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Session 1: Word List

visual

adj. relating to seeing or sight

synonym : optical, graphical, visible

(1) **visual** navigation, (2) field of **visual** arts

The building makes a remarkable **visual** impact.

cofounder

n. one of several people who establishes an organization or starts a business

(1) **cofounder** of the university, (2) late **cofounder**

He is the **cofounder** and chairman of this tech company.

pollution

n. the introduction of harmful substances or waste into the natural environment that causes adverse change

synonym : corrosion, deterioration, corruption

(1) environmental **pollution**, (2) high levels of air **pollution**

The **pollution** is endangering the local plants and animals.

coalition

n. a temporary alliance formed by two or more political parties for combined action; the state of being combined into one body

synonym : union, confederation, alliance

(1) a three-party **coalition**, (2) **coalition** forces

The two largest opposition parties announced they would form a **coalition** in the next elections.

installation

n. the act or process of fixing furniture, a machine, or a piece of equipment into position so that it can be used; the act or process of putting into an office or a position

synonym : induction, introduction, furnishing

(1) **installation** fee, (2) a medical **installation**

The Queen attested the **installation** of state ministers to their portfolios.

fissure

n. a narrow opening or crack, especially in a rock or other hard substance; a division or splitting within a group or organization

synonym : crack, crevice, gap

(1) pulmonary **fissure**, (2) **fissure** in the relationship

The **fissure** in the rock was too narrow to squeeze through.

ephemeral

adj. lasting or used for only a short time

synonym : temporary, momentary, brief

(1) **ephemeral** joys, (2) **ephemeral** materials

His success as a famous actor was **ephemeral**.

marine

adj. relating to the sea and the creatures and plants that live there

synonym : sea-dwelling, maritime, aquatic

(1) **marine** insurance, (2) variety of **marine** life

Seals and whales are **marine** animals beloved by the people.

environment

n. the natural world such as air, water, and land in which humans, animals, and plants live

synonym : atmosphere, surroundings, climate

(1) **environment** affairs, (2) chaotic **environment**

Every human is responsible for taking care of the Earth's **environment**.

pacific

adj. peaceful in character or intent; tending to lessen or avoid conflict; calm or soothing in manner or tone; (noun, as "Pacific") the largest and deepest of Earth's oceanic divisions

synonym : calm, peaceful, tranquil

(1) **pacific-natured** disposition, (2) the **Pacific** Ocean

They adopted a **pacific** approach to resolving their differences, emphasizing dialogue and understanding.

garbage

n. waste material, especially food waste and kitchen refuse

synonym : waste, trash, debris

(1) **garbage** collection, (2) lump of **garbage**

The **garbage** truck will be coming to pick up the trash every Monday morning.

patch

n. a small piece of material or fabric used to repair or reinforce a tear, hole, or damaged area; a small plot of land used for cultivation or a specific purpose

synonym : mend, repair, fix

(1) **patch** of grass, (2) software **patch**

I need to sew a **patch** onto my jeans that ripped.

gyre

n. a circular or spiral motion, particularly a vortex or large-scale system of rotating ocean currents

synonym : spiral, vortex, whirl

(1) **gyre** movement, (2) subtropical **gyre**

The trash caught in the **gyre** in the ocean, forming a massive garbage patch.

initial

adj. of or happening at the beginning; (noun) the first letter of a word, especially a person's name

synonym : basic, primary, beginning

(1) **initial** velocity, (2) an **initial** letter

They took the **initial** step toward reconciliation.

reaction

n. a response that reveals a person's feelings or attitude; (in chemistry) a process in which one or more substances are changed into others

synonym : response, reply, answer

(1) chemical **reaction**, (2) trigger a **reaction**

There was a chemical **reaction** of the lime with the groundwater.

develop

- v. to grow or expand; to improve or refine through a process of progress and refinement, often to achieve greater sophistication or complexity; to elaborate or add detail to something that is in the process of being created

synonym: evolve, progress, advance

- (1) **develop** a strategy, (2) **develop** a skill

We must **develop** a new system to streamline our workflow and increase efficiency.

proposal

- n. a formal suggestion or offer, sometimes a written one

synonym: offer, suggestion, proposition

- (1) an innovative **proposal**, (2) details of his **proposal**

Our skeleton outline of the **proposal** met with much opposition.

cargo

- n. the goods carried by ship, aircraft, or other vehicles

synonym: shipment, freight, burden

- (1) plenty of **cargo** space, (2) unload the **cargo**

During the war, many **cargo** ships were converted into battleships.

decommission

- v. to take a machine, building, weapon, or other equipment out of use or service, often permanently or due to age or disrepair

synonym: retire, dismantle, disable

- (1) **decommission** the dam, (2) **decommission** ship

After years of protests from environmental activists, the government decided to **decommission** the nuclear power plant.

