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Session 1: Word List

non-existent

adj. not real; not existing or having no real existence

synonym: not real, lacking, absent

(1) **non-existent** resources, (2) presently **non-existent**

The evidence for this theory is **non-existent**.

incubator

n. an apparatus in which conditions are controlled for hatching eggs, growing cells, or keeping people or animals warm; a place, especially with support staff and equipment, offered at a low cost to new small businesses

synonym: hatchery, brooder, nursery

(1) infant **incubator**, (2) business **incubator** program

The eggs were placed in an artificial **incubator** to ensure proper hatching conditions.

folly

n. a lack of good sense or judgment; foolishness or absurdity; specifically, a costly, useless, or pointless building or project that has been created or undertaken for no practical purpose or benefit

synonym: absurdity, foolishness, irrationality

(1) economic **folly**, (2) act of **folly**

It was **folly** for the hiker to climb the dangerous mountain alone.

monumental

adj. great in importance or influence, size, extent, or solidity;
massive

synonym: massive, awesome, enormous

(1) **monumental** task, (2) **monumental** sculpture

Everyone, even non-scholars, knows Einstein's **monumental** contributions to physics.

loot

v. steal goods from a place or person, typically during a war or riot; (noun) steal goods from a place or person, typically using force, especially in times of war or civil disorder

synonym: plunder, pillage, rob

(1) **loot** the ship, (2) war **loot**

The bandits **looted** the small town, leaving it in ruins.

mesa

n. a flat-topped hill with steep sides, found in landscapes with horizontal strata

synonym: plateau, tableland, butte

(1) **mesa** formation, (2) flat-topped **mesa**

The ancient ruins sat atop the **mesa**, overlooking the valley below.

volcano

n. a mountain or hill, typically conical, having a crater or vent through which lava, rock fragments, hot vapor, and gas are or have been erupted from the earth's crust.

synonym: mount, peak, crater

(1) **volcano** alert level, (2) active **volcano**

The island was formed by a **volcano** millions of years ago.

canyon

n. a large deep valley with very steep sides of rock and usually formed by a river

synonym: gorge, valley, ravine

(1) twisty **canyon** road, (2) **canyon** of skyscrapers

The Grand **Canyon** has an awe-inspiring sight.

escarpment

n. a long, steep slope or cliff, typically separating two relatively level or more gently sloping areas, often

formed by erosion or faulting

synonym : cliff, precipice, scarp

(1) **escarpment** trail, (2) narrow **escarpment**

The hikers trekked up the steep **escarpment** and reached the summit.

limestone

n. a sedimentary rock that is composed mainly of calcium carbonate, which is the mineral calcite

synonym : calcareous rock, chalk

(1) sheer **limestone** cliffs, (2) **limestone** pavement

The Great Pyramid of Giza was built using blocks of **limestone**.

pilgrim

n. a person who journeys, especially a long distance, to a sacred place as an act of religious devotion

synonym : traveler, wayfarer, sojourner

(1) shrine for **pilgrims**, (2) **pilgrim** site

The group of **pilgrims** walked in silence, deep in thought and prayer.

embark

v. to go on board a ship or plane; to set out on an enterprise or subject of study; to start something

synonym : enter, undertake, commence

(1) **embark** on a trip, (2) **embark** on a foolish adventure

We **embarked** on a new project.

labyrinth

n. a complicated network of paths or passages, often with twists and turns, making it difficult to find one's way out

synonym : maze, puzzle, network

(1) a **labyrinth** of relationships, (2) **labyrinthine** pathways

It was easy to get lost in the **labyrinth** of narrow alleyways in the old city.

twilight

n. the soft, diffused light from the sky when the sun is below the horizon, either from sunrise to sunrise or sunset to sunset

synonym :

dusk, sunset, gloaming

(1) **twilight** sky, (2) **twilight** of an era

The sky was a beautiful pink and orange color at **twilight**.

disorient

v. to make someone confused about where they are or where they should go

synonym: confuse, flummox, perplex

(1) **disorient** his audience, (2) **disorient** and wrong-foot viewers

Several studies have indicated that human activity at sea might **disorient** dolphins and whales.

beacon

n. a light or other visible object serving as a signal, guide, or warning

synonym: lighthouse, guidepost, marker

(1) an aerial **beacon**, (2) **beacon** of hope

The lighthouse served as a **beacon** to guide ships safely into port.

peal

v. to sound loudly and resonantly, often in repeated or overlapping sounds; to ring or chime with a loud, clear sound; (noun) a loud ringing of a bell or bells

synonym: chime, ring, toll

(1) **peal** out above my head, (2) **peal** of laughter

The church bells **pealed** loud and clear, announcing the start of the wedding ceremony.

decibel

n. (also "dB") a unit used to measure the intensity of sound or the comparative loudness of two sounds based on a logarithmic scale

synonym: dB, sound level, volume

(1) **decibel** level, (2) adjust the **decibel**

The concert reached 100 **decibels**, causing many people to cover their ears.

payoff

n. the outcome or result of an action or series of actions; the return or reward gained from an investment, effort, or risk

synonym : reward, compensation, return

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

The **payoff** for all my hard work was finally getting a promotion.

climax

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

synonym : finale, pinnacle, apex

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

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

assimilate

v. to take in and understand information or ideas; to integrate

synonym : absorb, incorporate, integrate

(1) **assimilate** into society, (2) **assimilate** a language

The immigrant struggled to **assimilate** into the new culture.

memento

n. an object or item that serves to remind someone of a person, event, or experience; a keepsake or souvenir

synonym : souvenir, keepsake, reminder

(1) symbolic **memento**, (2) a small **memento**

The photo album was filled with **mementos** from their trip around the world.

