting
v. to be present at an event, to go to a place
37. inn_____on leader
n. the creation of a new device or process resulting from study and experimentation
38. pu__l constriction
n. the black circular opening in the center of the iris of the eye, through which light enters the eye; a student in school or university
39. cr_____ve writing
adj. relating to or involving the use of skill and original and unusual ideas to create something
40. financial ind_____nce
n. freedom from another's or others' control or influence
41. engine cooling f_n
n. a person who admires and supports a person, group, sport, sports team, etc.; a device for creating a current of air by the movement of a surface or surfaces
42. a film f_n
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ANSWERS: 32. underlying, 33. attitude, 34. opposition, 35. priority, 36. attend, 37. innovation, 38. pupil, 39. creative, 40. independence, 41. fan, 42. fan

43. em____er responsibility *n.* a person or organization that pays workers to work for them
44. adjust the ti_____le *n.* a schedule or plan that shows the times at which particular events or activities are intended to occur; a list of train, bus, or airplane departures and arrivals
45. barren of cr____ve spirit *adj.* relating to or involving the use of skill and original and unusual ideas to create something
46. mot_____on for a change *n.* the reason or enthusiasm for acting or behaving in a particular way
47. full-co_____ge insurance *n.* the reporting or news of an important event, sports, subject, etc.; the amount, range, area, or quality of something that something provides
48. exam ti_____le *n.* a schedule or plan that shows the times at which particular events or activities are intended to occur; a list of train, bus, or airplane departures and arrivals
49. interstate co_____ce *n.* the activity of buying and selling things, especially on a large scale
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52. call and co_____in frequently *v.* to say dissatisfaction or annoyance about something or somebody
53. mai_____am political beliefs *n.* the ideas, opinions, beliefs, etc., that are considered normal or accepted by most people

ANSWERS: 43. employer, 44. timetable, 45. creative, 46. motivation, 47. coverage, 48. timetable, 49. commerce, 50. phase, 51. critic, 52. complain, 53. mainstream

54. ind_____nce ceremony *n.* freedom from another's or others' control or influence
55. a n__b mind *adj.* unable to feel physical sensation and movement; not showing human feeling or sensitivity
56. a person of le_____e *n.* the freedom provided by the absence of pressures or responsibilities
57. ex_____ed vacation *adj.* longer than usual or anticipated
58. tr_____rm heat into power *v.* to change in outward structure or looks;
59. co_____in about a job *v.* to say dissatisfaction or annoyance about something or somebody
60. high imp_____ce *n.* the quality of being important and worthy of note
61. a civil en_____er *n.* a person whose job is designing, building, or maintaining something such as machines, structures, or software
62. weak fou_____on *n.* the lowest load-bearing part of a building, typically below ground level; a fundamental basis or principle upon which something is built or established; an organization that provides funding or support for charitable or educational purposes
63. ma_____al cost *adj.* of, relating to, or situated at the edge or outer limit; of secondary or minor importance; barely satisfactory or effective
64. sur_____gly advanced culture *adv.* in a way that causes amazement or wonder

ANSWERS: 54. independence, 55. numb, 56. leisure, 57. extended, 58. transform, 59. complain, 60. importance, 61. engineer, 62. foundation, 63. marginal, 64. surprisingly

65. contractual co____ge *n.* the reporting or news of an important event, sports, subject, etc.; the amount, range, area, or quality of something that something provides
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87. artistic ren_____ce *n.* a new growth in activity or enthusiasm in anything, particularly art, literature, or music

ANSWERS: 76. minister, 77. improvisation, 78. cognitive, 79. formal, 80. improve, 81. attitude, 82. prototype, 83. viral, 84. involve, 85. characteristic, 86. motivation, 87. Renaissance

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94. get a con_____nal loan *adj.* based on or following traditional rules, standards, customs, etc.
95. a fo___l festival *adj.* following established, public, or official forms and conventions, often in a serious or somber manner
96. a tr_____on of a culture *n.* a belief, custom, or way of doing something that has been passed down from generation to generation within a group or society
97. an und_____ng motive *adj.* significant as a cause or basis of something but not immediately apparent or stated clearly
98. the local chamber of co_____ce *n.* the activity of buying and selling things, especially on a large scale
99. look at the ma___l *adj.* done by hand rather than by machine; (noun) a book of instructions, especially for operating a machine or learning a subject

