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Session 1: Word List

germ

n. a very tiny living that causes the disease; a piece of something such as an organism, concept, etc., capable of growing into a new one or part of one

synonym : bacterium, microbe, pathogen

(1) antibiotic-resistant **germ**, (2) a **germ-free** environment

The **germ** of his idea came from watching birds flying in flocks.

excruciating

adj. extremely painful, intense, or distressing; causing great physical or emotional suffering

synonym : agonizing, unbearable, torturous

(1) **excruciating** ordeal, (2) **excruciating** embarrassment

The **excruciating** pain in his ankle made it difficult to walk.

debilitating

adj. weakening or damaging; causing a loss of strength, energy, or success

synonym : weakening, exhausting

(1) **debilitating** virus, (2) **debilitating** effect

His **debilitating** illness made it difficult for him to leave the house.

swelling

n. an abnormal local enlargement of a part of your body, mainly because of illness or injury

synonym : bulge, bump, inflammation

(1) **swelling** of the ankle, (2) hard **swelling** on the body
After intensive icing by the trainer, the **swelling** went down.

malnutrition

n. the condition of having an improper or inadequate diet, typically resulting in weakness, illness, and developmental problems; the state of being undernourished or lacking essential nutrients

synonym : undernourishment, starvation, hunger

(1) severe **malnutrition**, (2) childhood **malnutrition**

The doctor advised the patient to eat a balanced diet to avoid **malnutrition**.

fir

n. a type of tall evergreen tree that is native to the northern hemisphere, with needle-like leaves and cones that stand upright on the branches

synonym : pine, spruce, cedar

(1) **fir** branch, (2) **fir** forest

The smell of fresh **fir** trees filled the air at the Christmas tree farm.

grenade

n. a hand-held explosive device designed to be thrown or projected toward a target and detonate upon impact or after a specified time

synonym : bomb, explosive, shrapnel

(1) **grenade** explosion, (2) smoke **grenade**

The soldier threw a **grenade** to destroy the enemy's bunker.

lavatory

n. a room or area equipped with facilities for personal hygiene and toileting, typically including a toilet and a sink; a bathroom

synonym : toilet, bathroom, restroom

(1) **lavatory** facilities, (2) office **lavatory**

The airplane's **lavatory** was out of order, causing inconvenience to the passengers.

resourceful

adj. showing creativity and ability to find quick and practical solutions to problems

synonym: inventive, imaginative, clever

(1) **resourceful** thinker, (2) **resourceful** cook in town

She was **resourceful** and found a solution to the problem on her own.

smuggle

v. to import or export something or someone without paying appropriate customs duties, often illegally

(1) **smuggle** drugs, (2) **smuggle** herself out of a country

He was able to **smuggle** a gun inside the prison.

marmite

n. a sticky, dark brown food spread made from yeast extract, often used as a savory spread on toast or crackers in British cuisine

(1) **marmite** sandwich, (2) **marmite** jar

I spread **marmite** on my toast for breakfast this morning.

zest

n. enthusiasm, energy, or excitement; a quality that makes something enjoyable or interesting; the outer layer of citrus fruit which can be used to flavor food

synonym: enthusiasm, liveliness, gusto

(1) **zest** for life, (2) lemon **zest**

He discovered a new **zest** for running after completing a 10k race.

meticulously

adv. with great attention to detail; thoroughly and carefully

synonym: carefully, attentively, scrupulously

(1) **meticulously** crafted product, (2) **meticulously** executed

She **meticulously** planned every detail of her wedding.

beard

n. hair that grows on a man's face, often around the mouth and chin

synonym: facial hair, whiskers, stubble

(1) a black **beard**, (2) shave my **beard**

He grew a thick **beard** to change his appearance.

shave

v. to remove body hair with a razor; to cut the price of something

synonym: trim, cut down, prune

(1) **shave** my head, (2) **shave** cheese

That supermarket tried to **shave** certain costs by saving electricity.

scot

n. a tax or payment, particularly a share or portion of something; a person from Scotland or a Scottish immigrant

synonym: tax, charge, toll

(1) pay annual **scot**, (2) traditional **Scot** attire

The **scot-free** suspect was later apprehended for a different crime.

fluent

adj. able to communicate in a specific language smoothly or effectively, or easily

synonym: eloquent, articulate, smooth-spoken

(1) **fluent** Chinese, (2) in a **fluent** tone

She learned five languages but is only **fluent** in two of them.