sacrosanct

adj. considered to be holy and deserving of respect and reverence

synonym : sacred, inviolable, holy

(1) **sacrosanct** tradition, (2) **sacrosanct** belief

The tradition of the annual family reunion is **sacrosanct** and must be upheld.

bristle

n. a stiff, short hair on a mammal's skin or a natural or artificial brush; a stiff, sharp point on a plant such as a thorn or a prickle; (verb) to react defensively to something; to stand up stiffly and be rigid

synonym : spike, prickle, hair

(1) **bristle** brush, (2) **bristle** with anger

The dog's **bristle** on its back stood up as it growled at the mailman.

shrub

n. a woody plant that is smaller than a tree and has several main stems emerging from the soil

synonym : bush, hedge, fern

(1) tree and **shrubs**, (2) small **shrub**

These are **shrubs** with no trunks that rarely grow taller than 3 meters.

sculpt

v. to create a work of art by carving, casting, or other shaping techniques

synonym : carve, mold, shape

(1) **sculpt** an image, (2) **sculpt** prototype

He spent hours every day **sculpting** figures out of clay.

treeline

n. (also "timberline") the uppermost boundary of a forest, beyond which trees do not readily grow or are significantly smaller in size due to factors such as climate, altitude, or soil conditions

synonym : forest edge, timberline, tree boundary

(1) **treeline** elevation, (2) just below the **treeline**

The view above the **treeline** was a vast expanse of snow and rock.

longevity

n. the property of being long-lived; significant duration of service

synonym : seniority, endurance

(1) **longevity** crisis, (2) **longevity** genes

He is proud of the **longevity** of the business.

adversity

n. difficulties or hardships that someone faces

synonym: hardship, difficulty, trial

(1) environmental **adversity**, (2) struggling with **adversity**

The team demonstrated great resilience in the face of **adversity** and won the game.

beryllium

n. a light, strong, brittle metallic element with the symbol Be and atomic number 4, used in nuclear reactors, aerospace, and other high-tech applications

synonym: Be, glucinium

(1) **beryllium** ore, (2) **beryllium** alloy

The rocket's casing was made of **beryllium** for its light weight and strength.

deduct

v. to take away an amount or part of the money, points, etc. from a total

synonym: remove, subtract, withdraw

(1) **deduct** the interest, (2) **deduct** \$100 from the price

The bank **deducted** the premium amount from his bank account.

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

shale

n. a sedimentary rock formed from the accumulation of fine-grained clay, silt, or mud, often used in construction or as a source of fuel

synonym: rock, sedimentary rock

(1) **shale** rock, (2) **shale** gas

The geologist studied the **shale** layers in the rock formations

to determine their age.

fungus

n. a type of organism that includes yeasts, molds, and mushrooms, which are heterotrophic, meaning they do not produce their food and must consume organic matter to survive

synonym : mold, mildew, yeast

(1) **fungus** infection, (2) symbiotic **fungus**

Certain types of **fungus** can be toxic to humans, causing severe illness if ingested.

miner

n. a person who works in a mine (= excavation in the Earth from which ores and minerals are extracted), especially one who extracts coal, minerals, or precious metals from the Earth

synonym : digger, excavator, mineworker

(1) **miner** strike, (2) **miner** industry

The coal **miner** worked tirelessly to extract valuable minerals from deep underground.

galena

n. a mineral that is the primary source of lead, often found in metallic form and used in a variety of applications, including batteries and protective coatings

synonym : mineral, lead ore, sulfide

(1) **galena** crystal, (2) **galena** ore

The **galena** mineral is often used for lead extraction in mining.

bonanza

n. a situation or event in which there is a sudden and profitable discovery or success, usually related to a significant amount of wealth, resources, or opportunities; a large deposit of valuable ore or precious minerals

synonym : windfall, godsend, treasure trove

(1) shopping **bonanza**, (2) financial **bonanza**

The recent oil discovery in the region has led to an economic **bonanza** for the local community.

meteorite

n. a solid object originating in outer space that reaches the Earth's surface without completely vaporizing in the atmosphere; a rock that has fallen from space

synonym : meteor, shooting star, asteroid

(1) **meteorite** impact, (2) **meteorite** shower

The **meteorite** fragments were collected and sent to a laboratory for analysis.

landline

n. (also "wireline") a telephone line that transmits and receives signals through a physical wire or cable network, as opposed to a cellular or satellite connection

synonym : fixed line, wired phone

(1) **landline** phone, (2) **landline** connection

We need to install a **landline** in our new office before we can start taking client calls.

stroll

v. to walk somewhere in a slow, relaxed way and with no apparent aim

synonym : amble, roam, mope

(1) **stroll** across a street, (2) **stroll** through the countryside

We could **stroll** into town if you like.

juniper

n. a type of evergreen shrub or small tree belonging to the cypress family, typically characterized by needle-like or scale-like leaves and bearing small, berry-like cones

synonym : cedar, fir, pine

(1) **juniper** berries, (2) **juniper** shrub

The scent of the **juniper** tree filled the air as we hiked through the forest.

knoll

n. a small, rounded hill or mound; a small, isolated hill rising abruptly from a plain or other surrounding area

synonym : hillock, mound, rise

(1) lush **knoll**, (2) grassy **knoll**

There was a beautiful wildflower garden on the **knoll** that attracted many visitors.

meadow

n. a field of grass and wildflowers, especially one used for hay

synonym : pasture, field, lawn

(1) graze in the **meadow**, (2) lowland **meadow**

The lush **meadow** was covered in wildflowers.

inaccessible

adj. unable to travel to or reach; not available

synonym : inapproachable, unreachable, remote

(1) **inaccessible** to an unauthorized user, (2) **inaccessible** areas

Heavy snow made it **inaccessible** to go to the mountain village.

