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Session 1: Word List

cheerful

adj. happy and positive; causing feelings of happiness or optimism; marked by or expressing joy or optimism

synonym : happy, joyful, lively

(1) **cheerful** smile, (2) a **cheerful** disposition

Her **cheerful** personality brightened up the room.

confer

v. to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something

synonym : consult, meet, discuss

(1) **confer** degree, (2) **confer** honor

The leaders of the two countries met to **confer** on the issue.

inflict

v. to cause harm, injury, or suffering to someone or something

synonym : impose, levy, administer

(1) **inflict** a heavier tax, (2) **inflict** a hard blow

The storm **inflicted** significant damage on the town.

diplomacy

n. the art and practice of conducting negotiations between nations, organizations, or people; the fine art of dealing with people in a sensitive and effective way

synonym : tact, negotiation, delicacy

(1) the language of **diplomacy**, (2) the art of **diplomacy**

Effective **diplomacy** is necessary to resolve conflicts and maintain relationships between countries.

hone

v. to sharpen or perfect something; to improve a skill or ability through practice

synonym: sharpen, refine, perfect

(1) **hone** abilities, (2) **hone** intuition

The athlete worked with a coach to **hone** her techniques and improve her performance.

haunting

adj. lingering in the mind or memory, often in a disturbing or unsettling way; (noun) something difficult to forget or shake off

synonym: lingering, disturbing, unsettling

(1) **haunting** memory, (2) a **haunting** sense of fear

The song's **haunting** melody stayed with me long after I heard it.

stalemate

n. a situation in which neither side of a conflict or dispute can make progress or gain an advantage, typically resulting in a deadlock or impasse

synonym: deadlock, impasse, standstill

(1) political **stalemate**, (2) **stalemate** situation

The negotiations between the two companies reached a **stalemate**, and neither side would compromise.

resurgence

n. the return or growth of something after a period of decline or disappearance

synonym: revival, recovery, rejuvenation

(1) **resurgence** in popularity, (2) **resurgence** of exports

After years of decline, the city is experiencing a **resurgence** in economic growth.

escalate

v. to increase in intensity, size, or severity; to make something greater, worse, or more serious

synonym: increase, intensify, expand

(1) **escalate** into a major international incident, (2) to

escalate

The situation quickly **escalated** and turned violent.

climax

n. the most intense or exciting moment of an event or experience; the point of highest dramatic tension or emotional intensity in a story, plot, or performance

synonym: finale, pinnacle, apex

(1) emotional **climax**, (2) reach a **climax**

The **climax** of the movie had everyone on the edge of their seats.

displace

v. to force someone or something to leave their home or place of origin, especially as a result of conflict, natural disaster, or manipulation

synonym: evict, exile, remove

(1) **displace** workers, (2) **displace** the explosive power

The construction of the new dam will **displace** hundreds of families living downstream.

abate

v. to lessen, reduce, or diminish in intensity or severity; to decline or wane in amount or strength over time

synonym: decrease, diminish, reduce

(1) **abate** a storm, (2) **abate** a crisis

He tried to **abate** his anger by taking deep breaths and counting to ten.

fathom

v. to understand or comprehend (a difficult or complex problem or situation); to measure the depth of water

synonym: comprehend, understand, grasp

(1) **fathom** the depth, (2) **fathom** the mystery

I cannot **fathom** why some people enjoy horror movies.

gloomy

adj. characterized by a lack of light or sunshine, resulting in a dark or dim atmosphere; feeling despondent, dismal, or melancholy

synonym: melancholy, dismal, dreary

(1) **gloomy** mood, (2) **gloomy** expression

The **gloomy** weather made staying motivated and happy throughout the day hard.

casualty

n. a person who has been killed or injured in a war, accident, or other disasters; a victim

synonym: victim, injured, fatality

(1) civilian **casualty**, (2) military **casualty**

Unfortunately, the driver was the only **casualty** in the car accident.

surpass

v. to be or do better than someone or something; to excel or go beyond the limits or standards of something

synonym: excel, outdo, outperform

(1) **surpass** imagination, (2) **surpass** \$20 billion in sales

The athlete's record-breaking performance **surpassed** all expectations.

