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Session 1: Word List

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.

upbringing

n. the conditions and experiences in which a child is cared for and taught, especially in relation to their moral and social development

synonym: childhood, background, nurturing

(1) Catholic **upbringing**, (2) family **upbringing**

His strict **upbringing** instilled in him a strong sense of responsibility.

amazing

adj. extremely surprising, especially in a way that you like or admire

synonym: exceptional, extraordinary, wonderful

(1) **amazing** advances, (2) the most **amazing** feeling

The golfer recorded an **amazing** distance.

cape

n. a type of long, loose outer garment that covers the back, shoulders, and arms; a headland or promontory extending into the sea or other large body of water

synonym: shawl, cloak, mantle

(1) **cape** cod, (2) red **cape**

The superhero wore a flowing **cape** as part of their costume.

nova

n. a star that suddenly becomes brighter, typically because of an explosion in its interior; a sudden increase or burst of activity or growth

synonym: supernova, exploding star, nova remnant

(1) **nova** explosion, (2) **nova** star

The astronomer spent months studying the **nova's** light spectrum to learn more about its properties.

origin

n. the first existence or beginning of something

synonym: root, source, ancestor

(1) **origin** of information, (2) racial **origin**

There are various hypotheses concerning the **origin** of life.

tradition

n. a belief, custom, or way of doing something that has been passed down from generation to generation within a group or society

synonym: custom, practice, ritual

(1) a **tradition** of a culture, (2) against **tradition**

It is a **tradition** in many families to have a big Thanksgiving dinner with all their relatives.

unfortunately

adv. by bad luck; unluckily

synonym: regrettably, unluckily, alas

(1) **unfortunately** caught in a shower, (2) even more **unfortunately**

The treatments were done but, **unfortunately**, were unsuccessful.

singe

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

synonym: sear, char, burn

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

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

bloodline

n. the hereditary line of descent of a group of related individuals; the genetic lineage or ancestry of a family, group, or species

synonym: ancestry, lineage, descent

(1) **bloodline** inheritance, (2) royal **bloodline**

The new champion racehorse came from a long line of strong **bloodlines**.

scot

n. a tax or payment, particularly a share or portion of something; a person from Scotland or a Scottish immigrant

synonym: tax, charge, toll

(1) pay annual **scot**, (2) traditional **Scot** attire

The **scot-free** suspect was later apprehended for a different crime.

fiddle

v. to continuously touch or manipulate something with someone's hands, mainly when bored or nervous; to act dishonestly to try to get money, information, etc., or gain an advantage

synonym: tinker, diddle, play

(1) **fiddle** with a PC, (2) **fiddle** away the whole afternoon

She was able to **fiddle** a free trip to the United States.

buddy

n. a close friend; a partner, especially one of a pair or team

synonym: mate, peer, associate

(1) my golf **buddy**, (2) **buddy** movie

He was the first **buddy** in the military training camp.

guarantee

v. to promise something will happen formally, especially that certain conditions about a product, service, or transaction would be met

synonym: assure, promise, warrant

(1) **guarantee** a high quality, (2) **guarantee** women equality

We cannot **guarantee** enough raw material sources.

capita

n. a Latin word meaning "head," used to express the amount for each person; any head or headlike expansion on a structure, as on a bone

synonym : head, headcount, person

(1) per **capita** sales, (2) the agricultural yield per **capita**
GDP per **capita** shrunk by almost 10 percent for the third consecutive year.

chant

n. a simple melody or tune, typically one that is repeated or sung in a monotonous way; (verb) recite with musical intonation

synonym : hymn, mantra, (verb) recite

(1) **chant** melodies, (2) **chant** in the chapel

The soccer game crowd broke into a **chant** of "Go, team, go!"

fellow

adj. someone who has the same job or interests as you, or is in the same class, profession, or situation as you

synonym : buddy, mate, affiliate

(1) junior **fellow**, (2) nice **fellow**

He is the kind of **fellow** who only works for his success.

invite

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

synonym : ask, request, summon

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

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

tune

n. a musical composition or set of musical notes that are played or sung; (verb) to adjust or set something to a specific condition or standard

synonym : melody, harmony, (verb) adjust

(1) the **tune** of a song, (2) **tune** a piano

The band played a beautiful **tune** on their instruments.

behold

v. to look at and observe with attention

synonym : see, observe, watch

(1) **behold** the sunrise, (2) a joy to **behold**

His angry expression was not a pleasant sight to **behold**.

surround

v. to be all around something or somebody

synonym : encircle, encompass, envelop

(1) **surround** a town, (2) a stone wall **surrounds** the palace
On three sides, mountains **surround** the settlement.

nominate

v. to propose someone for a position, especially in politics or an organization, or some honor

synonym : appoint, designate, elect

(1) **nominate** him for an award, (2) **nominate** government representatives

The organization **nominated** her to be the next president.

award

n. a prize or other mark of recognition given in honor of an achievement

synonym : prize, honor, accolade

(1) **award** ceremony, (2) participation **award**

He won the **award** for best actor at the film festival.