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.

ascent

n. the act of climbing or moving upwards, often referring to a physical ascent of a mountain or a spiritual ascent or improvement; an upward movement; the process of moving upwards

synonym : climb, rise, hike

(1) spiritual **ascent**, (2) the **ascent** of a rocket

The hikers experienced a difficult **ascent** to the summit due to the steep and rocky terrain.

crevice

n. a long narrow depression or opening in a surface of rock or wall

synonym : crack, chink, slit

(1) small **crevices**, (2) peep through a **crevice**

He wedged a knife into the **crevice**

toil

v. to work hard and persistently; to engage in physically or mentally demanding tasks or activities for extended periods of time

synonym : struggle, labor, work hard

(1) **toil** to make a living, (2) **toil** up the mountain

The farmers **toiled** in the fields, harvesting the crops before the start of the rainy season.

amble

v. to walk at a slow, leisurely pace; to stroll or saunter;
(noun) a leisurely or relaxed walk, often taken for pleasure or exercise

synonym : saunter, stroll, wander

(1) **amble** along the beach, (2) morning **amble**

We decided to **amble** through the park, enjoying the warm weather and beautiful scenery.

reintroduce

v. to bring back something that has been previously abolished or discontinued

synonym : bring back, restore, reestablish

(1) **reintroduce** species, (2) **reintroduce** capital punishment

The government is planning to **reintroduce** wolves to the national park to restore the balance of the ecosystem.

determinant

n. a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result

synonym : cause, factor, element

(1) environmental **determinant**, (2) a **determinant** of crop yields

One **determinant** of success is having a positive attitude and a strong work ethic.

infantry

n. soldiers who fight on foot, often in organized military units; the branch of military force composed of foot soldiers

synonym : soldiery, troops

(1) **infantry** division, (2) **infantry** training

As a member of the **infantry** platoon, he learned the value of teamwork and resilience.

conjure

v. to call forth by magic; to create or bring about through the imagination

synonym: summon, evoke, call forth

(1) **conjure** evil spirits away, (2) **conjure** a vision

The magician **conjured** up a rabbit out of thin air.

artesian

adj. relating to a well in which water rises naturally to the surface due to internal pressures, without the need for pumping; pertaining to underground water sources

synonym: spring, well, groundwater

(1) **artesian** basin, (2) **artesian** spring

The region is known for its natural **artesian** wells, providing a constant flow of fresh water.

alfalfa

n. a plant widely used for animal feed, particularly for horses and livestock, also used in human cuisine as a salad or sandwich ingredient

synonym: lucerne

(1) **alfalfa** sprouts, (2) **alfalfa** hay

The farmer grew a field of **alfalfa** to use as feed for his animals.

idyllic

adj. pertaining to an idealized or picturesque version of rural life; blissfully serene, pleasingly perfect, or charmingly simple

synonym: picturesque, pastoral, scenic

(1) **idyllic** setting, (2) **idyllic** vacation

The village was known for its **idyllic** way of life and picturesque scenery.

graze

v. to feed on grass or other vegetation, especially by nibbling at it repeatedly; to break the skin of a body part by scraping

synonym : nibble, feed, scrape

(1) turn cattle out to **graze**, (2) **graze** the left shoulder

The sheep **graze** on the green grass in the meadow.

allotment

n. a portion or share of something that is divided and designated for a particular person or purpose; a plot of land, typically used for gardening or farming, that is divided into separate areas for individual cultivation

synonym : assignment, allocation, portion

(1) **allotment** holder, (2) time **allotment**

I was given a small garden **allotment** where I could grow my vegetables.

swell

v. to become larger or more inflated; to become more intense or important

synonym : expand, increase, inflate

(1) **swell** at room temperature, (2) **swell** a population

His arm was **swelling** from the insect bite.

excavate

v. to dig or remove earth, rocks, or other materials from the ground or a site, often to uncover or discover something

synonym : dig, unearth, extract

(1) **excavate** a deep hole, (2) **excavate** soil

The archaeologists **excavated** the ruins of an ancient city buried under the desert sands.

nuanced

adj. characterized by subtle differences in appearance, meaning, sound, etc.

synonym : fine, subtle, slight

(1) **nuanced** view, (2) the common but **nuanced** opinion

The sommelier can distinguish **nuanced** variance in the flavor of the wine.

evocation

n. the act of calling forth or conjuring something, often a memory, emotion, or response; a strong impression or feeling that something was present or recalled

synonym : summoning, calling, eliciting

(1) **evocation** of memories, (2) poetic **evocation**

The novel's vivid descriptions created an **evocation** of the bustling streets of a major city.

