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Session 1: Word List

spiel

n. a long or elaborate speech or story, typically one used to persuade or sell something

synonym: talk, monologue, pitch

(1) **spiel** about politics, (2) advertising **spiel**

The salesperson gave a long **spiel** about the benefits of the product.

crib

n. a small, enclosed bed for a baby, typically on rockers

synonym: bed, bassinet, cradle

(1) **crib** bed, (2) baby **crib**

She put the baby in the portable **crib** for a nap.

lug

v. to carry or drag something with effort; to pull something along with a sudden or jerky motion

synonym: carry, haul, transport

(1) **lug** a hose, (2) **lug** my son into a room

He had to **lug** the heavy suitcase up the stairs.

prosperous

adj. successful financially or materially; bringing success or good fortune

synonym: successful, thriving, affluent

(1) **prosperous** weather, (2) **prosperous** nation

The company decided to invest in a **prosperous** industry.

footprint

n. a mark of a foot, shoe, or animal's foot left on a surface
synonym: footmark, imprint, impression

(1) **footprints** in the snow, (2) the **footprints** of an earlier civilization

We choose transportation that has a smaller carbon **footprint**.

wallow

v. to lie or roll about in a relaxed, lazy manner; to indulge oneself excessively in something, often in a way that is seen as self-pitying or unproductive; (noun) a state of self-indulgent or self-pitying emotions or behavior

synonym: indulge, bask, immerse

(1) emotional **wallow**, (2) **wallow** in self-pity

After a long day, I like to **wallow** in a hot bath to relax my muscles.

gluttonous

adj. excessively greedy or indulgent, especially regarding food and drink

synonym: greedy, overindulgent, insatiable

(1) **gluttonous** appetite, (2) **gluttonous** feast

He was a **gluttonous** eater, never leaving any food on his plate.

hog

n. a domesticated pig or swine; a selfish or greedy person who keeps or takes more than their fair share of something; (verb) to take or use more than one's fair share of something, often to the detriment of others

synonym: pig, swine, boar

(1) **hog** farming, (2) **hog** all the glory

The farmer raised his **hogs** for meat and sold them at a local market.

disturb

v. to interrupt someone who is trying to work, sleep, etc.

synonym: agitate, bother, intrude

(1) **disturb** the peace, (2) **disturb** his sleep

Tourists frequently **disturb** the island's delicate natural balance.

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.

situ

adj. short for "situated," meaning located or placed in a particular position or circumstance

synonym : situational, contextual, circumstantial

(1) ex- **situ** conservation, (2) in- **situ** control

Melanoma in **situ** is considered the earliest stage of melanoma and has a high cure rate with appropriate treatment.

unthinkable

adj. too unlikely or shocking to imagine or accept

synonym : impossible, inconceivable, outlandish

(1) an **unthinkable** coincidence, (2) in **unthinkable** trouble

That accident was something **unthinkable** with my long experience.

unimaginable

adj. beyond what can be imagined or conceived; impossible to comprehend or envision

synonym : unthinkable, inconceivable, incredulous

(1) **unimaginable** horror, (2) **unimaginable** depths

The complexity of scientific theories was **unimaginable** for most people.

timeframe

n. a period of time within which something is planned to be done or must be accomplished; a specified or estimated duration for completing a project or task

synonym : timespan, duration, period

(1) short **timeframe**, (2) realistic **timeframe**

We need to set a **timeframe** for completing this project.

peek

n. a quick or furtive look; (verb) to take a quick and secret look at something

synonym : glimpse, look, glance

(1) sneak **peek**, (2) **peek** at others' misfortune

She took a quick **peek** inside the box before closing it again.

livable

adj. capable of being lived in comfortably and sustainably; suitable for human habitation

synonym : habitable, comfortable, pleasant

(1) **livable** city, (2) **livable** housing

Finding a safe and **livable** neighborhood is important when looking for a new place to live.

pasture

n. an area of land used for grazing livestock

synonym : grazing land, meadow, lea

(1) **pasture** for sheep, (2) permanent **pasture**

The cows were grazing in the **pasture**.

perpetual

adj. continuing for an extended period in the same way without stopping or being interrupted

synonym : enduring, unchanging, incessant

(1) **perpetual** motion machine, (2) **perpetual** struggle

The company employs a **perpetual** inventory system.

