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Session 1: Word List

windy

adj. characterized by or affected by strong winds; of or relating to the wind; describing a person who talks a lot, often in an exaggerated way or without saying much substance

synonym : airy, gusty, breezy

(1) **windy** hillside, (2) **windy** eloquence

The weather is too **windy** for us to go on a boat ride.

arid

adj. lacking in moisture or rainfall; dry and barren; lacking in interest, life, or vitality

synonym : dry, parched, barren

(1) **arid** terrain, (2) semi- **arid** zone

The desert is known for its **arid** climate and lack of rainfall.

dazzling

adj. shining brightly; highly attractive or exciting

synonym : astonishing, breathtaking, flashy

(1) **dazzling** debut, (2) **dazzling** views

Last night, the team delivered a **dazzling** performance.

unprotected

adj. not guarded, covered, or shielded; vulnerable; without protection or defense

synonym : uncovered, defenseless, vulnerable

(1) **unprotected** area, (2) **unprotected** Wi-Fi

It's important never to have **unprotected** sex to prevent the spread of STDs.

sag

v. to droop or hang down, especially due to a lack of support or the weight of something

synonym: droop, slump, bend

(1) **sag** my jaw, (2) **sag** with fatigue

The old mattress **sagged** in the middle, making it uncomfortable to sleep on.

well-being

n. the state of being happy and healthy and prosperous

synonym: health, welfare, happiness

(1) the **well-being** of a nation, (2) a sense of **well-being**

We are responsible for the care and **well-being** of all our employees.

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.

blizzard

n. a severe snowstorm that is accompanied by strong winds and low temperatures, often leading to very limited visibility and dangerous travel conditions

synonym: snowstorm, whiteout, bluster

(1) **blizzard** warning, (2) heavy **blizzard**

The city declared a snow emergency and warned residents to stay off the streets during the **blizzard**.

sling

v. to throw or drop something somewhere carelessly; to hang loosely or freely; (noun) a length of rope, fabric, or chain used to support or lift something

synonym: throw, hang, (noun) harness

(1) **sling** an arrow, (2) **sling** shot

The children were playing by **slinging** stones at the monument.

outhouse

n. a small structure located outside of a main building that contains a toilet or latrine

synonym : latrine, privy, lavatory

(1) wooden **outhouse**, (2) disused **outhouse**

The **outhouse** behind the cabin was a rustic alternative to indoor plumbing.

bury

v. to place a dead body in the ground, grave, or tomb

synonym : entomb, sink, forget

(1) **bury** in the earth, (2) **bury** emotion

There is plenty of space to **bury** everyone.

chilly

adj. unpleasantly cool or cold; giving a feeling of coldness; lacking warmth or friendliness in manner

synonym : cool, frigid, icy

(1) **chilly** atmosphere, (2) **chilly** response

I must bundle up in a warm coat and scarf to bear the **chilly** winter weather.

commute

v. to regularly travel a particular journey, especially between one's home and place of work; (noun) a regular journey of some distance to and from your place of work

synonym : travel, journey, trip

(1) **commute** to work, (2) daily **commute**

He had to **commute** two hours each way to get to work.

hive

n. a structure for the reception and habitation of bees, either built by people or made by the bees themselves; a place swarming people

synonym : apiary, swarm, pack

(1) honeybees in **hives**, (2) a **hive** of activity

Bees were buzzing around the **hive**

biopsy

n. the process of removing and examining tissue from the body of the sick person to determine the existence or cause of a disease

synonym : examination, autopsy

(1) **biopsy** of bone marrow, (2) liquid **biopsy**

The doctor performed an excisional breast **biopsy**.

plunge

v. to dive quickly and steeply downward; to thrust or throw into something; (noun) a steep and rapid fall

synonym : dive, drop, thrust

(1) **plunge** into the water, (2) **plunge** a dagger through his heart

The company's profits **plunged** after the recall of their new product.

isotope

n. a variation of an element that has the same number of protons in its nucleus but a different number of neutrons, resulting in a different atomic mass and often different physical or chemical properties

synonym : variant, nuclide, radioisotope

(1) radioactive **isotope**, (2) stable **isotope**

The **isotope** carbon-14 is commonly used in radiocarbon dating of fossils.

compress

v. to press or squeeze together to make something take up less space

synonym : condense, constrict, squeeze

(1) **compress** the chest, (2) **compress** gas

She **compressed** the files into a single ZIP archive to save space on her computer.