Session 2: Spelling

1. grassy kn__l *n.* a small, rounded hill or mound; a small, isolated hill rising abruptly from a plain or other surrounding area
2. de____l level *n.* (also "dB") a unit used to measure the intensity of sound or the comparative loudness of two sounds based on a logarithmic scale
3. mon____al sculpture *adj.* great in importance or influence, size, extent, or solidity; massive
4. p__l out above my head *v.* to sound loudly and resonantly, often in repeated or overlapping sounds; to ring or chime with a loud, clear sound; (noun) a loud ringing of a bell or bells
5. ca____n of skyscrapers *n.* a large deep valley with very steep sides of rock and usually formed by a river
6. be____n of hope *n.* a light or other visible object serving as a signal, guide, or warning
7. in____ry division *n.* soldiers who fight on foot, often in organized military units; the branch of military force composed of foot soldiers
8. de____t the interest *v.* to take away an amount or part of the money, points, etc. from a total
9. tu____en filament *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: 1. knoll, 2. decibel, 3. monumental, 4. peal, 5. canyon, 6. beacon, 7. infantry, 8. deduct, 9. tungsten

10. di_____nt his audience *v.* to make someone confused about where they are or where they should go
11. al_____a sprouts *n.* a plant widely used for animal feed, particularly for horses and livestock, also used in human cuisine as a salad or sandwich ingredient
12. mi__r strike *n.* a person who works in a mine (= excavation in the Earth from which ores and minerals are extracted), especially one who extracts coal, minerals, or precious metals from the Earth
13. infant in_____or *n.* an apparatus in which conditions are controlled for hatching eggs, growing cells, or keeping people or animals warm; a place, especially with support staff and equipment, offered at a low cost to new small businesses
14. emotional pa___f *n.* the outcome or result of an action or series of actions; the return or reward gained from an investment, effort, or risk
15. struggling with ad_____ty *n.* difficulties or hardships that someone faces
16. me_____te impact *n.* a solid object originating in outer space that reaches the Earth's surface without completely vaporizing in the atmosphere; a rock that has fallen from space
17. 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

ANSWERS: 10. disorient, 11. alfalfa, 12. miner, 13. incubator, 14. payoff, 15. adversity, 16. meteorite, 17. tungsten

18. symbolic me____o *n.* an object or item that serves to remind someone of a person, event, or experience; a keepsake or souvenir
19. qu__e a source *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
20. sac_____ct tradition *adj.* considered to be holy and deserving of respect and reverence
21. br_____e with anger *n.* a stiff, short hair on a mammal's skin or a natural or artificial brush; a stiff, sharp point on a plant such as a thorn or a prickle; (verb) to react defensively to something; to stand up stiffly and be rigid
22. id_____c setting *adj.* pertaining to an idealized or picturesque version of rural life; blissfully serene, pleasingly perfect, or charmingly simple
23. am__e along the beach *v.* to walk at a slow, leisurely pace; to stroll or saunter; (noun) a leisurely or relaxed walk, often taken for pleasure or exercise
24. spiritual as____t *n.* the act of climbing or moving upwards, often referring to a physical ascent of a mountain or a spiritual ascent or improvement; an upward movement; the process of moving upwards
25. narrow esc_____nt *n.* a long, steep slope or cliff, typically separating two relatively level or more gently sloping areas, often formed by erosion or faulting

ANSWERS: 18. memento, 19. quote, 20. sacrosanct, 21. bristle, 22. idyllic, 23. amble, 24. ascent, 25. escarpment

26. pi_____m site *n.* a person who journeys, especially a long distance, to a sacred place as an act of religious devotion
27. sc____t prototype *v.* to create a work of art by carving, casting, or other shaping techniques
28. br_____e brush *n.* a stiff, short hair on a mammal's skin or a natural or artificial brush; a stiff, sharp point on a plant such as a thorn or a prickle; (verb) to react defensively to something; to stand up stiffly and be rigid
29. sh__e rock *n.* a sedimentary rock formed from the accumulation of fine-grained clay, silt, or mud, often used in construction or as a source of fuel
30. co_____e evil spirits away *v.* to call forth by magic; to create or bring about through the imagination
31. small cr_____es *n.* a long narrow depression or opening in a surface of rock or wall
32. be_____um ore *n.* a light, strong, brittle metallic element with the symbol Be and atomic number 4, used in nuclear reactors, aerospace, and other high-tech applications
33. sc____t an image *v.* to create a work of art by carving, casting, or other shaping techniques
34. st____l through the countryside *v.* to walk somewhere in a slow, relaxed way and with no apparent aim
35. financial bo_____a *n.* a situation or event in which there is a sudden and profitable discovery or success, usually related to a significant amount of wealth, resources, or opportunities; a large deposit of valuable ore or precious minerals

ANSWERS: 26. pilgrim, 27. sculpt, 28. bristle, 29. shale, 30. conjure, 31. crevice, 32. beryllium, 33. sculpt, 34. stroll, 35. bonanza

36. war l__t
v. steal goods from a place or person, typically during a war or riot; (noun) steal goods from a place or person, typically using force, especially in times of war or civil disorder
37. al____a hay
n. a plant widely used for animal feed, particularly for horses and livestock, also used in human cuisine as a salad or sandwich ingredient
38. la____ne phone
n. (also "wireline") a telephone line that transmits and receives signals through a physical wire or cable network, as opposed to a cellular or satellite connection
39. environmental det______nt
n. a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result
40. just below the tr____ne
n. (also "timberline") the uppermost boundary of a forest, beyond which trees do not readily grow or are significantly smaller in size due to factors such as climate, altitude, or soil conditions
41. sac____ct belief
adj. considered to be holy and deserving of respect and reverence
42. symbiotic fu____s
n. a type of organism that includes yeasts, molds, and mushrooms, which are heterotrophic, meaning they do not produce their food and must consume organic matter to survive

ANSWERS: 36. loot, 37. alfalfa, 38. landline, 39. determinant, 40. treeline, 41. sacrosanct, 42. fungus

