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Session 1: Word List

nonverbal

adj. not involving or using spoken or written language; communicated through body language, facial expression, or other means besides language

synonym : silent, mute, unspoken

(1) **nonverbal** communication, (2) **nonverbal** signal

Many communication skills rely on **nonverbal** cues such as body language and facial expressions.

trait

n. a particular feature of your nature

synonym : attribute, feature, quality

(1) chemical **trait**, (2) personality **traits**

Multiple genes may influence behavioral **traits** concurrently.

nerd

n. a person who is very interested in and knowledgeable about a particular subject such as computers, mathematics, chess, etc.

synonym : geek, techie, wonk

(1) a computer **nerd**, (2) **nerd** neck

He was, by nature, a cyber **nerd**.

hands-on

adj. actively involved, practical; having hands involved in the doing or making of something

synonym : practical, involved, hands-in

(1) **hands-on** activity, (2) take a **hands-on** approach
The **hands-on** workshop allowed attendees to work with tools and materials, developing their skills in a hands-on environment.

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.

chute

n. a steep, narrow slide or passage, often used for moving objects or people quickly and safely from a higher to a lower level; a channel or pathway that guides the flow of material, usually in a controlled manner

synonym: slide, ramp

(1) garbage **chute**, (2) escape **chute**

The laundry **chute** in the apartment building allows residents to drop their dirty clothes into the laundry room easily.

steeple

n. a tall, often pointed structure, typically found on top of a church or other building and often serves as a landmark

synonym: spire, tower, belfry

(1) lower case **steeple**, (2) **steeple** silhouette

The church's **steeple** reached high into the sky, making it a prominent landmark in the town.

generalize

v. to make something, such as a theory, idea, etc., more widespread or widely applicable based on what is true in some cases

synonym: conclude, derive, extrapolate

(1) **generalize** Kepler's first law, (2) **generalize** sophisticatedly

It's dangerous to **generalize** about people.

thunderstorm

n. a storm with lightning and thunder, typically with heavy rain and strong gusts of wind

synonym : tempest, lightning storm, deluge

(1) severe **thunderstorms**, (2) **thunderstorm** advisory

The forecast called for a chance of **thunderstorms** in the afternoon.

improvisation

n. the act of making something up on the spot or creating or performing something without preparation

synonym : spontaneity, ad-lib, extemporization

(1) **improvisation** on stage, (2) jazz **improvisation**

He created a beautiful piece of music using only **improvisation**.

tensor

n. (of anatomy) a muscle that causes a part of the body to become tense or tight, thereby exerting a pulling or stretching force; (of physics) a mathematical object or vector that describes the direction and intensity of a physical force or quantity in a multi-dimensional space

synonym : tendon, sinew, muscle

(1) **tensor** fasciae latae, (2) **tensor** calculus

The **tensor** muscle helps in controlling the movement of the vocal cords.

mantis

n. a type of predatory insect known for its distinctive front legs that are bent in a way that resembles a praying posture

synonym : insect, predator, bug

(1) **mantis** predator, (2) narrow-winged **mantis**

The praying **mantis** was an exciting subject for the biology class.

scotch

v. to put an end to or stop something from happening or continuing; to prevent, hinder or restrain something or someone from doing or achieving something; (noun, Scotch) things or people from Scotland, which is a country located in the United Kingdom

synonym :

halt, stop, block

(1) **scotch** any further debate, (2) **scotch** the deal
I need to **scotch** these rumors before they spread any further.

dyslexia

n. a neurological condition that affects a person's ability to read, write, and spell, often despite normal or above-average intelligence, effective teaching, and adequate motivation, which is characterized by difficulty in the phonological coding of written words, poor phonological awareness, and poor reading fluency and decoding skills

synonym: reading disability, word blindness, dysgraphia

(1) student with **dyslexia**, (2) diagnosis of **dyslexia**
Educators need to understand how **dyslexia** affects students' reading abilities.