shotgun

n. a firearm that is designed to be fired from the shoulder and that typically fires several small metal balls or pellets called shot

synonym : scattergun, blunderbuss

(1) a **shotgun** marriage, (2) a 12-gauge **shotgun**

The robbers used a **shotgun** to threaten the store clerk.

spall

v. to break off or chip away fragments from a larger object, particularly about material or surface; (noun) the act of breaking into smaller pieces, especially in the context of materials like rock, concrete, or metal

synonym: crumble, break, fragment

(1) **spall** damage, (2) cause the bricks to **spall**

The high-pressure water jet caused the surface of the concrete to **spall**.

quadrillion

n. a number equivalent to a thousand raised to the power of five, or 10 to the 15th power; colloquially used to indicate an extremely large or theoretical number

synonym: one thousand million million million

(1) **quadrillion** atoms, (2) **quadrillion** dollars

The energy output of the sun is measured in **quadrillions** of watts.

sect

n. a group of people who follow a particular religious or philosophical belief system, especially one that is regarded as outside the norm or mainstream

synonym: group, faction, cult

(1) **sect** beliefs, (2) secret **sect**

The minority **sect** believed in a set of unconventional religious practices.

ancestor

n. a person from whom one is descended; a forefather

synonym: forebear, forefather, progenitor

(1) **ancestor** language, (2) earliest human **ancestor**

My remote **ancestor** immigrated to the United States from Ireland in the 1800s.

daub

v. to apply or spread something, often a liquid or sticky substance, in a rough or unskillful way; to coat or smear something with a thick or sticky substance; (noun) a smear or blot of something, especially paint or mud

synonym: smear, smudge, stain

(1) yellow **daub** of pollen on the car, (2) **daub** with a brush

The children **daubed** paint on the canvas as they expressed their creativity.

rev *n.* a measure of the rate at which an engine or motor rotates, often expressed in revolutions per minute (RPM); (verb) to increase the number of rotations per minute

synonym: revolution, RPM, speed

(1) low- **rev** engine, (2) **rev** up the crowd

He stepped on the gas pedal, and the engine released a loud **rev**.

snowflake *n.* a small, thin, delicate piece of snow; a person, especially a young person, who is perceived as overly sensitive, easily offended, or with an inflated sense of entitlement

synonym: flake, crystal, ice pellet

(1) delicate **snowflake**, (2) **snowflake** pattern

The Christmas tree was beautifully decorated with delicate **snowflake** ornaments.

undisturbed *adj.* not interrupted or interfered with; left alone; peaceful
synonym: calm, peaceful, uninterrupted

(1) **undisturbed** sleep, (2) **undisturbed** nature

The wildlife reserve is a vital **undisturbed** habitat for endangered species.

backlit *adj.* with light shining from behind; (noun) light from behind

(1) **backlit** by a window, (2) **backlit** photo

I like to code in dark rooms, so a **backlit** keyboard is convenient.

striation *n.* a series of parallel lines, ridges, or grooves that are typically formed by natural processes or intentional design; a stripe or streak-like marking

synonym: band, line, mark

(1) **striation** pattern, (2) **striation** formation

The detective observed the **striation** marks on the bullet to match it with the gun used in the crime.

scour

v. to clean thoroughly and vigorously by scrubbing or rubbing; to search or examine something thoroughly and systematically

synonym: cleanse, scrub, clean

(1) **scour** a pot, (2) **scour** the Internet

She had to **scour** the kitchen to find a clean dish to use for dinner.

soot

n. a black, powdery substance that is produced by the incomplete burning of a material such as coal, wood, or oil and is often found on surfaces near the source of the fire

synonym: smut, dirt

(1) **soot-covered** walls, (2) black **soot**

The fire left a layer of **soot** on everything in the room.

wildfire

n. a large, uncontrolled fire that spreads quickly through a natural area such as a forest, grassland, or mountain slope

synonym: blaze, bonfire, flame

(1) **wildfire** spread, (2) arson-caused **wildfire**

The **wildfire** destroyed hundreds of homes and forced thousands of people to evacuate.

methane

n. a chemical compound with the chemical formula CH₄ with no smell or color, often used as a fuel

(1) atmospheric **methane**, (2) reduce **methane** emissions

The ignition of **methane** gas in the plant killed five employees.

monsoon

n. a seasonal wind system that brings heavy rainfall to a region, typically occurring in tropical areas

synonym: rainy season, deluge, downpour

(1) **monsoon** season, (2) **monsoon** current

The **monsoon** rains often bring relief to areas suffering from drought.