electrify

v. to make a machine or system work by using electricity; to make someone extremely enthusiastic about or interested in something

synonym : wire, amaze, astonish

(1) **electrify** the audience, (2) **electrify** a manufacturing process

The product developed through years of research continues to **electrify** the market.

recycle

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

synonym : reclaim, reuse, reprocess

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

into new paper

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

morphology

n. the study of the form and structure of plants, animals, and other organisms; the study of the alteration of word forms as they change from one part of speech to another

synonym: structure, form, anatomy

(1) **morphology** of a language, (2) cellular **morphology**

The **morphology** of rocks can reveal clues about their geological history.

mimicry

n. the act or skill of copying the sounds or behavior of a particular person or animal, often to make people laugh

synonym: imitation, apery

(1) vocal **mimicry**, (2) floral **mimicry**

Some insects use **mimicry** to avoid detection by predators.

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.

algae

n. A simple plant that grows in or near water and lacks typical leaves and roots

(1) **algae** biofuel, (2) blue **algae**

Algae has jammed the inlet to the water turbine.

megacity

n. a huge city, especially with a population of more than 10 million people

(1) **megacity** pollution, (2) **megacity** project

The fishing village grew rapidly into a bustling **megacity**.

flustered

adj. feeling or showing agitation or confusion; in a state of fluster or disarray

synonym : agitated, rattled, perturbed

(1) **flustered** response, (2) **flustered** state

She became **flustered** when the interviewer asked unexpected questions.

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**.

leapfrog

n. a children's game in which players take turns jumping over each other's stooped backs

synonym : hopping, jumpfrog

(1) **leapfrog** game, (2) **leapfrog** technology

During recess, the children played a game of **leapfrog** in the schoolyard.

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.

crappy

adj. of poor quality; not satisfactory

synonym : poor, unsatisfactory, inferior

(1) **crappy** service, (2) **crappy** Spanish

The food at the restaurant was **crappy** and overpriced.

intellect

n. the ability to think logically and comprehend information, especially at an advanced level

synonym : mind, brightness, cleverness

(1) enrich my **intellect**, (2) human **intellect**

Your **intellect** is capable of distinguishing among similar

objects.

innovate

v. to introduce new methods, ideas, or products

synonym: bring in, introduce, found

(1) **innovate** a new method, (2) **innovate** the quality of his life

Companies developing self-driving cars consistently **innovate** the emerging technologies.

penguin

n. a flightless sea bird that is found in the Southern Hemisphere and is known for its distinctive black and white coloring and its upright, waddling gait

(1) Adelie **penguin**, (2) **penguin** habitat

We took a boat tour to witness the magnificent **penguin** colony along the rugged coastline.

categorize

v. to put people or things into groups according to their features, types, etc.

synonym: classify, pigeonhole, sort

(1) **categorize** the image, (2) **categorize** the cause of failure

The biologist **categorized** the viruses into four groups.

interplay

n. the way in which two or more things interact or influence each other

synonym: interaction, give-and-take, interconnection

(1) **interplay** among neurons, (2) complex **interplay**

The **interplay** of light and shadow creates a dramatic effect in the painting.

motto

n. a phrase or slogan that expresses a guiding principle or goal

synonym: slogan, catchphrase, phrase

(1) the **motto** for safe traffic, (2) company **motto**

The company's **motto** is "Innovation and Service," which is reflected in its products and customer support.

tweak

v. to pinch or squeeze something sharply; to adjust something finely

synonym: nip, pinch, fine-tune

(1) **tweak** his cheek, (2) **tweak** the economy

He didn't **tweak** the plan, even though he had time.

superpower

n. a country or nation that has significant global influence or formidable military, economic, or technological strength; a supernatural ability or force capable of extraordinary feats or feats beyond normal human capabilities

synonym: great power, empire, hegemony

(1) **superpower** country, (2) **superpower** leader

The ability to fly like a bird is often considered a **superpower** in comic books and movies.

screenshot

n. a digital photograph or image of what is displayed on a computer or electronic screen, often used for capturing and sharing information or documenting an issue or problem

synonym: capture, screen dump

(1) **screenshot** function, (2) send a **screenshot**

I took a **screenshot** of the error message to show the tech support team.

