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Session 1: Word List

straight

adj. extending or moving in one direction without bending or curving; having no deviations

synonym: linear, honest, consecutive

(1) a **straight** line, (2) **straight** for two months

He was sick for five **straight** days.

lobby

n. a large area inside the entrance of a public building where people can meet and wait; a group of people who try to persuade a politician, the government, or an official group to influence legislation

synonym: entrance, hall, anteroom

(1) **lobby** for legislation, (2) a hotel **lobby**

That **lobby** group actively advocated environmental protection to the government.

passee

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 no longer fashionable or current; outdated; considered to be old-fashioned or out of date

synonym: outdated, old-fashioned, antique

(1) **passee** entertainment, (2) **passee** trend

Bell-bottom jeans, once considered **passee** fashion, have made a surprising comeback in recent years.

equivalent

n. having the same value, quality, meaning, purpose, etc.
synonym: equal, counterpart, match

(1) **equivalent** amounts, (2) **equivalent** in meaning
The European Central Bank is Europe's **equivalent** of the Federal Reserve.

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.

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.

top-down

adj. controlled or implemented from the highest level of authority or management

synonym: centralized, hierarchical

(1) **top-down** management, (2) **top-down** approach

The **top-down** management approach could have been more effective in implementing organizational changes.

policy

n. a set of rules, guidelines, principles, or procedures that govern decision-making or action, often used in the context of business or government; a course of action or plan of action adopted or followed by an organization or individual to achieve a goal or objective

synonym: strategy, plan, guideline

(1) health **policy**, (2) foreign **policy**

The company's new **policy** on remote work has made it a more inclusive workplace.

judicial

adj. of or relating to a court, a judge, or legal judgment
synonym : legal, juridical, judicatory

(1) **judicial** review, (2) **judicial** police

The **judicial** system is responsible for interpreting and enforcing the law.

reform

n. the act of improving or correcting something that is wrong or bad; a change made to correct a flaw or problem

synonym : change, modify, improve

(1) economic **reform**, (2) **reform** movement

The government is proposing a **reform** to the healthcare system to make it more accessible and affordable for all citizens.

banjo

n. a musical instrument with a long neck and a circular body covered in parchment or plastic, which is plucked or strummed to produce a twangy, resonant sound

(1) famous **banjo** player, (2) **banjo** music

The musician played the five-string **banjo** as part of his folk ensemble.

singe

v. to burn something slightly or superficially, usually by mistake

synonym : sear, char, burn

(1) **singe** off the hair over the flames, (2) **singe** the edges of a fabric

I didn't realize the iron was still hot and **singed** my dress.

shady

adj. characterized by darkness or obscurity, often referring to the atmosphere of a place; characterized by suspicious or dishonest behavior or dealings; relating to shade or protection from sunlight

synonym : shadowy, dubious, questionable

(1) **shady** business, (2) **shady** deal

The tree provided some **shady** relief from the scorching sun.

grove

n. a small group of trees growing closely together
synonym : copse, thicket, underbrush

(1) a bamboo **grove**, (2) citrus **grove**

They walked through the **grove** of trees and admired the natural beauty.

darling

n. a term of endearment or affectionate term for someone you love or hold dear

synonym : sweetheart, beloved, dear

(1) have a **darling** baby, (2) medium **darling**

My **darling** child, I love you so much.

ripple

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

synonym : wave, undulation, fluctuation

(1) a **ripple** of laughter, (2) **ripple** in the water

Many businesses felt the **ripple** effect of the economy's decline.

groove

n. a long, narrow cut or depression in a hard material or surface; a particular style of popular music characterized by a strong and repetitive rhythm

synonym : rut, channel, furrow

(1) **groove** on the dance floor, (2) get into the **groove**

The band played a smooth **groove** that got everyone dancing.

obsess

v. to fill the mind of someone continually so that one can't think of anything else

synonym : torment, beset, engross

(1) **obsess** over her weight, (2) he is **obsessed** with the fear

He's utterly **obsessed** with his promotion.

mammoth

adj. exceedingly large or extensive; (noun) any of numerous extinct elephants widely distributed in the Pleistocene

synonym : huge, large

(1) woolly **mammoth**, (2) a **mammoth** ship

The minister decided to review its **mammoth** public works projects.

relief

n. a feeling of happiness and relaxation that comes when something burdensome is removed or reduced

synonym: remedy, consolation, alleviation

(1) tax **relief**, (2) sigh of **relief**

He devoted his life to establishing a humanitarian **relief** fund.

awesome

adj. inspiring fear, admiration, or respect; very good, nice, fun, etc.

synonym: miraculous, marvelous, astounding

(1) **awesome** mental faculty, (2) have an **awesome** birthday

There is a lot of **awesome** nature and food in Hawaii.