waft

v. to be carried along, as if by a current of air or water; to float or drift gently; (noun) a gentle movement or flow of air, usually carrying a scent, sound, or sensation with it
synonym : float, drift, glide

(1) **waft** in the breeze, (2) **waft** of steam

The smell of freshly baked bread began to **waft** through the house.

pristine

adj. new and completely free from dirt or contamination
synonym : chaste, pure, immaculate

(1) **pristine** beach, (2) maintain the **pristine** condition

It is terrific to camp in **pristine** nature.

nit

n. the egg of a louse (= that is a tiny insect that lives in human hair) or some other insect; a foolish person

(1) **nit** in the dog's fur, (2) she is a little **nit**

Careful brushing can remove **nit**.

unknowingly

adv. without intention or being aware of what is happening
synonym : inadvertently, unwittingly

(1) **unknowingly** commit a crime, (2) **unknowingly** avoid him

She became ill after **unknowingly** taking rotten food.

precaution

n. a measure taken in advance to prevent harm, danger, or injury; foresightfulness

synonym : safeguard, measure, provision

(1) airborne **precaution**, (2) take extra **precautions**

As a **precaution**, the company locked all of its doors after a threat was made.

contaminate

v. to make something impure, unclean, or poisonous by contact or mixture

synonym :

defile, pollute, adulterate

(1) **contaminate** with a disease, (2) **contaminate** his ego
We strive not to **contaminate** the environment when demolishing petroleum plants.

moreover

adv. indicating that what follows is an additional or supplementary point; furthermore; in addition to what has been said before

synonym: furthermore, besides, in addition

(1) **moreover**, she decided to go, (2) but **moreover**, they work well together

The company is environmentally conscious, and **moreover**, it uses sustainable materials in its products.

juggle

v. to manage or cope with several tasks, responsibilities, or situations simultaneously; to keep several things in the air at once, as in a juggling act

synonym: jiggle, balance, handle

(1) **juggle** a job and motherhood, (2) **juggle** with facts

It can be difficult to **juggle** work, family, and social life, but finding balance is important.

dissipate

v. to disperse or scatter widely

synonym: scatter, disperse, evaporate

(1) **dissipate** heat, (2) **dissipate** stress

The fog **dissipated**, and the air cleared up.

stiffen

v. to make or become stiff or rigid; to become inflexible or unyielding in one's attitude or behavior

synonym: harden, solidify, tense

(1) **stiffen** joints, (2) **stiffen** penalties

The cold weather made my muscles **stiffen** up.

thermometer

n. a device used to measure temperature, typically consisting of a glass or plastic tube containing a column of liquid, such as mercury, that rises and falls with changes in temperature

synonym : thermos, gauge, climate gauge

(1) digital **thermometer**, (2) clinical **thermometer**

My mother always used a mercury **thermometer** to check our temperature when we were sick.

manhandle

v. to handle or move someone or something roughly or awkwardly, often using physical force or without care; to treat someone roughly or brutally

synonym : handle roughly, grab, wrestle

(1) **manhandle** his property, (2) **manhandle** a piece of furniture

The movers tried to **manhandle** the heavy piano up the stairs but eventually had to call for a crane to lift it.

freighter

n. a ship, aircraft, or other vehicle used for transporting cargo or goods in bulk

synonym : cargo ship, transport vessel, container vessel

(1) **freighter** ship, (2) bulk **freighter**

The **freighter** crew worked around the clock to unload the cargo at the port.

unload

v. to remove contents of something from a vehicle, ship, container, etc.

synonym : empty, offload, unpack

(1) **unload** the cargo, (2) **unload** a dishwasher

He had to **unload** the merchandise before the Black Friday bargain.

heed

v. to pay attention to or take notice of something, particularly a warning or piece of advice; to listen to and comply with something

synonym : notice, attend, listen to

(1) **heed** expert advice, (2) **heed** nature's call

He didn't **heed** the warning signs and got lost in the woods.