gadget

n. a small tool or device that is useful for a particular job

synonym: appliance, gimmick, device

(1) a handy **gadget**, (2) time-saving **gadget**
I found the kitchen **gadget** that will serve as a bottle opener in the store.

beforehand

adv. ahead of time; in advance

synonym: in advance, preceding, earlier

(1) take a seat **beforehand**, (2) three months **beforehand**
She packed her sunscreen **beforehand** to remember it on the beach trip.

hydrant

n. a pipe with a valve and spout, usually located on streets and used for drawing water, especially for firefighting purposes

synonym: fireplug, tap, spigot

(1) **hydrant** valve, (2) fire **hydrant**
The residents reported a leaky **hydrant** in their community, prompting the city to dispatch a maintenance crew

- foe** *n.* an enemy or opponent; someone or something that is opposed to or in conflict with another
synonym: enemy, adversary, opponent
(1) a political **foe**, (2) bitter **foe**
The superhero's arch- **foe** was an evil mastermind who always got away.
- veterinarian** *n.* (formal for a vet) a medical professional who specializes in the care and treatment of animals, especially those that are domesticated or kept as pets
synonym: vet, animal doctor, pet doctor
(1) **veterinarian** clinic, (2) experienced **veterinarian**
I took my pet to the **veterinarian** for a routine check-up.
- troubleshoot** *v.* to identify and solve problems or difficulties, particularly in mechanical or technical systems or situations
synonym: diagnose, fix, repair
(1) **troubleshoot** network issues, (2) **troubleshoot** software problems
I need to **troubleshoot** why my computer keeps freezing.
- categorize** *v.* to put people or things into groups according to their features, types, etc.
synonym: classify, pigeonhole, sort
(1) **categorize** the image, (2) **categorize** the cause of failure
The biologist **categorized** the viruses into four groups.
- wreck** *n.* a ship that has sunk or has been destroyed; a vehicle that has been badly damaged in an accident
synonym: collapse, destruction, devastation
(1) the house was a **wreck**, (2) a worthless **wreck**
The divers accidentally discovered a **wreck** on the ocean floor.
- steer** *v.* to control the direction or movement of a vehicle; to direct a course of action; to guide or motivate someone

synonym : guide, direct, control

(1) **steer** a steady course, (2) **steer** a conversation

The captain told him to **steer** the ship north.

geeky

adj. characterized by an intense interest or expertise in a particular subject or hobby, sometimes to the detriment of social skills or other interests

synonym : nerdy, dorky

(1) **geeky** gadgets, (2) **geeky** interests

He had a **geeky** sense of humor and loved to make puns.

goofy

adj. silly or foolish

synonym : silly, crazy, dopey

(1) wore a **goofy** hat, (2) with a **goofy** expression

He made a **goofy** face as he recalled this morning's events.

trade-off

n. a balance achieved between two desirable but incompatible features; an exchange that occurs as a compromise

synonym : compromise, balance, exchange

(1) **trade-off** problem, (2) environmental **trade-off**

There was a **trade-off** between speed and accuracy in the task.

mill

n. a person who operates a mill (= a plant consisting of one or more buildings with facilities for manufacturing), especially a grain mill

synonym : grinder, pulverizer, crusher

(1) **mill** flour, (2) water **mill**

The **mill's** work was a vital component of the local economy, providing flour to the bakeries and farmers in the area.

Alzheimer

n. a neurodegenerative disease that causes memory loss, cognitive decline, and behavioral issues; is the most common cause of dementia in older adults

synonym : dementia, memory loss, cognitive decline

(1) **Alzheimer's** brain, (2) **Alzheimer's** risk factors

My grandmother has **Alzheimer's** disease requires special care and attention from her caregivers.

frontal

adj. relating to the front; situated at or directed towards the front; frontal can also refer to a meteorological term for a weather system that is moving from west to east

synonym : anterior, fore, forward

(1) **frontal** assault, (2) **frontal** attack

He suffered a severe **frontal** collision in the car accident.