ANSWERS: 88. viral, 89. transform, 90. row, 91. relation, 92. industrious, 93. chairperson, 94. conventional, 95. formal, 96. tradition, 97. underlying, 98. commerce, 99. manual

100. he was en_____ly to blame	<i>adv.</i> completely
101. pr_____ty seating for elderly	<i>n.</i> something that is more important than other things and should be dealt with first
102. at_____d service	<i>v.</i> to be present at an event, to go to a place
103. exp_____nt design	<i>n.</i> the scientific test conducted to observe what happens and gain new knowledge
104. de_____e distribution	<i>n.</i> a value on a scale of 1 to 10 that divides a group of data into ten equal parts, typically used in statistical analysis or ranking individuals or groups based on their relative position within a distribution
105. ex_____ng football player	<i>adj.</i> causing a lot of interest or excitement
106. a con_____nal style	<i>adj.</i> based on or following traditional rules, standards, customs, etc.
107. an_____e the body	<i>v.</i> to make something full of interest and energy
108. a man of imp_____ce	<i>n.</i> the quality of being important and worthy of note
109. im_____e the test score	<i>v.</i> to make or become better
110. an_____e his soul	<i>v.</i> to make something full of interest and energy
111. join the mai_____am	<i>n.</i> the ideas, opinions, beliefs, etc., that are considered normal or accepted by most people

ANSWERS: 100. entirely, 101. priority, 102. attend, 103. experiment, 104. decile, 105. exciting, 106. conventional, 107. animate, 108. importance, 109. improve, 110. animate, 111. mainstream

112. series of exp_____nts	<i>n.</i> the scientific test conducted to observe what happens and gain new knowledge
113. above p_r performance	<i>n.</i> a state of being equal to someone or something
114. pr_____al English	<i>adj.</i> of or connected with actual use or real situation rather than with theory and ideas
115. research on co_____ve psychology	<i>adj.</i> of or relating to mental processes of understanding
116. deputy prime mi_____er	<i>n.</i> a person appointed to or a job of a head of a government department
117. in_____ce a child's future	<i>n.</i> the ability to affect someone's or something's character, growth, or behavior, or the effect itself
118. two-ph__e structure	<i>n.</i> any stage in a series of events, change, or development
119. middle de___e	<i>n.</i> a value on a scale of 1 to 10 that divides a group of data into ten equal parts, typically used in statistical analysis or ranking individuals or groups based on their relative position within a distribution
120. jazz imp_____ion	<i>n.</i> the act of making something up on the spot or creating or performing something without preparation
121. con_____ion in English	<i>n.</i> an informal talk between two or more people to exchange their views, ideas, information, etc.
122. the com_____on of murder	<i>n.</i> a formal instruction, command, or request given to a person or group; an official group of people entrusted by a government or other official body to control or enforce something

ANSWERS: 112. experiment, 113. par, 114. practical, 115. cognitive, 116. minister, 117. influence, 118. phase, 119. decile, 120. improvisation, 121. conversation, 122. commission

123. an academic cur_____um *n.* a series of subjects comprising a course of study in a school, college, etc.
124. principles of un_____al design *adj.* existing or affecting everywhere or everyone
125. cutting-edge inn_____on *n.* the creation of a new device or process resulting from study and experimentation
126. stripes cha_____tic of the zebra *n.* a typical feature or quality that can identify, tell apart, or describe something or somebody
127. a successful ent_____eur *n.* an individual who creates or invests in one or more businesses, especially when this involves taking financial risks
128. vice cha_____on *n.* the officer who presides over organization meetings
129. illegal em_____er *n.* a person or organization that pays workers to work for them
130. complete a pr_____pe product *n.* a first or preliminary example of something such as a device or vehicle from which other forms are developed
131. fou_____on course *n.* the lowest load-bearing part of a building, typically below ground level; a fundamental basis or principle upon which something is built or established; an organization that provides funding or support for charitable or educational purposes
132. chaotic env_____nt *n.* the natural world such as air, water, and land in which humans, animals, and plants live

ANSWERS: 123. curriculum, 124. universal, 125. innovation, 126. characteristic, 127. entrepreneur, 128. chairperson, 129. employer, 130. prototype, 131. foundation, 132. environment

ANSWERS:

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. She gets a _____ on each contract.
 - n.* a formal instruction, command, or request given to a person or group; an official group of people entrusted by a government or other official body to control or enforce something