Session 2: Spelling

1. maintain the pr_____ne condition *adj.* new and completely free from dirt or contamination
2. h__d nature's call *v.* to pay attention to or take notice of something, particularly a warning or piece of advice; to listen to and comply with something
3. co_____e to work *v.* to regularly travel a particular journey, especially between one's home and place of work; (noun) a regular journey of some distance to and from your place of work
4. a sense of wel_____ng *n.* the state of being happy and healthy and prosperous
5. wi__y eloquence *adj.* characterized by or affected by strong winds; of or relating to the wind; describing a person who talks a lot, often in an exaggerated way or without saying much substance
6. con_____te with a disease *v.* to make something impure, unclean, or poisonous by contact or mixture
7. but mo_____er, they work well together *adv.* indicating that what follows is an additional or supplementary point; furthermore; in addition to what has been said before
8. airborne pre_____on *n.* a measure taken in advance to prevent harm, danger, or injury; foresightfulness
9. da_____ng views *adj.* shining brightly; highly attractive or exciting

ANSWERS: 1. pristine, 2. heed, 3. commute, 4. well-being, 5. windy, 6. contaminate, 7. moreover, 8. precaution, 9. dazzling

10. bi___y of bone marrow *n.* the process of removing and examining tissue from the body of the sick person to determine the existence or cause of a disease
11. sp__l damage *v.* to break off or chip away fragments from a larger object, particularly about material or surface; (noun) the act of breaking into smaller pieces, especially in the context of materials like rock, concrete, or metal
12. sc__r a pot *v.* to clean thoroughly and vigorously by scrubbing or rubbing; to search or examine something thoroughly and systematically
13. st____n joints *v.* to make or become stiff or rigid; to become inflexible or unyielding in one's attitude or behavior
14. und_____ed nature *adj.* not interrupted or interfered with; left alone; peaceful
15. honeybees in h__es *n.* a structure for the reception and habitation of bees, either built by people or made by the bees themselves; a place swarming people
16. ch___y response *adj.* unpleasantly cool or cold; giving a feeling of coldness; lacking warmth or friendliness in manner
17. unp_____ed Wi-Fi *adj.* not guarded, covered, or shielded; vulnerable; without protection or defense
18. she is a little n_t *n.* the egg of a louse (= that is a tiny insect that lives in human hair) or some other insect; a foolish person

ANSWERS: 10. biopsy, 11. spall, 12. scour, 13. stiffen, 14. undisturbed, 15. hive, 16. chilly, 17. unprotected, 18. nit

19. n_t in the dog's fur *n.* the egg of a louse (= that is a tiny insect that lives in human hair) or some other insect; a foolish person
20. an____ or language *n.* a person from whom one is descended; a forefather
21. mo____er, she decided to go *adv.* indicating that what follows is an additional or supplementary point; furthermore; in addition to what has been said before
22. ba____t photo *adj.* with light shining from behind; (noun) light from behind
23. un____d the cargo *v.* to remove contents of something from a vehicle, ship, container, etc.
24. disused ou____se *n.* a small structure located outside of a main building that contains a toilet or latrine
25. mo____n current *n.* a seasonal wind system that brings heavy rainfall to a region, typically occurring in tropical areas
26. wooden ou____se *n.* a small structure located outside of a main building that contains a toilet or latrine
27. radioactive is____e *n.* a variation of an element that has the same number of protons in its nucleus but a different number of neutrons, resulting in a different atomic mass and often different physical or chemical properties
28. con____te his ego *v.* to make something impure, unclean, or poisonous by contact or mixture

ANSWERS: 19. nit, 20. ancestor, 21. moreover, 22. backlit, 23. unload, 24. outhouse, 25. monsoon, 26. outhouse, 27. isotope, 28. contaminate

29. ma_____le a piece of furniture *v.* to handle or move someone or something roughly or awkwardly, often using physical force or without care; to treat someone roughly or brutally
30. st_____on pattern *n.* a series of parallel lines, ridges, or grooves that are typically formed by natural processes or intentional design; a stripe or streak-like marking
31. s__t-covered walls *n.* a black, powdery substance that is produced by the incomplete burning of a material such as coal, wood, or oil and is often found on surfaces near the source of the fire
32. w__t of steam *v.* to be carried along, as if by a current of air or water; to float or drift gently; (noun) a gentle movement or flow of air, usually carrying a scent, sound, or sensation with it
33. liquid bi____y *n.* the process of removing and examining tissue from the body of the sick person to determine the existence or cause of a disease
34. wi_____re spread *n.* a large, uncontrolled fire that spreads quickly through a natural area such as a forest, grassland, or mountain slope
35. su____e muscles *adj.* flexible and easy to bend or move; gracefully agile; adaptable or responsive to change or new ideas
36. b__y emotion *v.* to place a dead body in the ground, grave, or tomb

ANSWERS: 29. manhandle, 30. striation, 31. soot, 32. waft, 33. biopsy, 34. wildfire, 35. supple, 36. bury