lobe

n. a rounded projection or division, especially of the brain, lung, or liver

synonym : part, section, division

(1) **lobe** of the liver, (2) frontal **lobe**

The lungs are divided into five **lobes**.

dementia

n. a severe decline in cognitive function, especially memory, as a result of disease or injury

synonym : cognitive decline, memory loss, Alzheimer's disease

(1) **dementia** patients, (2) probably have **dementia**

The study found that regular exercise can help to prevent the onset of **dementia** in older age.

eddy

n. a circular current of water or air that flows in the opposite direction to the main current, causing a small whirlpool; a current of opinion, activity, or trend that goes against the main current

synonym : whirlpool, vortex, swirl

(1) **eddy** of water, (2) **eddy** of leaves

Unfortunately, the swirling **eddy** in the river made it difficult to swim.

turbulence

n. a state of great disturbance, confusion, or uncertainty, often accompanied by violent or disruptive activity or behavior, such as air turbulence during a flight

synonym : choppiness, tumult, agitation

(1) financial **turbulence**, (2) emotional **turbulence**

The ride on the rollercoaster was full of dips and turns, creating a feeling of **turbulence**.

tungsten

n. a hard, dense metallic element with the symbol W (from its German name, Wolfram) and atomic number 74, which has high melting and boiling points, often used in electrical wiring, light bulb filaments, and other high-stress applications

synonym: W, Wolfram

(1) **tungsten** carbide, (2) **tungsten** filament

Tungsten electrodes are used in welding applications due to their high melting point and conductivity

writ

n. a written legal order or command

synonym: legal document, order, legal process

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

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

sew

v. to join, fasten, or repair two pieces of something by putting the thread through them with a needle

synonym: stitch, darn, tailor

(1) **sew** with thread, (2) **sew** a button

My mother taught me how to **sew**.

intern

v. to put someone in prison, especially for political or military reasons; (noun) a student or trainee who works, sometimes for free, to get work experience or to fulfill qualification criteria

synonym: apprentice, trainee, student

(1) **intern** civilians, (2) medical **intern**

The navy **interned** ships of defeated nations.

fixate

v. to focus one's attention or become overly obsessed with someone or something; to become mentally obsessed or preoccupied with a particular idea, thought, or image

synonym : obsess, fix, concentrate

(1) **fixate** on a problem, (2) **fixate** on a picture

She tends to **fixate** on small details, often losing sight of the bigger picture.

accredit

v. to give official recognition or approval to an individual, organization, or educational institution; to attribute something to a particular source or cause

synonym : authorize, endorse, validate

(1) **accredit** certification organizations, (2) **accredit** a course

The university will **accredit** the new college if it meets its standards.

industrious

adj. hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort

synonym : diligent, hardworking, assiduous

(1) **industrious** worker, (2) **industrious** student

He was known to be very **industrious** and would often work late into the night.

quote

v. to repeat or reproduce the words or statement of someone else, often acknowledging the source; to give an estimated cost or price for goods or services

synonym : cite, reference, mention

(1) **quote** a source, (2) **quote** a price

In his speech, he **quoted** a famous philosopher to emphasize his point.

eradicate

v. to get rid of or destroy something completely, especially something bad

synonym : destroy, eliminate, exterminate

(1) **eradicate** the deficit, (2) **eradicate** racial discrimination

We are trying to **eradicate** this disease from the world.

socialism

n. a political and economic theory or system that advocates for the collective ownership and control of the means of production and distribution of goods, aiming

for a more equitable and just society; a system that aims to reduce economic inequalities and prioritize the welfare of the community as a whole

synonym: communism, collectivism, equality

(1) non-Marxist **socialism**, (2) the rise of **socialism**

The professor held a seminar on the principles of democratic **socialism** and its impact on modern European countries.

spear

n. a weapon with a long shaft and a sharp metal point used for battle, hunting, and fishing in the past

synonym: javelin, pike, lance

(1) hunting **spear**, (2) sharp-pointed **spear**

Ancient people made **spears** with wood entirely.

