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Session 1: Word List

fluent

adj. able to communicate in a specific language smoothly or effectively, or easily

synonym: eloquent, articulate, smooth-spoken

(1) **fluent** Chinese, (2) in a **fluent** tone

She learned five languages but is only **fluent** in two of them.

confer

v. to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something

synonym: consult, meet, discuss

(1) **confer** degree, (2) **confer** honor

The leaders of the two countries met to **confer** on the issue.

afterward

adv. after the time mentioned

synonym: later, thereafter, following

(1) a few years **afterward**, (2) go there **afterward**

We will explain the countermeasure concerning this problem **afterward**.

relentless

adj. persistent and determined; continuing despite difficulties or setbacks

synonym: unyielding, tireless, unremitting

(1) **relentless** attack, (2) face **relentless** pressure

The athlete's **relentless** training paid off in the end.

devote

v. to commit or dedicate oneself or one's time, effort, or energy to a particular task or purpose

synonym: commit, dedicate, apply

(1) **devote** all of my energies, (2) **devote** my own life

He **devoted** himself to studying the history of ancient civilizations.

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.

auditorium

n. a room or building used for concerts, plays, or other public performances

synonym: hall, theater, amphitheater

(1) open-air **auditorium**, (2) **auditorium** annex

The **auditorium** seating was filled with people waiting for the concert to begin.

applaud

v. to express approval of someone or something by clapping the hands

synonym: clap, celebrate, praise

(1) **applaud** his courage, (2) **applaud** the orchestra

I enthusiastically **applaud** my rival's achievement.

worthless

adj. having no value or usefulness; not worth considering

synonym: valueless, useless, pointless

(1) **worthless** stock, (2) **worthless** coin

The product was found to be **worthless** as it failed to meet the customer's expectations.

stomp

v. to walk heavily and noisily, often with a rhythmical sound; to dance with a rhythmical step

synonym: trample, tread, dance

(1) **stomp** off to the room, (2) **stomp** on his foot

The children **stomped** their feet in time to the music.

amortize

v. to gradually reduce or pay off a debt or loan by making regular payments over a period of time; to spread out the cost or expense of something over a specific period

synonym : repay, settle, defray

(1) **amortize** a loan, (2) **amortize** over time

It will take several years to **amortize** the mortgage on our new house.

takeaway

n. a message or conclusion that can be taken away from a situation or piece of information

synonym : conclusion, message, insight

(1) **takeaway** pizza, (2) **takeaway** message

The main **takeaway** from the meeting was the need for better communication.

tycoon

n. a wealthy and powerful business leader or industrialist

synonym : magnate, industrialist, bigwig

(1) business **tycoon**, (2) **tycoon** of industry

He became a successful **tycoon** in the oil industry.

musky

adj. having a strong, earthy smell that is often reminiscent of musk or moss

synonym : musty, earthy, pungent

(1) **musky** aroma, (2) **musky** perfume

The **musky** scent of the old book filled the air of the dusty library.

adept

adj. having or showing knowledge and skill and aptitude to do something quite difficult

synonym : proficient, masterful, experienced

(1) **adept** at fishing, (2) **adept** in handicrafts

She is highly **adept** with medical equipment.

drawback

n. a disadvantage or inconvenience that makes something less attractive

synonym: disadvantage, defect, weakness

(1) the **drawback** of his method, (2) one of the main **drawbacks**

He pointed out all the **drawbacks** to our plan.

boardroom

n. a room where the board of directors of a company or organization meets

synonym: meeting room, conference room, executive room

(1) **boardroom** meeting, (2) **boardroom** decision

The corporate **boardroom** was filled with tense silence as the CEO presented the new plan.

robin

n. a small bird from the thrush family, typically having a red breast and found across Europe, Asia, and North America

synonym: thrush, red-breast, redbird

(1) **robin** eggs, (2) **robin's** nest

I love listening to the cheerful song of the **robin** in my garden.

acronym

n. a word formed from the first letter of each word in a phrase, such as NASA (National Aeronautics and Space Administration) or AIDS (Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome)

synonym: abbreviation, initialism, shortcut

(1) **acronym** definition, (2) use an **acronym**

RADAR is an **acronym** for radio detection and ranging.

nod

v. to lower and raise one's head, sometimes several times, as to show approval, agreement, greeting, or confirmation

synonym: respond, acknowledge, greet

(1) **nod** at each other, (2) **nod** courteously

She **noded** quietly in response to the question.

frantic

adj. marked by uncontrolled excitement or emotion; wild; frenzied

synonym: wild, frenzied, manic

(1) **frantic** pace, (2) with **frantic** haste

The mother was **frantic** as she searched for her lost child.