43. turn cattle out to gr__e *v.* to feed on grass or other vegetation, especially by nibbling at it repeatedly; to break the skin of a body part by scraping
44. lush kn__l *n.* a small, rounded hill or mound; a small, isolated hill rising abruptly from a plain or other surrounding area
45. p__l of laughter *v.* to sound loudly and resonantly, often in repeated or overlapping sounds; to ring or chime with a loud, clear sound; (noun) a loud ringing of a bell or bells
46. ga___a crystal *n.* a mineral that is the primary source of lead, often found in metallic form and used in a variety of applications, including batteries and protective coatings
47. vo_____o alert level *n.* a mountain or hill, typically conical, having a crater or vent through which lava, rock fragments, hot vapor, and gas are or have been erupted from the earth's crust.
48. rei_____ce capital punishment *v.* to bring back something that has been previously abolished or discontinued
49. adjust the de_____l *n.* (also "dB") a unit used to measure the intensity of sound or the comparative loudness of two sounds based on a logarithmic scale
50. ju_____r berries *n.* a type of evergreen shrub or small tree belonging to the cypress family, typically characterized by needle-like or scale-like leaves and bearing small, berry-like cones

ANSWERS: 43. graze, 44. knoll, 45. peal, 46. galena, 47. volcano, 48. reintroduce, 49. decibel, 50. juniper

51. tw____ht of an era *n.* the soft, diffused light from the sky when the sun is below the horizon, either from sunrise to sunrise or sunset to sunset
52. em____k on a trip *v.* to go on board a ship or plane; to set out on an enterprise or subject of study; to start something
53. small sh__b *n.* a woody plant that is smaller than a tree and has several main stems emerging from the soil
54. mon____al task *adj.* great in importance or influence, size, extent, or solidity; massive
55. lowland me____w *n.* a field of grass and wildflowers, especially one used for hay
56. ar____an basin *adj.* relating to a well in which water rises naturally to the surface due to internal pressures, without the need for pumping; pertaining to underground water sources
57. ar____an spring *adj.* relating to a well in which water rises naturally to the surface due to internal pressures, without the need for pumping; pertaining to underground water sources
58. ass____te into society *v.* to take in and understand information or ideas; to integrate
59. flat-topped m__a *n.* a flat-topped hill with steep sides, found in landscapes with horizontal strata
60. the common but nu____d opinion *adj.* characterized by subtle differences in appearance, meaning, sound, etc.

ANSWERS: 51. twilight, 52. embark, 53. shrub, 54. monumental, 55. meadow, 56. artesian, 57. artesian, 58. assimilate, 59. mesa, 60. nuanced

61. morning am__e *v.* to walk at a slow, leisurely pace; to stroll or saunter; (noun) a leisurely or relaxed walk, often taken for pleasure or exercise
62. economic fo__y *n.* a lack of good sense or judgment; foolishness or absurdity; specifically, a costly, useless, or pointless building or project that has been created or undertaken for no practical purpose or benefit
63. id____c vacation *adj.* pertaining to an idealized or picturesque version of rural life; blissfully serene, pleasingly perfect, or charmingly simple
64. ina_____ble to an unauthorized user *adj.* unable to travel to or reach; not available
65. poetic ev_____on *n.* the act of calling forth or conjuring something, often a memory, emotion, or response; a strong impression or feeling that something was present or recalled
66. t__l to make a living *v.* to work hard and persistently; to engage in physically or mentally demanding tasks or activities for extended periods of time
67. m__a formation *n.* a flat-topped hill with steep sides, found in landscapes with horizontal strata
68. financial pa____f *n.* the outcome or result of an action or series of actions; the return or reward gained from an investment, effort, or risk

ANSWERS: 61. amble, 62. folly, 63. idyllic, 64. inaccessible, 65. evocation, 66. toil, 67. mesa, 68. payoff

69. tw____ht sky *n.* the soft, diffused light from the sky when the sun is below the horizon, either from sunrise to sunrise or sunset to sunset
70. graze in the me____w *n.* a field of grass and wildflowers, especially one used for hay
71. li____ne pavement *n.* a sedimentary rock that is composed mainly of calcium carbonate, which is the mineral calcite
72. in____ry training *n.* soldiers who fight on foot, often in organized military units; the branch of military force composed of foot soldiers
73. al____nt holder *n.* a portion or share of something that is divided and designated for a particular person or purpose; a plot of land, typically used for gardening or farming, that is divided into separate areas for individual cultivation
74. qu__e a price *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
75. ev____on of memories *n.* the act of calling forth or conjuring something, often a memory, emotion, or response; a strong impression or feeling that something was present or recalled
76. a det____nt of crop yields *n.* a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result

ANSWERS: 69. twilight, 70. meadow, 71. limestone, 72. infantry, 73. allotment, 74. quote, 75. evocation, 76. determinant

77. time al_____nt *n.* a portion or share of something that is divided and designated for a particular person or purpose; a plot of land, typically used for gardening or farming, that is divided into separate areas for individual cultivation
78. sheer li_____ne cliffs *n.* a sedimentary rock that is composed mainly of calcium carbonate, which is the mineral calcite
79. environmental ad_____ty *n.* difficulties or hardships that someone faces
80. di_____nt and wrong-foot viewers *v.* to make someone confused about where they are or where they should go
81. ex_____te soil *v.* to dig or remove earth, rocks, or other materials from the ground or a site, often to uncover or discover something
82. shopping bo_____a *n.* a situation or event in which there is a sudden and profitable discovery or success, usually related to a significant amount of wealth, resources, or opportunities; a large deposit of valuable ore or precious minerals
83. a la_____th of relationships *n.* a complicated network of paths or passages, often with twists and turns, making it difficult to find one's way out
84. co_____e a vision *v.* to call forth by magic; to create or bring about through the imagination
85. fu____s infection *n.* a type of organism that includes yeasts, molds, and mushrooms, which are heterotrophic, meaning they do not produce their food and must consume organic matter to survive