37. low-r__v engine *n.* a measure of the rate at which an engine or motor rotates, often expressed in revolutions per minute (RPM); (verb) to increase the number of rotations per minute
38. ba____t by a window *adj.* with light shining from behind; (noun) light from behind
39. su____e leather *adj.* flexible and easy to bend or move; gracefully agile; adaptable or responsive to change or new ideas
40. st____n penalties *v.* to make or become stiff or rigid; to become inflexible or unyielding in one's attitude or behavior
41. ma_____le his property *v.* to handle or move someone or something roughly or awkwardly, often using physical force or without care; to treat someone roughly or brutally
42. di_____te stress *v.* to disperse or scatter widely
43. qua_____on atoms *n.* a number equivalent to a thousand raised to the power of five, or 10 to the 15th power; colloquially used to indicate an extremely large or theoretical number
44. the wel_____ng of a nation *n.* the state of being happy and healthy and prosperous
45. cause the bricks to sp__l *v.* to break off or chip away fragments from a larger object, particularly about material or surface; (noun) the act of breaking into smaller pieces, especially in the context of materials like rock, concrete, or metal

ANSWERS: 37. rev, 38. backlit, 39. supple, 40. stiffen, 41. manhandle, 42. dissipate, 43. quadrillion, 44. well-being, 45. spall

46. mo_____n season *n.* a seasonal wind system that brings heavy rainfall to a region, typically occurring in tropical areas
47. sc__r the Internet *v.* to clean thoroughly and vigorously by scrubbing or rubbing; to search or examine something thoroughly and systematically
48. clinical the_____er *n.* a device used to measure temperature, typically consisting of a glass or plastic tube containing a column of liquid, such as mercury, that rises and falls with changes in temperature
49. black s__t *n.* a black, powdery substance that is produced by the incomplete burning of a material such as coal, wood, or oil and is often found on surfaces near the source of the fire
50. sl__g an arrow *v.* to throw or drop something somewhere carelessly; to hang loosely or freely; (noun) a length of rope, fabric, or chain used to support or lift something
51. earliest human an____or *n.* a person from whom one is descended; a forefather
52. st_____on formation *n.* a series of parallel lines, ridges, or grooves that are typically formed by natural processes or intentional design; a stripe or streak-like marking
53. unk_____ly commit a crime *adv.* without intention or being aware of what is happening
54. a sh_____n marriage *n.* a firearm that is designed to be fired from the shoulder and that typically fires several small metal balls or pellets called shot

ANSWERS: 46. monsoon, 47. scour, 48. thermometer, 49. soot, 50. sling, 51. ancestor, 52. striation, 53. unknowingly, 54. shotgun

55. reduce me____e emissions *n.* a chemical compound with the chemical formula CH₄ with no smell or color, often used as a fuel
56. yellow d__b of pollen on the car *v.* to apply or spread something, often a liquid or sticky substance, in a rough or unskillful way; to coat or smear something with a thick or sticky substance; (noun) a smear or blot of something, especially paint or mud
57. sl__g shot *v.* to throw or drop something somewhere carelessly; to hang loosely or freely; (noun) a length of rope, fabric, or chain used to support or lift something
58. r_v up the crowd *n.* a measure of the rate at which an engine or motor rotates, often expressed in revolutions per minute (RPM); (verb) to increase the number of rotations per minute
59. co____ss the chest *v.* to press or squeeze together to make something take up less space
60. unk_____ly avoid him *adv.* without intention or being aware of what is happening
61. digital the_____er *n.* a device used to measure temperature, typically consisting of a glass or plastic tube containing a column of liquid, such as mercury, that rises and falls with changes in temperature
62. h__d expert advice *v.* to pay attention to or take notice of something, particularly a warning or piece of advice; to listen to and comply with something

ANSWERS: 55. methane, 56. daub, 57. sling, 58. rev, 59. compress, 60. unknowingly, 61. thermometer, 62. heed

63. s__t beliefs *n.* a group of people who follow a particular religious or philosophical belief system, especially one that is regarded as outside the norm or mainstream
64. di_____te heat *v.* to disperse or scatter widely
65. qua_____on dollars *n.* a number equivalent to a thousand raised to the power of five, or 10 to the 15th power; colloquially used to indicate an extremely large or theoretical number
66. w__t in the breeze *v.* to be carried along, as if by a current of air or water; to float or drift gently; (noun) a gentle movement or flow of air, usually carrying a scent, sound, or sensation with it
67. unp_____ed area *adj.* not guarded, covered, or shielded; vulnerable; without protection or defense
68. s_g with fatigue *v.* to droop or hang down, especially due to a lack of support or the weight of something
69. d__b with a brush *v.* to apply or spread something, often a liquid or sticky substance, in a rough or unskillful way; to coat or smear something with a thick or sticky substance; (noun) a smear or blot of something, especially paint or mud
70. secret s__t *n.* a group of people who follow a particular religious or philosophical belief system, especially one that is regarded as outside the norm or mainstream