trawl

- v. to fish by dragging a net, often along the bottom of the ocean or river; to search or examine something thoroughly, often looking for a specific item or

information

synonym : fish, dredge, drag

(1) **trawl** the Internet for free music, (2) **trawl** for fish

The fisherman used a net to **trawl** the bottom of the river for his catch.

crane

n. a large, tall machine used for moving heavy objects by suspending them from a beam or hook

synonym : hoist, derrick, winch

(1) **crane** operator, (2) **crane** construction

The construction workers used a **crane** to lift the heavy beams.

chip

n. a small fragment of something broken off from the whole; a long and thin piece of potato fried in oil or fat

synonym : flake, fragment, chunk

(1) a **chip** of wood, (2) I don't care a **chip**

We can use this campaign as a bargaining **chip** in the negotiations.

mold

n. a hollow container used to give shape to liquid or soft substance, which then becomes solid in the same shape as the container; a soft, green, or gray growth that forms on stale food or objects exposed to warm, moist air for too long

synonym : cavity, cast, mildew

(1) a casting **mold**, (2) **mold** allergy

Mushrooms and **mold** are fungi.

intention

n. something you want to do and are going to do

synonym : purpose, connotation, will

(1) **intention** behind his decision, (2) clear **intention**

Our CEO's **intentions** are always transparent and straightforward.

awareness

n. the fact or state of knowing something exists and is important

synonym : understanding, cognition, knowledge

(1) **awareness** of my ignorance, (2) raise public **awareness**

There has been a gradual but steady rise in environmental **awareness**.

brick

n. a rectangular block of baked clay used as a building material

synonym : block, tile, paver

(1) **brick** wall, (2) dressed **brick**

The wall was made of hard **bricks** that had been used for centuries.

potentially

adv. in a possible state or condition; possibly

synonym : likely, possibly, probably

(1) **potentially** affected, (2) **potentially** lucrative

The organization assisted in the de-escalation of **potentially** violent situations.

underdeveloped

adj. not fully developed or mature; lacking in progress or advancement

synonym : unadvanced, immature, backward

(1) an **underdeveloped** child, (2) remain **underdeveloped**

Many people in **underdeveloped** countries need clean water or proper healthcare access.

communal

adj. belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use

synonym : collaborative, combined, collective

(1) **communal** swimming pool, (2) **communal** combination of funds

Communal elections were held in several European countries.

bucket

n. an open container with a handle made of metal or plastic, often used for carrying liquids

synonym : pail, tub, can

(1) **bucket** list, (2) **bucket** of golf balls

She filled a **bucket** with water and carried it back to the house.

relative

adj. considered and evaluated through comparison with something else

synonym : comparative, proximate, congeneric

(1) a remote **relative**, (2) **relative** factors

Most countries prohibit sexual activity between certain close **relatives**.

generate

v. to produce or create something; to make offspring by reproduction

synonym : create, yield, produce

(1) **generate** more electricity, (2) **generate** \$100 a month

The economic stimulation program would **generate** a lot of new jobs.

faucet

n. a device for controlling the flow of liquid from a pipe

synonym : tap, spigot, valve

(1) a water **faucet**, (2) **faucet** handle

I turned on the **faucet** to wash my hands.

spigot

n. a valve or faucet used to control the flow of liquid from a container or pipe

synonym : faucet, tap, valve

(1) shut off the **spigot**, (2) open the **spigot**

The **spigot** on the outdoor faucet was leaking and needed to be fixed.

disposable

adj. designed to be used once and then thrown away

synonym : throwaway, single-use, expendable

(1) total **disposable** income, (2) **disposable** camera

I prefer using **disposable** razors because they are more convenient.

concerned

adj. feeling worry or interest about something; showing interest or attention

synonym : worried, caring, involved

(1) persons **concerned**, (2) **concerned** citizen

I am **concerned** about the safety of the children playing in the park.

packaging

n. the process, materials, or container used to wrap or contain a product for distribution, storage, or sale; the design or appearance of a product's packaging

synonym : wrapping, packing, boxing

(1) **packaging** materials, (2) biodegradable **packaging**

The **packaging** for the fragile items was made of sturdy materials and could withstand rough handling during shipping.

beverage

n. a drink of any type

synonym : drink, libation, liquid

(1) food and **beverage**, (2) alcoholic **beverages**

Bring a snack or **beverage** to satisfy your appetite.

refrigerator

n. an appliance or device used for preserving and cooling food and beverages by maintaining a low temperature within a closed compartment

synonym : fridge, cooler, icebox

(1) **refrigerator** magnet, (2) empty **refrigerator**

Don't forget to put the eggs in the **refrigerator** after you've used them.

toxin

n. a poisonous substance produced by a living organism, such as a plant, animal, or microorganism; a chemical compound that can cause harm or illness to a living organism

synonym : poison, venom, contaminant

(1) **toxin** exposure, (2) **toxin** production

Mold exposure can release dangerous **toxins** into the air.