awesome

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

synonym : miraculous, marvelous, astounding

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

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

probable

adj. likely to happen or likely to be true

synonym : likely, possible, potential

(1) **probable** outcome, (2) **probable** cause of a fire

It seems **probable** that he has forgotten our scheduled meeting.

introduction

n. a preliminary explanation or remarks given before the start of a text, performance, or event; the act of bringing something new into existence or introducing something to a wider audience or new market

synonym : initiation, preamble, prologue

(1) **introduction** education, (2) self- **introduction**

The **introduction** to the new class was informative and engaging.

boring

adj. lacking interest or excitement; tedious or dull

synonym: dull, tedious, monotonous

(1) **boring** work, (2) **boring** day

The lecture was so **boring** that many people fell asleep.

broth

n. a liquid in which meat, fish, or vegetables have been cooked, used as a base for soups and stews

synonym: bouillon, consomme, soup

(1) chicken **broth**, (2) remains of **broth**

I always add a bit of **broth** to my soup to give it more flavor.

cattle

n. cows, bulls, and buffalos that are raised for their milk or meat as farm animals

synonym: cows, herd, oxen

(1) **cattle** barn, (2) **cattle** hide

The **cattle** are on the grassland and grazing.

blessing

n. a gift or favor from a higher power or force; an act or expression of approval, encouragement, or gratitude; something that brings happiness or good fortune

synonym: favor, benediction, boon

(1) count your **blessings**, (2) bestowed **blessings**

Receiving support from his friends was a great **blessing** in his time of need.

coincident

adj. happening or operating in the same place or at the same time

synonym: concurrent, accompanying, coextensive

(1) **coincident** indicators, (2) a series of **coincident** events

Coincident with the negotiation, the bank was permitted to open a Beijing branch.

bunch

n. a grouping of several similar things which are growing or fastened together

synonym : group, assemblage, bundle

(1) a **bunch** of trees, (2) a **bunch** of schoolgirls

One bad apple spoils the whole **bunch**.

exposed

adj. having no protection or shield from something, such as bad weather, attack, or criticism

synonym : endangered, revealed, disclosed

(1) **exposed** to radiation, (2) an **exposed** rock

Tech companies often employ **exposed** ducts and other materials in their office interiors.

instrument

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

synonym : apparatus, tool, device

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

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

church

n. a building or institution dedicated to religious worship or activities; a Christian religious organization or denomination

synonym : chapel, cathedral, synagogue

(1) **church** bell, (2) small **church**

The **church** on the corner is hosting a free community meal tonight.

critic

n. someone who expresses opinions about the quality of books, music, etc.

synonym : pundit, analyst, attacker

(1) art **critic**, (2) severe **critic**

Advocates for legal reform hear less harsh words from their **critics**.

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.

valley

- n. a long depression on the surface of the land, which typically contains a river

synonym: canyon, gorge, dale

- (1) **valley** bottom, (2) basin-shaped **valley**

The **valley** had received a mild snowfall the previous week.

cult

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

synonym: sect, faith, religion

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

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

evolve

- v. to develop gradually, or to cause the development of something or someone gradually

synonym: develop, mature, grow

- (1) **evolve**, (2) **evolve** over the past decade

Eyeless fish **evolved** in dark caves.

tap

- v. to hit someone or something quickly, gently, and often repeatedly; to use existing resources, such as energy, knowledge, etc.

synonym: knock, exploit, use

- (1) **tap** a new market, (2) **tap** keyboard with an index finger

To expand the company, we must **tap** new human resources.

- sup** *v.* to eat or have a meal, typically used in informal or colloquial speech; (noun) a small drink of something
(1) **sup** together, (2) **sup** a drink
I'm going to **sup** with my friends tonight at the pub.
- dated** *adj.* having a style or quality that is no longer fashionable or relevant; old-fashioned; belonging to a particular time period in the past
synonym: outdated, antiquated, obsolete
(1) **dated** technology, (2) **dated** fashion
The documents were difficult to read due to their **dated** language.
- burial** *n.* the act or ceremony of placing a dead body in a grave
synonym: interment, funeral, entombment
(1) **burial** at sea, (2) a round **burial** mound
The **burial** ceremony was a somber reminder of his passing.
- procession** *n.* a group of people or vehicles moving in an orderly, ceremonial manner, often for a religious or official purpose
synonym: parade, cavalcade, march
(1) **procession** of cars, (2) religious **procession**
The funeral **procession** slowly made its way to the cemetery.
- crazy** *adj.* stupid or not sensible; very angry
synonym: insane, absurd, bizarre
(1) **crazy** about cars and racing, (2) a **crazy** scheme
The rain and thunder are **crazy** today.
- mess** *n.* a state of confusion, dirtiness, or untidiness; (verb) to fail to do something or to make something dirty or untidy
synonym: disarray, confusion, predicament
(1) have a whole **mess**, (2) get into a **mess**
He made a frightful **mess** in his room.

pretension

n. the act of claiming or asserting something, especially without good reason or without evidence; an unfounded or excessive claim or ambition

synonym : presumption, pretense, affectation

(1) **pretension** to authority, (2) baseless **pretension**

His **pretensions** of being a gourmet were quickly exposed when he could not identify basic herbs and spices.

process

n. a series of actions or operations performed to achieve a particular outcome or goal; a systematic procedure or approach used to accomplish a specific task or objective; a method of treating milk to make it suitable for consumption or use in other dairy products

synonym : procedure, method, system

(1) **process** improvement, (2) decision-making **process**

The **process** for applying for a visa can be lengthy and complicated.