ANSWERS: 63. sect, 64. dissipate, 65. quadrillion, 66. waft, 67. unprotected, 68. sag, 69. daub, 70. sect

71. fr_____er ship *n.* a ship, aircraft, or other vehicle used for transporting cargo or goods in bulk
72. pl___e a dagger through his heart *v.* to dive quickly and steeply downward; to thrust or throw into something; (noun) a steep and rapid fall
73. delicate sn_____ke *n.* a small, thin, delicate piece of snow; a person, especially a young person, who is perceived as overly sensitive, easily offended, or with an inflated sense of entitlement
74. da_____ng debut *adj.* shining brightly; highly attractive or exciting
75. semi-a__d zone *adj.* lacking in moisture or rainfall; dry and barren; lacking in interest, life, or vitality
76. arson-caused wi_____re *n.* a large, uncontrolled fire that spreads quickly through a natural area such as a forest, grassland, or mountain slope
77. daily co_____e *v.* to regularly travel a particular journey, especially between one's home and place of work; (noun) a regular journey of some distance to and from your place of work
78. un___d a dishwasher *v.* to remove contents of something from a vehicle, ship, container, etc.
79. bl_____rd warning *n.* a severe snowstorm that is accompanied by strong winds and low temperatures, often leading to very limited visibility and dangerous travel conditions

ANSWERS: 71. freighter, 72. plunge, 73. snowflake, 74. dazzling, 75. arid, 76. wildfire, 77. commute, 78. unload, 79. blizzard

80. ju___e a job and motherhood *v.* to manage or cope with several tasks, responsibilities, or situations simultaneously; to keep several things in the air at once, as in a juggling act
81. heavy bl_____rd *n.* a severe snowstorm that is accompanied by strong winds and low temperatures, often leading to very limited visibility and dangerous travel conditions
82. b__y in the earth *v.* to place a dead body in the ground, grave, or tomb
83. ch___y atmosphere *adj.* unpleasantly cool or cold; giving a feeling of coldness; lacking warmth or friendliness in manner
84. bulk fr_____er *n.* a ship, aircraft, or other vehicle used for transporting cargo or goods in bulk
85. co_____ss gas *v.* to press or squeeze together to make something take up less space
86. pr_____ne beach *adj.* new and completely free from dirt or contamination
87. a h__e of activity *n.* a structure for the reception and habitation of bees, either built by people or made by the bees themselves; a place swarming people
88. pl___e into the water *v.* to dive quickly and steeply downward; to thrust or throw into something; (noun) a steep and rapid fall
89. atmospheric me_____e *n.* a chemical compound with the chemical formula CH₄ with no smell or color, often used as a fuel

ANSWERS: 80. juggle, 81. blizzard, 82. bury, 83. chilly, 84. freighter, 85. compress, 86. pristine, 87. hive, 88. plunge, 89. methane

90. s_g my jaw *v.* to droop or hang down, especially due to a lack of support or the weight of something
91. wi__y hillside *adj.* characterized by or affected by strong winds; of or relating to the wind; describing a person who talks a lot, often in an exaggerated way or without saying much substance
92. a 12-gauge sh_____n *n.* a firearm that is designed to be fired from the shoulder and that typically fires several small metal balls or pellets called shot
93. take extra pre_____ons *n.* a measure taken in advance to prevent harm, danger, or injury; foresightfulness
94. ju___e with facts *v.* to manage or cope with several tasks, responsibilities, or situations simultaneously; to keep several things in the air at once, as in a juggling act
95. und_____ed sleep *adj.* not interrupted or interfered with; left alone; peaceful
96. a__d terrain *adj.* lacking in moisture or rainfall; dry and barren; lacking in interest, life, or vitality
97. stable is_____e *n.* a variation of an element that has the same number of protons in its nucleus but a different number of neutrons, resulting in a different atomic mass and often different physical or chemical properties
98. sn_____ke pattern *n.* a small, thin, delicate piece of snow; a person, especially a young person, who is perceived as overly sensitive, easily offended, or with an inflated sense of entitlement