cleanser

n. a product that cleans or removes dirt or other substances, especially a liquid or cream for cleaning your face

synonym: cleaner, purifier, deodorant

(1) pore refining **cleanser**, (2) powder **cleanser**

I have sensitive skin and use a weakly acidic **cleanser**.

maim

v. to injure or wound someone seriously, particularly by permanently disabling or disfiguring a body part

synonym: injure, incapacitate, wound

(1) **maim** a victim, (2) **maim** his hand

The reckless driver **maimed** several pedestrians after losing control of the vehicle.

balk

v. to hesitate or stop abruptly before completing an action, often due to fear, uncertainty, or opposition; to refuse to comply with or agree to something

synonym: hesitate, recoil, shy away

(1) **balk** at extra work, (2) **balk** in fear

After her first attempt to bake a cake failed, she didn't **balk** at

trying again.

peacekeeping

n. the act of maintaining peace, especially in conflict-prone regions or between hostile groups, usually through the deployment of a neutral military force or diplomatic initiatives

synonym : peacebuilding, peacemaking, reconciliation

(1) **peacekeeping** efforts, (2) **peacekeeping** force

The **peacekeeping** mission in the war-torn country was challenging but necessary.

resound

v. to make a loud, deep sound that echoes

synonym : echo, reverberate, ring

(1) **resound** with his fame, (2) **resound** in an enclosure

The sound of the drums **resounded** through the concert hall.

afterward

adv. after the time mentioned

synonym : later, thereafter, following

(1) a few years **afterward**, (2) go there **afterward**

We will explain the countermeasure concerning this problem **afterward**.

animosity

n. strong hostility or hatred towards someone or something, often resulting in conflict or ill-will

synonym : enmity, hostility, bitterness

(1) personal **animosity**, (2) deep-seated **animosity**

The **animosity** between the two political parties has only grown stronger over the years.

skillful

adj. possessing or demonstrating a high level of proficiency, ability, or expertise in a particular skill or activity; adept or accomplished in a specific area

synonym : adept, proficient, adroit

(1) **skillful** craftsmanship, (2) **skillful** negotiation

The **skillful** artist effortlessly painted a masterpiece with precision and finesse.

mediate

v. to try to bring about an agreement or understanding between people who are in conflict

synonym: arbitrate, reconcile, intervene

(1) **mediate** allergic reaction, (2) **mediate** a negotiation

The teacher had to **mediate** a disagreement between two students over a stolen pencil.

senator

n. a member of a legislative body, especially a member of the U.S. Senate

synonym: legislator, politician, representative

(1) junior **senator**, (2) **senator** term

The hawkish **senator** gave a speech on the new bill in the Senate.

waver

v. to move in a quivering manner; to become weak

synonym: lurch, sway, wobble

(1) **waver** in purpose, (2) **waver** between work and private life

She didn't **waver** in her decision to pursue her dream career, despite the challenges.

enthusiastically

adv. in a way that shows intense and eager enjoyment, interest, or approval

synonym: fervently, eagerly, passionately

(1) **enthusiastically** applauded, (2) discuss **enthusiastically**

The study participants **enthusiastically** participated in the discussion, showing genuine interest.

long-lasting

adj. existing or continuing for a long time

synonym: enduring, abiding, durable

(1) **long-lasting** battery, (2) a **long-lasting** friendship

They finally decided to solve the **long-lasting** problem.

revisit

v. to go to a place again, especially after a long period

synonym: reexplore, review, reexamine

(1) **revisit** a place, (2) **revisit** an old friend

We need to **revisit** this proposal as soon as the budget is more apparent than before.

grasping

adj. eager in acquiring or wanting to acquire more wealth, property, or power than is necessary

synonym: greedy, extorting, acquisitive

(1) **grasping** landlord, (2) **grasping** disposition

He was criticized for his **grasping** attitude, always looking for ways to make more money.

opportune

adj. suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose

synonym: suitable, timely, practical

(1) **opportune** occasion, (2) an **opportune** remark

The phone rang at the most **opportune** time.

disengage

v. to withdraw or separate oneself from a situation or relationship

synonym: withdraw, separate, detach

(1) **disengage** the clutch, (2) **disengage** socially

He **disengaged** from the conversation and walked away.