poke

v. to push or prod with a sharp object or the finger

synonym: prod, jab, push

(1) **poke** around the desk, (2) **poke** a fire

They **poked** fun at each other's jokes, laughing and teasing.

prod

v. to poke or jab with a pointed object, often to urge or encourage movement or action; to provoke or stimulate someone to take action or respond in a particular way

synonym: poke, jab, nudge

(1) **prod** him into action, (2) **prod** him with a stick

She used a stick to **prod** the fire and make it burn brighter.

astonished

adj. extremely surprised and upset

synonym: amazed, dumbfounded, flabbergasted

(1) **astonished** at the success, (2) cast **astonished** eyes

She was **astonished** by the news and could hardly believe it.

excite

v. to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager

synonym: thrill, exhilarate, animate

(1) **excite** the crowd, (2) **excite** rebellion

The news of her promotion **excited** her.

Session 2: Spelling

1. a computer n__d *n.* a person who is very interested in and knowledgeable about a particular subject such as computers, mathematics, chess, etc.
2. personality tr__ts *n.* a particular feature of your nature
3. no_____al communication *adj.* not involving or using spoken or written language; communicated through body language, facial expression, or other means besides language
4. ind_____us worker *adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
5. p__d him with a stick *v.* to poke or jab with a pointed object, often to urge or encourage movement or action; to provoke or stimulate someone to take action or respond in a particular way
6. narrow-winged ma____s *n.* a type of predatory insect known for its distinctive front legs that are bent in a way that resembles a praying posture
7. student with dy_____ia *n.* a neurological condition that affects a person's ability to read, write, and spell, often despite normal or above-average intelligence, effective teaching, and adequate motivation, which is characterized by difficulty in the phonological coding of written words, poor phonological awareness, and poor reading fluency and decoding skills

ANSWERS: 1. nerd, 2. trait, 3. nonverbal, 4. industrious, 5. prod, 6. mantis, 7. dyslexia

8. de____ia patients *n.* a severe decline in cognitive function, especially memory, as a result of disease or injury
9. tro_____oot software problems *v.* to identify and solve problems or difficulties, particularly in mechanical or technical systems or situations
10. the rise of so_____sm *n.* a political and economic theory or system that advocates for the collective ownership and control of the means of production and distribution of goods, aiming for a more equitable and just society; a system that aims to reduce economic inequalities and prioritize the welfare of the community as a whole
11. s_w with thread *v.* to join, fasten, or repair two pieces of something by putting the thread through them with a needle
12. experienced vet_____ian *n.* (formal for a vet) a medical professional who specializes in the care and treatment of animals, especially those that are domesticated or kept as pets
13. issue a w__t *n.* a written legal order or command
14. te___r calculus *n.* (of anatomy) a muscle that causes a part of the body to become tense or tight, thereby exerting a pulling or stretching force; (of physics) a mathematical object or vector that describes the direction and intensity of a physical force or quantity in a multi-dimensional space

ANSWERS: 8. dementia, 9. troubleshoot, 10. socialism, 11. sew, 12. veterinarian, 13. writ, 14. tensor

23. chemical tr__t *n.* a particular feature of your nature
24. ma___s predator *n.* a type of predatory insect known for its distinctive front legs that are bent in a way that resembles a praying posture
25. probably have de_____ia *n.* a severe decline in cognitive function, especially memory, as a result of disease or injury
26. 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
27. take a ha_____on approach *adj.* actively involved, practical; having hands involved in the doing or making of something
28. l__e of the liver *n.* a rounded projection or division, especially of the brain, lung, or liver
29. cat_____ze the image *v.* to put people or things into groups according to their features, types, etc.
30. ast_____ed at the success *adj.* extremely surprised and upset
31. non-Marxist so_____sm *n.* a political and economic theory or system that advocates for the collective ownership and control of the means of production and distribution of goods, aiming for a more equitable and just society; a system that aims to reduce economic inequalities and prioritize the welfare of the community as a whole
32. sc___h any further debate *v.* to put an end to or stop something from happening or continuing; to prevent, hinder or restrain something or someone from doing or achieving something; (noun, Scotch) things or people from Scotland, which is a country located in the United Kingdom