insurrection

n. an organized uprising or rebellion against an established government or authority

synonym: revolt, uprising, rebellion

(1) civil **insurrection**, (2) raise an **insurrection**

The government quickly suppressed the **insurrection** led by the rebel group.

barefoot

adj. without shoes or other foot coverings; wearing nothing on the feet

synonym: bare, shoeless, unshod

(1) **barefoot** walk, (2) **barefoot** fashion

The **barefoot** hiker enjoyed feeling the earth beneath their

feet.

medicinal

adj. of or relating to the treatment or cure of disease
synonym : curative, therapeutic, healing

(1) **medicinal** chemistry, (2) traditional **medicinal**

The **medicinal** properties of this herb have been known to help with various ailments.

nightfall

n. the time of day when the sun has set, also known as dusk or twilight

synonym : dusk, twilight, sundown

(1) early **nightfall**, (2) romantic **nightfall**

It is dangerous to walk alone through the forest after **nightfall**.

rainwater

n. water that falls from the clouds in the form of rain and is collected

synonym : precipitation, drizzle, showers

(1) **rainwater** acidity, (2) **rainwater** drainage

The company installed a **rainwater** harvesting system to collect and reuse it for manufacturing.

distill

v. to purify or refine; to extract the essential elements
synonym : extract, condense, purify

(1) **distill** a liquid, (2) **distill** information

She decided to **distill** her thoughts into a more manageable list.

strait

n. a narrow stretch of water or sea connecting two larger bodies of water or seas

synonym : narrows, channel, passage

(1) **strait** passage, (2) **strait** channel

The ship navigated through the **strait** with great care.

merry

adj. cheerful and lively, often with a sense of joyfulness or celebration; characterized by a happy or festive mood

synonym : jolly, happy, cheerful

(1) **merry-making**, (2) **merry** laughter

We had a **merry** time at the Christmas party, singing carols and drinking eggnog.

roundabout

n. a circuitous or indirect route or path; a traffic circle or rotary used to regulate the flow of traffic

synonym: detour, circuitous route, indirect path

(1) **roundabout** junction, (2) traffic **roundabout**

Because of the road closure, we had to take a **roundabout** route to reach the destination.

pedagogy

n. the method or art of teaching or instructing, especially as an academic subject or profession

synonym: teaching, instruction, education

(1) modern **pedagogy**, (2) student-centered **pedagogy**

The teacher's innovative **pedagogy** helped her students learn in fun and engaging way.

displace

v. to force someone or something to leave their home or place of origin, especially as a result of conflict, natural disaster, or manipulation

synonym: evict, exile, remove

(1) **displace** workers, (2) **displace** the explosive power

The construction of the new dam will **displace** hundreds of families living downstream.

landmine

n. an explosive device hidden underground and designed to be detonated by the presence, proximity, or contact with a person or vehicle

synonym: mine, explosive device, antipersonnel mine

(1) destroy a **landmine**, (2) **landmine** removal

The antipersonnel **landmine** was a dangerous obstacle in the war-torn area.

unaccountable

adj. not able to be explained or justified, often in a way that suggests something suspicious or dishonest is going on; not responsible or answerable for one's actions or

behavior

synonym: unexplainable, inexplicable, mysterious

(1) **unaccountable** behavior, (2) **unaccountable** decision

The **unaccountable** disappearance of funds led to an investigation.

scatter

v. to cause to separate and go in different directions

synonym: disperse, spread, bestrew

(1) **scatter** seeds, (2) **scatter** around the internet

The hunter's approach **scattered** the geese.

fling

v. to throw or push something or someone with force or recklessness, especially because you are angry

synonym: throw, dump, hurl

(1) **fling** a stream of abuse, (2) **fling** a door open forcefully

He was provoked to **fling** the draft on the floor.

immortal

adj. having eternal or never-ending life; living forever; incapable of dying; having enduring fame or lasting significance

synonym: eternal, everlasting, undying

(1) **immortal** soul, (2) **immortal** love

Legends often describe mythical creatures as **immortal** beings.

awaken

v. to stop sleeping or to cause someone to stop sleeping

synonym: rouse, arouse, revive

(1) **awaken** at daybreak, (2) **awaken** a child

The friend's death **awakens** them.