distracted

adj. having one's attention diverted or divided; being unable to concentrate because of being preoccupied or worried

synonym: preoccupied, inattentive, absent-minded

(1) get **distracted** by an urgent matter, (2) **distracted** by a conversation

I was so **distracted** by my phone that I nearly walked into a lamppost.

intifada

n. an Arabic term meaning "uprising" or "shaking off," specifically referring to a Palestinian uprising against Israeli occupation in the late 20th century, marked by civil disobedience, protests, and acts of violence

synonym: uprising, rebellion, revolt

(1) **intifada** protests, (2) ongoing **intifada**

Over the past decades, the region has experienced several **intifadas**, leading to widespread violence and unrest.

envisage

v. to imagine and expect something in the future; to plan or forecast something

synonym: imagine, visualize, picture

(1) **envisage** consequences, (2) **envisage** a profit

She **envisaged** a bright future for her children.

shortcoming

n. a lack or deficiency in a particular respect; a fault or defect

synonym: deficiency, fault, weakness

(1) have a serious **shortcoming**, (2) the **shortcoming** in the system

The company's main **shortcoming** was a lack of innovation.

squabble

v. to engage in a petty quarrel, argument, or dispute, often about a minor or trivial matter; to bicker or exchange angry words in a noisy or aggressive manner

synonym: argue, bicker, quarrel

(1) **squabble** over money, (2) **squabble** with a neighbor

The siblings always **squabble** over who gets to sit in the car's front seat.

depress

v. to make someone feel sad, low in spirits, or without hope; to make markets, businesses, etc., less active

synonym: sadden, discourage, deflate

(1) **depress** their spirits, (2) **depress** crop prices

The economic recession **depressed** the housing market.

facto

adj. of or relating to facts; done in reality; actually existing or occurring

synonym: actual, real

(1) ex post **facto** approval, (2) a de **facto** government

The new software has become the de **facto** tool for professionals in the field.

intransigence

n. refusal to compromise or negotiate; unyielding stubbornness or inflexibility in the face of different opinions, proposals, or circumstances

synonym : inflexibility, stubbornness, obstinacy

(1) managerial **intransigence**, (2) **intransigence** towards change

The company's **intransigence** in negotiating with suppliers led to consumer price hikes.

diplomat

n. a person appointed by a government to conduct diplomacy (= the management of relationships between countries) with one or more other countries or international organizations

synonym : envoy, ambassador, representative

(1) allied **diplomat**, (2) expel a **diplomat**

The senior **diplomat** worked tirelessly to negotiate a peace treaty between the two countries.

hamper

v. to hinder or impede the progress or movement of something or someone; to prevent or limit the functioning or effectiveness of something or someone; to obstruct or block access to something

synonym : hinder, impede, obstruct

(1) **hamper** progress, (2) **hamper** growth

The piles of laundry on the floor **hampered my** ability to walk around my room.

situ

adj. short for "situated," meaning located or placed in a particular position or circumstance

synonym : situational, contextual, circumstantial

(1) ex- **situ** conservation, (2) in- **situ** control

Melanoma in **situ** is considered the earliest stage of melanoma and has a high cure rate with appropriate treatment.

human-made

adj. created or produced by humans; artificial

synonym : artificial, unnatural, manufactured

(1) **human-made** climate change, (2) the worst **human-made** disaster

The bridge is a **human-made** structure and was built to span the river.

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.

visionary

adj. having or showing exceptional foresight and imagination; not practical or realizable; speculative

synonym: prophetic, far-sighted, imaginative

(1) **visionary** business, (2) **visionary** ideas

The **visionary** leader had a clear plan for the company's future.

arduous

adj. requiring strenuous effort; difficult and tiring, often involving physical or mental labor

synonym: challenging, difficult, strenuous

(1) **arduous** task, (2) an **arduous** journey

The climb up the mountain was **arduous** and took us hours to complete.

fraught

adj. causing, accompanied by, or full of anxiety, tension, or stress

synonym: tense, anxious, stressed

(1) become increasingly **fraught**, (2) **fraught** with danger

The negotiations were **fraught** with challenges and setbacks.

setback

n. an unfortunate happening that hinders or impedes; a reversal or check in progress

synonym: obstacle, hindrance, difficulty

(1) major **setback**, (2) suffer a **setback**

The team experienced a **setback** when their star player was injured during the game.