industrious

adj. hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort

synonym : diligent, hardworking, assiduous

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

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

spout

n. a tube or chute through which something, particularly a liquid, can be poured or discharged in a continuous stream; a projecting tube or pipe that transfers fluids from one container to another; (verb) to send out a stream of liquid or gas, typically in a forceful way

synonym : spigot, nozzle, faucet

(1) **spout** out an opinion, (2) fountain **spout**

The water **spout** in the garden provides a refreshing mist on hot days.

satirize

v. to use humor, irony, or sarcasm to expose and criticize the foolishness or vices of a person, group, or society; to use satire as a means of social or political commentary

synonym : mock, ridicule, parody

(1) **satirize** mainstream media, (2) **satirize** celebrities

The comedian used humor to **satirize** the political system and its flaws.

immaterial

adj. not having material existence or substance; not being important or relevant

synonym : intangible, abstract, irrelevant

(1) right of **immaterial** property, (2) **immaterial** information

The **immaterial** aspects of culture, such as values, beliefs, and customs, are often more difficult to define and understand than material ones.

insignificant

adj. of little importance, influence, or power

synonym : unimportant, trivial, irrelevant

(1) **insignificant** amount, (2) an **insignificant** mistake
He made me feel small and **insignificant**.

stale

adj. no longer fresh, new, or interesting; dull or uninteresting
synonym: old, uninteresting, dull

(1) a **stale** joke, (2) **stale** smell

The bread was **stale** and not fit for eating.

cliche

n. a phrase or expression that has become overused to the point that it has lost its original impact or meaning; a trite or unoriginal idea or statement

synonym: truism, platitude, stereotype

(1) **cliche** plot, (2) age-old **cliche**

Using the same **cliche** phrase in every conversation can take time and effort.

sane

adj. mentally sound or normal; having a rational mind

synonym: rational, sound, normal

(1) for a **sane** reason, (2) **sane** judgment

Despite the difficult circumstances, he remained **sane**.

numb

adj. unable to feel physical sensation and movement; not showing human feeling or sensitivity

synonym: dazed, insensitive, emotionless

(1) **numb** with cold, (2) a **numb** mind

My left arm became **numb**.

fury

n. intense and often violent anger

synonym: rage, wrath, ire

(1) market **fury**, (2) **fury** of the storm

The crowd's **fury** was palpable as they shouted and protested against the government's decision.

signify

v. to indicate, represent, or communicate something, especially an idea or concept, often through a symbol, gesture, or word

synonym:

indicate, express, convey

(1) **signify** importance, (2) actions that **signify** agreement
The red lights on the dashboard **signify** that the car needs maintenance.

pickle

n. vegetables or fruit preserved in salty water or vinegar served cold with meat, salads, etc.; informal terms for a difficult situation

synonym: jam, predicament, quagmire

(1) **pickle** a cucumber, (2) **pickle** barrel

The **pickle** must have an acidity level high enough to inhibit the growth of bacteria.

touchpoint

n. a point or moment of interaction or contact between a person or user and a product, service, or organization; a specific opportunity or moment for engagement or communication

synonym: contact point, interaction point

(1) omnichannel **touchpoint**, (2) digital **touchpoint**

The marketing team analyzed the customer **touchpoints** to optimize the buyer's journey.

yell

v. to shout in a sudden and loud way

synonym: shout, scream, cry

(1) **yell** for help, (2) **yell** as loud as we can

When I asked my father for more money, he became furious and **yelled** at me.

ointment

n. a medicated salve or paste applied to the skin for treatment or relief of a condition

synonym: salve, balm, cream

(1) **ointment** for eczema, (2) eye **ointment**

I need to apply the **ointment** to my burn to help it heal faster.

scripture

n. the sacred writings of a particular religion or belief system, often regarded as authoritative and containing moral or spiritual teachings

synonym : religious text, Bible, holy writ

(1) **scripture** study, (2) biblical **scripture**

Many people find comfort in reading **scripture** during times of hardship.

Christ

n. the man that Christians believe is the prophet and the son of God, and whose life and sermons form the basis for Christianity

synonym : Savior, Jesus Christ, Jesus

(1) teaching of **Christ**, (2) before **Christ**

Christmas is the day to celebrate the birth of Christ.