Session 2: Spelling

1. fl_____ed response
adj. feeling or showing agitation or confusion; in a state of fluster or disarray
2. glu_____us appetite
adj. excessively greedy or indulgent, especially regarding food and drink
3. in-s__u control
adj. short for "situated," meaning located or placed in a particular position or circumstance
4. sc_____r seeds
v. to cause to separate and go in different directions
5. uni_____ble depths
adj. beyond what can be imagined or conceived; impossible to comprehend or envision
6. sup_____er country
n. a country or nation that has significant global influence or formidable military, economic, or technological strength; a supernatural ability or force capable of extraordinary feats or feats beyond normal human capabilities
7. emotional wa___w
v. to lie or roll about in a relaxed, lazy manner; to indulge oneself excessively in something, often in a way that is seen as self-pitying or unproductive; (noun) a state of self-indulgent or self-pitying emotions or behavior
8. c__b bed
n. a small, enclosed bed for a baby, typically on rockers

ANSWERS: 1. flustered, 2. gluttonous, 3. situ, 4. scatter, 5. unimaginable, 6. superpower, 7. wallow, 8. crib

9. im____al love *adj.* having eternal or never-ending life; living forever; incapable of dying; having enduring fame or lasting significance
10. ra_____er acidity *n.* water that falls from the clouds in the form of rain and is collected
11. re_____e the cardboard boxes *v.* to sort and collect things to process them and produce valuable materials that can be used again
12. traditional me_____al *adj.* of or relating to the treatment or cure of disease
13. in unt_____le trouble *adj.* too unlikely or shocking to imagine or accept
14. 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
15. di_____b his sleep *v.* to interrupt someone who is trying to work, sleep, etc.
16. in_____ay among neurons *n.* the way in which two or more things interact or influence each other
17. me__y laughter *adj.* cheerful and lively, often with a sense of joyfulness or celebration; characterized by a happy or festive mood
18. me_____al chemistry *adj.* of or relating to the treatment or cure of disease
19. al__e biofuel *n.* A simple plant that grows in or near water and lacks typical leaves and roots
20. student-centered pe_____gy *n.* the method or art of teaching or instructing, especially as an academic subject or profession

ANSWERS: 9. immortal, 10. rainwater, 11. recycle, 12. medicinal, 13. unthinkable, 14. landline, 15. disturb, 16. interplay, 17. merry, 18. medicinal, 19. algae, 20. pedagogy

21. company mo__o *n.* a phrase or slogan that expresses a guiding principle or goal
22. di____b the peace *v.* to interrupt someone who is trying to work, sleep, etc.
23. sp__l about politics *n.* a long or elaborate speech or story, typically one used to persuade or sell something
24. sup_____er leader *n.* a country or nation that has significant global influence or formidable military, economic, or technological strength; a supernatural ability or force capable of extraordinary feats or feats beyond normal human capabilities
25. una_____ble behavior *adj.* not able to be explained or justified, often in a way that suggests something suspicious or dishonest is going on; not responsible or answerable for one's actions or behavior
26. civil ins_____ion *n.* an organized uprising or rebellion against an established government or authority
27. di_____ce workers *v.* to force someone or something to leave their home or place of origin, especially as a result of conflict, natural disaster, or manipulation
28. advertising sp__l *n.* a long or elaborate speech or story, typically one used to persuade or sell something
29. uni_____ble horror *adj.* beyond what can be imagined or conceived; impossible to comprehend or envision

ANSWERS: 21. motto, 22. disturb, 23. spiel, 24. superpower, 25. unaccountable, 26. insurrection, 27. displace, 28. spiel, 29. unimaginable