ANSWERS: 23. trait, 24. mantis, 25. dementia, 26. balk, 27. hands-on, 28. lobe, 29. categorize, 30. astonished, 31. socialism, 32. scotch

33. ex___e the crowd *v.* to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager
34. tr_____ff problem *n.* a balance achieved between two desirable but incompatible features; an exchange that occurs as a compromise
35. in___n civilians *v.* to put someone in prison, especially for political or military reasons; (noun) a student or trainee who works, sometimes for free, to get work experience or to fulfill qualification criteria
36. p__d him into action *v.* to poke or jab with a pointed object, often to urge or encourage movement or action; to provoke or stimulate someone to take action or respond in a particular way
37. diagnosis of dy_____ia *n.* a neurological condition that affects a person's ability to read, write, and spell, often despite normal or above-average intelligence, effective teaching, and adequate motivation, which is characterized by difficulty in the phonological coding of written words, poor phonological awareness, and poor reading fluency and decoding skills
38. ind_____us student *adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
39. ware a go__y hat *adj.* silly or foolish
40. three months bef_____nd *adv.* ahead of time; in advance

ANSWERS: 33. excite, 34. trade-off, 35. intern, 36. prod, 37. dyslexia, 38. industrious, 39. goofy, 40. beforehand

41. tu____en carbide *n.* a hard, dense metallic element with the symbol W (from its German name, Wolfram) and atomic number 74, which has high melting and boiling points, often used in electrical wiring, light bulb filaments, and other high-stress applications
42. a w__t of summons *n.* a written legal order or command
43. hy____t valve *n.* a pipe with a valve and spout, usually located on streets and used for drawing water, especially for firefighting purposes
44. fi___e on a picture *v.* to focus one's attention or become overly obsessed with someone or something; to become mentally obsessed or preoccupied with a particular idea, thought, or image
45. a handy ga___t *n.* a small tool or device that is useful for a particular job
46. cat_____ze the cause of failure *v.* to put people or things into groups according to their features, types, etc.
47. st__r a conversation *v.* to control the direction or movement of a vehicle; to direct a course of action; to guide or motivate someone
48. environmental tr_____ff *n.* a balance achieved between two desirable but incompatible features; an exchange that occurs as a compromise
49. escape ch__e *n.* a steep, narrow slide or passage, often used for moving objects or people quickly and safely from a higher to a lower level; a channel or pathway that guides the flow of material, usually in a controlled manner

ANSWERS: 41. tungsten, 42. writ, 43. hydrant, 44. fixate, 45. gadget, 46. categorize, 47. steer, 48. trade-off, 49. chute

50. ac____it certification organizations *v.* to give official recognition or approval to an individual, organization, or educational institution; to attribute something to a particular source or cause
51. ge__y gadgets *adj.* characterized by an intense interest or expertise in a particular subject or hobby, sometimes to the detriment of social skills or other interests
52. p__e around the desk *v.* to push or prod with a sharp object or the finger
53. tro_____oot network issues *v.* to identify and solve problems or difficulties, particularly in mechanical or technical systems or situations
54. no_____al signal *adj.* not involving or using spoken or written language; communicated through body language, facial expression, or other means besides language
55. cast ast_____ed eyes *adj.* extremely surprised and upset
56. sharp-pointed sp__r *n.* a weapon with a long shaft and a sharp metal point used for battle, hunting, and fishing in the past
57. fire hy_____t *n.* a pipe with a valve and spout, usually located on streets and used for drawing water, especially for firefighting purposes
58. fr_____l attack *adj.* relating to the front; situated at or directed towards the front; frontal can also refer to a meteorological term for a weather system that is moving from west to east