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.

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.

pose

v. to present a risk, problem, or other issues that must be addressed

synonym : present, put, position

(1) **pose** a significant threat to my company, (2) **pose** a challenge

The chemicals **pose** a massive health risk.

clap

v. to hit your hands together and make a short and loud noise, mainly to show your approval or praise

synonym: applaud, spat, acclaim

(1) **clap** my hands, (2) **clap** a book shut

We **clapped** along with the singer's song.

announcer

n. a person who introduces and speaks on television or radio programs or provides commentary or information at a live event

synonym: emcee, broadcaster, commentator

(1) public address **announcer**, (2) radio **announcer**

The sports **announcer** provided live commentary during the game.

downstairs

adv. on or to a lower or ground floor of a building

synonym: below

(1) creep **downstairs**, (2) escort him **downstairs**

Please get the desk **downstairs**.

accompany

v. to go somewhere or travel with someone or something

synonym: follow, escort, attend

(1) **accompany** a chicken dish, (2) **accompany** the book

Please let me know if you want to **accompany** me to my hometown.

rhythmic

adj. having a pattern of regular beats or a regular beat; characterized by rhythm

synonym: measured, metrical, cadenced

(1) a **rhythmic** stroking, (2) in a **rhythmic** pace

The **rhythmic** sound of the drums was mesmerizing.

rhythm

n. a strong regular repeated pattern of sounds, words, or musical notes that are used in music, poetry, and dancing

synonym: beat, cadence, tempo

(1) in samba **rhythm**, (2) irregular heart **rhythm**
He beat out a jazz **rhythm** on the cajones.

congregate

v. to come together or gather in a group or assembly; to collect or accumulate in a particular place or area

synonym: assemble, converge, gather

(1) **congregate** at the park, (2) **congregate** in a mosque
The protesters plan to **congregate** in front of the city hall to raise awareness for their cause.

bang

v. to hit or cause to hit something in a way that makes a loud noise

synonym: crash, hit, smash

(1) **bang** his fist on a desk, (2) **bang** a phone down
My father tried to **bang** mathematics into my head since childhood.

sleigh

n. a vehicle typically used in snowy conditions, with runners instead of wheels, horses or reindeer pull that; a platform on runners used for carrying loads over ice or snow

synonym: sled, toboggan, sledge

(1) festive **sleigh**, (2) wooden **sleigh**
The children went for a thrilling **sleigh** ride down the snowy hill.

blab

v. to reveal secrets or private information carelessly or indiscreetly

synonym: gossip, reveal, spill

(1) **blab** out a secret, (2) **blab** the answer
She was worried that her friends would **blab** about her surprise party.

sibling

n. a brother or sister; member of a family born to the same parents

synonym: brother, sister, relative

(1) have a **sibling** quarrel, (2) play with my **siblings**

Children often copy their parents or elder **siblings**.

surgery

n. medical treatment of injuries or diseases involving an incision with instruments and often removing or replacing some parts of the body; the branch of medical science that treats disease or injury by operative procedures

synonym : operation, (medical) procedure

(1) cardiac **surgery**, (2) the professor of **surgery**

He had undergone heart **surgery** years before.

opportune

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

synonym : suitable, timely, practical

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

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

fin

n. a thin flat part on the body of a fish or other aquatic animal used for propulsion or balance

synonym : flipper, appendage, stabilizer

(1) back **fin**, (2) a **fin** of a plane

The shark's powerful **fins** allowed it to swim at high speeds.

midnight

n. the middle point of the night, usually defined as 12:00 AM or the start of a new day

synonym : middle of the night, witching hour

(1) **midnight** snack, (2) **midnight** shift

I stayed up until **midnight** watching my favorite movie.

feat

n. a notable or impressive achievement, especially one that requires great skill or bravery

synonym : achievement, accomplishment, exploit

(1) intellectual **feat**, (2) **feat** accomplishment

It is an incredible **feat** to climb Mount Everest, the highest mountain in the world.

Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. in___e guests | v. | to ask someone to come or join; to offer an opportunity or possibility for something to happen or take place |
| 2. t_p keyboard with an index finger | v. | to hit someone or something quickly, gently, and often repeatedly; to use existing resources, such as energy, knowledge, etc. |
| 3. per ca___a sales | n. | a Latin word meaning "head," used to express the amount for each person; any head or headlike expansion on a structure, as on a bone |
| 4. s_p a drink | v. | to eat or have a meal, typically used in informal or colloquial speech; (noun) a small drink of something |
| 5. creep dow_____rs | adv. | on or to a lower or ground floor of a building |
| 6. bl_____ne inheritance | n. | the hereditary line of descent of a group of related individuals; the genetic lineage or ancestry of a family, group, or species |
| 7. unf_____ely caught in a shower | adv. | by bad luck; unluckily |
| 8. 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 |

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9. gu_____ee a high quality *v.* to promise something will happen formally, especially that certain conditions about a product, service, or transaction would be met
10. severe cr___c *n.* someone who expresses opinions about the quality of books, music, etc.
11. coi_____nt indicators *adj.* happening or operating in the same place or at the same time
12. small ch___h *n.* a building or institution dedicated to religious worship or activities; a Christian religious organization or denomination
13. pr_____s improvement *n.* a series of actions or operations performed to achieve a particular outcome or goal; a systematic procedure or approach used to accomplish a specific task or objective; a method of treating milk to make it suitable for consumption or use in other dairy products
14. the t__e of a song *n.* a musical composition or set of musical notes that are played or sung; (verb) to adjust or set something to a specific condition or standard
15. escort him dow_____rs *adv.* on or to a lower or ground floor of a building
16. a joy to be___d *v.* to look at and observe with attention
17. a w__t of summons *n.* a written legal order or command
18. ch__t in the chapel *n.* a simple melody or tune, typically one that is repeated or sung in a monotonous way; (verb) recite with musical intonation

ANSWERS: 9. guarantee, 10. critic, 11. coincident, 12. church, 13. process, 14. tune, 15. downstairs, 16. behold, 17. writ, 18. chant

19. even more unf_____ely *adv.* by bad luck; unluckily
20. con_____te at the park *v.* to come together or gather in a group or assembly; to collect or accumulate in a particular place or area
21. mi_____ht shift *n.* the middle point of the night, usually defined as 12:00 AM or the start of a new day
22. si__e the edges of a fabric *v.* to burn something slightly or superficially, usually by mistake
23. festive sl____h *n.* a vehicle typically used in snowy conditions, with runners instead of wheels, horses or reindeer pull that; a platform on runners used for carrying loads over ice or snow
24. junior fe____w *adj.* someone who has the same job or interests as you, or is in the same class, profession, or situation as you
25. a round bu____l mound *n.* the act or ceremony of placing a dead body in a grave
26. aw__d ceremony *n.* a prize or other mark of recognition given in honor of an achievement
27. red c__e *n.* a type of long, loose outer garment that covers the back, shoulders, and arms; a headland or promontory extending into the sea or other large body of water
28. against tr_____on *n.* a belief, custom, or way of doing something that has been passed down from generation to generation within a group or society

ANSWERS: 19. unfortunately, 20. congregate, 21. midnight, 22. singe, 23. sleigh, 24. fellow, 25. burial, 26. award, 27. cape, 28. tradition

29. ac____ny a chicken dish *v.* to go somewhere or travel with someone or something
30. c__p a book shut *v.* to hit your hands together and make a short and loud noise, mainly to show your approval or praise
31. ev___e over the past decade *v.* to develop gradually, or to cause the development of something or someone gradually
32. participation aw__d *n.* a prize or other mark of recognition given in honor of an achievement
33. da__d technology *adj.* having a style or quality that is no longer fashionable or relevant; old-fashioned; belonging to a particular time period in the past
34. bu___l at sea *n.* the act or ceremony of placing a dead body in a grave
35. n__a star *n.* a star that suddenly becomes brighter, typically because of an explosion in its interior; a sudden increase or burst of activity or growth
36. a bu__h of trees *n.* a grouping of several similar things which are growing or fastened together
37. my golf bu__y *n.* a close friend; a partner, especially one of a pair or team
38. traditional S__t attire *n.* a tax or payment, particularly a share or portion of something; a person from Scotland or a Scottish immigrant
39. b__g a phone down *v.* to hit or cause to hit something in a way that makes a loud noise

ANSWERS: 29. accompany, 30. clap, 31. evolve, 32. award, 33. dated, 34. burial, 35. nova, 36. bunch, 37. buddy, 38. scot, 39. bang

40. pre_____on to authority *n.* the act of claiming or asserting something, especially without good reason or without evidence; an unfounded or excessive claim or ambition
41. mi_____ht snack *n.* the middle point of the night, usually defined as 12:00 AM or the start of a new day
42. si__e off the hair over the flames *v.* to burn something slightly or superficially, usually by mistake
43. pro_____on of cars *n.* a group of people or vehicles moving in an orderly, ceremonial manner, often for a religious or official purpose
44. fi___e away the whole afternoon *v.* to continuously touch or manipulate something with someone's hands, mainly when bored or nervous; to act dishonestly to try to get money, information, etc., or gain an advantage
45. n__a explosion *n.* a star that suddenly becomes brighter, typically because of an explosion in its interior; a sudden increase or burst of activity or growth
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47. art cr___c *n.* someone who expresses opinions about the quality of books, music, etc.
48. no_____te government representatives *v.* to propose someone for a position, especially in politics or an organization, or some honor