30. pe_____al struggle *adj.* continuing for an extended period in the same way without stopping or being interrupted
31. cat_____ze the image *v.* to put people or things into groups according to their features, types, etc.
32. me_____ty pollution *n.* a huge city, especially with a population of more than 10 million people
33. li_____e housing *adj.* capable of being lived in comfortably and sustainably; suitable for human habitation
34. aw____n at daybreak *v.* to stop sleeping or to cause someone to stop sleeping
35. ind_____us student *adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
36. ba_____ot fashion *adj.* without shoes or other foot coverings; wearing nothing on the feet
37. el_____fy a manufacturing process *v.* to make a machine or system work by using electricity; to make someone extremely enthusiastic about or interested in something
38. le_____og game *n.* a children's game in which players take turns jumping over each other's stooped backs
39. pe_____n habitat *n.* a flightless sea bird that is found in the Southern Hemisphere and is known for its distinctive black and white coloring and its upright, waddling gait
40. el_____fy the audience *v.* to make a machine or system work by using electricity; to make someone extremely enthusiastic about or interested in something

ANSWERS: 30. perpetual, 31. categorize, 32. megacity, 33. livable, 34. awaken, 35. industrious, 36. barefoot, 37. electrify, 38. leapfrog, 39. penguin, 40. electrify

41. realistic ti_____me *n.* a period of time within which something is planned to be done or must be accomplished; a specified or estimated duration for completing a project or task
42. complex in_____ay *n.* the way in which two or more things interact or influence each other
43. di_____ce the explosive power *v.* to force someone or something to leave their home or place of origin, especially as a result of conflict, natural disaster, or manipulation
44. ra_____er drainage *n.* water that falls from the clouds in the form of rain and is collected
45. short ti_____me *n.* a period of time within which something is planned to be done or must be accomplished; a specified or estimated duration for completing a project or task
46. l_____g a hose *v.* to carry or drag something with effort; to pull something along with a sudden or jerky motion
47. in_____te a new method *v.* to introduce new methods, ideas, or products
48. st_____t passage *n.* a narrow stretch of water or sea connecting two larger bodies of water or seas
49. 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
50. re_____e milk packaging into new paper *v.* to sort and collect things to process them and produce valuable materials that can be used again

ANSWERS: 41. timeframe, 42. interplay, 43. displace, 44. rainwater, 45. timeframe, 46. lug, 47. innovate, 48. strait, 49. germ, 50. recycle

51. early ni_____ll
n. the time of day when the sun has set, also known as dusk or twilight
52. ba_____ot walk
adj. without shoes or other foot coverings; wearing nothing on the feet
53. floral mi_____y
n. the act or skill of copying the sounds or behavior of a particular person or animal, often to make people laugh
54. mor_____gy of a language
n. the study of the form and structure of plants, animals, and other organisms; the study of the alteration of word forms as they change from one part of speech to another
55. pa_____e for sheep
n. an area of land used for grazing livestock
56. st____t channel
n. a narrow stretch of water or sea connecting two larger bodies of water or seas
57. Adelie pe_____n
n. a flightless sea bird that is found in the Southern Hemisphere and is known for its distinctive black and white coloring and its upright, waddling gait
58. n__b with cold
adj. unable to feel physical sensation and movement; not showing human feeling or sensitivity
59. traffic rou_____ut
n. a circuitous or indirect route or path; a traffic circle or rotary used to regulate the flow of traffic
60. le_____og technology
n. a children's game in which players take turns jumping over each other's stooped backs

ANSWERS: 51. nightfall, 52. barefoot, 53. mimicry, 54. morphology, 55. pasture, 56. strait, 57. penguin, 58. numb, 59. roundabout, 60. leapfrog

61. p__k at others' misfortune *n.* a quick or furtive look; (verb) to take a quick and secret look at something
62. baby c__b *n.* a small, enclosed bed for a baby, typically on rockers
63. rou_____ut junction *n.* a circuitous or indirect route or path; a traffic circle or rotary used to regulate the flow of traffic
64. me_____ty project *n.* a huge city, especially with a population of more than 10 million people
65. la_____ne removal *n.* an explosive device hidden underground and designed to be detonated by the presence, proximity, or contact with a person or vehicle
66. tw__k the economy *v.* to pinch or squeeze something sharply; to adjust something finely
67. scr_____ot function *n.* a digital photograph or image of what is displayed on a computer or electronic screen, often used for capturing and sharing information or documenting an issue or problem
68. blue al__e *n.* A simple plant that grows in or near water and lacks typical leaves and roots
69. sneak p__k *n.* a quick or furtive look; (verb) to take a quick and secret look at something
70. l_g my son into a room *v.* to carry or drag something with effort; to pull something along with a sudden or jerky motion
71. in_____te the quality of his life *v.* to introduce new methods, ideas, or products