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.

succumb

v. to fail to oppose something, such as desire, pressure, or some other opposing force; to die or suffer badly from the effect of a disease or injury

synonym : surrender, break down, die

(1) **succumb** to cancer, (2) **succumb** to old age

He finally **succumbed** to temptation.

accepting

adj. willing to receive or to take something offered

synonym : tolerant, open-minded, receptive

(1) **accepting** attitude, (2) **accepting** of diversity

He was an **accepting** person who believed in diversity and inclusiveness.

adorable

adj. inspiring love, affection, or fondness; charming or delightful; cute, lovable

synonym : cute, lovely, charming

(1) **adorable** baby, (2) **adorable** puppy

My friend's daughter is **adorable**, with curly hair and big

brown eyes.

confuse

v. to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand

synonym: confound, obscure, disorient

(1) **confuse** the listener, (2) **confuse** fantasy with reality
Her remarks **confused** the debate.

cyanide

n. a highly toxic compound consisting of a carbon atom triple-bonded to a nitrogen atom, most often encountered as hydrogen cyanide or one of its salts, often used in industrial processes, insecticides, and as a lethal poison

synonym: nitrile, poison, toxin

(1) **cyanide** poisoning, (2) hydrogen **cyanide**

The use of **cyanide** as a chemical weapon is prohibited under international law.

piggyback

n. a ride on someone's back or shoulders, or the act of carrying or supporting something on someone's back or shoulders; (*verb*) to carry or transport someone or something on one's back or shoulders, or to attach or mount one thing onto another thing for transportation or support

(1) **piggyback** on her success, (2) **piggyback** equipment

The little girl wanted a **piggyback** ride on her father's shoulders.

pronounce

v. to say or speak (a word or words) correctly or in a particular way

synonym: articulate, enunciate, voice

(1) **pronounce** a judgment, (2) **pronounce** a name

She struggled to **pronounce** the word in a foreign language.

crayfish

n. a freshwater crustacean resembling a small lobster typically found in streams, rivers, and lakes and often used as a popular food source

synonym: crawfish, crawdad, freshwater lobster

(1) freshwater **crayfish**, (2) cooked **crayfish**

The seafood restaurant is known for its delicious **crayfish** dish.

whistle

v. to make a high-pitched sound by forcing breath through a small opening, usually with the lips or fingers; (noun) a piece of equipment that forces air or steam against an edge or into a cavity and so produces a loud shrill sound

synonym : sound, honk, tweet

(1) **whistle** a tune, (2) **whistle** for help

The employee decided to **whistle-blow** on the company's illegal activities.

paw

n. the foot of an animal that has claws or nails, such as a cat, dog, or bear; a person's hand, especially a clumsy or heavy-handed one

synonym : mitt, manus, talon

(1) **paw** print, (2) **paw** pad

The cat batted at the toy with its **paw**.

remiss

adj. negligent or careless in performing a duty or task; failing to take proper care or give sufficient attention

synonym : negligent, careless, delinquent

(1) **remiss** behavior, (2) **remiss** in his duties

Her **remiss** attitude towards her studies is why she falls behind in class.

germ

n. a very tiny living that causes the disease; a piece of something such as an organism, concept, etc., capable of growing into a new one or part of one

synonym : bacterium, microbe, pathogen

(1) antibiotic-resistant **germ**, (2) a **germ-free** environment

The **germ** of his idea came from watching birds flying in flocks.

mustard

n. a yellow or brown condiment that tastes spicy made from the seeds of various plants; (adjective) between

yellow and brown

synonym : condiment, sauce, spice

(1) **mustard** leaf, (2) black **mustard** seed

He had to endure the **mustard** gas attack during the war.

dumpling

n. a small ball or lump of dough, often boiled or steamed and filled with meat or vegetables

synonym : doughball, potsticker, pierogi

(1) **dumpling** soup, (2) homemade **dumpling**

I ordered some delicious **dumplings** for lunch.

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.

porridge

n. a hot cereal dish made from boiled grains or legumes, typically oats, rice, or cornmeal, often served with milk or sweeteners

synonym : oatmeal, gruel, mush

(1) oat **porridge**, (2) sweet **porridge**

A bowl of hot **porridge** is a nutritious breakfast option in winter.

recap

v. to repeat or summarize what has been said, decided, etc.

synonym : outline, summarize, abstract

(1) **recap** key points, (2) **recap** briefly

Let me quickly **recap** these results.