ANSWERS: 90. sag, 91. windy, 92. shotgun, 93. precaution, 94. juggle, 95. undisturbed, 96. arid, 97. isotope, 98. snowflake

ANSWERS:

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. She _____ the files into a single ZIP archive to save space on her computer.
 - v. to press or squeeze together to make something take up less space

2. The children _____ paint on the canvas as they expressed their creativity.
 - v. to apply or spread something, often a liquid or sticky substance, in a rough or unskillful way; to coat or smear something with a thick or sticky substance; (noun) a smear or blot of something, especially paint or mud

3. The energy output of the sun is measured in _____ of watts.
 - n. a number equivalent to a thousand raised to the power of five, or 10 to the 15th power; colloquially used to indicate an extremely large or theoretical number

4. The _____ behind the cabin was a rustic alternative to indoor plumbing.
 - n. a small structure located outside of a main building that contains a toilet or latrine

5. The old mattress _____ in the middle, making it uncomfortable to sleep on.
 - v. to droop or hang down, especially due to a lack of support or the weight of something

6. There is plenty of space to _____ everyone.
 - v. to place a dead body in the ground, grave, or tomb

7. The fire left a layer of _____ on everything in the room.
 - n. a black, powdery substance that is produced by the incomplete burning of a material such as coal, wood, or oil and is often found on surfaces near the source of the fire

ANSWERS: 1. compressed, 2. daubed, 3. quadrillions, 4. outhouse, 5. sagged, 6. bury, 7. soot

8. The city declared a snow emergency and warned residents to stay off the streets during the _____.
- n.* a severe snowstorm that is accompanied by strong winds and low temperatures, often leading to very limited visibility and dangerous travel conditions
9. Bees were buzzing around the _____
- n.* a structure for the reception and habitation of bees, either built by people or made by the bees themselves; a place swarming people
10. The cold weather made my muscles _____ up.
- v.* to make or become stiff or rigid; to become inflexible or unyielding in one's attitude or behavior
11. The fog _____ and the air cleared up.
- v.* to disperse or scatter widely
12. It is terrific to camp in _____ nature.
- adj.* new and completely free from dirt or contamination
13. We are responsible for the care and _____ of all our employees.
- n.* the state of being happy and healthy and prosperous
14. The smell of freshly baked bread began to _____ through the house.
- v.* to be carried along, as if by a current of air or water; to float or drift gently; (noun) a gentle movement or flow of air, usually carrying a scent, sound, or sensation with it
15. The robbers used a _____ to threaten the store clerk.
- n.* a firearm that is designed to be fired from the shoulder and that typically fires several small metal balls or pellets called shot

ANSWERS: 8. blizzard, 9. hive, 10. stiffen, 11. dissipated, 12. pristine, 13. well-being, 14. waft, 15. shotgun

16. The high-pressure water jet caused the surface of the concrete to _____.
- v.* to break off or chip away fragments from a larger object, particularly about material or surface; (noun) the act of breaking into smaller pieces, especially in the context of materials like rock, concrete, or metal
17. As a _____ the company locked all of its doors after a threat was made.
- n.* a measure taken in advance to prevent harm, danger, or injury; foresightfulness
18. My mother always used a mercury _____ to check our temperature when we were sick.
- n.* a device used to measure temperature, typically consisting of a glass or plastic tube containing a column of liquid, such as mercury, that rises and falls with changes in temperature
19. The movers tried to _____ the heavy piano up the stairs but eventually had to call for a crane to lift it.
- v.* to handle or move someone or something roughly or awkwardly, often using physical force or without care; to treat someone roughly or brutally
20. It can be difficult to _____ work, family, and social life, but finding balance is important.
- v.* to manage or cope with several tasks, responsibilities, or situations simultaneously; to keep several things in the air at once, as in a juggling act
21. I like to code in dark rooms, so a _____ keyboard is convenient.
- adj.* with light shining from behind; (noun) light from behind
22. The children were playing by _____ stones at the monument.
- v.* to throw or drop something somewhere carelessly; to hang loosely or freely; (noun) a length of rope, fabric, or chain used to support or lift something

ANSWERS: 16. spall, 17. precaution, 18. thermometer, 19. manhandle, 20. juggle, 21. backlit, 22. slinging