ANSWERS: 61. peek, 62. crib, 63. roundabout, 64. megacity, 65. landmine, 66. tweak, 67. screenshot, 68. algae, 69. peek, 70. lug, 71. innovate

72. wa___w in self-pity
v. to lie or roll about in a relaxed, lazy manner; to indulge oneself excessively in something, often in a way that is seen as self-pitying or unproductive; (noun) a state of self-indulgent or self-pitying emotions or behavior
73. vocal mi____y
n. the act or skill of copying the sounds or behavior of a particular person or animal, often to make people laugh
74. glu_____us feast
adj. excessively greedy or indulgent, especially regarding food and drink
75. di_____l information
v. to purify or refine; to extract the essential elements
76. pe_____al motion machine
adj. continuing for an extended period in the same way without stopping or being interrupted
77. 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
78. h_g all the glory
n. a domesticated pig or swine; a selfish or greedy person who keeps or takes more than their fair share of something; (verb) to take or use more than one's fair share of something, often to the detriment of others
79. cr___y Spanish
adj. of poor quality; not satisfactory
80. enrich my in_____ct
n. the ability to think logically and comprehend information, especially at an advanced level

ANSWERS: 72. wallow, 73. mimicry, 74. gluttonous, 75. distill, 76. perpetual, 77. landline, 78. hog, 79. crappy, 80. intellect

81. una_____ble decision *adj.* not able to be explained or justified, often in a way that suggests something suspicious or dishonest is going on; not responsible or answerable for one's actions or behavior
82. the mo__o for safe traffic *n.* a phrase or slogan that expresses a guiding principle or goal
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90. 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
91. raise an ins_____ion *n.* an organized uprising or rebellion against an established government or authority

ANSWERS: 81. unaccountable, 82. motto, 83. pedagogy, 84. prosperous, 85. immortal, 86. unthinkable, 87. crappy, 88. landmine, 89. categorize, 90. germ, 91. insurrection

92. send a scr_____ot *n.* a digital photograph or image of what is displayed on a computer or electronic screen, often used for capturing and sharing information or documenting an issue or problem
93. permanent pa_____e *n.* an area of land used for grazing livestock
94. pro_____us nation *adj.* successful financially or materially; bringing success or good fortune
95. romantic ni_____ll *n.* the time of day when the sun has set, also known as dusk or twilight
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98. fo_____nts in the snow *n.* a mark of a foot, shoe, or animal's foot left on a surface
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101. ex-s__u conservation *adj.* short for "situated," meaning located or placed in a particular position or circumstance

ANSWERS: 92. screenshot, 93. pasture, 94. prosperous, 95. nightfall, 96. flustered, 97. industrious, 98. footprint, 99. morphology, 100. merry, 101. situ

102. a n__b mind *adj.* unable to feel physical sensation and movement; not showing human feeling or sensitivity
103. li_____e city *adj.* capable of being lived in comfortably and sustainably; suitable for human habitation
104. aw___n a child *v.* to stop sleeping or to cause someone to stop sleeping
105. fl__g a stream of abuse *v.* to throw or push something or someone with force or recklessness, especially because you are angry
106. h_g farming *n.* a domesticated pig or swine; a selfish or greedy person who keeps or takes more than their fair share of something; (verb) to take or use more than one's fair share of something, often to the detriment of others
107. di_____l a liquid *v.* to purify or refine; to extract the essential elements
108. fl__g a door open forcefully *v.* to throw or push something or someone with force or recklessness, especially because you are angry
109. sc_____r around the internet *v.* to cause to separate and go in different directions
110. human in_____ct *n.* the ability to think logically and comprehend information, especially at an advanced level
111. tw__k his cheek *v.* to pinch or squeeze something sharply; to adjust something finely

ANSWERS: 102. numb, 103. livable, 104. awaken, 105. fling, 106. hog, 107. distill, 108. fling, 109. scatter, 110. intellect, 111. tweak

112. the fo_____nts of an earlier
civilization

n. a mark of a foot, shoe, or animal's foot
left on a surface

ANSWERS: 112. footprint

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The biologist _____ the viruses into four groups.
v. to put people or things into groups according to their features, types, etc.
2. Companies developing self-driving cars consistently _____ the emerging technologies.
v. to introduce new methods, ideas, or products
3. The company's _____ is "Innovation and Service," which is reflected in its products and customer support.
n. a phrase or slogan that expresses a guiding principle or goal
4. We largely _____ the circuit board of cell phones because they contain a lot of valuable metals.
v. to sort and collect things to process them and produce valuable materials that can be used again
5. He had to _____ the heavy suitcase up the stairs.
v. to carry or drag something with effort; to pull something along with a sudden or jerky motion
6. Because of the road closure, we had to take a _____ route to reach the destination.
n. a circuitous or indirect route or path; a traffic circle or rotary used to regulate the flow of traffic
7. The _____ hiker enjoyed feeling the earth beneath their feet.
adj. without shoes or other foot coverings; wearing nothing on the feet

ANSWERS: 1. categorized, 2. innovate, 3. motto, 4. recycle, 5. lug, 6. roundabout, 7. barefoot

8. She decided to _____ her thoughts into a more manageable list.
v. to purify or refine; to extract the essential elements
9. The salesperson gave a long _____ about the benefits of the product.
n. a long or elaborate speech or story, typically one used to persuade or sell something
10. She took a quick _____ inside the box before closing it again.
n. a quick or furtive look; (verb) to take a quick and secret look at something
11. We had a _____ time at the Christmas party, singing carols and drinking eggnog.
adj. cheerful and lively, often with a sense of joyfulness or celebration; characterized by a happy or festive mood
12. The company installed a _____ harvesting system to collect and reuse it for manufacturing.
n. water that falls from the clouds in the form of rain and is collected
13. The antipersonnel _____ was a dangerous obstacle in the war-torn area.
n. an explosive device hidden underground and designed to be detonated by the presence, proximity, or contact with a person or vehicle
14. The complexity of scientific theories was _____ for most people.
adj. beyond what can be imagined or conceived; impossible to comprehend or envision
15. Some insects use _____ to avoid detection by predators.
n. the act or skill of copying the sounds or behavior of a particular person or animal, often to make people laugh

ANSWERS: 8. distill, 9. spiel, 10. peek, 11. merry, 12. rainwater, 13. landmine, 14. unimaginable, 15. mimicry

16. The _____ of rocks can reveal clues about their geological history.
n. the study of the form and structure of plants, animals, and other organisms; the study of the alteration of word forms as they change from one part of speech to another
17. The company employs a _____ inventory system.
adj. continuing for an extended period in the same way without stopping or being interrupted
18. The _____ disappearance of funds led to an investigation.
adj. not able to be explained or justified, often in a way that suggests something suspicious or dishonest is going on; not responsible or answerable for one's actions or behavior
19. The food at the restaurant was _____ and overpriced.
adj. of poor quality; not satisfactory
20. She put the baby in the portable _____ for a nap.
n. a small, enclosed bed for a baby, typically on rockers
21. 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
22. The fishing village grew rapidly into a bustling _____.
n. a huge city, especially with a population of more than 10 million people
23. Melanoma in _____ is considered the earliest stage of melanoma and has a high cure rate with appropriate treatment.
adj. short for "situated," meaning located or placed in a particular position or circumstance

ANSWERS: 16. morphology, 17. perpetual, 18. unaccountable, 19. crappy, 20. crib, 21. germ, 22. megacity, 23. situ

24. We choose transportation that has a smaller carbon _____.
- n.* a mark of a foot, shoe, or animal's foot left on a surface
25. That accident was something _____ with my long experience.
- adj.* too unlikely or shocking to imagine or accept
26. The government quickly suppressed the _____ led by the rebel group.
- n.* an organized uprising or rebellion against an established government or authority
27. It is dangerous to walk alone through the forest after _____.
- n.* the time of day when the sun has set, also known as dusk or twilight
28. She became _____ when the interviewer asked unexpected questions.
- adj.* feeling or showing agitation or confusion; in a state of fluster or disarray
29. The ability to fly like a bird is often considered a _____ in comic books and movies.
- n.* a country or nation that has significant global influence or formidable military, economic, or technological strength; a supernatural ability or force capable of extraordinary feats or feats beyond normal human capabilities
30. We need to set a _____ for completing this project.
- n.* a period of time within which something is planned to be done or must be accomplished; a specified or estimated duration for completing a project or task
31. He didn't _____ the plan, even though he had time.
- v.* to pinch or squeeze something sharply; to adjust something finely