Session 2: Spelling

1. mu__y perfume *adj.* having a strong, earthy smell that is often reminiscent of musk or moss
2. face rel_____ss pressure *adj.* persistent and determined; continuing despite difficulties or setbacks
3. ta_____ay pizza *n.* a message or conclusion that can be taken away from a situation or piece of information
4. f__y of the storm *n.* intense and often violent anger
5. ins_____ant amount *adj.* of little importance, influence, or power
6. co___r honor *v.* to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something
7. si_____y importance *v.* to indicate, represent, or communicate something, especially an idea or concept, often through a symbol, gesture, or word
8. oi_____nt for eczema *n.* a medicated salve or paste applied to the skin for treatment or relief of a condition
9. sc_____re study *n.* the sacred writings of a particular religion or belief system, often regarded as authoritative and containing moral or spiritual teachings
10. ad_____le baby *adj.* inspiring love, affection, or fondness; charming or delightful; cute, lovable

ANSWERS: 1. musky, 2. relentless, 3. takeaway, 4. fury, 5. insignificant, 6. confer, 7. signify, 8. ointment, 9. scripture, 10. adorable

11. antibiotic-resistant g__m *n.* a very tiny living that causes the disease; a piece of something such as an organism, concept, etc., capable of growing into a new one or part of one
12. co___r degree *v.* to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something
13. ro__n eggs *n.* a small bird from the thrush family, typically having a red breast and found across Europe, Asia, and North America
14. a few years af_____rd *adv.* after the time mentioned
15. re___s behavior *adj.* negligent or careless in performing a duty or task; failing to take proper care or give sufficient attention
16. ind_____us worker *adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
17. y__l as loud as we can *v.* to shout in a sudden and loud way
18. mu_____d leaf *n.* a yellow or brown condiment that tastes spicy made from the seeds of various plants; (adjective) between yellow and brown
19. omnichannel tou_____nt *n.* a point or moment of interaction or contact between a person or user and a product, service, or organization; a specific opportunity or moment for engagement or communication
20. co_____e the listener *v.* to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand

ANSWERS: 11. germ, 12. confer, 13. robin, 14. afterward, 15. remiss, 16. industrious, 17. yell, 18. mustard, 19. touchpoint, 20. confuse

21. y__l for help *v.* to shout in a sudden and loud way
22. cy____e poisoning *n.* a highly toxic compound consisting of a carbon atom triple-bonded to a nitrogen atom, most often encountered as hydrogen cyanide or one of its salts, often used in industrial processes, insecticides, and as a lethal poison
23. ac____m definition *n.* a word formed from the first letter of each word in a phrase, such as NASA (National Aeronautics and Space Administration) or AIDS (Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome)
24. a g__m-free environment *n.* a very tiny living that causes the disease; a piece of something such as an organism, concept, etc., capable of growing into a new one or part of one
25. s__e judgment *adj.* mentally sound or normal; having a rational mind
26. imm____al information *adj.* not having material existence or substance; not being important or relevant
27. sa____ze mainstream media *v.* to use humor, irony, or sarcasm to expose and criticize the foolishness or vices of a person, group, or society; to use satire as a means of social or political commentary
28. 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

ANSWERS: 21. yell, 22. cyanide, 23. acronym, 24. germ, 25. sane, 26. immaterial, 27. satirize, 28. clap

29. pr_____ce a name *v.* to say or speak (a word or words) correctly or in a particular way
30. wo_____ss stock *adj.* having no value or usefulness; not worth considering
31. sp__t out an opinion *n.* a tube or chute through which something, particularly a liquid, can be poured or discharged in a continuous stream; a projecting tube or pipe that transfers fluids from one container to another; (verb) to send out a stream of liquid or gas, typically in a forceful way
32. age-old cl____e *n.* a phrase or expression that has become overused to the point that it has lost its original impact or meaning; a trite or unoriginal idea or statement
33. use an ac_____m *n.* a word formed from the first letter of each word in a phrase, such as NASA (National Aeronautics and Space Administration) or AIDS (Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome)
34. chicken br__h *n.* a liquid in which meat, fish, or vegetables have been cooked, used as a base for soups and stews
35. am_____ze over time *v.* to gradually reduce or pay off a debt or loan by making regular payments over a period of time; to spread out the cost or expense of something over a specific period
36. ap_____d the orchestra *v.* to express approval of someone or something by clapping the hands

ANSWERS: 29. pronounce, 30. worthless, 31. spout, 32. cliché, 33. acronym, 34. broth, 35. amortize, 36. applaud

37. ac_____ng of diversity *adj.* willing to receive or to take something offered
38. ro__n's nest *n.* a small bird from the thrush family, typically having a red breast and found across Europe, Asia, and North America
39. the dr_____ck of his method *n.* a disadvantage or inconvenience that makes something less attractive
40. ad__t at fishing *adj.* having or showing knowledge and skill and aptitude to do something quite difficult
41. bo_____om decision *n.* a room where the board of directors of a company or organization meets
42. de___e all of my energies *v.* to commit or dedicate oneself or one's time, effort, or energy to a particular task or purpose
43. wo_____ss coin *adj.* having no value or usefulness; not worth considering
44. re__p key points *v.* to repeat or summarize what has been said, decided, etc.
45. c__p my hands *v.* to hit your hands together and make a short and loud noise, mainly to show your approval or praise
46. business ty___n *n.* a wealthy and powerful business leader or industrialist
47. oat po_____ge *n.* a hot cereal dish made from boiled grains or legumes, typically oats, rice, or cornmeal, often served with milk or sweeteners