ANSWERS: 50. accredit, 51. geeky, 52. poke, 53. troubleshoot, 54. nonverbal, 55. astonished, 56. spear, 57. hydrant, 58. frontal

65. financial tur_____ce *n.* a state of great disturbance, confusion, or uncertainty, often accompanied by violent or disruptive activity or behavior, such as air turbulence during a flight
66. gen_____ze sophisticatedly *v.* to make something, such as a theory, idea, etc., more widespread or widely applicable based on what is true in some cases
67. jazz imp_____ion *n.* the act of making something up on the spot or creating or performing something without preparation
68. fi___e on a problem *v.* to focus one's attention or become overly obsessed with someone or something; to become mentally obsessed or preoccupied with a particular idea, thought, or image
69. ex___e rebellion *v.* to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager
70. p___e a fire *v.* to push or prod with a sharp object or the finger
71. ge__y interests *adj.* characterized by an intense interest or expertise in a particular subject or hobby, sometimes to the detriment of social skills or other interests
72. s_w a button *v.* to join, fasten, or repair two pieces of something by putting the thread through them with a needle
73. a worthless wr__k *n.* a ship that has sunk or has been destroyed; a vehicle that has been badly damaged in an accident

ANSWERS: 65. turbulence, 66. generalize, 67. improvisation, 68. fixate, 69. excite, 70. poke, 71. geeky, 72. sew, 73. wreck

74. e__y of water *n.* a circular current of water or air that flows in the opposite direction to the main current, causing a small whirlpool; a current of opinion, activity, or trend that goes against the main current
75. take a seat bef_____nd *adv.* ahead of time; in advance
76. e__y of leaves *n.* a circular current of water or air that flows in the opposite direction to the main current, causing a small whirlpool; a current of opinion, activity, or trend that goes against the main current
77. gen_____ze Kepler's first law *v.* to make something, such as a theory, idea, etc., more widespread or widely applicable based on what is true in some cases
78. frontal l__e *n.* a rounded projection or division, especially of the brain, lung, or liver
79. st_____e silhouette *n.* a tall, often pointed structure, typically found on top of a church or other building and often serves as a landmark
80. n__d neck *n.* a person who is very interested in and knowledgeable about a particular subject such as computers, mathematics, chess, etc.
81. st__r a steady course *v.* to control the direction or movement of a vehicle; to direct a course of action; to guide or motivate someone
82. er_____te the deficit *v.* to get rid of or destroy something completely, especially something bad

ANSWERS: 74. eddy, 75. beforehand, 76. eddy, 77. generalize, 78. lobe, 79. steeple, 80. nerd, 81. steer, 82. eradicate

91. the house was a wr__k *n.* a ship that has sunk or has been destroyed; a vehicle that has been badly damaged in an accident
92. lower case st____e *n.* a tall, often pointed structure, typically found on top of a church or other building and often serves as a landmark
93. severe thu_____orms *n.* a storm with lightning and thunder, typically with heavy rain and strong gusts of wind
94. er_____te racial discrimination *v.* to get rid of or destroy something completely, especially something bad
95. vet_____ian clinic *n.* (formal for a vet) a medical professional who specializes in the care and treatment of animals, especially those that are domesticated or kept as pets
96. Al_____er's brain *n.* a neurodegenerative disease that causes memory loss, cognitive decline, and behavioral issues; is the most common cause of dementia in older adults

ANSWERS: 91. wreck, 92. steeple, 93. thunderstorm, 94. eradicate, 95. veterinarian, 96. Alzheimer