ANSWERS: 24. footprint, 25. unthinkable, 26. insurrection, 27. nightfall, 28. flustered, 29. superpower, 30. timeframe, 31. tweak

32. _____ has jammed the inlet to the water turbine.
n. A simple plant that grows in or near water and lacks typical leaves and roots
33. The hunter's approach _____ the geese.
v. to cause to separate and go in different directions
34. He was a _____ eater, never leaving any food on his plate.
adj. excessively greedy or indulgent, especially regarding food and drink
35. The friend's death _____ them.
v. to stop sleeping or to cause someone to stop sleeping
36. Tourists frequently _____ the island's delicate natural balance.
v. to interrupt someone who is trying to work, sleep, etc.
37. I took a _____ of the error message to show the tech support team.
n. a digital photograph or image of what is displayed on a computer or electronic screen, often used for capturing and sharing information or documenting an issue or problem
38. Finding a safe and _____ neighborhood is important when looking for a new place to live.
adj. capable of being lived in comfortably and sustainably; suitable for human habitation
39. We took a boat tour to witness the magnificent _____ colony along the rugged coastline.
n. a flightless sea bird that is found in the Southern Hemisphere and is known for its distinctive black and white coloring and its upright, waddling gait

ANSWERS: 32. Algae, 33. scattered, 34. gluttonous, 35. awakens, 36. disturb, 37. screenshot, 38. livable, 39. penguin

40. The company decided to invest in a _____ industry.
adj. successful financially or materially; bringing success or good fortune
41. The farmer raised his _____ for meat and sold them at a local market.
n. a domesticated pig or swine; a selfish or greedy person who keeps or takes more than their fair share of something; (verb) to take or use more than one's fair share of something, often to the detriment of others
42. 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
43. The construction of the new dam will _____ hundreds of families living downstream.
v. to force someone or something to leave their home or place of origin, especially as a result of conflict, natural disaster, or manipulation
44. My left arm became _____.
adj. unable to feel physical sensation and movement; not showing human feeling or sensitivity
45. He was known to be very _____ and would often work late into the night.
adj. hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
46. Your _____ is capable of distinguishing among similar objects.
n. the ability to think logically and comprehend information, especially at an advanced level
47. He was provoked to _____ the draft on the floor.
v. to throw or push something or someone with force or recklessness, especially because you are angry

ANSWERS: 40. prosperous, 41. hogs, 42. landline, 43. displace, 44. numb, 45. industrious, 46. intellect, 47. fling

48. Legends often describe mythical creatures as _____ beings.

adj. having eternal or never-ending life; living forever; incapable of dying; having enduring fame or lasting significance

49. The ship navigated through the _____ with great care.

n. a narrow stretch of water or sea connecting two larger bodies of water or seas

50. The _____ properties of this herb have been known to help with various ailments.

adj. of or relating to the treatment or cure of disease

51. During recess, the children played a game of _____ in the schoolyard.

n. a children's game in which players take turns jumping over each other's stooped backs

52. The cows were grazing in the _____.

n. an area of land used for grazing livestock

53. The teacher's innovative _____ helped her students learn in fun and engaging way.

n. the method or art of teaching or instructing, especially as an academic subject or profession

54. The _____ of light and shadow creates a dramatic effect in the painting.

n. the way in which two or more things interact or influence each other

55. The product developed through years of research continues to _____ the market.

v. to make a machine or system work by using electricity; to make someone extremely enthusiastic about or interested in something

ANSWERS: 48. immortal, 49. strait, 50. medicinal, 51. leapfrog, 52. pasture, 53. pedagogy, 54. interplay, 55. electrify

56. After a long day, I like to _____ in a hot bath to relax my muscles.

- v. to lie or roll about in a relaxed, lazy manner; to indulge oneself excessively in something, often in a way that is seen as self-pitying or unproductive; (noun) a state of self-indulgent or self-pitying emotions or behavior

ANSWERS: 56. wallow