Session 2: Spelling

1. gl___y mood *adj.* characterized by a lack of light or sunshine, resulting in a dark or dim atmosphere; feeling despondent, dismal, or melancholy
2. co___r degree *v.* to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something
3. re_____t an old friend *v.* to go to a place again, especially after a long period
4. ha_____ng memory *adj.* lingering in the mind or memory, often in a disturbing or unsettling way; (noun) something difficult to forget or shake off
5. personal an_____ty *n.* strong hostility or hatred towards someone or something, often resulting in conflict or ill-will
6. sk_____ul craftsmanship *adj.* possessing or demonstrating a high level of proficiency, ability, or expertise in a particular skill or activity; adept or accomplished in a specific area
7. fa___m the mystery *v.* to understand or comprehend (a difficult or complex problem or situation); to measure the depth of water
8. ab__e a storm *v.* to lessen, reduce, or diminish in intensity or severity; to decline or wane in amount or strength over time
9. gl___y expression *adj.* characterized by a lack of light or sunshine, resulting in a dark or dim atmosphere; feeling despondent, dismal, or melancholy

ANSWERS: 1. gloomy, 2. confer, 3. revisit, 4. haunting, 5. animosity, 6. skillful, 7. fathom, 8. abate, 9. gloomy

10. get dis_____ed by an urgent matter *adj.* having one's attention diverted or divided; being unable to concentrate because of being preoccupied or worried
11. wa__r between work and private life *v.* to move in a quivering manner; to become weak
12. in-s__u control *adj.* short for "situated," meaning located or placed in a particular position or circumstance
13. de_____s crop prices *v.* to make someone feel sad, low in spirits, or without hope; to make markets, businesses, etc., less active
14. discuss ent_____lly *adv.* in a way that shows intense and eager enjoyment, interest, or approval
15. the language of di_____cy *n.* the art and practice of conducting negotiations between nations, organizations, or people; the fine art of dealing with people in a sensitive and effective way
16. in_____da protests *n.* an Arabic term meaning "uprising" or "shaking off," specifically referring to a Palestinian uprising against Israeli occupation in the late 20th century, marked by civil disobedience, protests, and acts of violence
17. a ha_____ng sense of fear *adj.* lingering in the mind or memory, often in a disturbing or unsettling way; (noun) something difficult to forget or shake off
18. st_____te situation *n.* a situation in which neither side of a conflict or dispute can make progress or gain an advantage, typically resulting in a deadlock or impasse

ANSWERS: 10. distracted, 11. waver, 12. situ, 13. depress, 14. enthusiastically, 15. diplomacy, 16. intifada, 17. haunting, 18. stalemate

19. suffer a se_____k *n.* an unfortunate happening that hinders or impedes; a reversal or check in progress
20. me_____e allergic reaction *v.* to try to bring about an agreement or understanding between people who are in conflict
21. pea_____ing force *n.* the act of maintaining peace, especially in conflict-prone regions or between hostile groups, usually through the deployment of a neutral military force or diplomatic initiatives
22. vi_____y ideas *adj.* having or showing exceptional foresight and imagination; not practical or realizable; speculative
23. m__m a victim *v.* to injure or wound someone seriously, particularly by permanently disabling or disfiguring a body part
24. int_____nce towards change *n.* refusal to compromise or negotiate; unyielding stubbornness or inflexibility in the face of different opinions, proposals, or circumstances
25. su_____s imagination *v.* to be or do better than someone or something; to excel or go beyond the limits or standards of something
26. powder cl_____er *n.* a product that cleans or removes dirt or other substances, especially a liquid or cream for cleaning your face
27. ex-s__u conservation *adj.* short for "situated," meaning located or placed in a particular position or circumstance

ANSWERS: 19. setback, 20. mediate, 21. peacekeeping, 22. visionary, 23. maim, 24. intransigence, 25. surpass, 26. cleanser, 27. situ

28. ab__e a crisis
v. to lessen, reduce, or diminish in intensity or severity; to decline or wane in amount or strength over time
29. fa___m the depth
v. to understand or comprehend (a difficult or complex problem or situation); to measure the depth of water
30. the worst hum_____de disaster
adj. created or produced by humans; artificial
31. to es_____te
v. to increase in intensity, size, or severity; to make something greater, worse, or more serious
32. a few years af_____rd
adv. after the time mentioned
33. environmental det_____nt
n. a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result
34. fr_____t with danger
adj. causing, accompanied by, or full of anxiety, tension, or stress
35. have a serious sho_____ng
n. a lack or deficiency in a particular respect; a fault or defect
36. an ar_____s journey
adj. requiring strenuous effort; difficult and tiring, often involving physical or mental labor
37. political st_____te
n. a situation in which neither side of a conflict or dispute can make progress or gain an advantage, typically resulting in a deadlock or impasse
38. sq_____le with a neighbor
v. to engage in a petty quarrel, argument, or dispute, often about a minor or trivial matter; to bicker or exchange angry words in a noisy or aggressive manner

ANSWERS: 28. abate, 29. fathom, 30. human-made, 31. escalate, 32. afterward, 33. determinant, 34. fraught, 35. shortcoming, 36. arduous, 37. stalemate, 38. squabble

39. civilian ca_____ty *n.* a person who has been killed or injured in a war, accident, or other disasters; a victim
40. gr_____ng landlord *adj.* eager in acquiring or wanting to acquire more wealth, property, or power than is necessary
41. gr_____ng disposition *adj.* eager in acquiring or wanting to acquire more wealth, property, or power than is necessary
42. pore refining cl_____er *n.* a product that cleans or removes dirt or other substances, especially a liquid or cream for cleaning your face
43. ent_____lly applauded *adv.* in a way that shows intense and eager enjoyment, interest, or approval
44. become increasingly fr_____t *adj.* causing, accompanied by, or full of anxiety, tension, or stress
45. di_____ce the explosive power *v.* to force someone or something to leave their home or place of origin, especially as a result of conflict, natural disaster, or manipulation
46. expel a di_____at *n.* a person appointed by a government to conduct diplomacy (= the management of relationships between countries) with one or more other countries or international organizations
47. re_____t a place *v.* to go to a place again, especially after a long period
48. junior se_____r *n.* a member of a legislative body, especially a member of the U.S. Senate

ANSWERS: 39. casualty, 40. grasping, 41. grasping, 42. cleanser, 43. enthusiastically, 44. fraught, 45. displace, 46. diplomat, 47. revisit, 48. senator

49. in_____t a hard blow *v.* to cause harm, injury, or suffering to someone or something
50. re_____d with his fame *v.* to make a loud, deep sound that echoes
51. de_____s their spirits *v.* to make someone feel sad, low in spirits, or without hope; to make markets, businesses, etc., less active
52. managerial int_____nce *n.* refusal to compromise or negotiate; unyielding stubbornness or inflexibility in the face of different opinions, proposals, or circumstances
53. su_____s \$20 billion in sales *v.* to be or do better than someone or something; to excel or go beyond the limits or standards of something
54. reach a cl____x *n.* the most intense or exciting moment of an event or experience; the point of highest dramatic tension or emotional intensity in a story, plot, or performance
55. re_____d in an enclosure *v.* to make a loud, deep sound that echoes
56. me_____e a negotiation *v.* to try to bring about an agreement or understanding between people who are in conflict
57. h__e intuition *v.* to sharpen or perfect something; to improve a skill or ability through practice
58. major se_____k *n.* an unfortunate happening that hinders or impedes; a reversal or check in progress
59. ongoing in_____da *n.* an Arabic term meaning "uprising" or "shaking off," specifically referring to a Palestinian uprising against Israeli occupation in the late 20th century, marked by civil disobedience, protests, and acts of violence

ANSWERS: 49. inflict, 50. resound, 51. depress, 52. intransigence, 53. surpass, 54. climax, 55. resound, 56. mediate, 57. hone, 58. setback, 59. intifada