leach

v. to remove or drain away something from a material, usually by seeping or filtering, such as chemicals from soil or minerals from rock

synonym: drain, filter, strain

(1) **leach** into the brewed coffee, (2) **leach** calcium from the bones

The chemicals from the landfill have begun to **leach** into the groundwater.

initiative

n. the ability to act or make decisions independently and with confidence; a plan or action proposed or taken to address a problem or need

synonym: enterprise, drive, ambition

(1) a peace **initiative**, (2) take **initiative**

The teacher's **initiative** to start a school garden project was met with enthusiasm from the students.

debris

n. broken or torn fragments of something

synonym: remains, remnants, garbage

(1) space **debris**, (2) pile of **debris**

Marine **debris** is a major continuous global problem.

recycle

v. to sort and collect things to process them and produce valuable materials that can be used again

synonym: reclaim, reuse, reprocess

(1) **recycle** the cardboard boxes, (2) **recycle** milk packaging into new paper

We largely **recycle** the circuit board of cell phones because they contain a lot of valuable metals.

sustainable

adj. able to continue or be continued for a long time

synonym: continuable, enduring, tolerable

(1) **sustainable** alternative fuel, (2) principles of

sustainable development

The government should do more to support environmentally **sustainable** agriculture.

bin *n.* a container, usually that has a lid and used for waste
synonym: container, trunk, garbage can
(1) a waste **bin**, (2) mail **bin**
You can open the overhead **bin** after landing.

statistics *n.* the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data
(1) **statistics** for cancer, (2) official **statistics**
The **statistics** demonstrate that poverty and unemployment are genuine problems.

incinerate *v.* to burn something, especially waste material completely
synonym: burn
(1) **incinerate** waste, (2) the power to **incinerate** nations
For safety reasons, we must completely **incinerate** contaminated protective clothing.

reuse *v.* to use something again or more than once
synonym: reprocess, recycle, rehash
(1) **reuse** the materials, (2) **reuse** existing knowledge
The supermarket encourages shoppers to **reuse** plastic bags.

refuse *v.* to show that one is not willing to do or accept something
synonym: turn down, deny, decline
(1) **refuse** a request, (2) **refuse** the company
My initial reaction was to **refuse**.

alternative *n.* one of two or more available possibilities or choice
synonym: choice, option
(1) an **alternative** plan, (2) there is no other **alternative**
Doctors are gradually coming around to the idea of using

alternative medicines.

container

n. a receptacle or object used to hold, store, or transport something; a large standardized metal box that is used for transporting goods by sea or land

synonym : receptacle, holder, vessel

(1) plastic **container**, (2) **container** ship

The restaurant uses large **containers** to store its food ingredients.

stainless

adj. resistant to staining or discoloration; not affected or damaged by contact with dirt, water, or other substances; clean and hygienic

synonym : unblemished, immaculate, spotless

(1) **stainless** hardware, (2) **stainless** sink

The kitchen appliances were all **stainless** steel, making the space modern and sleek.

steel

n. a strong metal alloy made up of iron with typically a few tenths of a percent of carbon used for making things that need a strong structure

synonym : iron

(1) magnetic **steel**, (2) **steel** beam

This bridge is the third largest **steel** bridge in the world.

filter

n. any of several types of equipment or systems used to separate particles from liquids or gases or to remove specific forms of light

synonym : strainer

(1) gas **filter**, (2) clogged **filter**

Ozone is a primary **filter** to protect Earth's surface from harmful UV rays.

consume

v. to spend something, especially fuel, energy, or time, in a large amount

synonym : absorb, ingest, use up

(1) **consume** a large of alcohol, (2) **consume** electricity

A smaller car will **consume** less fuel.

stem

n. the central part of something from which other parts can develop or grow; the part of a word common to all its inflected variants; (verb) to grow out of, have roots in, or originate in

synonym: branch, limb, (verb) come from

(1) **stem** from a belief, (2) the **stem** of a matchstick

A rose has thorns on its **stem**.

tide

n. the cyclical rise and fall of sea level caused by the moon's gravitational pull

synonym: ripple, surge, swell

(1) **tide** cycle, (2) ride the **tide** of change

Red **tide** is often harmful to the local ecosystem.

planet

n. any of the nine large celestial bodies that circle in the solar system; any celestial body that revolves around a star

synonym: earth, world, globe

(1) **planet** like the Earth, (2) save the **planet**

Mercury is the closest **planet** to the sun.