2. He was the leader of the demonstrators and spoke out against the war in the front _____.
 - n.* an arrangement of objects or people side by side in a line; (verb) to propel a boat through the water using oars

3. Students in the top _____ of their class are considered the highest achievers.
 - n.* a value on a scale of 1 to 10 that divides a group of data into ten equal parts, typically used in statistical analysis or ranking individuals or groups based on their relative position within a distribution

4. She is the president of a large international _____.
 - n.* a group of people who work together for a shared purpose

5. Later, his claim was found to be _____ false.
 - adv.* completely

6. A significant amount of _____ is required to be a teacher.
 - n.* the reason or enthusiasm for acting or behaving in a particular way

7. She had the _____ that work was fun.
 - n.* the way you think and feel about someone or something

ANSWERS: 1. commission, 2. row, 3. decile, 4. organization, 5. entirely, 6. motivation, 7. attitude

8. She is very _____ in her thoughts.

adj. based on or following traditional rules, standards, customs, etc.

9. She is a _____ person and has always bounced back from setbacks.

adj. able to withstand or recover quickly from difficult conditions

10. The era of the industrial revolution was a crucial _____ of history.

n. any stage in a series of events, change, or development

11. We want to _____ ties between our two countries.

v. to make or become better

12. A committee was appointed to manage the reorganization of the _____.

n. a series of subjects comprising a course of study in a school, college, etc.

13. He was known to be very _____ and would often work late into the night.

adj. hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort

14. The airline's _____ showed a delay of three hours for our flight to London.

n. a schedule or plan that shows the times at which particular events or activities are intended to occur; a list of train, bus, or airplane departures and arrivals

15. The flying car is presently in the _____ stage.

n. a first or preliminary example of something such as a device or vehicle from which other forms are developed

16. The former emperor had a particular _____ even after he abdicated.

n. the ability to affect someone's or something's character, growth, or behavior, or the effect itself

ANSWERS: 8. conventional, 9. resilient, 10. phase, 11. improve, 12. curriculum, 13. industrious, 14. timetable, 15. prototype, 16. influence

17. I like to spend my _____ time playing sports or reading on weekends.
n. the freedom provided by the absence of pressures or responsibilities
18. The industrial _____ laws were passed with little to no alteration.
n. the way two persons or groups of people feel and act toward one another
19. The _____ airport runways may accommodate larger jets.
adj. longer than usual or anticipated
20. The _____ of the building was cracked and needed to be repaired.
n. the lowest load-bearing part of a building, typically below ground level; a fundamental basis or principle upon which something is built or established; an organization that provides funding or support for charitable or educational purposes
21. An _____ attitude toward its employees significantly impacts their productivity.
n. a person or organization that pays workers to work for them
22. The _____ has the authority to approve or deny any request.
n. the officer who presides over organization meetings
23. The _____ party strongly disagreed with the government's proposed legislation.
n. the act of disagreeing or resisting; the state of strong disagreement
24. Her _____ is to be a mother.
n. something that is more important than other things and should be dealt with first

ANSWERS: 17. leisure, 18. relations, 19. extended, 20. foundation, 21. employer's, 22. chairperson, 23. opposition, 24. priority

25. She works at a recording _____ in Los Angeles.

n. a room or building where creative or artistic work is produced; a television or radio production company

26. _____ willingly accept business risks to achieve success.

n. an individual who creates or invests in one or more businesses, especially when this involves taking financial risks

27. This device can more accurately detect _____ pathogens.

adj. relating to or caused by a virus

28. This machine cuts metal by _____ control.

adj. done by hand rather than by machine; (noun) a book of instructions, especially for operating a machine or learning a subject

29. An excellent historian must possess an _____ mentality.

adj. associated with schools, colleges, and universities, especially studying and thinking, not with practical skills

30. The _____ occasionally preaches at this church.

n. a person appointed to or a job of a head of a government department

31. Folk music is now experiencing a _____.

n. a new growth in activity or enthusiasm in anything, particularly art, literature, or music

32. He created a beautiful piece of music using only _____.

n. the act of making something up on the spot or creating or performing something without preparation

ANSWERS: 25. studio, 26. Entrepreneurs, 27. viral, 28. manual, 29. academic, 30. minister, 31. renaissance, 32. improvisation