barb

n. a sharp projection or point, often on a plant or animal; a cutting remark or criticism that is meant to hurt or insult; a type of fishing lure that has small hooks and a brightly colored feather or hair

synonym: spine, barbed remark, sting

(1) **barb** wire, (2) aim a **barb**

The politician's words were full of **barbs** designed to hurt his opponent.

weep

v. to cry tears because of sadness, rage, or pain

synonym: cry, sob, mourn

(1) **weep** bitter tears, (2) **weep** for joy

I'm easily moved to tears, so I would **weep** in sympathy if I saw that movie.

hopeless

adj. having no hope; despairing; having no chance of success

synonym : despairing, helpless, futile

(1) **hopeless** situation, (2) **hopeless** at everything

After months of job searching, he felt **hopeless** and unsure of his future.

incontrovertible

adj. true and therefore not able to be disputed or denied

synonym : undeniable, irrefutable, indisputable

(1) **incontrovertible** truth, (2) **incontrovertible** proof of his infidelity

The evidence presented in court was **incontrovertible**, and the defendant was found guilty.

supple

adj. flexible and easy to bend or move; gracefully agile; adaptable or responsive to change or new ideas

synonym : flexible, pliable, bendable

(1) **supple** muscles, (2) **supple** leather

The ballerina's **supple** movements left the audience mesmerized.

affliction

n. a condition of physical or mental suffering or distress, often caused by illness, injury, or other adversity; a burden or trouble that causes hardship or grief

synonym : anguish, distress, suffering

(1) mental **affliction**, (2) autoimmune **affliction**

Chronic pain can be a debilitating **affliction** that affects every aspect of one's life.

corrosive

adj. having the ability to corrode or erode a material or substance; causing damage or deterioration over time; harmful or destructive

synonym : destructive, erosive, caustic

(1) **corrosive** substance, (2) **corrosive** effect

The **corrosive** acid ate away at the metal pipes.

infallible

adj. incapable of making mistakes or being wrong; never failing; always accurate

synonym : certain, flawless, faultless

(1) **infallible** leadership, (2) **infallible** plan

The CEO's business strategy was built on **infallible** market analysis and forecast.

capita

n. a Latin word meaning "head," used to express the amount for each person; any head or headlike expansion on a structure, as on a bone

synonym : head, headcount, person

(1) per **capita** sales, (2) the agricultural yield per **capita**
GDP per **capita** shrunk by almost 10 percent for the third consecutive year.

longevity

n. the property of being long-lived; significant duration of service

synonym : seniority, endurance

(1) **longevity** crisis, (2) **longevity** genes

He is proud of the **longevity** of the business.

physicist

n. a scientist who specializes in the field of physics

(1) talented **physicist**, (2) theoretical **physicist**

Einstein was an outstanding and famous **physicist** of the 20th century.

troll

n. a person who makes inflammatory or off-topic posts on the internet; a supernatural creature often portrayed as a giant or dwarf that lives in isolated areas; (verb) to fish by dragging a baited line through the water behind a boat

synonym : provocateur, antagonist, troublemaker

(1) feed a **troll**, (2) copyright **troll**

He was banned from the online forum for being a **troll** and causing trouble.

interrogate

v. to examine someone with questions over a lengthy period, especially in an aggressive manner

synonym: question, examine, probe

(1) **interrogate** an enemy soldier, (2) **interrogated** by police

The lawyer spent considerable time to adequately **interrogate** the witness.

interconnect

v. to connect similar things

synonym: interlink, connect, annex

(1) directly **interconnect** with those systems, (2) human activities **interconnect** with the environment

Our system can now **interconnect** with other databases.

profoundly

adv. to a great or complete degree; deeply

synonym: deeply, greatly, completely

(1) **profoundly** insightful, (2) sleep **profoundly**

The novel affected her **profoundly**, causing her to question her beliefs and values.

tart

n. a small pastry with a sweet or savory filling, typically with a shortcrust pastry base; a woman who is perceived to be sexually promiscuous; (adjective) sharp, tangy, or acidic in taste

synonym: pie, pastry, quiche

(1) **tart** flavor, (2) custard **tart**

The lemon **tart** at the bakery was simply divine.

tempting

adj. likely to attract or persuade someone to do something, especially something that may not be wise or safe

synonym: alluring, attractive, inviting

(1) **tempting** offer, (2) sound very **tempting**

The chocolate cake was too **tempting** for me to resist.