Session 2: Spelling

1. I don't care a c__p
n. a small fragment of something broken off from the whole; a long and thin piece of potato fried in oil or fat
2. a peace ini_____ve
n. the ability to act or make decisions independently and with confidence; a plan or action proposed or taken to address a problem or need
3. co_____on forces
n. a temporary alliance formed by two or more political parties for combined action; the state of being combined into one body
4. pot_____ly lucrative
adv. in a possible state or condition; possibly
5. le__h calcium from the bones
v. to remove or drain away something from a material, usually by seeping or filtering, such as chemicals from soil or minerals from rock
6. de_____p a strategy
v. to grow or expand; to improve or refine through a process of progress and refinement, often to achieve greater sophistication or complexity; to elaborate or add detail to something that is in the process of being created
7. dressed br__k
n. a rectangular block of baked clay used as a building material
8. ep_____al joys
adj. lasting or used for only a short time
9. ancient ar_____k
n. the pieces of art, such as pictures and photographs used in books, magazines, etc.

ANSWERS: 1. chip, 2. initiative, 3. coalition, 4. potentially, 5. leach, 6. develop, 7. brick, 8. ephemeral, 9. artwork

10. co_____er of the university *n.* one of several people who establishes an organization or starts a business
11. co_____al swimming pool *adj.* belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use
12. inc_____te waste *v.* to burn something, especially waste material completely
13. the s__m of a matchstick *n.* the central part of something from which other parts can develop or grow; the part of a word common to all its inflected variants; (verb) to grow out of, have roots in, or originate in
14. pa__h of grass *n.* a small piece of material or fabric used to repair or reinforce a tear, hole, or damaged area; a small plot of land used for cultivation or a specific purpose
15. dec_____ion ship *v.* to take a machine, building, weapon, or other equipment out of use or service, often permanently or due to age or disrepair
16. m__d allergy *n.* a hollow container used to give shape to liquid or soft substance, which then becomes solid in the same shape as the container; a soft, green, or gray growth that forms on stale food or objects exposed to warm, moist air for too long
17. principles of sus_____le development *adj.* able to continue or be continued for a long time
18. open the sp____t *n.* a valve or faucet used to control the flow of liquid from a container or pipe

ANSWERS: 10. cofounder, 11. communal, 12. incinerate, 13. stem, 14. patch, 15. decommission, 16. mold, 17. sustainable, 18. spigot

19. vi___l navigation *adj.* relating to seeing or sight
20. le__h into the brewed coffee *v.* to remove or drain away something from a material, usually by seeping or filtering, such as chemicals from soil or minerals from rock
21. late co_____er *n.* one of several people who establishes an organization or starts a business
22. pot_____ly affected *adv.* in a possible state or condition; possibly
23. space de___s *n.* broken or torn fragments of something
24. the Pa_____c Ocean *adj.* peaceful in character or intent; tending to lessen or avoid conflict; calm or soothing in manner or tone; (noun, as "Pacific") the largest and deepest of Earth's oceanic divisions
25. alcoholic be_____ges *n.* a drink of any type
26. software pa__h *n.* a small piece of material or fabric used to repair or reinforce a tear, hole, or damaged area; a small plot of land used for cultivation or a specific purpose
27. there is no other alt_____ve *n.* one of two or more available possibilities or choice
28. dis_____le camera *adj.* designed to be used once and then thrown away
29. cr__e construction *n.* a large, tall machine used for moving heavy objects by suspending them from a beam or hook
30. re_____e milk packaging into new paper *v.* to sort and collect things to process them and produce valuable materials that can be used again

ANSWERS: 19. visual, 20. leach, 21. cofounder, 22. potentially, 23. debris, 24. pacific, 25. beverage, 26. patch, 27. alternative, 28. disposable, 29. crane, 30. recycle

31. ma___e insurance *adj.* relating to the sea and the creatures and plants that live there
32. new di_____on *n.* a measurable extent of a particular kind, such as width, height, or length
33. high levels of air po_____on *n.* the introduction of harmful substances or waste into the natural environment that causes adverse change
34. sus_____le alternative fuel *adj.* able to continue or be continued for a long time
35. g__e movement *n.* a circular or spiral motion, particularly a vortex or large-scale system of rotating ocean currents
36. take ini_____ve *n.* the ability to act or make decisions independently and with confidence; a plan or action proposed or taken to address a problem or need
37. save the pl___t *n.* any of the nine large celestial bodies that circle in the solar system; any celestial body that revolves around a star
38. subtropical g__e *n.* a circular or spiral motion, particularly a vortex or large-scale system of rotating ocean currents
39. re__e the materials *v.* to use something again or more than once
40. pr_____y school *adj.* first or highest in rank, order, or importance; most fundamental or essential; pertaining to the initial or introductory stage of something, such as a school year or election cycle

ANSWERS: 31. marine, 32. dimension, 33. pollution, 34. sustainable, 35. gyre, 36. initiative, 37. planet, 38. gyre, 39. reuse, 40. primary