ANSWERS: 37. accepting, 38. robin, 39. drawback, 40. adept, 41. boardroom, 42. devote, 43. worthless, 44. recap, 45. clap, 46. tycoon, 47. porridge

48. sweet po____ge *n.* a hot cereal dish made from boiled grains or legumes, typically oats, rice, or cornmeal, often served with milk or sweeteners
49. bo_____om meeting *n.* a room where the board of directors of a company or organization meets
50. su_____b to old age *v.* to fail to oppose something, such as desire, pressure, or some other opposing force; to die or suffer badly from the effect of a disease or injury
51. cl___e plot *n.* a phrase or expression that has become overused to the point that it has lost its original impact or meaning; a trite or unoriginal idea or statement
52. aud_____um annex *n.* a room or building used for concerts, plays, or other public performances
53. fountain sp__t *n.* a tube or chute through which something, particularly a liquid, can be poured or discharged in a continuous stream; a projecting tube or pipe that transfers fluids from one container to another; (verb) to send out a stream of liquid or gas, typically in a forceful way
54. pr_____ce a judgment *v.* to say or speak (a word or words) correctly or in a particular way
55. in a fl___t tone *adj.* able to communicate in a specific language smoothly or effectively, or easily
56. su_____b to cancer *v.* to fail to oppose something, such as desire, pressure, or some other opposing force; to die or suffer badly from the effect of a disease or injury

ANSWERS: 48. porridge, 49. boardroom, 50. succumb, 51. cliché, 52. auditorium, 53. spout, 54. pronounce, 55. fluent, 56. succumb

57. fl___t Chinese *adj.* able to communicate in a specific language smoothly or effectively, or easily
58. with fr_____c haste *adj.* marked by uncontrolled excitement or emotion; wild; frenzied
59. ad_____le puppy *adj.* inspiring love, affection, or fondness; charming or delightful; cute, lovable
60. an ins_____ant mistake *adj.* of little importance, influence, or power
61. mu__y aroma *adj.* having a strong, earthy smell that is often reminiscent of musk or moss
62. issue a w__t *n.* a written legal order or command
63. digital tou_____nt *n.* a point or moment of interaction or contact between a person or user and a product, service, or organization; a specific opportunity or moment for engagement or communication
64. n_d at each other *v.* to lower and raise one's head, sometimes several times, as to show approval, agreement, greeting, or confirmation
65. pi___e barrel *n.* vegetables or fruit preserved in salty water or vinegar served cold with meat, salads, etc.; informal terms for a difficult situation
66. st__p on his foot *v.* to walk heavily and noisily, often with a rhythmical sound; to dance with a rhythmical step
67. n__b with cold *adj.* unable to feel physical sensation and movement; not showing human feeling or sensitivity

ANSWERS: 57. fluent, 58. frantic, 59. adorable, 60. insignificant, 61. musky, 62. writ, 63. touchpoint, 64. nod, 65. pickle, 66. stomp, 67. numb

68. remains of br__h
n. a liquid in which meat, fish, or vegetables have been cooked, used as a base for soups and stews
69. a st__e joke
adj. no longer fresh, new, or interesting; dull or uninteresting
70. co____e fantasy with reality
v. to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand
71. fr____c pace
adj. marked by uncontrolled excitement or emotion; wild; frenzied
72. hydrogen cy____e
n. a highly toxic compound consisting of a carbon atom triple-bonded to a nitrogen atom, most often encountered as hydrogen cyanide or one of its salts, often used in industrial processes, insecticides, and as a lethal poison
73. ad__t in handicrafts
adj. having or showing knowledge and skill and aptitude to do something quite difficult
74. p_w pad
n. the foot of an animal that has claws or nails, such as a cat, dog, or bear; a person's hand, especially a clumsy or heavy-handed one
75. ap____d his courage
v. to express approval of someone or something by clapping the hands
76. am____ze a loan
v. to gradually reduce or pay off a debt or loan by making regular payments over a period of time; to spread out the cost or expense of something over a specific period

ANSWERS: 68. broth, 69. stale, 70. confuse, 71. frantic, 72. cyanide, 73. adept, 74. paw, 75. applaud, 76. amortize