nihilist

n. a person who rejects all religious, moral, and political beliefs and values; a person who believes life is meaningless and void of purpose

synonym: anarchist, cynic, skeptic

(1) violent **nihilist**, (2) militant **nihilist**

The professor accused the student of being a **nihilist** for constantly challenging the course material.

humility

n. the quality or condition of being humble; a low estimate of one's self

synonym: humbleness, modesty, unpretentiousness

(1) develop an attitude of **humility**, (2) lack of **humility**

We were filled with **humility** at the sight of the Queen.

detergent

n. a substance used for washing or cleaning, especially one that can remove dirt or stains effectively

synonym: soap, cleanser, disinfectant

(1) **detergent** solution, (2) laundry **detergent**

I use environmentally friendly **detergent** when I wash my clothes and dishes.

nozzle

n. a tube or spout through which a liquid or gas is discharged, particularly one attached to a hose, pump, or spray gun

synonym: spout, sprayer, tube

(1) **nozzle** attachment, (2) fuel **nozzle**

The car wash **nozzle** sprayed a powerful stream of soapy water onto the vehicle.

ascribe

v. to attribute something to a particular cause or source

synonym: attribute, credit, assign

(1) **ascribe** everything to nature, (2) **ascribe** my failure to bad luck

The project's success was **ascribed** to the team's hard work.

brilliantly

adv. in an intelligent, graceful, or skillful manner; very brightly or effectively

synonym: brightly, radiantly, excellently

(1) **brilliantly** executed, (2) **brilliantly** lit

He played the piano **brilliantly** at the concert.

determinant

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

synonym : cause, factor, element

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

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

salient

adj. most noticeable or important; striking

synonym : striking, noticeable, important

(1) the **salient** part of the speech, (2) **salient** feature

The most **salient** point made during the presentation was the potential profit increase.

divergence

n. the act or process of separating and moving in different directions; a difference or variance between two or more things or ideas; a deviation from a common or shared path or goal

synonym : divergency, deviation, discrepancy

(1) **divergence** angle, (2) ideological **divergence**

The **divergence** in opinions among the team members led to a delay in completing the project.

fallible

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

synonym : imperfect, errant, fallacious

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

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

spade

n. a gardening tool with a flat, pointed blade used for digging, planting, and moving soil

synonym : shovel, scoop, hoe

(1) **spade** blade, (2) dig with a **spade**

I used an iron **spade** to dig a hole for the new tree in the backyard.

uproar

n. a state of loud and confused noise and excitement, especially caused by public protest or dissent

synonym: commotion, fuss, disturbance

(1) a clamorous **uproar**, (2) political **uproar**

The **uproar** caused by the announcement of the layoffs was heard throughout the office.

hubbub

n. loud, confused, and busy noise or activity; a noisy commotion or disturbance

synonym: commotion, uproar, tumult

(1) noisy **hubbub**, (2) chaotic **hubbub**

The loud **hubbub** of voices filled the crowded restaurant.

tumbleweed

n. a type of plant, often a type of weed that has a spherical or cylindrical shape and breaks off from its roots and rolls in the wind, dispersing its seeds as it moves; a situation or place that is desolate, deserted, or lacking activity or inhabitants

(1) lonely **tumbleweed**, (2) **tumbleweed** rolling

The barren landscape was filled with **tumbleweeds**, blown around by the strong desert winds.

pretension

n. the act of claiming or asserting something, especially without good reason or without evidence; an unfounded or excessive claim or ambition

synonym: presumption, pretense, affectation

(1) **pretension** to authority, (2) baseless **pretension**

His **pretensions** of being a gourmet were quickly exposed when he could not identify basic herbs and spices.

haunted

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

synonym: spooky, eerie, ghostly

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

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

conjecture

n. an opinion or conclusion formed based on incomplete information; a theory or speculation that is unsupported by firm evidence or proof

synonym: theory, guess, speculation

(1) **conjecture** theory, (2) scientific **conjecture**

There was much **conjecture** about the cause of the fire, but the investigation is still ongoing.

emulate

v. to imitate someone else's achievements to try to do something as well as somebody else

synonym: impersonate, mimic, imitate

(1) **emulate** a successful business model, (2) **emulate** his watercolors

They intend to **emulate** the footsteps of successful software companies.