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The ride on the rollercoaster was full of dips and turns, creating a feeling of _____.
n. a state of great disturbance, confusion, or uncertainty, often accompanied by violent or disruptive activity or behavior, such as air turbulence during a flight
2. He was served with a _____ of eviction, giving him the notice to vacate the property.
n. a written legal order or command
3. My grandmother has _____ disease requires special care and attention from her caregivers.
n. a neurodegenerative disease that causes memory loss, cognitive decline, and behavioral issues; is the most common cause of dementia in older adults
4. The navy _____ ships of defeated nations.
v. to put someone in prison, especially for political or military reasons; (noun) a student or trainee who works, sometimes for free, to get work experience or to fulfill qualification criteria
5. The _____ muscle helps in controlling the movement of the vocal cords.
n. (of anatomy) a muscle that causes a part of the body to become tense or tight, thereby exerting a pulling or stretching force; (of physics) a mathematical object or vector that describes the direction and intensity of a physical force or quantity in a multi-dimensional space
6. The church's _____ reached high into the sky, making it a prominent landmark in the town.
n. a tall, often pointed structure, typically found on top of a church or other building and often serves as a landmark

ANSWERS: 1. turbulence, 2. writ, 3. Alzheimer's, 4. interned, 5. tensor, 6. steeple

7. They _____ fun at each other's jokes, laughing and teasing.
- v.* to push or prod with a sharp object or the finger
8. I found the kitchen _____ that will serve as a bottle opener in the store.
- n.* a small tool or device that is useful for a particular job
9. The _____ workshop allowed attendees to work with tools and materials, developing their skills in a hands-on environment.
- adj.* actively involved, practical; having hands involved in the doing or making of something
10. Unfortunately, the swirling _____ in the river made it difficult to swim.
- n.* a circular current of water or air that flows in the opposite direction to the main current, causing a small whirlpool; a current of opinion, activity, or trend that goes against the main current
11. The lungs are divided into five _____.
- n.* a rounded projection or division, especially of the brain, lung, or liver
12. She used a stick to _____ the fire and make it burn brighter.
- v.* to poke or jab with a pointed object, often to urge or encourage movement or action; to provoke or stimulate someone to take action or respond in a particular way
13. _____ electrodes are used in welding applications due to their high melting point and conductivity
- n.* a hard, dense metallic element with the symbol W (from its German name, Wolfram) and atomic number 74, which has high melting and boiling points, often used in electrical wiring, light bulb filaments, and other high-stress applications

ANSWERS: 7. poked, 8. gadget, 9. hands-on, 10. eddy, 11. lobes, 12. prod, 13. Tungsten

14. Educators need to understand how _____ affects students' reading abilities.
- n.* a neurological condition that affects a person's ability to read, write, and spell, often despite normal or above-average intelligence, effective teaching, and adequate motivation, which is characterized by difficulty in the phonological coding of written words, poor phonological awareness, and poor reading fluency and decoding skills
15. The biologist _____ the viruses into four groups.
- v.* to put people or things into groups according to their features, types, etc.
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- n.* (formal for a vet) a medical professional who specializes in the care and treatment of animals, especially those that are domesticated or kept as pets
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- v.* to give official recognition or approval to an individual, organization, or educational institution; to attribute something to a particular source or cause
18. The news of her promotion _____ her.
- v.* to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager
19. The praying _____ was an exciting subject for the biology class.
- n.* a type of predatory insect known for its distinctive front legs that are bent in a way that resembles a praying posture
20. 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
21. The forecast called for a chance of _____ in the afternoon.
- n.* a storm with lightning and thunder, typically with heavy rain and strong gusts of wind

ANSWERS: 14. dyslexia, 15. categorized, 16. veterinarian, 17. accredit, 18. excited, 19. mantis, 20. sew, 21. thunderstorms

22. He suffered a severe _____ collision in the car accident.

adj. relating to the front; situated at or directed towards the front; frontal can also refer to a meteorological term for a weather system that is moving from west to east

23. I need to _____ why my computer keeps freezing.

v. to identify and solve problems or difficulties, particularly in mechanical or technical systems or situations

24. The _____ work was a vital component of the local economy, providing flour to the bakeries and farmers in the area.

n. a person who operates a mill (= a plant consisting of one or more buildings with facilities for manufacturing), especially a grain mill