33. There is nothing more valuable than _____ and freedom.
n. freedom from another's or others' control or influence
34. Her concept is highly _____ and helpful.
adj. of or connected with actual use or real situation rather than with theory and ideas
35. Shares in the company finally fell below their ____ value.
n. a state of being equal to someone or something
36. His _____ showed highly positive results.
n. the scientific test conducted to observe what happens and gain new knowledge
37. The vegetarian burger was an _____ that quickly spread to the United Kingdom.
n. the creation of a new device or process resulting from study and experimentation
38. My father's death _____ my life completely.
v. to change in outward structure or looks;
39. It is a _____ in many families to have a big Thanksgiving dinner with all their relatives.
n. a belief, custom, or way of doing something that has been passed down from generation to generation within a group or society
40. The positive attitude of the supervisor _____ the discussion.
v. to make something full of interest and energy

ANSWERS: 33. independence, 34. practical, 35. par, 36. experiments, 37. innovation, 38. transformed, 39. tradition, 40. animated

41. The event required _____ attire, so he wore a suit and tie.

adj. following established, public, or official forms and conventions, often in a serious or somber manner

42. His thinking is _____ in the country's culture.

n. the ideas, opinions, beliefs, etc., that are considered normal or accepted by most people

43. I'm a big ___ of French food.

n. a person who admires and supports a person, group, sport, sports team, etc.; a device for creating a current of air by the movement of a surface or surfaces

44. The scandal received widespread media _____.

n. the reporting or news of an important event, sports, subject, etc.; the amount, range, area, or quality of something that something provides

45. The investigation _____ several government agencies and is expected to take several months.

v. to include or affect someone or something as a necessary part of something else

46. We must _____ to this matter.

v. to be present at an event, to go to a place

47. The _____ principle of every business was identical.

adj. significant as a cause or basis of something but not immediately apparent or stated clearly

48. The lecture on quantum physics _____ me to tears.

v. to make someone feel weary or uninterested, often by talking at length about uninteresting or mundane topics; to cause someone to feel bored or unengaged; (noun) a hole or tunnel drilled or dug into the ground, either for exploration or extraction of natural resources

ANSWERS: 41. formal, 42. mainstream, 43. fan, 44. coverage, 45. involves, 46. attend, 47. underlying, 48. bored

49. His _____ faculties were getting worse because of a lack of sleep.

adj. of or relating to mental processes of understanding

50. This company has invested heavily in Internet _____.

n. the activity of buying and selling things, especially on a large scale

51. The exam was _____ tricky for everyone.

adv. in a way that causes amazement or wonder

52. The _____ will repair my telephone tomorrow morning.

n. a person whose job is designing, building, or maintaining something such as machines, structures, or software

53. Advocates for legal reform hear less harsh words from their _____.

n. someone who expresses opinions about the quality of books, music, etc.

54. My _____ is eight months old and still being breastfed.

n. a son of your brother or sister

55. My left arm became _____.

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

56. Our users are often _____ about the slow application.

v. to say dissatisfaction or annoyance about something or somebody

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

adj. causing a lot of interest or excitement

ANSWERS: 49. cognitive, 50. commerce, 51. surprisingly, 52. engineer, 53. critics, 54. nephew, 55. numb, 56. complaining, 57. exciting

58. Your _____ reflects your thoughts.

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

59. I stopped by the branch though I have no business of _____.

- n.* the quality of being important and worthy of note

60. 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

61. All the supervisor has to do is assign tasks that make his subordinates more _____.

- adj.* relating to or involving the use of skill and original and unusual ideas to create something

62. The company's profits have only been _____ this year, but they're hoping for a better year.

- adj.* of, relating to, or situated at the edge or outer limit; of secondary or minor importance; barely satisfactory or effective

63. The picture earned near-_____ acclaim from critics.

- adj.* existing or affecting everywhere or everyone

64. He found that it is difficult to _____ socially.

- v.* to combine one thing with another so that they form a whole or work together; to accept equal participation for members of all races and ethnic groups

65. Bananas have their _____ taste and odor.

- n.* a typical feature or quality that can identify, tell apart, or describe something or somebody

ANSWERS: 58. conversation, 59. importance, 60. environment, 61. creative, 62. marginal, 63. universal, 64. integrate, 65. characteristic

66. The _____ of your eye dilates in response to different light levels.

- n.* the black circular opening in the center of the iris of the eye, through which light enters the eye; a student in school or university

ANSWERS: 66. pupil