60. a de fa__o government *adj.* of or relating to facts; done in reality; actually existing or occurring
61. 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
62. di_____ge the clutch *v.* to withdraw or separate oneself from a situation or relationship
63. wa__r in purpose *v.* to move in a quivering manner; to become weak
64. en_____ge consequences *v.* to imagine and expect something in the future; to plan or forecast something
65. res_____ce of exports *n.* the return or growth of something after a period of decline or disappearance
66. ch_____ul smile *adj.* happy and positive; causing feelings of happiness or optimism; marked by or expressing joy or optimism
67. the sho_____ng in the system *n.* a lack or deficiency in a particular respect; a fault or defect
68. se_____r term *n.* a member of a legislative body, especially a member of the U.S. Senate
69. ex post fa__o approval *adj.* of or relating to facts; done in reality; actually existing or occurring
70. lon_____ing battery *adj.* existing or continuing for a long time
71. sk_____ul negotiation *adj.* possessing or demonstrating a high level of proficiency, ability, or expertise in a particular skill or activity; adept or accomplished in a specific area

ANSWERS: 60. facto, 61. determinant, 62. disengage, 63. waver, 64. envisage, 65. resurgence, 66. cheerful, 67. shortcoming, 68. senator, 69. facto, 70. long-lasting, 71. skillful

72. h__e abilities *v.* to sharpen or perfect something; to improve a skill or ability through practice
73. res_____ce in popularity *n.* the return or growth of something after a period of decline or disappearance
74. military ca_____ty *n.* a person who has been killed or injured in a war, accident, or other disasters; a victim
75. allied di_____at *n.* a person appointed by a government to conduct diplomacy (= the management of relationships between countries) with one or more other countries or international organizations
76. a lon_____ing friendship *adj.* existing or continuing for a long time
77. deep-seated an_____ty *n.* strong hostility or hatred towards someone or something, often resulting in conflict or ill-will
78. ar_____s task *adj.* requiring strenuous effort; difficult and tiring, often involving physical or mental labor
79. di_____ge socially *v.* to withdraw or separate oneself from a situation or relationship
80. di_____ce workers *v.* to force someone or something to leave their home or place of origin, especially as a result of conflict, natural disaster, or manipulation
81. dis_____ed by a conversation *adj.* having one's attention diverted or divided; being unable to concentrate because of being preoccupied or worried

ANSWERS: 72. hone, 73. resurgence, 74. casualty, 75. diplomat, 76. long-lasting, 77. animosity, 78. arduous, 79. disengage, 80. displace, 81. distracted

82. ha___r growth *v.* to hinder or impede the progress or movement of something or someone; to prevent or limit the functioning or effectiveness of something or someone; to obstruct or block access to something
83. b__k at extra work *v.* to hesitate or stop abruptly before completing an action, often due to fear, uncertainty, or opposition; to refuse to comply with or agree to something
84. ha___r progress *v.* to hinder or impede the progress or movement of something or someone; to prevent or limit the functioning or effectiveness of something or someone; to obstruct or block access to something
85. vi____ry business *adj.* having or showing exceptional foresight and imagination; not practical or realizable; speculative
86. emotional cl___x *n.* the most intense or exciting moment of an event or experience; the point of highest dramatic tension or emotional intensity in a story, plot, or performance
87. a ch___ul disposition *adj.* happy and positive; causing feelings of happiness or optimism; marked by or expressing joy or optimism
88. b__k in fear *v.* to hesitate or stop abruptly before completing an action, often due to fear, uncertainty, or opposition; to refuse to comply with or agree to something

ANSWERS: 82. hamper, 83. balk, 84. hamper, 85. visionary, 86. climax, 87. cheerful, 88. balk

89. hum_____de climate change *adj.* created or produced by humans; artificial
90. op_____ne occasion *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
91. co____r honor *v.* to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something
92. the art of di_____cy *n.* the art and practice of conducting negotiations between nations, organizations, or people; the fine art of dealing with people in a sensitive and effective way
93. in_____t a heavier tax *v.* to cause harm, injury, or suffering to someone or something
94. pea_____ing efforts *n.* the act of maintaining peace, especially in conflict-prone regions or between hostile groups, usually through the deployment of a neutral military force or diplomatic initiatives
95. m__m his hand *v.* to injure or wound someone seriously, particularly by permanently disabling or disfiguring a body part
96. en_____ge a profit *v.* to imagine and expect something in the future; to plan or forecast something
97. an op_____ne remark *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
98. es_____te into a major international incident *v.* to increase in intensity, size, or severity; to make something greater, worse, or more serious

ANSWERS: 89. human-made, 90. opportune, 91. confer, 92. diplomacy, 93. inflict, 94. peacekeeping, 95. maim, 96. envisage, 97. opportune, 98. escalate