23. The _____ rains often bring relief to areas suffering from drought.
n. a seasonal wind system that brings heavy rainfall to a region, typically occurring in tropical areas
24. I must bundle up in a warm coat and scarf to bear the _____ winter weather.
adj. unpleasantly cool or cold; giving a feeling of coldness; lacking warmth or friendliness in manner
25. The _____ crew worked around the clock to unload the cargo at the port.
n. a ship, aircraft, or other vehicle used for transporting cargo or goods in bulk
26. The minority _____ believed in a set of unconventional religious practices.
n. a group of people who follow a particular religious or philosophical belief system, especially one that is regarded as outside the norm or mainstream
27. The desert is known for its _____ climate and lack of rainfall.
adj. lacking in moisture or rainfall; dry and barren; lacking in interest, life, or vitality
28. The detective observed the _____ marks on the bullet to match it with the gun used in the crime.
n. a series of parallel lines, ridges, or grooves that are typically formed by natural processes or intentional design; a stripe or streak-like marking
29. The _____ carbon-14 is commonly used in radiocarbon dating of fossils.
n. a variation of an element that has the same number of protons in its nucleus but a different number of neutrons, resulting in a different atomic mass and often different physical or chemical properties
30. My remote _____ immigrated to the United States from Ireland in the 1800s.
n. a person from whom one is descended; a forefather

ANSWERS: 23. monsoon, 24. chilly, 25. freighter, 26. sect, 27. arid, 28. striation, 29. isotope, 30. ancestor

31. The company is environmentally conscious, and _____ it uses sustainable materials in its products.

adv. indicating that what follows is an additional or supplementary point; furthermore; in addition to what has been said before

32. Careful brushing can remove ____.

n. the egg of a louse (= that is a tiny insect that lives in human hair) or some other insect; a foolish person

33. She became ill after _____ taking rotten food.

adv. without intention or being aware of what is happening

34. He had to _____ two hours each way to get to work.

v. to regularly travel a particular journey, especially between one's home and place of work; (noun) a regular journey of some distance to and from your place of work

35. The wildlife reserve is a vital _____ habitat for endangered species.

adj. not interrupted or interfered with; left alone; peaceful

36. He had to _____ the merchandise before the Black Friday bargain.

v. to remove contents of something from a vehicle, ship, container, etc.

37. It's important never to have _____ sex to prevent the spread of STDs.

adj. not guarded, covered, or shielded; vulnerable; without protection or defense

38. He didn't _____ the warning signs and got lost in the woods.

v. to pay attention to or take notice of something, particularly a warning or piece of advice; to listen to and comply with something

ANSWERS: 31. moreover, 32. nit, 33. unknowingly, 34. commute, 35. undisturbed, 36. unload, 37. unprotected, 38. heed

39. The ignition of _____ gas in the plant killed five employees.
- n.* a chemical compound with the chemical formula CH₄ with no smell or color, often used as a fuel
40. The _____ destroyed hundreds of homes and forced thousands of people to evacuate.
- n.* a large, uncontrolled fire that spreads quickly through a natural area such as a forest, grassland, or mountain slope
41. We strive not to _____ the environment when demolishing petroleum plants.
- v.* to make something impure, unclean, or poisonous by contact or mixture
42. The weather is too _____ for us to go on a boat ride.
- adj.* characterized by or affected by strong winds; of or relating to the wind; describing a person who talks a lot, often in an exaggerated way or without saying much substance
43. The doctor performed an excisional breast _____.
- n.* the process of removing and examining tissue from the body of the sick person to determine the existence or cause of a disease
44. The Christmas tree was beautifully decorated with delicate _____ ornaments.
- n.* a small, thin, delicate piece of snow; a person, especially a young person, who is perceived as overly sensitive, easily offended, or with an inflated sense of entitlement
45. The company's profits _____ after the recall of their new product.
- v.* to dive quickly and steeply downward; to thrust or throw into something; (noun) a steep and rapid fall

ANSWERS: 39. methane, 40. wildfire, 41. contaminate, 42. windy, 43. biopsy, 44. snowflake, 45. plunged

46. She had to _____ the kitchen to find a clean dish to use for dinner.

v. to clean thoroughly and vigorously by scrubbing or rubbing; to search or examine something thoroughly and systematically

47. Last night, the team delivered a _____ performance.

adj. shining brightly; highly attractive or exciting

48. He stepped on the gas pedal, and the engine released a loud ____.

n. a measure of the rate at which an engine or motor rotates, often expressed in revolutions per minute (RPM); (verb) to increase the number of rotations per minute

49. 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

ANSWERS: 46. scour, 47. dazzling, 48. rev, 49. supple