ANSWERS: 40. pretension, 41. midnight, 42. singe, 43. procession, 44. fiddle, 45. nova, 46. sup, 47. critic, 48. nominate

49. religious pro_____on *n.* a group of people or vehicles moving in an orderly, ceremonial manner, often for a religious or official purpose
50. bo___g day *adj.* lacking interest or excitement; tedious or dull
51. int_____ion education *n.* a preliminary explanation or remarks given before the start of a text, performance, or event; the act of bringing something new into existence or introducing something to a wider audience or new market
52. family upb_____ng *n.* the conditions and experiences in which a child is cared for and taught, especially in relation to their moral and social development
53. ev___e *v.* to develop gradually, or to cause the development of something or someone gradually
54. Catholic upb_____ng *n.* the conditions and experiences in which a child is cared for and taught, especially in relation to their moral and social development
55. c___e cod *n.* a type of long, loose outer garment that covers the back, shoulders, and arms; a headland or promontory extending into the sea or other large body of water
56. va___y bottom *n.* a long depression on the surface of the land, which typically contains a river
57. b__b the answer *v.* to reveal secrets or private information carelessly or indiscreetly

ANSWERS: 49. procession, 50. boring, 51. introduction, 52. upbringing, 53. evolve, 54. upbringing, 55. cape, 56. valley, 57. blab

58. count your bl____ngs *n.* a gift or favor from a higher power or force; an act or expression of approval, encouragement, or gratitude; something that brings happiness or good fortune
59. bu__y movie *n.* a close friend; a partner, especially one of a pair or team
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68. chicken br__h *n.* a liquid in which meat, fish, or vegetables have been cooked, used as a base for soups and stews
69. a stone wall su_____nds the palace *v.* to be all around something or somebody
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76. ch___h bell *n.* a building or institution dedicated to religious worship or activities; a Christian religious organization or denomination
77. c__p my hands *v.* to hit your hands together and make a short and loud noise, mainly to show your approval or praise
78. musical ins_____nts *n.* an object used to make musical sounds, such as a piano, guitar, or drum; a tool or device used for a specific activity, particularly in specialist or scientific work

ANSWERS: 68. broth, 69. surround, 70. broth, 71. probable, 72. rhythm, 73. origin, 74. announcer, 75. bunch, 76. church, 77. clap, 78. instrument

79. ca___e hide *n.* cows, bulls, and buffalos that are raised for their milk or meat as farm animals
80. surgical ins_____nts *n.* an object used to make musical sounds, such as a piano, guitar, or drum; a tool or device used for a specific activity, particularly in specialist or scientific work
81. c__t members *n.* a small religious group, especially one that is not part of a larger religion and that is regarded as outside the norm; followers of an exclusive system of beliefs and practices
82. su_____nd a town *v.* to be all around something or somebody
83. ex_____d to radiation *adj.* having no protection or shield from something, such as bad weather, attack, or criticism
84. gu_____ee women equality *v.* to promise something will happen formally, especially that certain conditions about a product, service, or transaction would be met
85. p__e a challenge *v.* to present a risk, problem, or other issues that must be addressed
86. decision-making pr_____s *n.* a series of actions or operations performed to achieve a particular outcome or goal; a systematic procedure or approach used to accomplish a specific task or objective; a method of treating milk to make it suitable for consumption or use in other dairy products

ANSWERS: 79. cattle, 80. instrument, 81. cult, 82. surround, 83. exposed, 84. guarantee, 85. pose, 86. process

87. ex___e rebellion *v.* to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager
88. issue a w__t *n.* a written legal order or command
89. have a si_____g quarrel *n.* a brother or sister; member of a family born to the same parents
90. aw_____e mental faculty *adj.* inspiring fear, admiration, or respect; very good, nice, fun, etc.
91. p__e a significant threat to my company *v.* to present a risk, problem, or other issues that must be addressed
92. ac_____ny the book *v.* to go somewhere or travel with someone or something
93. royal bl_____ne *n.* the hereditary line of descent of a group of related individuals; the genetic lineage or ancestry of a family, group, or species
94. be___d the sunrise *v.* to look at and observe with attention
95. the professor of su_____y *n.* medical treatment of injuries or diseases involving an incision with instruments and often removing or replacing some parts of the body; the branch of medical science that treats disease or injury by operative procedures
96. play with my si_____gs *n.* a brother or sister; member of a family born to the same parents
97. t__e a piano *n.* a musical composition or set of musical notes that are played or sung; (verb) to adjust or set something to a specific condition or standard

ANSWERS: 87. excite, 88. writ, 89. sibling, 90. awesome, 91. pose, 92. accompany, 93. bloodline, 94. behold, 95. surgery, 96. sibling, 97. tune