99. go there af_____rd

adv. after the time mentioned

100. sq_____le over money

v. to engage in a petty quarrel, argument, or dispute, often about a minor or trivial matter; to bicker or exchange angry words in a noisy or aggressive manner

ANSWERS: 99. afterward, 100. squabble

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. Her _____ personality brightened up the room.
adj. happy and positive; causing feelings of happiness or optimism; marked by or expressing joy or optimism
2. He tried to _____ his anger by taking deep breaths and counting to ten.
v. to lessen, reduce, or diminish in intensity or severity; to decline or wane in amount or strength over time
3. I was so _____ by my phone that I nearly walked into a lamppost.
adj. having one's attention diverted or divided; being unable to concentrate because of being preoccupied or worried
4. The _____ leader had a clear plan for the company's future.
adj. having or showing exceptional foresight and imagination; not practical or realizable; speculative
5. The senior _____ worked tirelessly to negotiate a peace treaty between the two countries.
n. a person appointed by a government to conduct diplomacy (= the management of relationships between countries) with one or more other countries or international organizations
6. The athlete's record-breaking performance _____ all expectations.
v. to be or do better than someone or something; to excel or go beyond the limits or standards of something
7. We will explain the countermeasure concerning this problem _____.
adv. after the time mentioned

ANSWERS: 1. cheerful, 2. abate, 3. distracted, 4. visionary, 5. diplomat, 6. surpassed, 7. afterward

8. The climb up the mountain was _____ and took us hours to complete.
adj. requiring strenuous effort; difficult and tiring, often involving physical or mental labor
9. The company's main _____ was a lack of innovation.
n. a lack or deficiency in a particular respect; a fault or defect
10. The team experienced a _____ when their star player was injured during the game.
n. an unfortunate happening that hinders or impedes; a reversal or check in progress
11. After her first attempt to bake a cake failed, she didn't _____ at trying again.
v. to hesitate or stop abruptly before completing an action, often due to fear, uncertainty, or opposition; to refuse to comply with or agree to something
12. He was criticized for his _____ attitude, always looking for ways to make more money.
adj. eager in acquiring or wanting to acquire more wealth, property, or power than is necessary
13. The company's _____ in negotiating with suppliers led to consumer price hikes.
n. refusal to compromise or negotiate; unyielding stubbornness or inflexibility in the face of different opinions, proposals, or circumstances
14. The negotiations between the two companies reached a _____ and neither side would compromise.
n. a situation in which neither side of a conflict or dispute can make progress or gain an advantage, typically resulting in a deadlock or impasse

ANSWERS: 8. arduous, 9. shortcoming, 10. setback, 11. balk, 12. grasping, 13. intransigence, 14. stalemate,

15. The _____ artist effortlessly painted a masterpiece with precision and finesse.

adj. possessing or demonstrating a high level of proficiency, ability, or expertise in a particular skill or activity; adept or accomplished in a specific area

16. The negotiations were _____ with challenges and setbacks.

adj. causing, accompanied by, or full of anxiety, tension, or stress

17. Effective _____ is necessary to resolve conflicts and maintain relationships between countries.

n. the art and practice of conducting negotiations between nations, organizations, or people; the fine art of dealing with people in a sensitive and effective way

18. The _____ between the two political parties has only grown stronger over the years.

n. strong hostility or hatred towards someone or something, often resulting in conflict or ill-will

19. The sound of the drums _____ through the concert hall.

v. to make a loud, deep sound that echoes

20. Melanoma in _____ is considered the earliest stage of melanoma and has a high cure rate with appropriate treatment.

adj. short for "situated," meaning located or placed in a particular position or circumstance

21. I cannot _____ why some people enjoy horror movies.

v. to understand or comprehend (a difficult or complex problem or situation); to measure the depth of water

ANSWERS: 15. skillful, 16. fraught, 17. diplomacy, 18. animosity, 19. resounded, 20. situ, 21. fathom

22. She didn't _____ in her decision to pursue her dream career, despite the challenges.
- v.* to move in a quivering manner; to become weak
23. The _____ of the movie had everyone on the edge of their seats.
- n.* the most intense or exciting moment of an event or experience; the point of highest dramatic tension or emotional intensity in a story, plot, or performance
24. Unfortunately, the driver was the only _____ in the car accident.
- n.* a person who has been killed or injured in a war, accident, or other disasters; a victim
25. The piles of laundry on the floor _____ ability to walk around my room.
- v.* to hinder or impede the progress or movement of something or someone; to prevent or limit the functioning or effectiveness of something or someone; to obstruct or block access to something
26. The teacher had to _____ a disagreement between two students over a stolen pencil.
- v.* to try to bring about an agreement or understanding between people who are in conflict
27. The storm _____ significant damage on the town.
- v.* to cause harm, injury, or suffering to someone or something
28. The song's _____ melody stayed with me long after I heard it.
- adj.* lingering in the mind or memory, often in a disturbing or unsettling way; (noun) something difficult to forget or shake off
29. The study participants _____ participated in the discussion, showing genuine interest.
- adv.* in a way that shows intense and eager enjoyment, interest, or approval

ANSWERS: 22. waver, 23. climax, 24. casualty, 25. hampered my, 26. mediate, 27. inflicted, 28. haunting, 29. enthusiastically

30. The athlete worked with a coach to _____ her techniques and improve her performance.
- v. to sharpen or perfect something; to improve a skill or ability through practice
31. The siblings always _____ over who gets to sit in the car's front seat.
- v. to engage in a petty quarrel, argument, or dispute, often about a minor or trivial matter; to bicker or exchange angry words in a noisy or aggressive manner
32. The situation quickly _____ and turned violent.
- v. to increase in intensity, size, or severity; to make something greater, worse, or more serious
33. The economic recession _____ the housing market.
- v. to make someone feel sad, low in spirits, or without hope; to make markets, businesses, etc., less active
34. 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
35. He _____ from the conversation and walked away.
- v. to withdraw or separate oneself from a situation or relationship
36. The construction of the new dam will _____ hundreds of families living downstream.
- v. to force someone or something to leave their home or place of origin, especially as a result of conflict, natural disaster, or manipulation
37. The _____ mission in the war-torn country was challenging but necessary.
- n. the act of maintaining peace, especially in conflict-prone regions or between hostile groups, usually through the deployment of a neutral military force or diplomatic initiatives

ANSWERS: 30. hone, 31. squabble, 32. escalated, 33. depressed, 34. determinant,

35. disengaged, 36. displace, 37. peacekeeping

38. The phone rang at the most _____ time.

adj. suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose

39. I have sensitive skin and use a weakly acidic _____.

n. a product that cleans or removes dirt or other substances, especially a liquid or cream for cleaning your face

40. The leaders of the two countries met to _____ on the issue.

v. to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something

41. After years of decline, the city is experiencing a _____ in economic growth.

n. the return or growth of something after a period of decline or disappearance

42. The _____ weather made staying motivated and happy throughout the day hard.

adj. characterized by a lack of light or sunshine, resulting in a dark or dim atmosphere; feeling despondent, dismal, or melancholy

43. Over the past decades, the region has experienced several _____ leading to widespread violence and unrest.

n. an Arabic term meaning "uprising" or "shaking off," specifically referring to a Palestinian uprising against Israeli occupation in the late 20th century, marked by civil disobedience, protests, and acts of violence

44. The hawkish _____ gave a speech on the new bill in the Senate.

n. a member of a legislative body, especially a member of the U.S. Senate

ANSWERS: 38. opportune, 39. cleanser, 40. confer, 41. resurgence, 42. gloomy, 43. intifadas, 44. senator

45. She _____ a bright future for her children.

v. to imagine and expect something in the future; to plan or forecast something

46. The bridge is a _____ structure and was built to span the river.

adj. created or produced by humans; artificial

47. They finally decided to solve the _____ problem.

adj. existing or continuing for a long time

48. We need to _____ this proposal as soon as the budget is more apparent than before.

v. to go to a place again, especially after a long period

49. The reckless driver _____ several pedestrians after losing control of the vehicle.

v. to injure or wound someone seriously, particularly by permanently disabling or disfiguring a body part

50. The new software has become the de _____ tool for professionals in the field.

adj. of or relating to facts; done in reality; actually existing or occurring

ANSWERS: 45. envisaged, 46. human-made, 47. long-lasting, 48. revisit, 49. maimed, 50. facto