ANSWERS: 77. allotment, 78. limestone, 79. adversity, 80. disorient, 81. excavate, 82. bonanza, 83. labyrinth, 84. conjure, 85. fungus

86. presently non_____ent *adj.* not real; not existing or having no real existence
87. sw__l a population *v.* to become larger or more inflated; to become more intense or important
88. peep through a cr_____e *n.* a long narrow depression or opening in a surface of rock or wall
89. business in_____or program *n.* an apparatus in which conditions are controlled for hatching eggs, growing cells, or keeping people or animals warm; a place, especially with support staff and equipment, offered at a low cost to new small businesses
90. twisty ca____n road *n.* a large deep valley with very steep sides of rock and usually formed by a river
91. em___k on a foolish adventure *v.* to go on board a ship or plane; to set out on an enterprise or subject of study; to start something
92. ex_____te a deep hole *v.* to dig or remove earth, rocks, or other materials from the ground or a site, often to uncover or discover something
93. t__l up the mountain *v.* to work hard and persistently; to engage in physically or mentally demanding tasks or activities for extended periods of time
94. sh__e gas *n.* a sedimentary rock formed from the accumulation of fine-grained clay, silt, or mud, often used in construction or as a source of fuel

ANSWERS: 86. non-existent, 87. swell, 88. crevice, 89. incubator, 90. canyon, 91. embark, 92. excavate, 93. toil, 94. shale

95. lo_____ty crisis *n.* the property of being long-lived; significant duration of service
96. la_____ne connection *n.* (also "wireline") a telephone line that transmits and receives signals through a physical wire or cable network, as opposed to a cellular or satellite connection
97. de___t \$100 from the price *v.* to take away an amount or part of the money, points, etc. from a total
98. ina_____ble areas *adj.* unable to travel to or reach; not available
99. tree and sh___bs *n.* a woody plant that is smaller than a tree and has several main stems emerging from the soil
100. ju_____r shrub *n.* a type of evergreen shrub or small tree belonging to the cypress family, typically characterized by needle-like or scale-like leaves and bearing small, berry-like cones
101. a small me_____o *n.* an object or item that serves to remind someone of a person, event, or experience; a keepsake or souvenir
102. ass_____te a language *v.* to take in and understand information or ideas; to integrate
103. non_____ent resources *adj.* not real; not existing or having no real existence
104. lo_____ty genes *n.* the property of being long-lived; significant duration of service
105. gr___e the left shoulder *v.* to feed on grass or other vegetation, especially by nibbling at it repeatedly; to break the skin of a body part by scraping

ANSWERS: 95. longevity, 96. landline, 97. deduct, 98. inaccessible, 99. shrub, 100. juniper, 101. memento, 102. assimilate, 103. non-existent, 104. longevity, 105. graze

106. l__t the ship
- v. steal goods from a place or person, typically during a war or riot; (noun) steal goods from a place or person, typically using force, especially in times of war or civil disorder
107. an aerial be___n
- n. a light or other visible object serving as a signal, guide, or warning
108. act of fo__y
- n. a lack of good sense or judgment; foolishness or absurdity; specifically, a costly, useless, or pointless building or project that has been created or undertaken for no practical purpose or benefit
109. st___l across a street
- v. to walk somewhere in a slow, relaxed way and with no apparent aim
110. reach a cl___x
- n. the most intense or exciting moment of an event or experience; the point of highest dramatic tension or emotional intensity in a story, plot, or performance
111. emotional cl___x
- n. the most intense or exciting moment of an event or experience; the point of highest dramatic tension or emotional intensity in a story, plot, or performance
112. esc_____nt trail
- n. a long, steep slope or cliff, typically separating two relatively level or more gently sloping areas, often formed by erosion or faulting
113. be_____um alloy
- n. a light, strong, brittle metallic element with the symbol Be and atomic number 4, used in nuclear reactors, aerospace, and other high-tech applications

ANSWERS: 106. loot, 107. beacon, 108. folly, 109. stroll, 110. climax, 111. climax, 112. escarpment, 113. beryllium

114. active vo____o *n.* a mountain or hill, typically conical, having a crater or vent through which lava, rock fragments, hot vapor, and gas are or have been erupted from the earth's crust.
115. ga___a ore *n.* a mineral that is the primary source of lead, often found in metallic form and used in a variety of applications, including batteries and protective coatings
116. the as___t of a rocket *n.* the act of climbing or moving upwards, often referring to a physical ascent of a mountain or a spiritual ascent or improvement; an upward movement; the process of moving upwards
117. mi__r industry *n.* a person who works in a mine (= excavation in the Earth from which ores and minerals are extracted), especially one who extracts coal, minerals, or precious metals from the Earth
118. me_____te shower *n.* a solid object originating in outer space that reaches the Earth's surface without completely vaporizing in the atmosphere; a rock that has fallen from space
119. rei_____ce species *v.* to bring back something that has been previously abolished or discontinued
120. nu_____d view *adj.* characterized by subtle differences in appearance, meaning, sound, etc.
121. la_____thine pathways *n.* a complicated network of paths or passages, often with twists and turns, making it difficult to find one's way out

ANSWERS: 114. volcano, 115. galena, 116. ascent, 117. miner, 118. meteorite, 119. reintroduce, 120. nuanced, 121. labyrinth

122. sw__l at room temperature

v. to become larger or more inflated; to become more intense or important

123. tr____ne elevation

n. (also "timberline") the uppermost boundary of a forest, beyond which trees do not readily grow or are significantly smaller in size due to factors such as climate, altitude, or soil conditions

124. shrine for pi____ms

n. a person who journeys, especially a long distance, to a sacred place as an act of religious devotion

ANSWERS: 122. swell, 123. treeline, 124. pilgrim

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. He spent hours every day _____ figures out of clay.
v. to create a work of art by carving, casting, or other shaping techniques
2. The _____ fragments were collected and sent to a laboratory for analysis.
n. a solid object originating in outer space that reaches the Earth's surface without completely vaporizing in the atmosphere; a rock that has fallen from space
3. The hikers experienced a difficult _____ to the summit due to the steep and rocky terrain.
n. the act of climbing or moving upwards, often referring to a physical ascent of a mountain or a spiritual ascent or improvement; an upward movement; the process of moving upwards
4. 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
5. The tradition of the annual family reunion is _____ and must be upheld.
adj. considered to be holy and deserving of respect and reverence
6. _____ 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: 1. sculpting, 2. meteorite, 3. ascent, 4. quoted, 5. sacrosanct, 6. Tungsten

7. The evidence for this theory is _____.

adj. not real; not existing or having no real existence

8. As a member of the _____ platoon, he learned the value of teamwork and resilience.

n. soldiers who fight on foot, often in organized military units; the branch of military force composed of foot soldiers

9. The ancient ruins sat atop the _____ overlooking the valley below.

n. a flat-topped hill with steep sides, found in landscapes with horizontal strata

10. The sheep _____ on the green grass in the meadow.

v. to feed on grass or other vegetation, especially by nibbling at it repeatedly; to break the skin of a body part by scraping

11. The island was formed by a _____ millions of years ago.

n. a mountain or hill, typically conical, having a crater or vent through which lava, rock fragments, hot vapor, and gas are or have been erupted from the earth's crust.

12. The concert reached 100 _____ causing many people to cover their ears.

n. (also "dB") a unit used to measure the intensity of sound or the comparative loudness of two sounds based on a logarithmic scale

13. The coal _____ worked tirelessly to extract valuable minerals from deep underground.

n. a person who works in a mine (= excavation in the Earth from which ores and minerals are extracted), especially one who extracts coal, minerals, or precious metals from the Earth

ANSWERS: 7. non-existent, 8. infantry, 9. mesa, 10. graze, 11. volcano, 12. decibels, 13. miner

14. It was _____ for the hiker to climb the dangerous mountain alone.
- n.* a lack of good sense or judgment; foolishness or absurdity; specifically, a costly, useless, or pointless building or project that has been created or undertaken for no practical purpose or benefit
15. The geologist studied the _____ layers in the rock formations to determine their age.
- n.* a sedimentary rock formed from the accumulation of fine-grained clay, silt, or mud, often used in construction or as a source of fuel
16. The hikers trekked up the steep _____ and reached the summit.
- n.* a long, steep slope or cliff, typically separating two relatively level or more gently sloping areas, often formed by erosion or faulting
17. The view above the _____ was a vast expanse of snow and rock.
- n.* (also "timberline") the uppermost boundary of a forest, beyond which trees do not readily grow or are significantly smaller in size due to factors such as climate, altitude, or soil conditions
18. His arm was _____ from the insect bite.
- v.* to become larger or more inflated; to become more intense or important
19. There was a beautiful wildflower garden on the _____ that attracted many visitors.
- n.* a small, rounded hill or mound; a small, isolated hill rising abruptly from a plain or other surrounding area
20. The _____ for all my hard work was finally getting a promotion.
- n.* the outcome or result of an action or series of actions; the return or reward gained from an investment, effort, or risk

ANSWERS: 14. folly, 15. shale, 16. escarpment, 17. treeline, 18. swelling, 19. knoll, 20. payoff

21. The scent of the _____ tree filled the air as we hiked through the forest.
- n.* a type of evergreen shrub or small tree belonging to the cypress family, typically characterized by needle-like or scale-like leaves and bearing small, berry-like cones
22. Heavy snow made it _____ to go to the mountain village.
- adj.* unable to travel to or reach; not available
23. The sommelier can distinguish _____ variance in the flavor of the wine.
- adj.* characterized by subtle differences in appearance, meaning, sound, etc.
24. The _____ of the movie had everyone on the edge of their seats.
- n.* the most intense or exciting moment of an event or experience; the point of highest dramatic tension or emotional intensity in a story, plot, or performance
25. The photo album was filled with _____ from their trip around the world.
- n.* an object or item that serves to remind someone of a person, event, or experience; a keepsake or souvenir
26. Several studies have indicated that human activity at sea might _____ dolphins and whales.
- v.* to make someone confused about where they are or where they should go
27. The _____ mineral is often used for lead extraction in mining.
- n.* a mineral that is the primary source of lead, often found in metallic form and used in a variety of applications, including batteries and protective coatings
28. Certain types of _____ can be toxic to humans, causing severe illness if ingested.
- n.* a type of organism that includes yeasts, molds, and mushrooms, which are heterotrophic, meaning they do not produce their food and must consume organic matter to survive

ANSWERS: 21. juniper, 22. inaccessible, 23. nuanced, 24. climax, 25. mementos, 26. disorient, 27. galena, 28. fungus

29. The magician _____ up a rabbit out of thin air.
v. to call forth by magic; to create or bring about through the imagination
30. The sky was a beautiful pink and orange color at _____.
n. the soft, diffused light from the sky when the sun is below the horizon, either from sunrise to sunrise or sunset to sunset
31. Everyone, even non-scholars, knows Einstein's _____ contributions to physics.
adj. great in importance or influence, size, extent, or solidity; massive
32. The novel's vivid descriptions created an _____ of the bustling streets of a major city.
n. the act of calling forth or conjuring something, often a memory, emotion, or response; a strong impression or feeling that something was present or recalled
33. The farmer grew a field of _____ to use as feed for his animals.
n. a plant widely used for animal feed, particularly for horses and livestock, also used in human cuisine as a salad or sandwich ingredient
34. We need to install a _____ in our new office before we can start taking client calls.
n. (also "wireline") a telephone line that transmits and receives signals through a physical wire or cable network, as opposed to a cellular or satellite connection
35. The village was known for its _____ way of life and picturesque scenery.
adj. pertaining to an idealized or picturesque version of rural life; blissfully serene, pleasingly perfect, or charmingly simple