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| 41. raise public aw_____ss | <i>n.</i> the fact or state of knowing something exists and is important |
| 42. fa___t handle | <i>n.</i> a device for controlling the flow of liquid from a pipe |
| 43. s_w with thread | <i>v.</i> to join, fasten, or repair two pieces of something by putting the thread through them with a needle |
| 44. cr__e operator | <i>n.</i> a large, tall machine used for moving heavy objects by suspending them from a beam or hook |
| 45. gas fi___r | <i>n.</i> any of several types of equipment or systems used to separate particles from liquids or gases or to remove specific forms of light |
| 46. bu___t of golf balls | <i>n.</i> an open container with a handle made of metal or plastic, often used for carrying liquids |
| 47. ride the t__e of change | <i>n.</i> the cyclical rise and fall of sea level caused by the moon's gravitational pull |
| 48. re__e existing knowledge | <i>v.</i> to use something again or more than once |
| 49. re___e the company | <i>v.</i> to show that one is not willing to do or accept something |
| 50. shut off the sp___t | <i>n.</i> a valve or faucet used to control the flow of liquid from a container or pipe |
| 51. ge_____te more electricity | <i>v.</i> to produce or create something; to make offspring by reproduction |
| 52. clear in_____on | <i>n.</i> something you want to do and are going to do |

ANSWERS: 41. awareness, 42. faucet, 43. sew, 44. crane, 45. filter, 46. bucket, 47. tide, 48. reuse, 49. refuse, 50. spigot, 51. generate, 52. intention

53. re____ve factors *adj.* considered and evaluated through comparison with something else
54. co____e a large of alcohol *v.* to spend something, especially fuel, energy, or time, in a large amount
55. aw_____ss of my ignorance *n.* the fact or state of knowing something exists and is important
56. pl____t like the Earth *n.* any of the nine large celestial bodies that circle in the solar system; any celestial body that revolves around a star
57. magnetic st__l *n.* a strong metal alloy made up of iron with typically a few tenths of a percent of carbon used for making things that need a strong structure
58. fi_____e in the relationship *n.* a narrow opening or crack, especially in a rock or other hard substance; a division or splitting within a group or organization
59. an und_____ped child *adj.* not fully developed or mature; lacking in progress or advancement
60. st__l beam *n.* a strong metal alloy made up of iron with typically a few tenths of a percent of carbon used for making things that need a strong structure
61. a casting m__d *n.* a hollow container used to give shape to liquid or soft substance, which then becomes solid in the same shape as the container; a soft, green, or gray growth that forms on stale food or objects exposed to warm, moist air for too long

ANSWERS: 53. relative, 54. consume, 55. awareness, 56. planet, 57. steel, 58. fissure, 59. underdeveloped, 60. steel, 61. mold

62. dec_____ion the dam *v.* to take a machine, building, weapon, or other equipment out of use or service, often permanently or due to age or disrepair
63. co_____ed citizen *adj.* feeling worry or interest about something; showing interest or attention
64. co_____e electricity *v.* to spend something, especially fuel, energy, or time, in a large amount
65. in_____on behind his decision *n.* something you want to do and are going to do
66. ep_____al materials *adj.* lasting or used for only a short time
67. food and be_____ge *n.* a drink of any type
68. t__e cycle *n.* the cyclical rise and fall of sea level caused by the moon's gravitational pull
69. mail b_n *n.* a container, usually that has a lid and used for waste
70. an in_____l letter *adj.* of or happening at the beginning; (noun) the first letter of a word, especially a person's name
71. lump of ga_____e *n.* waste material, especially food waste and kitchen refuse
72. ref_____tor magnet *n.* an appliance or device used for preserving and cooling food and beverages by maintaining a low temperature within a closed compartment
73. plenty of ca__o space *n.* the goods carried by ship, aircraft, or other vehicles

ANSWERS: 62. decommission, 63. concerned, 64. consume, 65. intention, 66. ephemeral, 67. beverage, 68. tide, 69. bin, 70. initial, 71. garbage, 72. refrigerator, 73. cargo

84. the power to inc_____te nations *v.* to burn something, especially waste material completely
85. tr__l the Internet for free music *v.* to fish by dragging a net, often along the bottom of the ocean or river; to search or examine something thoroughly, often looking for a specific item or information
86. env_____nt affairs *n.* the natural world such as air, water, and land in which humans, animals, and plants live
87. variety of ma___e life *adj.* relating to the sea and the creatures and plants that live there
88. a c__p of wood *n.* a small fragment of something broken off from the whole; a long and thin piece of potato fried in oil or fat
89. a three-party co_____on *n.* a temporary alliance formed by two or more political parties for combined action; the state of being combined into one body
90. trigger a re_____on *n.* a response that reveals a person's feelings or attitude; (in chemistry) a process in which one or more substances are changed into others
91. plastic co_____er *n.* a receptacle or object used to hold, store, or transport something; a large standardized metal box that is used for transporting goods by sea or land
92. the crosswise di_____on *n.* a measurable extent of a particular kind, such as width, height, or length

ANSWERS: 84. incinerate, 85. trawl, 86. environment, 87. marine, 88. chip, 89. coalition, 90. reaction, 91. container, 92. dimension