98. pr____le outcome *adj.* likely to happen or likely to be true
99. back f_n *n.* a thin flat part on the body of a fish or other aquatic animal used for propulsion or balance
100. b__g his fist on a desk *v.* to hit or cause to hit something in a way that makes a loud noise
101. 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
102. pay annual s__t *n.* a tax or payment, particularly a share or portion of something; a person from Scotland or a Scottish immigrant
103. self-int_____ion *n.* a preliminary explanation or remarks given before the start of a text, performance, or event; the act of bringing something new into existence or introducing something to a wider audience or new market
104. or____n of information *n.* the first existence or beginning of something
105. the agricultural yield per ca____a *n.* a Latin word meaning "head," used to express the amount for each person; any head or headlike expansion on a structure, as on a bone
106. ex____e the crowd *v.* to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager
107. ca____e barn *n.* cows, bulls, and buffalos that are raised for their milk or meat as farm animals

ANSWERS: 98. probable, 99. fin, 100. bang, 101. reaction, 102. scot, 103. introduction, 104. origin, 105. capita, 106. excite, 107. cattle

108. in___e criticism *v.* to ask someone to come or join; to offer an opportunity or possibility for something to happen or take place
109. a series of coi_____nt events *adj.* happening or operating in the same place or at the same time
110. c__t's practices *n.* a small religious group, especially one that is not part of a larger religion and that is regarded as outside the norm; followers of an exclusive system of beliefs and practices
111. cr__y about cars and racing *adj.* stupid or not sensible; very angry
112. con_____te in a mosque *v.* to come together or gather in a group or assembly; to collect or accumulate in a particular place or area
113. have an aw_____e birthday *adj.* inspiring fear, admiration, or respect; very good, nice, fun, etc.
114. am_____g advances *adj.* extremely surprising, especially in a way that you like or admire
115. wooden sl___h *n.* a vehicle typically used in snowy conditions, with runners instead of wheels, horses or reindeer pull that; a platform on runners used for carrying loads over ice or snow
116. basin-shaped va___y *n.* a long depression on the surface of the land, which typically contains a river
117. fi___e with a PC *v.* to continuously touch or manipulate something with someone's hands, mainly when bored or nervous; to act dishonestly to try to get money, information, etc., or gain an advantage

ANSWERS: 108. invite, 109. coincident, 110. cult, 111. crazy, 112. congregate, 113. awesome, 114. amazing, 115. sleigh, 116. valley, 117. fiddle

118. bestowed bl_____ngs *n.* a gift or favor from a higher power or force; an act or expression of approval, encouragement, or gratitude; something that brings happiness or good fortune
119. bo____g work *adj.* lacking interest or excitement; tedious or dull
120. an ex_____d rock *adj.* having no protection or shield from something, such as bad weather, attack, or criticism
121. cardiac su_____y *n.* medical treatment of injuries or diseases involving an incision with instruments and often removing or replacing some parts of the body; the branch of medical science that treats disease or injury by operative procedures
122. a tr_____on of a culture *n.* a belief, custom, or way of doing something that has been passed down from generation to generation within a group or society
123. get into a m__s *n.* a state of confusion, dirtiness, or untidiness; (verb) to fail to do something or to make something dirty or untidy
124. f__t accomplishment *n.* a notable or impressive achievement, especially one that requires great skill or bravery
125. ch__t melodies *n.* a simple melody or tune, typically one that is repeated or sung in a monotonous way; (verb) recite with musical intonation

ANSWERS: 118. blessing, 119. boring, 120. exposed, 121. surgery, 122. tradition, 123. mess, 124. feat, 125. chant

126. nice fe___w *adj.* someone who has the same job or interests as you, or is in the same class, profession, or situation as you
127. in samba rh___m *n.* a strong regular repeated pattern of sounds, words, or musical notes that are used in music, poetry, and dancing
128. baseless pre_____on *n.* the act of claiming or asserting something, especially without good reason or without evidence; an unfounded or excessive claim or ambition
129. an op_____ne remark *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
130. t_p a new market *v.* to hit someone or something quickly, gently, and often repeatedly; to use existing resources, such as energy, knowledge, etc.
131. the most am_____g feeling *adj.* extremely surprising, especially in a way that you like or admire
132. op_____ne occasion *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
133. b__b out a secret *v.* to reveal secrets or private information carelessly or indiscreetly
134. radio an_____er *n.* a person who introduces and speaks on television or radio programs or provides commentary or information at a live event

ANSWERS: 126. fellow, 127. rhythm, 128. pretension, 129. opportune, 130. tap, 131. amazing, 132. opportune, 133. blab, 134. announcer

135. da__d fashion

adj. having a style or quality that is no longer fashionable or relevant; old-fashioned; belonging to a particular time period in the past

136. 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: 135. dated, 136. reaction