ANSWERS: 29. conjured, 30. twilight, 31. monumental, 32. evocation, 33. alfalfa, 34. landline, 35. idyllic

36. These are _____ with no trunks that rarely grow taller than 3 meters.
- n.* a woody plant that is smaller than a tree and has several main stems emerging from the soil
37. The rocket's casing was made of _____ for its light weight and strength.
- n.* a light, strong, brittle metallic element with the symbol Be and atomic number 4, used in nuclear reactors, aerospace, and other high-tech applications
38. The lighthouse served as a _____ to guide ships safely into port.
- n.* a light or other visible object serving as a signal, guide, or warning
39. The recent oil discovery in the region has led to an economic _____ for the local community.
- n.* a situation or event in which there is a sudden and profitable discovery or success, usually related to a significant amount of wealth, resources, or opportunities; a large deposit of valuable ore or precious minerals
40. The Grand _____ has an awe-inspiring sight.
- n.* a large deep valley with very steep sides of rock and usually formed by a river
41. We could _____ into town if you like.
- v.* to walk somewhere in a slow, relaxed way and with no apparent aim
42. The church bells _____ loud and clear, announcing the start of the wedding ceremony.
- v.* to sound loudly and resonantly, often in repeated or overlapping sounds; to ring or chime with a loud, clear sound; (noun) a loud ringing of a bell or bells
43. The government is planning to _____ wolves to the national park to restore the balance of the ecosystem.
- v.* to bring back something that has been previously abolished or discontinued

ANSWERS: 36. shrubs, 37. beryllium, 38. beacon, 39. bonanza, 40. Canyon, 41. stroll, 42. pealed, 43. reintroduce

44. We _____ on a new project.

- v.* to go on board a ship or plane; to set out on an enterprise or subject of study; to start something

45. The lush _____ was covered in wildflowers.

- n.* a field of grass and wildflowers, especially one used for hay

46. The Great Pyramid of Giza was built using blocks of _____.

- n.* a sedimentary rock that is composed mainly of calcium carbonate, which is the mineral calcite

47. We decided to _____ through the park, enjoying the warm weather and beautiful scenery.

- v.* to walk at a slow, leisurely pace; to stroll or saunter; (noun) a leisurely or relaxed walk, often taken for pleasure or exercise

48. The bank _____ the premium amount from his bank account.

- v.* to take away an amount or part of the money, points, etc. from a total

49. The region is known for its natural _____ wells, providing a constant flow of fresh water.

- adj.* relating to a well in which water rises naturally to the surface due to internal pressures, without the need for pumping; pertaining to underground water sources

50. The eggs were placed in an artificial _____ to ensure proper hatching conditions.

- n.* an apparatus in which conditions are controlled for hatching eggs, growing cells, or keeping people or animals warm; a place, especially with support staff and equipment, offered at a low cost to new small businesses

ANSWERS: 44. embarked, 45. meadow, 46. limestone, 47. amble, 48. deducted, 49. artesian, 50. incubator

51. The archaeologists _____ the ruins of an ancient city buried under the desert sands.
- v.* to dig or remove earth, rocks, or other materials from the ground or a site, often to uncover or discover something
52. It was easy to get lost in the _____ of narrow alleyways in the old city.
- n.* a complicated network of paths or passages, often with twists and turns, making it difficult to find one's way out
53. The team demonstrated great resilience in the face of _____ and won the game.
- n.* difficulties or hardships that someone faces
54. The immigrant struggled to _____ into the new culture.
- v.* to take in and understand information or ideas; to integrate
55. He is proud of the _____ of the business.
- n.* the property of being long-lived; significant duration of service
56. He wedged a knife into the _____
- n.* a long narrow depression or opening in a surface of rock or wall
57. The dog's _____ on its back stood up as it growled at the mailman.
- n.* a stiff, short hair on a mammal's skin or a natural or artificial brush; a stiff, sharp point on a plant such as a thorn or a prickle; (verb) to react defensively to something; to stand up stiffly and be rigid
58. The farmers _____ in the fields, harvesting the crops before the start of the rainy season.
- v.* to work hard and persistently; to engage in physically or mentally demanding tasks or activities for extended periods of time

ANSWERS: 51. excavated, 52. labyrinth, 53. adversity, 54. assimilate, 55. longevity, 56. crevice, 57. bristle, 58. toiled

59. One _____ of success is having a positive attitude and a strong work ethic.
- n.* a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result
60. The bandits _____ the small town, leaving it in ruins.
- v.* steal goods from a place or person, typically during a war or riot; (noun) steal goods from a place or person, typically using force, especially in times of war or civil disorder
61. I was given a small garden _____ where I could grow my vegetables.
- n.* a portion or share of something that is divided and designated for a particular person or purpose; a plot of land, typically used for gardening or farming, that is divided into separate areas for individual cultivation
62. The group of _____ walked in silence, deep in thought and prayer.
- n.* a person who journeys, especially a long distance, to a sacred place as an act of religious devotion

ANSWERS: 59. determinant, 60. looted, 61. allotment, 62. pilgrims