Session 2: Spelling

1. b__b wire
n. a sharp projection or point, often on a plant or animal; a cutting remark or criticism that is meant to hurt or insult; a type of fishing lure that has small hooks and a brightly colored feather or hair
2. autoimmune aff_____on
n. a condition of physical or mental suffering or distress, often caused by illness, injury, or other adversity; a burden or trouble that causes hardship or grief
3. laundry de_____nt
n. a substance used for washing or cleaning, especially one that can remove dirt or stains effectively
4. dig with a sp__e
n. a gardening tool with a flat, pointed blade used for digging, planting, and moving soil
5. ha_____d house
adj. inhabited, visited, or frequented by ghosts or spirits; disturbed or troubled by persistent or disturbing memories or emotions
6. sh__e cheese
v. to remove body hair with a razor; to cut the price of something
7. z__t for life
n. enthusiasm, energy, or excitement; a quality that makes something enjoyable or interesting; the outer layer of citrus fruit which can be used to flavor food
8. mental aff_____on
n. a condition of physical or mental suffering or distress, often caused by illness, injury, or other adversity; a burden or trouble that causes hardship or grief

ANSWERS: 1. barb, 2. affliction, 3. detergent, 4. spade, 5. haunted, 6. shave, 7. zest, 8. affliction

9. political up___r *n.* a state of loud and confused noise and excitement, especially caused by public protest or dissent
10. f_r branch *n.* a type of tall evergreen tree that is native to the northern hemisphere, with needle-like leaves and cones that stand upright on the branches
11. res_____ul cook in town *adj.* showing creativity and ability to find quick and practical solutions to problems
12. pro_____ly insightful *adv.* to a great or complete degree; deeply
13. copyright tr___l *n.* a person who makes inflammatory or off-topic posts on the internet; a supernatural creature often portrayed as a giant or dwarf that lives in isolated areas; (verb) to fish by dragging a baited line through the water behind a boat
14. directly int_____ect with those systems *v.* to connect similar things
15. noisy hu___b *n.* loud, confused, and busy noise or activity; a noisy commotion or disturbance
16. su___e muscles *adj.* flexible and easy to bend or move; gracefully agile; adaptable or responsive to change or new ideas
17. lonely tum_____ed *n.* a type of plant, often a type of weed that has a spherical or cylindrical shape and breaks off from its roots and rolls in the wind, dispersing its seeds as it moves; a situation or place that is desolate, deserted, or lacking activity or inhabitants

ANSWERS: 9. uproar, 10. fir, 11. resourceful, 12. profoundly, 13. troll, 14. interconnect, 15. hubbub, 16. supple, 17. tumbleweed

18. sleep pro_____ly *adv.* to a great or complete degree; deeply
19. aim a b__b *n.* a sharp projection or point, often on a plant or animal; a cutting remark or criticism that is meant to hurt or insult; a type of fishing lure that has small hooks and a brightly colored feather or hair
20. fa_____le reasoning *adj.* capable of making mistakes or errors; subject to being wrong or imperfect
21. int_____te an enemy soldier *v.* to examine someone with questions over a lengthy period, especially in an aggressive manner
22. a black be__d *n.* hair that grows on a man's face, often around the mouth and chin
23. scientific con_____re *n.* an opinion or conclusion formed based on incomplete information; a theory or speculation that is unsupported by firm evidence or proof
24. w__p bitter tears *v.* to cry tears because of sadness, rage, or pain
25. fa_____le perception *adj.* capable of making mistakes or errors; subject to being wrong or imperfect
26. int_____ted by police *v.* to examine someone with questions over a lengthy period, especially in an aggressive manner
27. talented ph_____st *n.* a scientist who specializes in the field of physics
28. deb_____ing virus *adj.* weakening or damaging; causing a loss of strength, energy, or success

ANSWERS: 18. profoundly, 19. barb, 20. fallible, 21. interrogate, 22. beard, 23. conjecture, 24. weep, 25. fallible, 26. interrogate, 27. physicist, 28. debilitating

29. bri_____ly executed *adv.* in an intelligent, graceful, or skillful manner; very brightly or effectively
30. con_____re theory *n.* an opinion or conclusion formed based on incomplete information; a theory or speculation that is unsupported by firm evidence or proof
31. violent ni_____st *n.* a person who rejects all religious, moral, and political beliefs and values; a person who believes life is meaningless and void of purpose
32. in a fl____t tone *adj.* able to communicate in a specific language smoothly or effectively, or easily
33. severe mal_____ion *n.* the condition of having an improper or inadequate diet, typically resulting in weakness, illness, and developmental problems; the state of being undernourished or lacking essential nutrients
34. sa_____t feature *adj.* most noticeable or important; striking
35. co_____ve substance *adj.* having the ability to corrode or erode a material or substance; causing damage or deterioration over time; harmful or destructive
36. sw_____ng of the ankle *n.* an abnormal local enlargement of a part of your body, mainly because of illness or injury
37. inf_____le leadership *adj.* incapable of making mistakes or being wrong; never failing; always accurate

ANSWERS: 29. brilliantly, 30. conjecture, 31. nihilist, 32. fluent, 33. malnutrition, 34. salient, 35. corrosive, 36. swelling, 37. infallible

38. res_____ul thinker *adj.* showing creativity and ability to find quick and practical solutions to problems
39. t__t flavor *n.* a small pastry with a sweet or savory filling, typically with a shortcrust pastry base; a woman who is perceived to be sexually promiscuous; (adjective) sharp, tangy, or acidic in taste
40. bri_____ly lit *adv.* in an intelligent, graceful, or skillful manner; very brightly or effectively
41. sm_____e herself out of a country *v.* to import or export something or someone without paying appropriate customs duties, often illegally
42. sh__e my head *v.* to remove body hair with a razor; to cut the price of something
43. custard t__t *n.* a small pastry with a sweet or savory filling, typically with a shortcrust pastry base; a woman who is perceived to be sexually promiscuous; (adjective) sharp, tangy, or acidic in taste
44. no___e attachment *n.* a tube or spout through which a liquid or gas is discharged, particularly one attached to a hose, pump, or spray gun
45. inc_____ble truth *adj.* true and therefore not able to be disputed or denied
46. em_____e a successful business model *v.* to imitate someone else's achievements to try to do something as well as somebody else
47. the sa_____t part of the speech *adj.* most noticeable or important; striking

ANSWERS: 38. resourceful, 39. tart, 40. brilliantly, 41. smuggle, 42. shave, 43. tart, 44. nozzle, 45. incontrovertible, 46. emulate, 47. salient

48. ho____ss situation *adj.* having no hope; despairing; having no chance of success
49. childhood mal_____ion *n.* the condition of having an improper or inadequate diet, typically resulting in weakness, illness, and developmental problems; the state of being undernourished or lacking essential nutrients
50. tum_____ed rolling *n.* a type of plant, often a type of weed that has a spherical or cylindrical shape and breaks off from its roots and rolls in the wind, dispersing its seeds as it moves; a situation or place that is desolate, deserted, or lacking activity or inhabitants
51. militant ni____st *n.* a person who rejects all religious, moral, and political beliefs and values; a person who believes life is meaningless and void of purpose
52. shave my be__d *n.* hair that grows on a man's face, often around the mouth and chin
53. lo_____ty crisis *n.* the property of being long-lived; significant duration of service
54. hard sw_____ng on the body *n.* an abnormal local enlargement of a part of your body, mainly because of illness or injury
55. as_____e my failure to bad luck *v.* to attribute something to a particular cause or source
56. a g__m-free environment *n.* a very tiny living that causes the disease; a piece of something such as an organism, concept, etc., capable of growing into a new one or part of one

ANSWERS: 48. hopeless, 49. malnutrition, 50. tumbleweed, 51. nihilist, 52. beard, 53. longevity, 54. swelling, 55. ascribe, 56. germ

57. fuel no___e *n.* a tube or spout through which a liquid or gas is discharged, particularly one attached to a hose, pump, or spray gun
58. em____e his watercolors *v.* to imitate someone else's achievements to try to do something as well as somebody else
59. w__p for joy *v.* to cry tears because of sadness, rage, or pain
60. environmental det____nt *n.* a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result
61. chaotic hu___b *n.* loud, confused, and busy noise or activity; a noisy commotion or disturbance
62. sp__e blade *n.* a gardening tool with a flat, pointed blade used for digging, planting, and moving soil
63. sound very te____ng *adj.* likely to attract or persuade someone to do something, especially something that may not be wise or safe
64. sm____e drugs *v.* to import or export something or someone without paying appropriate customs duties, often illegally
65. inf____le plan *adj.* incapable of making mistakes or being wrong; never failing; always accurate
66. traditional S__t attire *n.* a tax or payment, particularly a share or portion of something; a person from Scotland or a Scottish immigrant

ANSWERS: 57. nozzle, 58. emulate, 59. weep, 60. determinant, 61. hubbub, 62. spade, 63. tempting, 64. smuggle, 65. infallible, 66. scot

67. smoke gr____e *n.* a hand-held explosive device designed to be thrown or projected toward a target and detonate upon impact or after a specified time
68. exc_____ing ordeal *adj.* extremely painful, intense, or distressing; causing great physical or emotional suffering
69. baseless pre_____on *n.* the act of claiming or asserting something, especially without good reason or without evidence; an unfounded or excessive claim or ambition
70. as_____e everything to nature *v.* to attribute something to a particular cause or source
71. office la_____ry *n.* a room or area equipped with facilities for personal hygiene and toileting, typically including a toilet and a sink; a bathroom
72. fl____t Chinese *adj.* able to communicate in a specific language smoothly or effectively, or easily
73. co_____ve effect *adj.* having the ability to corrode or erode a material or substance; causing damage or deterioration over time; harmful or destructive
74. ho_____ss at everything *adj.* having no hope; despairing; having no chance of success
75. div_____ce angle *n.* the act or process of separating and moving in different directions; a difference or variance between two or more things or ideas; a deviation from a common or shared path or goal

ANSWERS: 67. grenade, 68. excruciating, 69. pretension, 70. ascribe, 71. lavatory, 72. fluent, 73. corrosive, 74. hopeless, 75. divergence

76. lo_____ty genes *n.* the property of being long-lived; significant duration of service
77. per ca___a sales *n.* a Latin word meaning "head," used to express the amount for each person; any head or headlike expansion on a structure, as on a bone
78. develop an attitude of hu_____ty *n.* the quality or condition of being humble; a low estimate of one's self
79. a clamorous up___r *n.* a state of loud and confused noise and excitement, especially caused by public protest or dissent
80. exc_____ing embarrassment *adj.* extremely painful, intense, or distressing; causing great physical or emotional suffering
81. la_____ry facilities *n.* a room or area equipped with facilities for personal hygiene and toileting, typically including a toilet and a sink; a bathroom
82. feed a tr___l *n.* a person who makes inflammatory or off-topic posts on the internet; a supernatural creature often portrayed as a giant or dwarf that lives in isolated areas; (verb) to fish by dragging a baited line through the water behind a boat
83. theoretical ph_____st *n.* a scientist who specializes in the field of physics
84. ma_____e jar *n.* a sticky, dark brown food spread made from yeast extract, often used as a savory spread on toast or crackers in British cuisine

ANSWERS: 76. longevity, 77. capita, 78. humility, 79. uproar, 80. excruciating, 81. lavatory, 82. troll, 83. physicist, 84. marmite

85. met_____sly crafted product *adv.* with great attention to detail; thoroughly and carefully
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89. pay annual s__t *n.* a tax or payment, particularly a share or portion of something; a person from Scotland or a Scottish immigrant
90. human activities int_____ect with the environment *v.* to connect similar things
91. lemon z__t *n.* enthusiasm, energy, or excitement; a quality that makes something enjoyable or interesting; the outer layer of citrus fruit which can be used to flavor food
92. a det_____nt of crop yields *n.* a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result
93. ideological div_____ce *n.* the act or process of separating and moving in different directions; a difference or variance between two or more things or ideas; a deviation from a common or shared path or goal

ANSWERS: 85. meticulously, 86. meticulously, 87. tempting, 88. pretension, 89. scot, 90. interconnect, 91. zest, 92. determinant, 93. divergence

94. inc_____ble proof of his infidelity *adj.* true and therefore not able to be disputed or denied
95. de_____nt solution *n.* a substance used for washing or cleaning, especially one that can remove dirt or stains effectively
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97. ha_____d by memories *adj.* inhabited, visited, or frequented by ghosts or spirits; disturbed or troubled by persistent or disturbing memories or emotions
98. the agricultural yield per ca_____a *n.* a Latin word meaning "head," used to express the amount for each person; any head or headlike expansion on a structure, as on a bone
99. su_____e leather *adj.* flexible and easy to bend or move; gracefully agile; adaptable or responsive to change or new ideas
100. ma_____e sandwich *n.* a sticky, dark brown food spread made from yeast extract, often used as a savory spread on toast or crackers in British cuisine
101. lack of hu_____ty *n.* the quality or condition of being humble; a low estimate of one's self
102. deb_____ing effect *adj.* weakening or damaging; causing a loss of strength, energy, or success
103. antibiotic-resistant g__m *n.* a very tiny living that causes the disease; a piece of something such as an organism, concept, etc., capable of growing into a new one or part of one

ANSWERS: 94. incontrovertible, 95. detergent, 96. grenade, 97. haunted, 98. capita, 99. supple, 100. marmite, 101. humility, 102. debilitating, 103. germ

104. f_r forest

n. a type of tall evergreen tree that is native to the northern hemisphere, with needle-like leaves and cones that stand upright on the branches

ANSWERS: 104. fir

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The smell of fresh ____ trees filled the air at the Christmas tree farm.
n. a type of tall evergreen tree that is native to the northern hemisphere, with needle-like leaves and cones that stand upright on the branches

2. The _____ caused by the announcement of the layoffs was heard throughout the office.
n. a state of loud and confused noise and excitement, especially caused by public protest or dissent

3. The chocolate cake was too _____ for me to resist.
adj. likely to attract or persuade someone to do something, especially something that may not be wise or safe

4. The project's success was _____ to the team's hard work.
v. to attribute something to a particular cause or source

5. He grew a thick _____ to change his appearance.
n. hair that grows on a man's face, often around the mouth and chin

6. That supermarket tried to _____ certain costs by saving electricity.
v. to remove body hair with a razor; to cut the price of something

7. The novel affected her _____ causing her to question her beliefs and values.
adv. to a great or complete degree; deeply

8. He discovered a new _____ for running after completing a 10k race.
n. enthusiasm, energy, or excitement; a quality that makes something enjoyable or interesting; the outer layer of citrus fruit which can be used to flavor food

ANSWERS: 1. fir, 2. uproar, 3. tempting, 4. ascribed, 5. beard, 6. shave, 7. profoundly, 8. zest

9. The old mansion was known to be _____ with strange noises and eerie sightings reported by visitors.

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

10. She _____ planned every detail of her wedding.

adv. with great attention to detail; thoroughly and carefully

11. His _____ illness made it difficult for him to leave the house.

adj. weakening or damaging; causing a loss of strength, energy, or success

12. One _____ of success is having a positive attitude and a strong work ethic.

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

13. The evidence presented in court was _____ and the defendant was found guilty.

adj. true and therefore not able to be disputed or denied

14. After months of job searching, he felt _____ and unsure of his future.

adj. having no hope; despairing; having no chance of success

15. His _____ of being a gourmet were quickly exposed when he could not identify basic herbs and spices.

n. the act of claiming or asserting something, especially without good reason or without evidence; an unfounded or excessive claim or ambition

16. I'm easily moved to tears, so I would _____ in sympathy if I saw that movie.

v. to cry tears because of sadness, rage, or pain

ANSWERS: 9. haunted, 10. meticulously, 11. debilitating, 12. determinant, 13. incontrovertible, 14. hopeless, 15. pretensions, 16. weep

17. The _____ pain in his ankle made it difficult to walk.
adj. extremely painful, intense, or distressing; causing great physical or emotional suffering
18. There was much _____ about the cause of the fire, but the investigation is still ongoing.
n. an opinion or conclusion formed based on incomplete information; a theory or speculation that is unsupported by firm evidence or proof
19. The doctor advised the patient to eat a balanced diet to avoid _____.
n. the condition of having an improper or inadequate diet, typically resulting in weakness, illness, and developmental problems; the state of being undernourished or lacking essential nutrients
20. I spread _____ on my toast for breakfast this morning.
n. a sticky, dark brown food spread made from yeast extract, often used as a savory spread on toast or crackers in British cuisine
21. The loud _____ of voices filled the crowded restaurant.
n. loud, confused, and busy noise or activity; a noisy commotion or disturbance
22. The car wash _____ sprayed a powerful stream of soapy water onto the vehicle.
n. a tube or spout through which a liquid or gas is discharged, particularly one attached to a hose, pump, or spray gun
23. He was banned from the online forum for being a _____ and causing trouble.
n. a person who makes inflammatory or off-topic posts on the internet; a supernatural creature often portrayed as a giant or dwarf that lives in isolated areas; (verb) to fish by dragging a baited line through the water behind a boat

ANSWERS: 17. excruciating, 18. conjecture, 19. malnutrition, 20. marmite, 21. hubbub, 22. nozzle, 23. troll

24. He played the piano _____ at the concert.

adv. in an intelligent, graceful, or skillful manner; very brightly or effectively

25. Our system can now _____ with other databases.

v. to connect similar things

26. The lemon _____ at the bakery was simply divine.

n. a small pastry with a sweet or savory filling, typically with a shortcrust pastry base; a woman who is perceived to be sexually promiscuous; (adjective) sharp, tangy, or acidic in taste

27. The _____ acid ate away at the metal pipes.

adj. having the ability to corrode or erode a material or substance; causing damage or deterioration over time; harmful or destructive

28. Chronic pain can be a debilitating _____ that affects every aspect of one's life.

n. a condition of physical or mental suffering or distress, often caused by illness, injury, or other adversity; a burden or trouble that causes hardship or grief

29. The _____ suspect was later apprehended for a different crime.

n. a tax or payment, particularly a share or portion of something; a person from Scotland or a Scottish immigrant

30. The ballerina's _____ movements left the audience mesmerized.

adj. flexible and easy to bend or move; gracefully agile; adaptable or responsive to change or new ideas

31. The airplane's _____ was out of order, causing inconvenience to the passengers.

n. a room or area equipped with facilities for personal hygiene and toileting, typically including a toilet and a sink; a bathroom

ANSWERS: 24. brilliantly, 25. interconnect, 26. tart, 27. corrosive, 28. affliction, 29. scot-free, 30. supple, 31. lavatory

32. They intend to _____ the footsteps of successful software companies.
v. to imitate someone else's achievements to try to do something as well as somebody else
33. He was able to _____ a gun inside the prison.
v. to import or export something or someone without paying appropriate customs duties, often illegally
34. The _____ of his idea came from watching birds flying in flocks.
n. a very tiny living that causes the disease; a piece of something such as an organism, concept, etc., capable of growing into a new one or part of one
35. GDP per _____ shrunk by almost 10 percent for the third consecutive year.
n. a Latin word meaning "head," used to express the amount for each person; any head or headlike expansion on a structure, as on a bone
36. She learned five languages but is only _____ in two of them.
adj. able to communicate in a specific language smoothly or effectively, or easily
37. After intensive icing by the trainer, the _____ went down.
n. an abnormal local enlargement of a part of your body, mainly because of illness or injury
38. Einstein was an outstanding and famous _____ of the 20th century.
n. a scientist who specializes in the field of physics
39. The most _____ point made during the presentation was the potential profit increase.
adj. most noticeable or important; striking

ANSWERS: 32. emulate, 33. smuggle, 34. germ, 35. capita, 36. fluent, 37. swelling, 38. physicist, 39. salient

40. The _____ in opinions among the team members led to a delay in completing the project.
- n.* the act or process of separating and moving in different directions; a difference or variance between two or more things or ideas; a deviation from a common or shared path or goal
41. The soldier threw a _____ to destroy the enemy's bunker.
- n.* a hand-held explosive device designed to be thrown or projected toward a target and detonate upon impact or after a specified time
42. I use environmentally friendly _____ when I wash my clothes and dishes.
- n.* a substance used for washing or cleaning, especially one that can remove dirt or stains effectively
43. We were filled with _____ at the sight of the Queen.
- n.* the quality or condition of being humble; a low estimate of one's self
44. The professor accused the student of being a _____ for constantly challenging the course material.
- n.* a person who rejects all religious, moral, and political beliefs and values; a person who believes life is meaningless and void of purpose
45. I used an iron _____ to dig a hole for the new tree in the backyard.
- n.* a gardening tool with a flat, pointed blade used for digging, planting, and moving soil
46. The barren landscape was filled with _____ blown around by the strong desert winds.
- n.* a type of plant, often a type of weed that has a spherical or cylindrical shape and breaks off from its roots and rolls in the wind, dispersing its seeds as it moves; a situation or place that is desolate, deserted, or lacking activity or inhabitants

ANSWERS: 40. divergence, 41. grenade, 42. detergent, 43. humility, 44. nihilist, 45. spade, 46. tumbleweeds,

47. The detective could not ignore his _____ memory during the witness interview.

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

48. She was _____ and found a solution to the problem on her own.

adj. showing creativity and ability to find quick and practical solutions to problems

49. The CEO's business strategy was built on _____ market analysis and forecast.

adj. incapable of making mistakes or being wrong; never failing; always accurate

50. He is proud of the _____ of the business.

n. the property of being long-lived; significant duration of service

51. The politician's words were full of _____ designed to hurt his opponent.

n. a sharp projection or point, often on a plant or animal; a cutting remark or criticism that is meant to hurt or insult; a type of fishing lure that has small hooks and a brightly colored feather or hair

52. The lawyer spent considerable time to adequately _____ the witness.

v. to examine someone with questions over a lengthy period, especially in an aggressive manner

ANSWERS: 47. fallible, 48. resourceful, 49. infallible, 50. longevity, 51. barbs, 52. interrogate