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. He was the first _____ in the military training camp.
n. a close friend; a partner, especially one of a pair or team
2. The phone rang at the most _____ time.
adj. suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
3. We _____ along with the singer's song.
v. to hit your hands together and make a short and loud noise, mainly to show your approval or praise
4. The lecture was so _____ that many people fell asleep.
adj. lacking interest or excitement; tedious or dull
5. I always add a bit of _____ to my soup to give it more flavor.
n. a liquid in which meat, fish, or vegetables have been cooked, used as a base for soups and stews
6. The _____ to the new class was informative and engaging.
n. a preliminary explanation or remarks given before the start of a text, performance, or event; the act of bringing something new into existence or introducing something to a wider audience or new market
7. Please get the desk _____.
adv. on or to a lower or ground floor of a building
8. The _____ are on the grassland and grazing.
n. cows, bulls, and buffalos that are raised for their milk or meat as farm animals

ANSWERS: 1. buddy, 2. opportune, 3. clapped, 4. boring, 5. broth, 6. introduction, 7. downstairs, 8. cattle

9. He won the _____ for best actor at the film festival.
n. a prize or other mark of recognition given in honor of an achievement
10. Advocates for legal reform hear less harsh words from their _____.
n. someone who expresses opinions about the quality of books, music, etc.
11. The documents were difficult to read due to their _____ language.
adj. having a style or quality that is no longer fashionable or relevant; old-fashioned; belonging to a particular time period in the past
12. He made a frightful _____ in his room.
n. a state of confusion, dirtiness, or untidiness; (verb) to fail to do something or to make something dirty or untidy
13. My father tried to _____ mathematics into my head since childhood.
v. to hit or cause to hit something in a way that makes a loud noise
14. The superhero wore a flowing _____ as part of their costume.
n. a type of long, loose outer garment that covers the back, shoulders, and arms; a headland or promontory extending into the sea or other large body of water
15. The protesters plan to _____ in front of the city hall to raise awareness for their cause.
v. to come together or gather in a group or assembly; to collect or accumulate in a particular place or area
16. The rain and thunder are _____ today.
adj. stupid or not sensible; very angry

ANSWERS: 9. award, 10. critics, 11. dated, 12. mess, 13. bang, 14. cape, 15. congregate, 16. crazy

17. The _____ sound of the drums was mesmerizing.

adj. having a pattern of regular beats or a regular beat; characterized by rhythm

18. The _____ ceremony was a somber reminder of his passing.

n. the act or ceremony of placing a dead body in a grave

19. Children often copy their parents or elder _____.

n. a brother or sister; member of a family born to the same parents

20. Please let me know if you want to _____ me to my hometown.

v. to go somewhere or travel with someone or something

21. The sports _____ provided live commentary during the game.

n. a person who introduces and speaks on television or radio programs or provides commentary or information at a live event

22. He had undergone heart _____ years before.

n. medical treatment of injuries or diseases involving an incision with instruments and often removing or replacing some parts of the body; the branch of medical science that treats disease or injury by operative procedures

23. I'm going to ___ with my friends tonight at the pub.

v. to eat or have a meal, typically used in informal or colloquial speech; (noun) a small drink of something

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

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

25. The _____ suspect was later apprehended for a different crime.

n. a tax or payment, particularly a share or portion of something; a person from Scotland or a Scottish immigrant

ANSWERS: 17. rhythmic, 18. burial, 19. siblings, 20. accompany, 21. announcer, 22. surgery, 23. sup, 24. singed, 25. scot-free

26. I stayed up until _____ watching my favorite movie.
- n.* the middle point of the night, usually defined as 12:00 AM or the start of a new day
27. Tech companies often employ _____ ducts and other materials in their office interiors.
- adj.* having no protection or shield from something, such as bad weather, attack, or criticism
28. His _____ of being a gourmet were quickly exposed when he could not identify basic herbs and spices.
- n.* the act of claiming or asserting something, especially without good reason or without evidence; an unfounded or excessive claim or ambition
29. We cannot _____ enough raw material sources.
- v.* to promise something will happen formally, especially that certain conditions about a product, service, or transaction would be met
30. We want to _____ you to our annual charity event.
- v.* to ask someone to come or join; to offer an opportunity or possibility for something to happen or take place
31. To expand the company, we must ____ new human resources.
- v.* to hit someone or something quickly, gently, and often repeatedly; to use existing resources, such as energy, knowledge, etc.
32. The shark's powerful _____ allowed it to swim at high speeds.
- n.* a thin flat part on the body of a fish or other aquatic animal used for propulsion or balance

ANSWERS: 26. midnight, 27. exposed, 28. pretensions, 29. guarantee, 30. invite, 31. tap, 32. fins

33. The _____ leader promised his followers that they would achieve enlightenment if they followed his teachings.
- n.* a small religious group, especially one that is not part of a larger religion and that is regarded as outside the norm; followers of an exclusive system of beliefs and practices
34. His strict _____ instilled in him a strong sense of responsibility.
- n.* the conditions and experiences in which a child is cared for and taught, especially in relation to their moral and social development
35. 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
36. There is a lot of _____ nature and food in Hawaii.
- adj.* inspiring fear, admiration, or respect; very good, nice, fun, etc.
37. Receiving support from his friends was a great _____ in his time of need.
- n.* a gift or favor from a higher power or force; an act or expression of approval, encouragement, or gratitude; something that brings happiness or good fortune
38. The astronomer spent months studying the _____ light spectrum to learn more about its properties.
- n.* a star that suddenly becomes brighter, typically because of an explosion in its interior; a sudden increase or burst of activity or growth
39. The news of her promotion _____ her.
- v.* to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager

ANSWERS: 33. cult, 34. upbringing, 35. develop, 36. awesome, 37. blessing, 38. nova's, 39. excited

40. This electronic _____ is required to undergo periodic inspections to ensure precision.
- n.* an object used to make musical sounds, such as a piano, guitar, or drum; a tool or device used for a specific activity, particularly in specialist or scientific work
41. He beat out a jazz _____ on the cajones.
- n.* a strong regular repeated pattern of sounds, words, or musical notes that are used in music, poetry, and dancing
42. The funeral _____ slowly made its way to the cemetery.
- n.* a group of people or vehicles moving in an orderly, ceremonial manner, often for a religious or official purpose
43. The _____ for applying for a visa can be lengthy and complicated.
- n.* a series of actions or operations performed to achieve a particular outcome or goal; a systematic procedure or approach used to accomplish a specific task or objective; a method of treating milk to make it suitable for consumption or use in other dairy products
44. It is an incredible _____ to climb Mount Everest, the highest mountain in the world.
- n.* a notable or impressive achievement, especially one that requires great skill or bravery
45. His angry expression was not a pleasant sight to _____.
- v.* to look at and observe with attention
46. 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

ANSWERS: 40. instrument, 41. rhythm, 42. procession, 43. process, 44. feat, 45. behold, 46. reaction

47. The soccer game crowd broke into a _____ of "Go, team, go!"
n. a simple melody or tune, typically one that is repeated or sung in a monotonous way; (verb) recite with musical intonation
48. GDP per _____ shrunk by almost 10 percent for the third consecutive year.
n. a Latin word meaning "head," used to express the amount for each person; any head or headlike expansion on a structure, as on a bone
49. He is the kind of _____ who only works for his success.
adj. someone who has the same job or interests as you, or is in the same class, profession, or situation as you
50. The children went for a thrilling _____ ride down the snowy hill.
n. a vehicle typically used in snowy conditions, with runners instead of wheels, horses or reindeer pull that; a platform on runners used for carrying loads over ice or snow
51. One bad apple spoils the whole _____.
n. a grouping of several similar things which are growing or fastened together
52. The organization _____ her to be the next president.
v. to propose someone for a position, especially in politics or an organization, or some honor
53. The golfer recorded an _____ distance.
adj. extremely surprising, especially in a way that you like or admire
54. _____ with the negotiation, the bank was permitted to open a Beijing branch.
adj. happening or operating in the same place or at the same time

ANSWERS: 47. chant, 48. capita, 49. fellow, 50. sleigh, 51. bunch, 52. nominated, 53. amazing, 54. Coincident

55. She was able to _____ a free trip to the United States.

- v.* to continuously touch or manipulate something with someone's hands, mainly when bored or nervous; to act dishonestly to try to get money, information, etc., or gain an advantage

56. Eyeless fish _____ in dark caves.

- v.* to develop gradually, or to cause the development of something or someone gradually

57. The new champion racehorse came from a long line of strong _____.

- n.* the hereditary line of descent of a group of related individuals; the genetic lineage or ancestry of a family, group, or species

58. On three sides, mountains _____ the settlement.

- v.* to be all around something or somebody

59. It seems _____ that he has forgotten our scheduled meeting.

- adj.* likely to happen or likely to be true

60. She was worried that her friends would _____ about her surprise party.

- v.* to reveal secrets or private information carelessly or indiscreetly

61. The _____ on the corner is hosting a free community meal tonight.

- n.* a building or institution dedicated to religious worship or activities; a Christian religious organization or denomination

62. The chemicals _____ a massive health risk.

- v.* to present a risk, problem, or other issues that must be addressed

ANSWERS: 55. fiddle, 56. evolved, 57. bloodlines, 58. surround, 59. probable, 60. blab, 61. church, 62. pose

63. The treatments were done but, _____ were unsuccessful.

adv. by bad luck; unluckily

64. There are various hypotheses concerning the _____ of life.

n. the first existence or beginning of something

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

n. a written legal order or command

66. The band played a beautiful _____ on their instruments.

n. a musical composition or set of musical notes that are played or sung; (verb) to adjust or set something to a specific condition or standard

67. It is a _____ in many families to have a big Thanksgiving dinner with all their relatives.

n. a belief, custom, or way of doing something that has been passed down from generation to generation within a group or society

68. The _____ had received a mild snowfall the previous week.

n. a long depression on the surface of the land, which typically contains a river

ANSWERS: 63. unfortunately, 64. origin, 65. writ, 66. tune, 67. tradition, 68. valley