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**.

bluegrass

n. a genre of American traditional music originating from the Appalachian region, typically characterized by lively tempo, acoustic instruments such as banjo, fiddle, and guitar, and close-harmony singing

(1) **bluegrass** music, (2) **bluegrass** festival

The band played a lively **bluegrass** tune that got everyone dancing.

association

n. a people or groups of people who have joined in a single organization together for a particular purpose; a social or business connection or relationship

synonym: affiliation, collaboration, society

(1) word **associations**, (2) a scholarship **association**

His membership in the **association** provided him with numerous benefits.

convention

n. a large formal assembly of people who do a particular job or have a similar interest or of a political party; something regarded as a normative example

synonym : meeting, conference, congress

(1) **convention** center, (2) political **convention**

They met at biennial **conventions**.

hallway

n. an interior passage or corridor onto which rooms open

synonym : foyer, corridor, entrance

(1) the head of a **hallway**, (2) wax a **hallway** floor

He dashed down a **hallway** to a bathroom.

jam

n. a situation in which something becomes stuck because of a dense crowd of people, vehicles, etc.; a preserve of crushed fruit

synonym : difficulty, mess, preserve

(1) a traffic **jam**, (2) a jar of **jam**

The shredder in the print room often has paper **jams**.

nervous

adj. worried and anxious about something; relating to the nerves

synonym : neural, anxious, uneasy

(1) development of the **nervous** system, (2) get **nervous**

He suffers from **nervous** breakdowns.

executive

n. a person or group of people with top-level management responsibility in a business or other organization; the branch that is responsible for implementing, administering, and enforcing laws, as well as running the day-to-day operations

synonym : administrator, manager, director

(1) **executive** editor at the publishing house, (2) **executive** vice president

As the **executive** director of the non-profit, it's her responsibility to make sure they're meeting their mission goals.

invite

v. to ask someone to come or join; to offer an opportunity or possibility for something to happen or take place

synonym : ask, request, summon

(1) **invite** guests, (2) **invite** criticism

We want to **invite** you to our annual charity event.

writ

n. a written legal order or command

synonym : legal document, order, legal process

(1) a **writ** of summons, (2) issue a **writ**

He was served with a **writ** of eviction, giving him the notice to vacate the property.

fate

n. the development of events beyond one's control; destiny; the ultimate outcome or consequence of a situation or person's actions

synonym : destiny, fortune, karma

(1) **fate** of nations, (2) accept my **fate**

The fortune teller predicted his **fate** and warned him of the looming danger.

collaborate

v. to work with someone else to produce or achieve something

synonym : cooperate, unite, get together

(1) **collaborate** with the police, (2) **collaborate** on a press release

She agreed to **collaborate** with him in creating new artwork.

incredible

adj. unbelievable; enormous

synonym : unbelievable, fantastical, inconceivable

(1) **incredible** amount, (2) at **incredible** speed

Her response revealed **incredible** idiocy.

inspiration

n. something that motivates or encourages someone to create or achieve something, or a feeling of excitement or creativity

synonym : motivation, drive, encouragement

(1) source of **inspiration**, (2) get **inspiration** from nature

He found **inspiration** in the works of his favorite authors.

cult

n. a small religious group, especially one that is not part of a larger religion and that is regarded as outside the norm; followers of an exclusive system of beliefs and practices

synonym : sect, faith, religion

(1) **cult** members, (2) **cult's** practices

The **cult** leader promised his followers that they would achieve enlightenment if they followed his teachings.

festival

n. a celebration or event, usually marking a particular religious or cultural occasion, often involving processions, music, dancing, and the performance of plays or other artistic works

synonym : fair, holiday, celebration

(1) **festival** attendee, (2) international film **festival**

The music **festival** attracts visitors from all over the world.

lawn

n. a stretch of ground covered with grass, typically attached to a house, and often used for recreation or aesthetics

synonym : yard, grass, meadow

(1) **lawn** mower, (2) lush **lawn**

The family enjoyed a picnic on the **lawn** in the park.

bust

v. to break something; (noun) a woman's chest, or the measurement around a woman's chest; (noun) an occasion for something excessive, such as work, eating, drinking, etc.

synonym : ruin, fall apart, (noun) breast

(1) **bust** my leg, (2) the **bust** of the statue

I'm **bust** with preparation for tomorrow's meeting.

babysitter

n. a person hired to look after a child or children while the parents are away or occupied; someone who provides temporary care and supervision for children in the absence of their parents or guardians

synonym : childcare provider, nanny, nurse

(1) need a trustworthy **babysitter**, (2) experienced **babysitter**

Our regular **babysitter** was sick, so we had to find a replacement at the last minute.

adopt

v. to choose to follow something; to legally take a child from another family and care for them as if they were one's own

synonym : accept, assume, take on

(1) **adopt** a child, (2) **adopt** a bill

The national assembly has **adopted** the budget.

roar

v. to make a loud, deep sound, like a lion or a car engine

synonym : bellow, yell, shout

(1) **roar** with laughter, (2) **roar** for more

The lion **roared** loudly, signaling its dominance over the other animals.

delight

n. a feeling of great pleasure or happiness

synonym : pleasure, joy, satisfaction

(1) a tremor of **delight**, (2) with **delight**

The **delight** on the child's faces when they received the toy was priceless.

instrument

n. an object used to make musical sounds, such as a piano, guitar, or drum; a tool or device used for a specific activity, particularly in specialist or scientific work

synonym : apparatus, tool, device

(1) musical **instruments**, (2) surgical **instruments**

This electronic **instrument** is required to undergo periodic inspections to ensure precision.

province

n. the territory occupied by one of the constituent administrative districts of a nation

synonym : area, section, region

(1) Bengal **province**, (2) home **province**

A network of railways has developed over the **province**.

relocate

v. to move or move something or someone to a new place and build a house or a business there

synonym: emigrate, resettle, migrate

(1) **relocate** a company, (2) **relocate** with a new job

The university **relocated** to campuses several miles away.

earthquake

n. a sudden and violent shaking of the ground caused by the movement of rock beneath the earth's surface

synonym: seismic activity, tremor, temblor

(1) an **earthquake** zone, (2) an **earthquake-proof**

The violent **earthquake** caused widespread damage and injuries throughout the region.

disaster

n. an unexpected event or series of events that cause widespread damage, destruction, or loss of life

synonym: catastrophe, calamity, tragedy

(1) global **disaster**, (2) **disaster** recovery

The **disaster** response team worked around the clock to aid those affected by the earthquake.

zone

n. a specific area, region, or section that is marked off or defined in some way

synonym: area, region, territory

(1) time **zone**, (2) **zone** defense

He was reluctant to leave his comfort **zone** and try something new.

swallow

v. to make food, drink, pills, etc., pass down your throat into your stomach; (noun) small long-winged songbird noted for swift, graceful flight and the regularity of its migrations

synonym: consume, gulp, inhale

(1) **swallow** a handful of pills, (2) a **swallow** tail

I **swallowed** my anger and kept quiet.

roll v. to move in a particular direction by turning over and over or from side to side
synonym: spin, swirl, wheel
(1) **roll** a ball, (2) **roll** down his cheeks
He was exhausted and **rolled** into bed as soon as he got home.

cheek n. either side of the face below the eye and between the nose and the jaw
synonym: jaw, mandible, malar
(1) **cheek** bone, (2) hollowed-out **cheek**
He gently touched her apple-red **cheek** and whispered that he loved her.

mortal *adj.* subject to death; unrelenting and deadly
synonym: deathly, perishable, non-eternal
(1) a **mortal** combat, (2) this **mortal** life
All humans are **mortal** and will eventually die.

dwell v. to live or reside in a particular place; to think, speak, or write at length on a particular subject; to linger or remain as if unwilling to leave
synonym: reside, inhabit, occupy
(1) **dwell** on a problem, (2) **dwell** on the past
I love to **dwell** in nature and feel its calming effects on me.

Session 2: Spelling

1. ri___e in the water *n.* a small wave on the surface of a liquid, typically caused by an object falling into it or a slight wind
2. ch__k bone *n.* either side of the face below the eye and between the nose and the jaw
3. l__n mower *n.* a stretch of ground covered with grass, typically attached to a house, and often used for recreation or aesthetics
4. to_____wn approach *adj.* controlled or implemented from the highest level of authority or management
5. ju_____al review *adj.* of or relating to a court, a judge, or legal judgment
6. an ear_____ke-proof *n.* a sudden and violent shaking of the ground caused by the movement of rock beneath the earth's surface
7. issue a w__t *n.* a written legal order or command
8. need a trustworthy bab_____er *n.* a person hired to look after a child or children while the parents are away or occupied; someone who provides temporary care and supervision for children in the absence of their parents or guardians
9. experienced bab_____er *n.* a person hired to look after a child or children while the parents are away or occupied; someone who provides temporary care and supervision for children in the absence of their parents or guardians

ANSWERS: 1. ripple, 2. cheek, 3. lawn, 4. top-down, 5. judicial, 6. earthquake, 7. writ, 8. babysitter, 9. babysitter

10. the b__t of the statue *v.* to break something; (noun) a woman's chest, or the measurement around a woman's chest; (noun) an occasion for something excessive, such as work, eating, drinking, etc.
11. foreign po___y *n.* a set of rules, guidelines, principles, or procedures that govern decision-making or action, often used in the context of business or government; a course of action or plan of action adopted or followed by an organization or individual to achieve a goal or objective
12. ad__t a bill *v.* to choose to follow something; to legally take a child from another family and care for them as if they were one's own
13. international film fe_____al *n.* a celebration or event, usually marking a particular religious or cultural occasion, often involving processions, music, dancing, and the performance of plays or other artistic works
14. r__l down his cheeks *v.* to move in a particular direction by turning over and over or from side to side
15. at inc_____le speed *adj.* unbelievable; enormous
16. inc_____le amount *adj.* unbelievable; enormous
17. st_____ht for two months *adj.* extending or moving in one direction without bending or curving; having no deviations
18. z__e defense *n.* a specific area, region, or section that is marked off or defined in some way

ANSWERS: 10. bust, 11. policy, 12. adopt, 13. festival, 14. roll, 15. incredible, 16. incredible, 17. straight, 18. zone

19. equ_____nt in meaning *n.* having the same value, quality, meaning, purpose, etc.
20. lush l__n *n.* a stretch of ground covered with grass, typically attached to a house, and often used for recreation or aesthetics
21. pa__e entertainment *adj.* no longer fashionable or current; outdated; considered to be old-fashioned or out of date
22. with de_____t *n.* a feeling of great pleasure or happiness
23. c__t members *n.* a small religious group, especially one that is not part of a larger religion and that is regarded as outside the norm; followers of an exclusive system of beliefs and practices
24. si__e off the hair over the flames *v.* to burn something slightly or superficially, usually by mistake
25. si__e the edges of a fabric *v.* to burn something slightly or superficially, usually by mistake
26. get ne_____s *adj.* worried and anxious about something; relating to the nerves
27. he is ob___sed with the fear *v.* to fill the mind of someone continually so that one can't think of anything else
28. medium da_____g *n.* a term of endearment or affectionate term for someone you love or hold dear
29. ba__o music *n.* a musical instrument with a long neck and a circular body covered in parchment or plastic, which is plucked or strummed to produce a twangy, resonant sound

ANSWERS: 19. equivalent, 20. lawn, 21. passe, 22. delight, 23. cult, 24. singe, 25. singe, 26. nervous, 27. obsess, 28. darling, 29. banjo

30. have an aw____e birthday *adj.* inspiring fear, admiration, or respect; very good, nice, fun, etc.
31. hollowed-out ch__k *n.* either side of the face below the eye and between the nose and the jaw
32. sh__y business *adj.* characterized by darkness or obscurity, often referring to the atmosphere of a place; characterized by suspicious or dishonest behavior or dealings; relating to shade or protection from sunlight
33. re____on of inclusion *n.* the way two persons or groups of people feel and act toward one another
34. time z__e *n.* a specific area, region, or section that is marked off or defined in some way
35. a traffic j_m *n.* a situation in which something becomes stuck because of a dense crowd of people, vehicles, etc.; a preserve of crushed fruit
36. global di____er *n.* an unexpected event or series of events that cause widespread damage, destruction, or loss of life
37. an ear____ke zone *n.* a sudden and violent shaking of the ground caused by the movement of rock beneath the earth's surface
38. a st____ht line *adj.* extending or moving in one direction without bending or curving; having no deviations
39. woolly ma____h *adj.* exceedingly large or extensive; (noun) any of numerous extinct elephants widely distributed in the Pleistocene

ANSWERS: 30. awesome, 31. cheek, 32. shady, 33. relation, 34. zone, 35. jam, 36. disaster, 37. earthquake, 38. straight, 39. mammoth

40. r__r for more *v.* to make a loud, deep sound, like a lion or a car engine
41. a jar of j_m *n.* a situation in which something becomes stuck because of a dense crowd of people, vehicles, etc.; a preserve of crushed fruit
42. ju_____al police *adj.* of or relating to a court, a judge, or legal judgment
43. r__r with laughter *v.* to make a loud, deep sound, like a lion or a car engine
44. a bu__h of schoolgirls *n.* a grouping of several similar things which are growing or fastened together
45. re_____te a company *v.* to move or move something or someone to a new place and build a house or a business there
46. lo__y for legislation *n.* a large area inside the entrance of a public building where people can meet and wait; a group of people who try to persuade a politician, the government, or an official group to influence legislation
47. economic re____m *n.* the act of improving or correcting something that is wrong or bad; a change made to correct a flaw or problem
48. accept my f__e *n.* the development of events beyond one's control; destiny; the ultimate outcome or consequence of a situation or person's actions

ANSWERS: 40. roar, 41. jam, 42. judicial, 43. roar, 44. bunch, 45. relocate, 46. lobby, 47. reform, 48. fate

49. source of ins_____on *n.* something that motivates or encourages someone to create or achieve something, or a feeling of excitement or creativity
50. the head of a ha_____y *n.* an interior passage or corridor onto which rooms open
51. gr___e on the dance floor *n.* a long, narrow cut or depression in a hard material or surface; a particular style of popular music characterized by a strong and repetitive rhythm
52. dw__l on a problem *v.* to live or reside in a particular place; to think, speak, or write at length on a particular subject; to linger or remain as if unwilling to leave
53. citrus gr__e *n.* a small group of trees growing closely together
54. col_____te on a press release *v.* to work with someone else to produce or achieve something
55. home pr_____ce *n.* the territory occupied by one of the constituent administrative districts of a nation
56. bl_____ss music *n.* a genre of American traditional music originating from the Appalachian region, typically characterized by lively tempo, acoustic instruments such as banjo, fiddle, and guitar, and close-harmony singing
57. a hotel lo__y *n.* a large area inside the entrance of a public building where people can meet and wait; a group of people who try to persuade a politician, the government, or an official group to influence legislation

ANSWERS: 49. inspiration, 50. hallway, 51. groove, 52. dwell, 53. grove, 54. collaborate, 55. province, 56. bluegrass, 57. lobby

58. musical ins_____nts *n.* an object used to make musical sounds, such as a piano, guitar, or drum; a tool or device used for a specific activity, particularly in specialist or scientific work
59. dw__l on the past *v.* to live or reside in a particular place; to think, speak, or write at length on a particular subject; to linger or remain as if unwilling to leave
60. f__e of nations *n.* the development of events beyond one's control; destiny; the ultimate outcome or consequence of a situation or person's actions
61. this mo___l life *adj.* subject to death; unrelenting and deadly
62. development of the ne_____s system *adj.* worried and anxious about something; relating to the nerves
63. a bu__h of trees *n.* a grouping of several similar things which are growing or fastened together
64. sh__y deal *adj.* characterized by darkness or obscurity, often referring to the atmosphere of a place; characterized by suspicious or dishonest behavior or dealings; relating to shade or protection from sunlight
65. con_____on center *n.* a large formal assembly of people who do a particular job or have a similar interest or of a political party; something regarded as a normative example
66. word ass_____ons *n.* a people or groups of people who have joined in a single organization together for a particular purpose; a social or business connection or relationship

ANSWERS: 58. instrument, 59. dwell, 60. fate, 61. mortal, 62. nervous, 63. bunch, 64. shady, 65. convention, 66. association

67. Bengal pr____ce *n.* the territory occupied by one of the constituent administrative districts of a nation
68. famous ba__o player *n.* a musical instrument with a long neck and a circular body covered in parchment or plastic, which is plucked or strummed to produce a twangy, resonant sound
69. im____e the test score *v.* to make or become better
70. c__t's practices *n.* a small religious group, especially one that is not part of a larger religion and that is regarded as outside the norm; followers of an exclusive system of beliefs and practices
71. re____m movement *n.* the act of improving or correcting something that is wrong or bad; a change made to correct a flaw or problem
72. sw____w a handful of pills *v.* to make food, drink, pills, etc., pass down your throat into your stomach; (noun) small long-winged songbird noted for swift, graceful flight and the regularity of its migrations
73. b__t my leg *v.* to break something; (noun) a woman's chest, or the measurement around a woman's chest; (noun) an occasion for something excessive, such as work, eating, drinking, etc.
74. political con____on *n.* a large formal assembly of people who do a particular job or have a similar interest or of a political party; something regarded as a normative example

ANSWERS: 67. province, 68. banjo, 69. improve, 70. cult, 71. reform, 72. swallow, 73. bust, 74. convention

75. a scholarship ass_____on *n.* a people or groups of people who have joined in a single organization together for a particular purpose; a social or business connection or relationship
76. have a da_____g baby *n.* a term of endearment or affectionate term for someone you love or hold dear
77. get ins_____on from nature *n.* something that motivates or encourages someone to create or achieve something, or a feeling of excitement or creativity
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83. ad__t a child *v.* to choose to follow something; to legally take a child from another family and care for them as if they were one's own
84. a tremor of de_____t *n.* a feeling of great pleasure or happiness

ANSWERS: 75. association, 76. darling, 77. inspiration, 78. executive, 79. mortal, 80. grove, 81. relief, 82. writ, 83. adopt, 84. delight

85. sigh of re___f *n.* a feeling of happiness and relaxation that comes when something burdensome is removed or reduced
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ANSWERS: 85. relief, 86. roll, 87. collaborate, 88. bluegrass, 89. relocate, 90. hallway, 91. festival, 92. relation, 93. improve, 94. invite

95. equ_____nt amounts *n.* having the same value, quality, meaning, purpose, etc.
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101. to_____wn management *adj.* controlled or implemented from the highest level of authority or management
102. di_____er recovery *n.* an unexpected event or series of events that cause widespread damage, destruction, or loss of life

ANSWERS: 95. equivalent, 96. groove, 97. swallow, 98. ripple, 99. passe, 100. policy, 101. top-down, 102. disaster

103. a ma_____h ship *adj.* exceedingly large or extensive; (noun) any of numerous extinct elephants widely distributed in the Pleistocene
104. ob____s over her weight *v.* to fill the mind of someone continually so that one can't think of anything else
105. surgical ins_____nts *n.* an object used to make musical sounds, such as a piano, guitar, or drum; a tool or device used for a specific activity, particularly in specialist or scientific work
106. ex_____ve editor at the publishing house *n.* a person or group of people with top-level management responsibility in a business or other organization; the branch that is responsible for implementing, administering, and enforcing laws, as well as running the day-to-day operations
107. aw_____e mental faculty *adj.* inspiring fear, admiration, or respect; very good, nice, fun, etc.
108. in____e guests *v.* to ask someone to come or join; to offer an opportunity or possibility for something to happen or take place

ANSWERS: 103. mammoth, 104. obsess, 105. instrument, 106. executive, 107. awesome, 108. invite

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. 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

2. We want to _____ you to our annual charity event.
v. to ask someone to come or join; to offer an opportunity or possibility for something to happen or take place

3. The tree provided some _____ relief from the scorching sun.
adj. characterized by darkness or obscurity, often referring to the atmosphere of a place; characterized by suspicious or dishonest behavior or dealings; relating to shade or protection from sunlight

4. There is a lot of _____ nature and food in Hawaii.
adj. inspiring fear, admiration, or respect; very good, nice, fun, etc.

5. His membership in the _____ provided him with numerous benefits.
n. a people or groups of people who have joined in a single organization together for a particular purpose; a social or business connection or relationship

6. He dashed down a _____ to a bathroom.
n. an interior passage or corridor onto which rooms open

7. I love to _____ in nature and feel its calming effects on me.
v. to live or reside in a particular place; to think, speak, or write at length on a particular subject; to linger or remain as if unwilling to leave

8. The fortune teller predicted his _____ and warned him of the looming danger.
n. the development of events beyond one's control; destiny; the ultimate outcome or consequence of a situation or person's actions

ANSWERS: 1. relations, 2. invite, 3. shady, 4. awesome, 5. association, 6. hallway, 7. dwell, 8. fate

9. This electronic _____ is required to undergo periodic inspections to ensure precision.
- n.* an object used to make musical sounds, such as a piano, guitar, or drum; a tool or device used for a specific activity, particularly in specialist or scientific work
10. A network of railways has developed over the _____.
- n.* the territory occupied by one of the constituent administrative districts of a nation
11. The minister decided to review its _____ public works projects.
- adj.* exceedingly large or extensive; (noun) any of numerous extinct elephants widely distributed in the Pleistocene
12. They met at biennial _____.
- n.* a large formal assembly of people who do a particular job or have a similar interest or of a political party; something regarded as a normative example
13. The government is proposing a _____ to the healthcare system to make it more accessible and affordable for all citizens.
- n.* the act of improving or correcting something that is wrong or bad; a change made to correct a flaw or problem
14. He was sick for five _____ days.
- adj.* extending or moving in one direction without bending or curving; having no deviations
15. The band played a lively _____ tune that got everyone dancing.
- n.* a genre of American traditional music originating from the Appalachian region, typically characterized by lively tempo, acoustic instruments such as banjo, fiddle, and guitar, and close-harmony singing

ANSWERS: 9. instrument, 10. province, 11. mammoth, 12. conventions, 13. reform, 14. straight, 15. bluegrass

16. The _____ management approach could have been more effective in implementing organizational changes.

adj. controlled or implemented from the highest level of authority or management

17. She agreed to _____ with him in creating new artwork.

v. to work with someone else to produce or achieve something

18. Bell-bottom jeans, once considered _____ fashion, have made a surprising comeback in recent years.

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

19. He was served with a _____ of eviction, giving him the notice to vacate the property.

n. a written legal order or command

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

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

21. All humans are _____ and will eventually die.

adj. subject to death; unrelenting and deadly

22. The band played a smooth _____ that got everyone dancing.

n. a long, narrow cut or depression in a hard material or surface; a particular style of popular music characterized by a strong and repetitive rhythm

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

v. to make or become better

ANSWERS: 16. top-down, 17. collaborate, 18. passe, 19. writ, 20. ripple, 21. mortal, 22. groove, 23. improve

24. They walked through the _____ of trees and admired the natural beauty.
n. a small group of trees growing closely together
25. The lion _____ loudly, signaling its dominance over the other animals.
v. to make a loud, deep sound, like a lion or a car engine
26. He suffers from _____ breakdowns.
adj. worried and anxious about something; relating to the nerves
27. He gently touched her apple-red _____ and whispered that he loved her.
n. either side of the face below the eye and between the nose and the jaw
28. The _____ response team worked around the clock to aid those affected by the earthquake.
n. an unexpected event or series of events that cause widespread damage, destruction, or loss of life
29. The national assembly has _____ the budget.
v. to choose to follow something; to legally take a child from another family and care for them as if they were one's own
30. He devoted his life to establishing a humanitarian _____ fund.
n. a feeling of happiness and relaxation that comes when something burdensome is removed or reduced
31. The _____ on the child's faces when they received the toy was priceless.
n. a feeling of great pleasure or happiness
32. The family enjoyed a picnic on the _____ in the park.
n. a stretch of ground covered with grass, typically attached to a house, and often used for recreation or aesthetics

ANSWERS: 24. grove, 25. roared, 26. nervous, 27. cheek, 28. disaster, 29. adopted, 30. relief, 31. delight, 32. lawn

33. He was exhausted and _____ into bed as soon as he got home.
v. to move in a particular direction by turning over and over or from side to side
34. He was reluctant to leave his comfort _____ and try something new.
n. a specific area, region, or section that is marked off or defined in some way
35. The university _____ to campuses several miles away.
v. to move or move something or someone to a new place and build a house or a business there
36. I'm _____ with preparation for tomorrow's meeting.
v. to break something; (noun) a woman's chest, or the measurement around a woman's chest; (noun) an occasion for something excessive, such as work, eating, drinking, etc.
37. He found _____ in the works of his favorite authors.
n. something that motivates or encourages someone to create or achieve something, or a feeling of excitement or creativity
38. He's utterly _____ with his promotion.
v. to fill the mind of someone continually so that one can't think of anything else
39. The musician played the five-string _____ as part of his folk ensemble.
n. a musical instrument with a long neck and a circular body covered in parchment or plastic, which is plucked or strummed to produce a twangy, resonant sound
40. One bad apple spoils the whole _____.
n. a grouping of several similar things which are growing or fastened together

ANSWERS: 33. rolled, 34. zone, 35. relocated, 36. bust, 37. inspiration, 38. obsessed, 39. banjo, 40. bunch

41. I _____ my anger and kept quiet.

- v.* to make food, drink, pills, etc., pass down your throat into your stomach; (noun) small long-winged songbird noted for swift, graceful flight and the regularity of its migrations

42. As the _____ director of the non-profit, it's her responsibility to make sure they're meeting their mission goals.

- n.* a person or group of people with top-level management responsibility in a business or other organization; the branch that is responsible for implementing, administering, and enforcing laws, as well as running the day-to-day operations

43. Our regular _____ was sick, so we had to find a replacement at the last minute.

- n.* a person hired to look after a child or children while the parents are away or occupied; someone who provides temporary care and supervision for children in the absence of their parents or guardians

44. The _____ system is responsible for interpreting and enforcing the law.

- adj.* of or relating to a court, a judge, or legal judgment

45. The shredder in the print room often has paper _____.

- n.* a situation in which something becomes stuck because of a dense crowd of people, vehicles, etc.; a preserve of crushed fruit

46. The _____ leader promised his followers that they would achieve enlightenment if they followed his teachings.

- n.* a small religious group, especially one that is not part of a larger religion and that is regarded as outside the norm; followers of an exclusive system of beliefs and practices

ANSWERS: 41. swallowed, 42. executive, 43. babysitter, 44. judicial, 45. jams, 46. cult

47. I didn't realize the iron was still hot and _____ my dress.

v. to burn something slightly or superficially, usually by mistake

48. The violent _____ caused widespread damage and injuries throughout the region.

n. a sudden and violent shaking of the ground caused by the movement of rock beneath the earth's surface

49. Her response revealed _____ idiocy.

adj. unbelievable; enormous

50. The company's new _____ on remote work has made it a more inclusive workplace.

n. a set of rules, guidelines, principles, or procedures that govern decision-making or action, often used in the context of business or government; a course of action or plan of action adopted or followed by an organization or individual to achieve a goal or objective

51. My _____ child, I love you so much.

n. a term of endearment or affectionate term for someone you love or hold dear

52. That _____ group actively advocated environmental protection to the government.

n. a large area inside the entrance of a public building where people can meet and wait; a group of people who try to persuade a politician, the government, or an official group to influence legislation

53. The European Central Bank is Europe's _____ of the Federal Reserve.

n. having the same value, quality, meaning, purpose, etc.

ANSWERS: 47. singed, 48. earthquake, 49. incredible, 50. policy, 51. darling, 52. lobby, 53. equivalent

54. The music _____ attracts visitors from all over the world.

- n.* a celebration or event, usually marking a particular religious or cultural occasion, often involving processions, music, dancing, and the performance of plays or other artistic works

ANSWERS: 54. festival