77. black mu____d seed *n.* a yellow or brown condiment that tastes spicy made from the seeds of various plants; (adjective) between yellow and brown
78. p_w print *n.* the foot of an animal that has claws or nails, such as a cat, dog, or bear; a person's hand, especially a clumsy or heavy-handed one
79. ta____ay message *n.* a message or conclusion that can be taken away from a situation or piece of information
80. pi____ck on her success *n.* a ride on someone's back or shoulders, or the act of carrying or supporting something on someone's back or shoulders; (verb) to carry or transport someone or something on one's back or shoulders, or to attach or mount one thing onto another thing for transportation or support
81. st__e smell *adj.* no longer fresh, new, or interesting; dull or uninteresting
82. cooked cr____sh *n.* a freshwater crustacean resembling a small lobster typically found in streams, rivers, and lakes and often used as a popular food source
83. pi____ck equipment *n.* a ride on someone's back or shoulders, or the act of carrying or supporting something on someone's back or shoulders; (verb) to carry or transport someone or something on one's back or shoulders, or to attach or mount one thing onto another thing for transportation or support

ANSWERS: 77. mustard, 78. paw, 79. takeaway, 80. piggyback, 81. stale, 82. crayfish, 83. piggyback

84. open-air aud_____um *n.* a room or building used for concerts, plays, or other public performances
85. homemade du_____ng *n.* a small ball or lump of dough, often boiled or steamed and filled with meat or vegetables
86. wh_____e a tune *v.* to make a high-pitched sound by forcing breath through a small opening, usually with the lips or fingers; (noun) a piece of equipment that forces air or steam against an edge or into a cavity and so produces a loud shrill sound
87. wh_____e for help *v.* to make a high-pitched sound by forcing breath through a small opening, usually with the lips or fingers; (noun) a piece of equipment that forces air or steam against an edge or into a cavity and so produces a loud shrill sound
88. one of the main dr_____cks *n.* a disadvantage or inconvenience that makes something less attractive
89. n_d_____courteously *v.* to lower and raise one's head, sometimes several times, as to show approval, agreement, greeting, or confirmation
90. du_____ng soup *n.* a small ball or lump of dough, often boiled or steamed and filled with meat or vegetables
91. biblical sc_____re *n.* the sacred writings of a particular religion or belief system, often regarded as authoritative and containing moral or spiritual teachings

ANSWERS: 84. auditorium, 85. dumpling, 86. whistle, 87. whistle, 88. drawback, 89. nod, 90. dumpling, 91. scripture

92. teaching of Ch___t *n.* the man that Christians believe is the prophet and the son of God, and whose life and sermons form the basis for Christianity
93. freshwater cr____sh *n.* a freshwater crustacean resembling a small lobster typically found in streams, rivers, and lakes and often used as a popular food source
94. right of imm_____al property *adj.* not having material existence or substance; not being important or relevant
95. de___e my own life *v.* to commit or dedicate oneself or one's time, effort, or energy to a particular task or purpose
96. ac_____ng attitude *adj.* willing to receive or to take something offered
97. a n__b mind *adj.* unable to feel physical sensation and movement; not showing human feeling or sensitivity
98. ind_____us student *adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
99. pi___e a cucumber *n.* vegetables or fruit preserved in salty water or vinegar served cold with meat, salads, etc.; informal terms for a difficult situation
100. re___s in his duties *adj.* negligent or careless in performing a duty or task; failing to take proper care or give sufficient attention
101. ty___n of industry *n.* a wealthy and powerful business leader or industrialist

ANSWERS: 92. Christ, 93. crayfish, 94. immaterial, 95. devote, 96. accepting, 97. numb, 98. industrious, 99. pickle, 100. remiss, 101. tycoon

102. a w__t of summons *n.* a written legal order or command
103. market f__y *n.* intense and often violent anger
104. actions that si_____y agreement *v.* to indicate, represent, or communicate something, especially an idea or concept, often through a symbol, gesture, or word
105. before Ch___t *n.* the man that Christians believe is the prophet and the son of God, and whose life and sermons form the basis for Christianity
106. re__p briefly *v.* to repeat or summarize what has been said, decided, etc.
107. rel_____ss attack *adj.* persistent and determined; continuing despite difficulties or setbacks
108. st__p off to the room *v.* to walk heavily and noisily, often with a rhythmical sound; to dance with a rhythmical step
109. eye oi_____nt *n.* a medicated salve or paste applied to the skin for treatment or relief of a condition
110. sa_____ze celebrities *v.* to use humor, irony, or sarcasm to expose and criticize the foolishness or vices of a person, group, or society; to use satire as a means of social or political commentary
111. go there af_____rd *adv.* after the time mentioned
112. for a s__e reason *adj.* mentally sound or normal; having a rational mind