93. clogged fi___r *n.* any of several types of equipment or systems used to separate particles from liquids or gases or to remove specific forms of light
94. tr___l for fish *v.* to fish by dragging a net, often along the bottom of the ocean or river; to search or examine something thoroughly, often looking for a specific item or information
95. ins_____ion fee *n.* the act or process of fixing furniture, a machine, or a piece of equipment into position so that it can be used; the act or process of putting into an office or a position
96. ga_____e collection *n.* waste material, especially food waste and kitchen refuse
97. bu___t list *n.* an open container with a handle made of metal or plastic, often used for carrying liquids
98. to___n production *n.* a poisonous substance produced by a living organism, such as a plant, animal, or microorganism; a chemical compound that can cause harm or illness to a living organism
99. to___n exposure *n.* a poisonous substance produced by a living organism, such as a plant, animal, or microorganism; a chemical compound that can cause harm or illness to a living organism
100. ge_____te \$100 a month *v.* to produce or create something; to make offspring by reproduction

ANSWERS: 93. filter, 94. trawl, 95. installation, 96. garbage, 97. bucket, 98. toxin, 99. toxin, 100. generate

101. unload the ca__o *n.* the goods carried by ship, aircraft, or other vehicles
102. empty ref_____tor *n.* an appliance or device used for preserving and cooling food and beverages by maintaining a low temperature within a closed compartment
103. a remote re____ve *adj.* considered and evaluated through comparison with something else
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105. in____l velocity *adj.* of or happening at the beginning; (noun) the first letter of a word, especially a person's name
106. st_____ss sink *adj.* resistant to staining or discoloration; not affected or damaged by contact with dirt, water, or other substances; clean and hygienic
107. create sc_____re *n.* the art of creating three-dimensional objects or forms, typically by carving, modeling, or casting in a variety of materials such as stone, wood, metal, or clay
108. biodegradable pa_____ng *n.* the process, materials, or container used to wrap or contain a product for distribution, storage, or sale; the design or appearance of a product's packaging

ANSWERS: 101. cargo, 102. refrigerator, 103. relative, 104. stem, 105. initial, 106. stainless, 107. sculpture, 108. packaging

109. environmental po_____on *n.* the introduction of harmful substances or waste into the natural environment that causes adverse change
110. a waste b_n *n.* a container, usually that has a lid and used for waste
111. pa_____c-natured disposition *adj.* peaceful in character or intent; tending to lessen or avoid conflict; calm or soothing in manner or tone; (noun, as "Pacific") the largest and deepest of Earth's oceanic divisions
112. chaotic env_____nt *n.* the natural world such as air, water, and land in which humans, animals, and plants live
113. re_____e the cardboard boxes *v.* to sort and collect things to process them and produce valuable materials that can be used again
114. field of vi____l arts *adj.* relating to seeing or sight
115. remain und_____ped *adj.* not fully developed or mature; lacking in progress or advancement
116. co_____er ship *n.* a receptacle or object used to hold, store, or transport something; a large standardized metal box that is used for transporting goods by sea or land
117. an alt_____ve plan *n.* one of two or more available possibilities or choice
118. chemical re_____on *n.* a response that reveals a person's feelings or attitude; (in chemistry) a process in which one or more substances are changed into others

ANSWERS: 109. pollution, 110. bin, 111. pacific, 112. environment, 113. recycle, 114. visual, 115. underdeveloped, 116. container, 117. alternative, 118. reaction

119. details of his pr____al *n.* a formal suggestion or offer, sometimes a written one
120. pa_____ng materials *n.* the process, materials, or container used to wrap or contain a product for distribution, storage, or sale; the design or appearance of a product's packaging
121. pr_____y education *adj.* first or highest in rank, order, or importance; most fundamental or essential; pertaining to the initial or introductory stage of something, such as a school year or election cycle
122. de_____p a skill *v.* to grow or expand; to improve or refine through a process of progress and refinement, often to achieve greater sophistication or complexity; to elaborate or add detail to something that is in the process of being created
123. br__k wall *n.* a rectangular block of baked clay used as a building material
124. an innovative pr____al *n.* a formal suggestion or offer, sometimes a written one
125. official sta_____cs *n.* the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data
126. pile of de____s *n.* broken or torn fragments of something
127. pulmonary fi_____e *n.* a narrow opening or crack, especially in a rock or other hard substance; a division or splitting within a group or organization

ANSWERS: 119. proposal, 120. packaging, 121. primary, 122. develop, 123. brick, 124. proposal, 125. statistics, 126. debris, 127. fissure