25. He made a _____ face as he recalled this morning's events.

adj. silly or foolish

26. She tends to _____ on small details, often losing sight of the bigger picture.

v. to focus one's attention or become overly obsessed with someone or something; to become mentally obsessed or preoccupied with a particular idea, thought, or image

27. It's dangerous to _____ about people.

v. to make something, such as a theory, idea, etc., more widespread or widely applicable based on what is true in some cases

28. I need to _____ these rumors before they spread any further.

v. to put an end to or stop something from happening or continuing; to prevent, hinder or restrain something or someone from doing or achieving something; (noun, Scotch) things or people from Scotland, which is a country located in the United Kingdom

ANSWERS: 22. frontal, 23. troubleshoot, 24. miller's, 25. goofy, 26. fixate, 27. generalize, 28. scotch

29. He created a beautiful piece of music using only _____.
- n.* the act of making something up on the spot or creating or performing something without preparation
30. There was a _____ between speed and accuracy in the task.
- n.* a balance achieved between two desirable but incompatible features; an exchange that occurs as a compromise
31. The laundry _____ in the apartment building allows residents to drop their dirty clothes into the laundry room easily.
- n.* a steep, narrow slide or passage, often used for moving objects or people quickly and safely from a higher to a lower level; a channel or pathway that guides the flow of material, usually in a controlled manner
32. The captain told him to _____ the ship north.
- v.* to control the direction or movement of a vehicle; to direct a course of action; to guide or motivate someone
33. The professor held a seminar on the principles of democratic _____ and its impact on modern European countries.
- n.* a political and economic theory or system that advocates for the collective ownership and control of the means of production and distribution of goods, aiming for a more equitable and just society; a system that aims to reduce economic inequalities and prioritize the welfare of the community as a whole
34. Many communication skills rely on _____ cues such as body language and facial expressions.
- adj.* not involving or using spoken or written language; communicated through body language, facial expression, or other means besides language

ANSWERS: 29. improvisation, 30. trade-off, 31. chute, 32. steer, 33. socialism, 34. nonverbal

35. He was, by nature, a cyber _____.

- n.* a person who is very interested in and knowledgeable about a particular subject such as computers, mathematics, chess, etc.

36. Ancient people made _____ with wood entirely.

- n.* a weapon with a long shaft and a sharp metal point used for battle, hunting, and fishing in the past

37. The divers accidentally discovered a _____ on the ocean floor.

- n.* a ship that has sunk or has been destroyed; a vehicle that has been badly damaged in an accident

38. The residents reported a leaky _____ in their community, prompting the city to dispatch a maintenance crew

- n.* a pipe with a valve and spout, usually located on streets and used for drawing water, especially for firefighting purposes

39. 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

40. Multiple genes may influence behavioral _____ concurrently.

- n.* a particular feature of your nature

41. In his speech, he _____ a famous philosopher to emphasize his point.

- v.* to repeat or reproduce the words or statement of someone else, often acknowledging the source; to give an estimated cost or price for goods or services

42. He was known to be very _____ and would often work late into the night.

- adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort

ANSWERS: 35. nerd, 36. spears, 37. wreck, 38. hydrant, 39. balk, 40. traits, 41. quoted, 42. industrious

43. We are trying to _____ this disease from the world.

v. to get rid of or destroy something completely, especially something bad

44. The study found that regular exercise can help to prevent the onset of _____ in older age.

n. a severe decline in cognitive function, especially memory, as a result of disease or injury

45. The superhero's arch-____ was an evil mastermind who always got away.

n. an enemy or opponent; someone or something that is opposed to or in conflict with another

46. She packed her sunscreen _____ to remember it on the beach trip.

adv. ahead of time; in advance

47. He had a _____ sense of humor and loved to make puns.

adj. characterized by an intense interest or expertise in a particular subject or hobby, sometimes to the detriment of social skills or other interests

48. She was _____ by the news and could hardly believe it.

adj. extremely surprised and upset

ANSWERS: 43. eradicate, 44. dementia, 45. foe, 46. beforehand, 47. geeky, 48. astonished