ANSWERS: 102. writ, 103. fury, 104. signify, 105. Christ, 106. recap, 107. relentless, 108. stomp, 109. ointment, 110. satirize, 111. afterward, 112. sane

ANSWERS:

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The use of _____ as a chemical weapon is prohibited under international law.
n. a highly toxic compound consisting of a carbon atom triple-bonded to a nitrogen atom, most often encountered as hydrogen cyanide or one of its salts, often used in industrial processes, insecticides, and as a lethal poison
2. Many people find comfort in reading _____ during times of hardship.
n. the sacred writings of a particular religion or belief system, often regarded as authoritative and containing moral or spiritual teachings
3. The seafood restaurant is known for its delicious _____ dish.
n. a freshwater crustacean resembling a small lobster typically found in streams, rivers, and lakes and often used as a popular food source
4. He was known to be very _____ and would often work late into the night.
adj. hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
5. It will take several years to _____ the mortgage on our new house.
v. to gradually reduce or pay off a debt or loan by making regular payments over a period of time; to spread out the cost or expense of something over a specific period
6. The mother was _____ as she searched for her lost child.
adj. marked by uncontrolled excitement or emotion; wild; frenzied
7. The little girl wanted a _____ ride on her father's shoulders.
n. a ride on someone's back or shoulders, or the act of carrying or supporting something on someone's back or shoulders; (verb) to carry or transport someone or something on one's back or shoulders, or to attach or mount one thing onto another thing for transportation or support

ANSWERS: 1. cyanide, 2. scripture, 3. crayfish, 4. industrious, 5. amortize, 6. frantic, 7. piggyback

8. The bread was _____ and not fit for eating.

adj. no longer fresh, new, or interesting; dull or uninteresting

9. I love listening to the cheerful song of the _____ in my garden.

n. a small bird from the thrush family, typically having a red breast and found across Europe, Asia, and North America

10. She is highly _____ with medical equipment.

adj. having or showing knowledge and skill and aptitude to do something quite difficult

11. The cat batted at the toy with its _____.

n. the foot of an animal that has claws or nails, such as a cat, dog, or bear; a person's hand, especially a clumsy or heavy-handed one

12. He pointed out all the _____ to our plan.

n. a disadvantage or inconvenience that makes something less attractive

13. She _____ quietly in response to the question.

v. to lower and raise one's head, sometimes several times, as to show approval, agreement, greeting, or confirmation

14. She struggled to _____ the word in a foreign language.

v. to say or speak (a word or words) correctly or in a particular way

15. The _____ scent of the old book filled the air of the dusty library.

adj. having a strong, earthy smell that is often reminiscent of musk or moss

16. The employee decided to _____ on the company's illegal activities.

v. to make a high-pitched sound by forcing breath through a small opening, usually with the lips or fingers; (noun) a piece of equipment that forces air or steam against an edge or into a cavity and so produces a loud shrill sound

ANSWERS: 8. stale, 9. robin, 10. adept, 11. paw, 12. drawbacks, 13. nodded, 14. pronounce, 15. musky, 16. whistle-blow

17. The _____ must have an acidity level high enough to inhibit the growth of bacteria.
- n.* vegetables or fruit preserved in salty water or vinegar served cold with meat, salads, etc.; informal terms for a difficult situation
18. The _____ of his idea came from watching birds flying in flocks.
- n.* a very tiny living that causes the disease; a piece of something such as an organism, concept, etc., capable of growing into a new one or part of one
19. She learned five languages but is only _____ in two of them.
- adj.* able to communicate in a specific language smoothly or effectively, or easily
20. RADAR is an _____ for radio detection and ranging.
- n.* a word formed from the first letter of each word in a phrase, such as NASA (National Aeronautics and Space Administration) or AIDS (Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome)
21. Her _____ attitude towards her studies is why she falls behind in class.
- adj.* negligent or careless in performing a duty or task; failing to take proper care or give sufficient attention
22. The marketing team analyzed the customer _____ to optimize the buyer's journey.
- n.* a point or moment of interaction or contact between a person or user and a product, service, or organization; a specific opportunity or moment for engagement or communication
23. Her remarks _____ the debate.
- v.* to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand

ANSWERS: 17. pickle, 18. germ, 19. fluent, 20. acronym, 21. remiss, 22. touchpoints, 23. confused