128. a water fa___t

n. a device for controlling the flow of liquid from a pipe

ANSWERS: 128. faucet

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. You can open the overhead ____ after landing.
n. a container, usually that has a lid and used for waste
2. The supermarket encourages shoppers to _____ plastic bags.
v. to use something again or more than once
3. Ozone is a primary _____ to protect Earth's surface from harmful UV rays.
n. any of several types of equipment or systems used to separate particles from liquids or gases or to remove specific forms of light
4. We must _____ a new system to streamline our workflow and increase efficiency.
v. to grow or expand; to improve or refine through a process of progress and refinement, often to achieve greater sophistication or complexity; to elaborate or add detail to something that is in the process of being created
5. The _____ for the fragile items was made of sturdy materials and could withstand rough handling during shipping.
n. the process, materials, or container used to wrap or contain a product for distribution, storage, or sale; the design or appearance of a product's packaging
6. The wall was made of hard _____ that had been used for centuries.
n. a rectangular block of baked clay used as a building material
7. I prefer using _____ razors because they are more convenient.
adj. designed to be used once and then thrown away

ANSWERS: 1. bin, 2. reuse, 3. filter, 4. develop, 5. packaging, 6. bricks, 7. disposable

8. The _____ in the rock was too narrow to squeeze through.
n. a narrow opening or crack, especially in a rock or other hard substance; a division or splitting within a group or organization
9. During the war, many _____ ships were converted into battleships.
n. the goods carried by ship, aircraft, or other vehicles
10. Many people in _____ countries need clean water or proper healthcare access.
adj. not fully developed or mature; lacking in progress or advancement
11. The _____ on the outdoor faucet was leaking and needed to be fixed.
n. a valve or faucet used to control the flow of liquid from a container or pipe
12. The restaurant uses large _____ to store its food ingredients.
n. a receptacle or object used to hold, store, or transport something; a large standardized metal box that is used for transporting goods by sea or land
13. The two largest opposition parties announced they would form a _____ in the next elections.
n. a temporary alliance formed by two or more political parties for combined action; the state of being combined into one body
14. He is the _____ and chairman of this tech company.
n. one of several people who establishes an organization or starts a business
15. Doctors are gradually coming around to the idea of using _____ medicines.
n. one of two or more available possibilities or choice

ANSWERS: 8. fissure, 9. cargo, 10. underdeveloped, 11. spigot, 12. containers, 13. coalition, 14. cofounder, 15. alternative

16. The _____ truck will be coming to pick up the trash every Monday morning.
n. waste material, especially food waste and kitchen refuse
17. Overall _____ are approximately 400x200mm.
n. a measurable extent of a particular kind, such as width, height, or length
18. I turned on the _____ to wash my hands.
n. a device for controlling the flow of liquid from a pipe
19. The ancient Greek _____ are known for their realism and attention to detail.
n. the art of creating three-dimensional objects or forms, typically by carving, modeling, or casting in a variety of materials such as stone, wood, metal, or clay
20. They adopted a _____ approach to resolving their differences, emphasizing dialogue and understanding.
adj. peaceful in character or intent; tending to lessen or avoid conflict; calm or soothing in manner or tone; (noun, as "Pacific") the largest and deepest of Earth's oceanic divisions
21. The economic stimulation program would _____ a lot of new jobs.
v. to produce or create something; to make offspring by reproduction
22. I am _____ about the safety of the children playing in the park.
adj. feeling worry or interest about something; showing interest or attention
23. We can use this campaign as a bargaining _____ in the negotiations.
n. a small fragment of something broken off from the whole; a long and thin piece of potato fried in oil or fat

ANSWERS: 16. garbage, 17. dimensions, 18. faucet, 19. sculptures, 20. pacific, 21. generate, 22. concerned, 23. chip

24. The government should do more to support environmentally _____ agriculture.

adj. able to continue or be continued for a long time

25. Mercury is the closest _____ to the sun.

n. any of the nine large celestial bodies that circle in the solar system; any celestial body that revolves around a star

26. We largely _____ the circuit board of cell phones because they contain a lot of valuable metals.

v. to sort and collect things to process them and produce valuable materials that can be used again

27. Red _____ is often harmful to the local ecosystem.

n. the cyclical rise and fall of sea level caused by the moon's gravitational pull

28. The _____ demonstrate that poverty and unemployment are genuine problems.

n. the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data

29. There has been a gradual but steady rise in environmental _____.

n. the fact or state of knowing something exists and is important

30. There was a chemical _____ of the lime with the groundwater.

n. a response that reveals a person's feelings or attitude; (in chemistry) a process in which one or more substances are changed into others

31. She filled a _____ with water and carried it back to the house.

n. an open container with a handle made of metal or plastic, often used for carrying liquids

ANSWERS: 24. sustainable, 25. planet, 26. recycle, 27. tide, 28. statistics, 29. awareness, 30. reaction, 31. bucket

32. The _____ is endangering the local plants and animals.
- n.* the introduction of harmful substances or waste into the natural environment that causes adverse change
33. The _____ cause of the accident was due to the icy road conditions.
- adj.* first or highest in rank, order, or importance; most fundamental or essential; pertaining to the initial or introductory stage of something, such as a school year or election cycle
34. The teacher's _____ to start a school garden project was met with enthusiasm from the students.
- n.* the ability to act or make decisions independently and with confidence; a plan or action proposed or taken to address a problem or need
35. For safety reasons, we must completely _____ contaminated protective clothing.
- v.* to burn something, especially waste material completely
36. A rose has thorns on its _____.
- n.* the central part of something from which other parts can develop or grow; the part of a word common to all its inflected variants; (verb) to grow out of, have roots in, or originate in
37. A smaller car will _____ less fuel.
- v.* to spend something, especially fuel, energy, or time, in a large amount
38. The building makes a remarkable _____ impact.
- adj.* relating to seeing or sight
39. Marine _____ is a major continuous global problem.
- n.* broken or torn fragments of something

ANSWERS: 32. pollution, 33. primary, 34. initiative, 35. incinerate, 36. stem, 37. consume, 38. visual, 39. debris

40. His success as a famous actor was _____.

adj. lasting or used for only a short time

41. The Queen attested the _____ of state ministers to their portfolios.

n. the act or process of fixing furniture, a machine, or a piece of equipment into position so that it can be used; the act or process of putting into an office or a position

42. I need to sew a _____ onto my jeans that ripped.

n. a small piece of material or fabric used to repair or reinforce a tear, hole, or damaged area; a small plot of land used for cultivation or a specific purpose

43. Mold exposure can release dangerous _____ into the air.

n. a poisonous substance produced by a living organism, such as a plant, animal, or microorganism; a chemical compound that can cause harm or illness to a living organism

44. Bring a snack or _____ to satisfy your appetite.

n. a drink of any type

45. Every human is responsible for taking care of the Earth's _____.

n. the natural world such as air, water, and land in which humans, animals, and plants live

46. This bridge is the third largest _____ bridge in the world.

n. a strong metal alloy made up of iron with typically a few tenths of a percent of carbon used for making things that need a strong structure

47. My initial reaction was to _____.

v. to show that one is not willing to do or accept something

ANSWERS: 40. ephemeral, 41. installation, 42. patch, 43. toxins, 44. beverage, 45. environment, 46. steel, 47. refuse

48. Mushrooms and _____ are fungi.

- n.* a hollow container used to give shape to liquid or soft substance, which then becomes solid in the same shape as the container; a soft, green, or gray growth that forms on stale food or objects exposed to warm, moist air for too long

49. After years of protests from environmental activists, the government decided to _____ the nuclear power plant.

- v.* to take a machine, building, weapon, or other equipment out of use or service, often permanently or due to age or disrepair

50. _____ elections were held in several European countries.

- adj.* belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use

51. The chemicals from the landfill have begun to _____ into the groundwater.

- v.* to remove or drain away something from a material, usually by seeping or filtering, such as chemicals from soil or minerals from rock

52. Most countries prohibit sexual activity between certain close _____.

- adj.* considered and evaluated through comparison with something else

53. They took the _____ step toward reconciliation.

- adj.* of or happening at the beginning; (noun) the first letter of a word, especially a person's name

54. Videos documenting the process of creating this pencil _____ have been popular worldwide.

- n.* the pieces of art, such as pictures and photographs used in books, magazines, etc.

ANSWERS: 48. mold, 49. decommission, 50. Communal, 51. leach, 52. relatives, 53. initial, 54. artwork

55. Our skeleton outline of the _____ met with much opposition.
n. a formal suggestion or offer, sometimes a written one
56. Don't forget to put the eggs in the _____ after you've used them.
n. an appliance or device used for preserving and cooling food and beverages by maintaining a low temperature within a closed compartment
57. The trash caught in the _____ in the ocean, forming a massive garbage patch.
n. a circular or spiral motion, particularly a vortex or large-scale system of rotating ocean currents
58. The kitchen appliances were all _____ steel, making the space modern and sleek.
adj. resistant to staining or discoloration; not affected or damaged by contact with dirt, water, or other substances; clean and hygienic
59. The construction workers used a _____ to lift the heavy beams.
n. a large, tall machine used for moving heavy objects by suspending them from a beam or hook
60. Our CEO's _____ are always transparent and straightforward.
n. something you want to do and are going to do
61. My mother taught me how to _____.
v. to join, fasten, or repair two pieces of something by putting the thread through them with a needle
62. Seals and whales are _____ animals beloved by the people.
adj. relating to the sea and the creatures and plants that live there

ANSWERS: 55. proposal, 56. refrigerator, 57. gyre, 58. stainless, 59. crane, 60. intentions, 61. sew, 62. marine

63. The fisherman used a net to _____ the bottom of the river for his catch.

- v.* to fish by dragging a net, often along the bottom of the ocean or river; to search or examine something thoroughly, often looking for a specific item or information

64. The organization assisted in the de-escalation of _____ violent situations.

- adv.* in a possible state or condition; possibly

ANSWERS: 63. trawl, 64. potentially