24. The main _____ from the meeting was the need for better communication.
n. a message or conclusion that can be taken away from a situation or piece of information
25. He had to endure the _____ gas attack during the war.
n. a yellow or brown condiment that tastes spicy made from the seeds of various plants; (adjective) between yellow and brown
26. My friend's daughter is _____ with curly hair and big brown eyes.
adj. inspiring love, affection, or fondness; charming or delightful; cute, lovable
27. The crowd's _____ was palpable as they shouted and protested against the government's decision.
n. intense and often violent anger
28. The children _____ their feet in time to the music.
v. to walk heavily and noisily, often with a rhythmical sound; to dance with a rhythmical step
29. Despite the difficult circumstances, he remained _____.
adj. mentally sound or normal; having a rational mind
30. Using the same _____ phrase in every conversation can take time and effort.
n. a phrase or expression that has become overused to the point that it has lost its original impact or meaning; a trite or unoriginal idea or statement
31. My left arm became _____.
adj. unable to feel physical sensation and movement; not showing human feeling or sensitivity

ANSWERS: 24. takeaway, 25. mustard, 26. adorable, 27. fury, 28. stomped, 29. sane, 30. cliché, 31. numb

32. He was an _____ person who believed in diversity and inclusiveness.
adj. willing to receive or to take something offered
33. We will explain the countermeasure concerning this problem _____.
adv. after the time mentioned
34. The leaders of the two countries met to _____ on the issue.
v. to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something
35. I ordered some delicious _____ for lunch.
n. a small ball or lump of dough, often boiled or steamed and filled with meat or vegetables
36. The red lights on the dashboard _____ that the car needs maintenance.
v. to indicate, represent, or communicate something, especially an idea or concept, often through a symbol, gesture, or word
37. The _____ seating was filled with people waiting for the concert to begin.
n. a room or building used for concerts, plays, or other public performances
38. The _____ aspects of culture, such as values, beliefs, and customs, are often more difficult to define and understand than material ones.
adj. not having material existence or substance; not being important or relevant
39. When I asked my father for more money, he became furious and _____ at me.
v. to shout in a sudden and loud way
40. _____ is the day to celebrate the birth of Christ.
n. the man that Christians believe is the prophet and the son of God, and whose life and sermons form the basis for Christianity

ANSWERS: 32. accepting, 33. afterward, 34. confer, 35. dumplings, 36. signify, 37. auditorium, 38. immaterial, 39. yelled, 40. Christmas

41. The comedian used humor to _____ the political system and its flaws.
- v. to use humor, irony, or sarcasm to expose and criticize the foolishness or vices of a person, group, or society; to use satire as a means of social or political commentary
42. The product was found to be _____ as it failed to meet the customer's expectations.
- adj. having no value or usefulness; not worth considering
43. The corporate _____ was filled with tense silence as the CEO presented the new plan.
- n. a room where the board of directors of a company or organization meets
44. He made me feel small and _____.
- adj. of little importance, influence, or power
45. I enthusiastically _____ my rival's achievement.
- v. to express approval of someone or something by clapping the hands
46. He finally _____ to temptation.
- v. to fail to oppose something, such as desire, pressure, or some other opposing force; to die or suffer badly from the effect of a disease or injury
47. He was served with a _____ of eviction, giving him the notice to vacate the property.
- n. a written legal order or command
48. 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

ANSWERS: 41. satirize, 42. worthless, 43. boardroom, 44. insignificant, 45. applaud, 46. succumbed, 47. writ, 48. clapped

49. He _____ himself to studying the history of ancient civilizations.

- v.* to commit or dedicate oneself or one's time, effort, or energy to a particular task or purpose

50. Let me quickly _____ these results.

- v.* to repeat or summarize what has been said, decided, etc.

51. I need to apply the _____ to my burn to help it heal faster.

- n.* a medicated salve or paste applied to the skin for treatment or relief of a condition

52. The water _____ in the garden provides a refreshing mist on hot days.

- n.* a tube or chute through which something, particularly a liquid, can be poured or discharged in a continuous stream; a projecting tube or pipe that transfers fluids from one container to another; (verb) to send out a stream of liquid or gas, typically in a forceful way

53. The athlete's _____ training paid off in the end.

- adj.* persistent and determined; continuing despite difficulties or setbacks

54. A bowl of hot _____ is a nutritious breakfast option in winter.

- n.* a hot cereal dish made from boiled grains or legumes, typically oats, rice, or cornmeal, often served with milk or sweeteners

55. 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

56. He became a successful _____ in the oil industry.

- n.* a wealthy and powerful business leader or industrialist

ANSWERS: 49. devoted, 50. recap, 51. ointment, 52. spout, 53. relentless, 54. porridge, 55. broth, 56. tycoon

ANSWERS: