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Session 1: Word List

- pandemic** *n.* an outbreak of a disease that affects many people over a very wide area
synonym : outbreak
(1) flu **pandemic**, (2) global **pandemic**
They fear a **pandemic** of a new type of virus.
- microbe** *n.* a tiny living thing that can only be seen with a microscope and that may cause disease
synonym : germ, microorganism, bacterium
(1) pathogenic **microbe**, (2) **microbes** sterilizer
Microbes thrive on the surface of the human skin.
- hitchhike** *v.* to obtain a ride in a passing vehicle by signaling to the driver or waving one's thumb; to travel by getting a free ride in someone else's vehicle
synonym : thumb a ride, bum a ride
(1) **hitchhike** a ride, (2) **hitchhike** across the country
She had to **hitchhike** to the nearest gas station when her car broke down.
- reimburse** *v.* to pay someone back for money that they have spent
synonym : compensate, repay, refund
(1) **reimburse** expenses, (2) **reimburse** money
The insurance company will **reimburse** the cost of the

damage caused by the storm.

peasant

n. a farmer or agricultural worker who owns or rents a small piece of land and grows crops, especially in a traditional or undeveloped society

synonym : farmer, laborer, rustic

(1) **peasant** class, (2) exploited **peasant**

Many people today romanticize the idea of the simple life of a **peasant**, but in reality, it was a difficult and often harsh existence.

migratory

adj. relating to or characterized by the movement of individuals or groups from one place to another, often for regular seasonal or environmental reasons

synonym : nomadic, wandering, roving

(1) **migratory** species, (2) **migratory** route

The **migratory** birds flew thousands of miles to reach their wintering grounds.

broaden

v. to make or become wider or more extensive; to make or become more tolerant or liberal.

synonym : expand, widen, enlarge

(1) **broaden** students' knowledge, (2) **broaden** their horizon

The company **broadened** its product line to include more customer options.

stockpile

n. a large quantity or reserve of goods or materials that are accumulated and stored for future use, often used for emergency or contingency purposes; (verb) to accumulate or gather a large quantity of something, usually for future use or as a reserve

synonym : reserve, hoard, cache

(1) **stockpile** weapons, (2) nuclear **stockpile**

The farmer had a huge **stockpile** of hay for the winter.

supercomputer

n. a computer with a high level of computing power and speed, typically used for scientific or engineering

computations that require immense amounts of data processing

synonym: high-performance computer, mainframe, giant computer

(1) **supercomputer** performance, (2) **supercomputer** technology

China has developed one of the world's fastest **supercomputers** for its space program.

disrupt

v. to prevent or stop something, especially an event, activity, or process, from continuing in the usual way by causing a problem or disturbance

synonym: interrupt, disturb, break into

(1) **disrupt** a well-ordered condition, (2) **disrupt** sleep

I'm so sorry to **disrupt** you when you're pretty busy.

mobilize

v. to make something ready for action or use; to organize people or resources for a particular purpose

synonym: activate, rally, marshal

(1) **mobilize** cooperation, (2) **mobilize** a stiff joint

The military **mobilized** troops to the border.

counterproductive

adj. having the opposite effect to the one intended or wanted

synonym: ineffective, inadequate, inefficient

(1) **counterproductive** approach, (2) highly **counterproductive** to performance

Territorial disputes between different countries are entirely **counterproductive** but common.

infect

v. to affect a person, an animal, or a plant with a disease-causing organism

synonym: pollute, contaminate, affect

(1) **infect** other animal species, (2) **infect** a computer with a virus

Children often **infect** parents with this head cold.

rodent

n. a small, gnawing mammal, such as a mouse, rat, or squirrel, that has sharp incisors and typically has a long, thin tail

synonym : mouse, rat, hamster

(1) **rodent** repellent, (2) prevent **rodent** damage

He set up a trap to catch the **rodent**.

ferret

n. a small, carnivorous mammal with a long slender body and a pointed snout, often used for hunting rats or other small animals; (verb) to search persistently and relentlessly for something, often in a secretive or concealed manner, as if hunting with a ferret

synonym : weasel, stoat, polecat

(1) **ferret** food, (2) **ferret** out the truth

I love to watch my pet **ferret** play with its toys.

paralysis

n. a condition in which you are unable to move or lose control of part or most of the body because of illness or injury

synonym : immobility, stiffness, palsy

(1) moral **paralysis**, (2) **paralysis** in the leg

Massive demonstrations lead to total **paralysis** of transportation.

mimic

v. to imitate someone's speech, movement, or behavior, especially to make others laugh

synonym : mirror, imitate, ape

(1) **mimic** a human voice, (2) **mimic** numerous instruments

He is very popular at school because he can **mimic** all the teachers' accents.

reconstruct

v. to build or form something again that has been damaged or destroyed

synonym : rebuild, revamp, reorganize

(1) **reconstruct** an image, (2) **reconstruct** the original text

They've decided to **reconstruct** a ruined castle.

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.

modulate

v. to change the key, style, loudness, etc., of something in music to create a particular effect; to fix or adjust the time, amount, degree, or rate of something

synonym: regulate, inflect, adjust

(1) **modulate** the function, (2) **modulate** from one key to another

These chemicals **modulate** the effect of metabolism.

overreact

v. to react more strongly or excessively than is necessary or appropriate

synonym: overplay, exaggerate, overstate

(1) **overreact** with anger, (2) **overreact** to the criticism

She **overreacted** to the situation and caused unnecessary stress.

berserk

adj. in a state of wild, frenzied, or unrestrained behavior; acting or behaving in a violent, irrational, or uncontrollable manner

synonym: crazed, frenzied, wild

(1) run **berserk**, (2) a **berserk** rage

The fans went **berserk** when their team scored the winning goal in the game's final seconds.

anthrax

n. a serious bacterial infection caused by *Bacillus anthracis* that can affect both humans and animals; it is characterized by a range of symptoms, including skin blisters, fever, and difficulty breathing, and can be fatal if left untreated

synonym: fever, splenic fever, wool sorters' disease

(1) **anthrax** infection, (2) **anthrax** vaccine

Scientists are currently researching new treatments for **anthrax** that could improve survival rates in infected individuals

pretension

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

synonym: presumption, pretense, affectation

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

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

quarantine

n. a state of isolation imposed on people or animals to prevent the spread of disease

synonym: isolation, confinement, restriction

(1) out of **quarantine**, (2) mandatory **quarantine**

Due to the outbreak, the government imposed a two-week **quarantine** for all travelers.

telecommute

v. to work remotely from a location other than one's employer's office, using telecommunications technology to communicate and perform work duties

synonym: work from home, work remotely

(1) **telecommute** from home, (2) allow our employees to **telecommute**

I prefer to **telecommute** instead of going to the office every day.

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.

creditor

n. a person, company, etc. to whom a debtor owes money

(1) the **creditor's** claims, (2) bankrupt **creditor**

I asked the lawyer to initiate **creditor** negotiations for voluntary liquidation.

banker

n. a person who is in charge of or has an important job in a bank

synonym : dealer, broker, financier

(1) central **bankers**, (2) investment **banker**

Bankers are only willing to lend with good security.

sneeze

v. to make a sudden, involuntary expulsion of air from the nose and mouth, usually due to irritation caused by the presence of dust, pollen, or other irritants

synonym : exhale, whiff, blow

(1) **sneeze** into my hand, (2) **sneeze** loudly

Whenever I get a cold, I tend to **sneeze** a lot.

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.

top-of-the-line

adj. of the highest or best quality; considered the finest or most advanced in a given category or range of products or services

synonym : high-end, premium, top-notch

(1) **top-of-the-line** technology, (2) **top-of-the-line** amenities

The company prides itself on producing **top-of-the-line** electronics that exceed customers' expectations.

contaminate

v. to make something impure, unclean, or poisonous by contact or mixture

synonym : defile, pollute, adulterate

(1) **contaminate** with a disease, (2) **contaminate** his ego

We strive not to **contaminate** the environment when demolishing petroleum plants.

phony

adj. not genuine; counterfeit; insincere; pretentious

synonym: fake, fraudulent, counterfeit

(1) **phony** excuse, (2) **phony** smile

He's a **phony** salesman who promises things he can't deliver.

ideate

v. to conceive of and develop an idea or concept in one's mind, often as part of a creative process or a problem-solving effort

synonym: conceive, think up, brainstorm

(1) **ideate** solutions, (2) **ideate** process

The team met to **ideate** new marketing strategies for the upcoming product launch.

counteract

v. to act against something to reduce its bad or harmful effects or neutralize it

synonym: balance, offset, compensate

(1) **counteract** the effect of poison, (2) **counteract** global warming

Our body's immune system produces antibodies to **counteract** disease.

ingest

v. to take food or drink into the body, often through the mouth; to absorb or assimilate something, often used to describe the intake of information or knowledge

synonym: swallow, consume, devour

(1) **ingest** food, (2) **ingest** medication

People who compulsively **ingest** non-food items, such as dirt or chalk, suffer from a condition called pica.

exposition

n. a comprehensive description and explanation of an idea or theory; a collection of things, such as goods or works of art, etc., for public display

synonym: explanation, description, account

(1) an international **exposition**, (2) rational **exposition**

The **exposition** in the novel provides background information on the characters and setting.

abdicate

v. to give up, renounce, or relinquish a throne, right, or responsibility

synonym: relinquish, renounce, abandon

(1) **abdicate** his duties, (2) **abdicate** from the crown

The king **abdicated** his throne in favor of his son.

patchwork

n. a fabric made by stitching together small pieces of different colored and patterned fabrics; a mixture or grouping of diverse elements or components

synonym: assortment, jumble, mishmash

(1) the **patchwork** of legislation, (2) **patchwork** design

The **patchwork** approach to funding led to an uneven distribution of resources.

disparate

adj. very different or distinct from something else and is not connected or comparable in any way

synonym: different, distinct, separate

(1) **disparate** impact, (2) physically **disparate** location

The organization worked to bring together **disparate** groups in the community.

circulate

v. to move continuously or freely around a place or closed system

synonym: flow, disperse, rotate

(1) **circulate** a rumor, (2) **circulate** an agenda before the meeting

The fan **circulates** the air in the room quickly.

liken

v. to compare something or someone to something or someone else to emphasize similarity or likeness; to describe or represent something as being like something else in some way

synonym: compare, equate, analogize

(1) **liken** to a flower, (2) **liken** to a bird

Some people **liken** meditation to a mental shower, refreshing and rejuvenating the mind.

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.

dotcom

n. a company or business that primarily operates on the Internet or has a web-based presence, particularly during the late 1990s and early 2000s when the Internet was a new and rapidly growing industry

synonym : website, online business, e-commerce

(1) successful **dotcom**, (2) **dotcom** millionaire

The **dotcom** boom of the late 1990s changed the landscape of the tech industry forever.

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.

garret

n. a small and usually cramped attic room, typically located at the top of a house or building; a makeshift living space or studio, often used by artists or writers

synonym : attic, loft, upper room

(1) dusty **garret**, (2) painter's **garret**

The artist's studio was located in a small **garret** on the top floor of the building.

attenuate

v. to weaken or reduce the intensity of something, such as a sound, feeling, or substance; to make something thinner or less dense

synonym: weaken, reduce, diminish

(1) **attenuate** the signal, (2) **attenuate** the power

The scientist was able to **attenuate** the virus by altering its genetic code.

ailment

n. a slight but often persistent illness

synonym: illness, disorder, infection

(1) heart **ailment**, (2) age-related **ailment**

He got timely treatment for his physical **ailment** of severe back pain.

dormitory

n. a large room or building that provides sleeping quarters for multiple people, typically students or workers, often in separate beds or cubicles

synonym: dorm, residence hall, hostel

(1) college **dormitory**, (2) shared **dormitory**

The girls' **dormitory** had a strict curfew of 11 p.m.

statin

n. a type of drug used to lower cholesterol levels in the blood, typically by inhibiting an enzyme involved in cholesterol production

synonym: cholesterol-lowering drug

(1) take a **statin** pill, (2) **statin** therapy

The side effects of **statins** can include muscle pain and weakness.

supple

adj. flexible and easy to bend or move; gracefully agile; adaptable or responsive to change or new ideas

synonym: flexible, pliable, bendable

(1) **supple** muscles, (2) **supple** leather

The ballerina's **supple** movements left the audience mesmerized.

theorize

v. to form or propose a theory or set of ideas to explain a particular phenomenon or event; to speculate or make educated guesses based on limited evidence or information

synonym : speculate, hypothesize, conjecture

(1) **theorize** about the universe, (2) **theorize** on the origins of life

Scientists **theorize** that there may be life on other planets in our galaxy.

attenuation

n. the process of reducing the strength, intensity, or value of something; the act or effect of making something weaker or less pronounced; the decrease in the magnitude of a signal, sound, or wave as it travels through a medium or from a source to a receiver

synonym : reduction, weakening, lessening

(1) audio **attenuation**, (2) **attenuation** coefficient

The **attenuation** of the signal caused poor reception on the radio.

humming

adj. producing a continuous, low, vibrating sound like that of the bee

synonym : buzzing, droning, vibrating

(1) **humming** sound, (2) **humming** bird

The **humming** of the bees filled the air as she walked through the garden.

malnourished

adj. not getting enough of the right type of food to stay healthy and strong

synonym : undernourished, underfed

(1) premature **malnourished** infant, (2) **malnourished** population

Malnourished children are at risk of developmental delays and chronic health problems.

pneumonia

n. an infection or inflammation of the lungs, typically caused by bacteria, viruses, or other microorganisms

synonym : lung infection, bronchitis

(1) bacterial **pneumonia**, (2) viral **pneumonia**

She was hospitalized with a severe case of **pneumonia**.

streptococcus

n. a genus of bacteria that includes many species, some of which can cause a wide range of infections in humans and animals, including strep throat, pneumonia, and skin infections

synonym : bacteria, germs, microbes

(1) **streptococcus** infection, (2) group A **streptococcus Streptococcus** mutans is a type of bacteria that can cause tooth decay.

phenomenal

adj. extremely good or impressive; outstanding

synonym : extraordinary, remarkable, impressive

(1) **phenomenal** success, (2) **phenomenal** growth

The athlete's **phenomenal** performance broke all previous records.

sentinel

n. a person or thing that stands guard or keeps watch; a soldier or guard who stands watch to provide security

synonym : guard, watchman, lookout

(1) **sentinel** duty, (2) **sentinel** lymph node

The security camera acted as a **sentinel**, monitoring the area for suspicious activity.

sharpshooter

n. a person skilled in shooting accurately, especially with a rifle

synonym : marksman, sniper, shooter

(1) police **sharpshooter**, (2) three-point **sharpshooter**

The **sharpshooter's** ability to hit targets from afar made them a valuable asset on the battlefield.

artillery

n. large-caliber guns used in warfare, typically operated by a crew and mounted on wheels or in a fixed position; any military weapons, equipment, or vehicles that are operated by a special branch or unit of the armed forces

synonym : guns, cannons, ordnance

(1) **artillery** fire, (2) coastal **artillery**

The army brought in heavier **artillery** to break through the enemy defenses.

cytokine

n. any of various protein molecules produced by cells of the immune system that serve to regulate the immune system

(1) a **cytokine** production, (2) **cytokine** receptor

Abnormal **cytokine** response may cause atopic dermatitis.

cascade

n. a small waterfall or series of small waterfalls; a succession of stages or operations or processes or units

synonym: waterfall, watercourse, step

(1) **cascade** connection, (2) transistor **cascade**

The **cascade** of waterfalls in the national park was a breathtaking sight.

swarm

n. a group of many things, such as insects, fishes, etc., in the air or water or on the ground

synonym: horde, hive, throng

(1) a **swarm** of mosquitoes, (2) locust **swarm**

A **swarm** of angry bees attacked because we had approached the hive.

drown

v. to die or cause to die by being unable to breathe underwater

synonym: douse, drench, overwhelm

(1) **drown** in a bath, (2) I was **drowned** in work

Floods have the potential to **drown** any subsurface animals easily.

Session 2: Spelling

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19. str_____cus infection *n.* a genus of bacteria that includes many species, some of which can cause a wide range of infections in humans and animals, including strep throat, pneumonia, and skin infections
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26. re_____se expenses *v.* to pay someone back for money that they have spent
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28. viral pn_____ia *n.* an infection or inflammation of the lungs, typically caused by bacteria, viruses, or other microorganisms
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30. in____t other animal species *v.* to affect a person, an animal, or a plant with a disease-causing organism
31. investment ba____r *n.* a person who is in charge of or has an important job in a bank
32. st____n therapy *n.* a type of drug used to lower cholesterol levels in the blood, typically by inhibiting an enzyme involved in cholesterol production
33. se_____el duty *n.* a person or thing that stands guard or keeps watch; a soldier or guard who stands watch to provide security
34. mo_____ze a stiff joint *v.* to make something ready for action or use; to organize people or resources for a particular purpose
35. in____t food *v.* to take food or drink into the body, often through the mouth; to absorb or assimilate something, often used to describe the intake of information or knowledge
36. shared do_____ry *n.* a large room or building that provides sleeping quarters for multiple people, typically students or workers, often in separate beds or cubicles

ANSWERS: 28. pneumonia, 29. peasant, 30. infect, 31. banker, 32. statin, 33. sentinel, 34. mobilize, 35. ingest, 36. dormitory

37. in___t a computer with a virus *v.* to affect a person, an animal, or a plant with a disease-causing organism
38. dr__n in a bath *v.* to die or cause to die by being unable to breathe underwater
39. fe___t out the truth *n.* a small, carnivorous mammal with a long slender body and a pointed snout, often used for hunting rats or other small animals; (*verb*) to search persistently and relentlessly for something, often in a secretive or concealed manner, as if hunting with a ferret
40. se_____el lymph node *n.* a person or thing that stands guard or keeps watch; a soldier or guard who stands watch to provide security
41. ind_____us worker *adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
42. traditional me_____al *adj.* of or relating to the treatment or cure of disease
43. ar_____ry fire *n.* large-caliber guns used in warfare, typically operated by a crew and mounted on wheels or in a fixed position; any military weapons, equipment, or vehicles that are operated by a special branch or unit of the armed forces
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v. to move continuously or freely around a place or closed system
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62. top_____ine technology *adj.* of the highest or best quality; considered the finest or most advanced in a given category or range of products or services
63. cy_____ne receptor *n.* any of various protein molecules produced by cells of the immune system that serve to regulate the immune system
64. di_____t a well-ordered condition *v.* to prevent or stop something, especially an event, activity, or process, from continuing in the usual way by causing a problem or disturbance
65. fe_____t food *n.* a small, carnivorous mammal with a long slender body and a pointed snout, often used for hunting rats or other small animals; (verb) to search persistently and relentlessly for something, often in a secretive or concealed manner, as if hunting with a ferret
66. pa_____rk design *n.* a fabric made by stitching together small pieces of different colored and patterned fabrics; a mixture or grouping of diverse elements or components
67. at_____te the power *v.* to weaken or reduce the intensity of something, such as a sound, feeling, or substance; to make something thinner or less dense
68. li__n to a flower *v.* to compare something or someone to something or someone else to emphasize similarity or likeness; to describe or represent something as being like something else in some way

ANSWERS: 62. top-of-the-line, 63. cytokine, 64. disrupt, 65. ferret, 66. patchwork, 67. attenuate, 68. liken

69. nuclear st_____le *n.* a large quantity or reserve of goods or materials that are accumulated and stored for future use, often used for emergency or contingency purposes; (verb) to accumulate or gather a large quantity of something, usually for future use or as a reserve
70. li__n to a bird *v.* to compare something or someone to something or someone else to emphasize similarity or likeness; to describe or represent something as being like something else in some way
71. bankrupt cr_____or *n.* a person, company, etc. to whom a debtor owes money
72. rec_____ct an image *v.* to build or form something again that has been damaged or destroyed
73. cou_____ct the effect of poison *v.* to act against something to reduce its bad or harmful effects or neutralize it
74. mi_____ry route *adj.* relating to or characterized by the movement of individuals or groups from one place to another, often for regular seasonal or environmental reasons
75. in___t medication *v.* to take food or drink into the body, often through the mouth; to absorb or assimilate something, often used to describe the intake of information or knowledge
76. locust sw__m *n.* a group of many things, such as insects, fishes, etc., in the air or water or on the ground

ANSWERS: 69. stockpile, 70. liken, 71. creditor, 72. reconstruct, 73. counteract, 74. migratory, 75. ingest, 76. swarm

77. sn___e loudly *v.* to make a sudden, involuntary expulsion of air from the nose and mouth, usually due to irritation caused by the presence of dust, pollen, or other irritants
78. heart ai____t *n.* a slight but often persistent illness
79. ab____te his duties *v.* to give up, renounce, or relinquish a throne, right, or responsibility
80. con____te his ego *v.* to make something impure, unclean, or poisonous by contact or mixture
81. three-point sha____ter *n.* a person skilled in shooting accurately, especially with a rifle
82. mo____te from one key to another *v.* to change the key, style, loudness, etc., of something in music to create a particular effect; to fix or adjust the time, amount, degree, or rate of something
83. mandatory qua____ne *n.* a state of isolation imposed on people or animals to prevent the spread of disease
84. an____x infection *n.* a serious bacterial infection caused by *Bacillus anthracis* that can affect both humans and animals; it is characterized by a range of symptoms, including skin blisters, fever, and difficulty breathing, and can be fatal if left untreated
85. sup____ter performance *n.* a computer with a high level of computing power and speed, typically used for scientific or engineering computations that require immense amounts of data processing

ANSWERS: 77. sneeze, 78. ailment, 79. abdicate, 80. contaminate, 81. sharpshooter, 82. modulate, 83. quarantine, 84. anthrax, 85. supercomputer

86. di_____te impact *adj.* very different or distinct from something else and is not connected or comparable in any way
87. college do_____ry *n.* a large room or building that provides sleeping quarters for multiple people, typically students or workers, often in separate beds or cubicles
88. an_____x vaccine *n.* a serious bacterial infection caused by *Bacillus anthracis* that can affect both humans and animals; it is characterized by a range of symptoms, including skin blisters, fever, and difficulty breathing, and can be fatal if left untreated
89. rec_____ct the original text *v.* to build or form something again that has been damaged or destroyed
90. re_____e the cardboard boxes *v.* to sort and collect things to process them and produce valuable materials that can be used again
91. 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
92. cou_____ive approach *adj.* having the opposite effect to the one intended or wanted
93. a cy_____ne production *n.* any of various protein molecules produced by cells of the immune system that serve to regulate the immune system
94. a be_____k rage *adj.* in a state of wild, frenzied, or unrestrained behavior; acting or behaving in a violent, irrational, or uncontrollable manner

ANSWERS: 86. disparate, 87. dormitory, 88. anthrax, 89. reconstruct, 90. recycle, 91. determinant, 92. counterproductive, 93. cytokine, 94. berserk

105. st_____le weapons *n.* a large quantity or reserve of goods or materials that are accumulated and stored for future use, often used for emergency or contingency purposes; (verb) to accumulate or gather a large quantity of something, usually for future use or as a reserve
106. hi_____ke across the country *v.* to obtain a ride in a passing vehicle by signaling to the driver or waving one's thumb; to travel by getting a free ride in someone else's vehicle
107. su___e muscles *adj.* flexible and easy to bend or move; gracefully agile; adaptable or responsive to change or new ideas
108. out of qua_____ne *n.* a state of isolation imposed on people or animals to prevent the spread of disease
109. allow our employees to tel_____te *v.* to work remotely from a location other than one's employer's office, using telecommunications technology to communicate and perform work duties
110. 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
111. central ba___rs *n.* a person who is in charge of or has an important job in a bank
112. con_____te with a disease *v.* to make something impure, unclean, or poisonous by contact or mixture
113. ci_____te a rumor *v.* to move continuously or freely around a place or closed system

ANSWERS: 105. stockpile, 106. hitchhike, 107. supple, 108. quarantine, 109. telecommute, 110. recycle, 111. banker, 112. contaminate, 113. circulate

114. re_____se money *v.* to pay someone back for money that they have spent
115. id___e solutions *v.* to conceive of and develop an idea or concept in one's mind, often as part of a creative process or a problem-solving effort
116. flu pa_____ic *n.* an outbreak of a disease that affects many people over a very wide area
117. mi_____es sterilizer *n.* a tiny living thing that can only be seen with a microscope and that may cause disease
118. ph___y excuse *adj.* not genuine; counterfeit; insincere; pretentious
119. audio att_____on *n.* the process of reducing the strength, intensity, or value of something; the act or effect of making something weaker or less pronounced; the decrease in the magnitude of a signal, sound, or wave as it travels through a medium or from a source to a receiver
120. the pa_____rk of legislation *n.* a fabric made by stitching together small pieces of different colored and patterned fabrics; a mixture or grouping of diverse elements or components
121. hu_____g bird *adj.* producing a continuous, low, vibrating sound like that of the bee
122. global pa_____ic *n.* an outbreak of a disease that affects many people over a very wide area
123. cou_____ct global warming *v.* to act against something to reduce its bad or harmful effects or neutralize it

ANSWERS: 114. reimburse, 115. ideate, 116. pandemic, 117. microbe, 118. phony, 119. attenuation, 120. patchwork, 121. humming, 122. pandemic, 123. counteract

124. br_____n students' knowledge *v.* to make or become wider or more extensive; to make or become more tolerant or liberal.
125. coastal ar_____ry *n.* large-caliber guns used in warfare, typically operated by a crew and mounted on wheels or in a fixed position; any military weapons, equipment, or vehicles that are operated by a special branch or unit of the armed forces
126. mi_____ry species *adj.* relating to or characterized by the movement of individuals or groups from one place to another, often for regular seasonal or environmental reasons
127. pre_____on to authority *n.* the act of claiming or asserting something, especially without good reason or without evidence; an unfounded or excessive claim or ambition
128. ph__y smile *adj.* not genuine; counterfeit; insincere; pretentious
129. tel_____te from home *v.* to work remotely from a location other than one's employer's office, using telecommunications technology to communicate and perform work duties
130. run be_____k *adj.* in a state of wild, frenzied, or unrestrained behavior; acting or behaving in a violent, irrational, or uncontrollable manner
131. ov_____ct with anger *v.* to react more strongly or excessively than is necessary or appropriate

ANSWERS: 124. broaden, 125. artillery, 126. migratory, 127. pretension, 128. phony, 129. telecommute, 130. berserk, 131. overreact

132. ind_____us student

adj. hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort

ANSWERS: 132. industrious

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. Our body's immune system produces antibodies to _____ disease.
v. to act against something to reduce its bad or harmful effects or neutralize it

2. The _____ of the signal caused poor reception on the radio.
n. the process of reducing the strength, intensity, or value of something; the act or effect of making something weaker or less pronounced; the decrease in the magnitude of a signal, sound, or wave as it travels through a medium or from a source to a receiver

3. The team met to _____ new marketing strategies for the upcoming product launch.
v. to conceive of and develop an idea or concept in one's mind, often as part of a creative process or a problem-solving effort

4. The company prides itself on producing _____ electronics that exceed customers' expectations.
adj. of the highest or best quality; considered the finest or most advanced in a given category or range of products or services

5. I asked the lawyer to initiate _____ negotiations for voluntary liquidation.
n. a person, company, etc. to whom a debtor owes money

6. The fan _____ the air in the room quickly.
v. to move continuously or freely around a place or closed system

7. The organization worked to bring together _____ groups in the community.
adj. very different or distinct from something else and is not connected or comparable in any way

ANSWERS: 1. counteract, 2. attenuation, 3. ideate, 4. top-of-the-line, 5. creditor, 6. circulates, 7. disparate

8. 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

9. People who compulsively _____ non-food items, such as dirt or chalk, suffer from a condition called pica.

- v.* to take food or drink into the body, often through the mouth; to absorb or assimilate something, often used to describe the intake of information or knowledge

10. Abnormal _____ response may cause atopic dermatitis.

- n.* any of various protein molecules produced by cells of the immune system that serve to regulate the immune system

11. She _____ to the situation and caused unnecessary stress.

- v.* to react more strongly or excessively than is necessary or appropriate

12. The ballerina's _____ movements left the audience mesmerized.

- adj.* flexible and easy to bend or move; gracefully agile; adaptable or responsive to change or new ideas

13. The fans went _____ when their team scored the winning goal in the game's final seconds.

- adj.* in a state of wild, frenzied, or unrestrained behavior; acting or behaving in a violent, irrational, or uncontrollable manner

14. The army brought in heavier _____ to break through the enemy defenses.

- n.* large-caliber guns used in warfare, typically operated by a crew and mounted on wheels or in a fixed position; any military weapons, equipment, or vehicles that are operated by a special branch or unit of the armed forces

ANSWERS: 8. succumbed, 9. ingest, 10. cytokine, 11. overreacted, 12. supple, 13. berserk, 14. artillery

15. Scientists _____ that there may be life on other planets in our galaxy.
- v. to form or propose a theory or set of ideas to explain a particular phenomenon or event; to speculate or make educated guesses based on limited evidence or information
16. Some people _____ meditation to a mental shower, refreshing and rejuvenating the mind.
- v. to compare something or someone to something or someone else to emphasize similarity or likeness; to describe or represent something as being like something else in some way
17. _____ thrive on the surface of the human skin.
- n. a tiny living thing that can only be seen with a microscope and that may cause disease
18. He set up a trap to catch the _____.
- n. a small, gnawing mammal, such as a mouse, rat, or squirrel, that has sharp incisors and typically has a long, thin tail
19. The _____ properties of this herb have been known to help with various ailments.
- adj. of or relating to the treatment or cure of disease
20. The girls' _____ had a strict curfew of 11 p.m.
- n. a large room or building that provides sleeping quarters for multiple people, typically students or workers, often in separate beds or cubicles
21. I prefer to _____ instead of going to the office every day.
- v. to work remotely from a location other than one's employer's office, using telecommunications technology to communicate and perform work duties

ANSWERS: 15. theorize, 16. liken, 17. Microbes, 18. rodent, 19. medicinal, 20. dormitory, 21. telecommute

22. The insurance company will _____ the cost of the damage caused by the storm.
- v.* to pay someone back for money that they have spent
23. He was known to be very _____ and would often work late into the night.
- adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
24. She was hospitalized with a severe case of _____.
- n.* an infection or inflammation of the lungs, typically caused by bacteria, viruses, or other microorganisms
25. The artist's studio was located in a small _____ on the top floor of the building.
- n.* a small and usually cramped attic room, typically located at the top of a house or building; a makeshift living space or studio, often used by artists or writers
26. I'm so sorry to _____ you when you're pretty busy.
- v.* to prevent or stop something, especially an event, activity, or process, from continuing in the usual way by causing a problem or disturbance
27. The _____ boom of the late 1990s changed the landscape of the tech industry forever.
- n.* a company or business that primarily operates on the Internet or has a web-based presence, particularly during the late 1990s and early 2000s when the Internet was a new and rapidly growing industry
28. Massive demonstrations lead to total _____ of transportation.
- n.* a condition in which you are unable to move or lose control of part or most of the body because of illness or injury
29. 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

ANSWERS: 22. reimburse, 23. industrious, 24. pneumonia, 25. garret, 26. disrupt, 27. dotcom, 28. paralysis, 29. recycle

30. He's a _____ salesman who promises things he can't deliver.

adj. not genuine; counterfeit; insincere; pretentious

31. I love to watch my pet _____ play with its toys.

n. a small, carnivorous mammal with a long slender body and a pointed snout, often used for hunting rats or other small animals; (verb) to search persistently and relentlessly for something, often in a secretive or concealed manner, as if hunting with a ferret

32. China has developed one of the world's fastest _____ for its space program.

n. a computer with a high level of computing power and speed, typically used for scientific or engineering computations that require immense amounts of data processing

33. The athlete's _____ performance broke all previous records.

adj. extremely good or impressive; outstanding

34. The _____ of the bees filled the air as she walked through the garden.

adj. producing a continuous, low, vibrating sound like that of the bee

35. The company _____ its product line to include more customer options.

v. to make or become wider or more extensive; to make or become more tolerant or liberal.

36. The military _____ troops to the border.

v. to make something ready for action or use; to organize people or resources for a particular purpose

37. The scientist was able to _____ the virus by altering its genetic code.

v. to weaken or reduce the intensity of something, such as a sound, feeling, or substance; to make something thinner or less dense

ANSWERS: 30. phony, 31. ferret, 32. supercomputers, 33. phenomenal, 34. humming, 35. broadened, 36. mobilized, 37. attenuate

38. The _____ in the novel provides background information on the characters and setting.
- n.* a comprehensive description and explanation of an idea or theory; a collection of things, such as goods or works of art, etc., for public display
39. The farmer had a huge _____ of hay for the winter.
- n.* a large quantity or reserve of goods or materials that are accumulated and stored for future use, often used for emergency or contingency purposes; (verb) to accumulate or gather a large quantity of something, usually for future use or as a reserve
40. They fear a _____ of a new type of virus.
- n.* an outbreak of a disease that affects many people over a very wide area
41. _____ are only willing to lend with good security.
- n.* a person who is in charge of or has an important job in a bank
42. Whenever I get a cold, I tend to _____ a lot.
- v.* to make a sudden, involuntary expulsion of air from the nose and mouth, usually due to irritation caused by the presence of dust, pollen, or other irritants
43. They've decided to _____ a ruined castle.
- v.* to build or form something again that has been damaged or destroyed
44. He is very popular at school because he can _____ all the teachers' accents.
- v.* to imitate someone's speech, movement, or behavior, especially to make others laugh
45. The _____ ability to hit targets from afar made them a valuable asset on the battlefield.
- n.* a person skilled in shooting accurately, especially with a rifle

ANSWERS: 38. exposition, 39. stockpile, 40. pandemic, 41. Bankers, 42. sneeze, 43. reconstruct, 44. mimic, 45. sharpshooter's

46. Due to the outbreak, the government imposed a two-week _____ for all travelers.
- n.* a state of isolation imposed on people or animals to prevent the spread of disease
47. _____ children are at risk of developmental delays and chronic health problems.
- adj.* not getting enough of the right type of food to stay healthy and strong
48. The _____ of waterfalls in the national park was a breathtaking sight.
- n.* a small waterfall or series of small waterfalls; a succession of stages or operations or processes or units
49. His _____ of being a gourmet were quickly exposed when he could not identify basic herbs and spices.
- n.* the act of claiming or asserting something, especially without good reason or without evidence; an unfounded or excessive claim or ambition
50. The side effects of _____ can include muscle pain and weakness.
- n.* a type of drug used to lower cholesterol levels in the blood, typically by inhibiting an enzyme involved in cholesterol production
51. _____ mutans is a type of bacteria that can cause tooth decay.
- n.* a genus of bacteria that includes many species, some of which can cause a wide range of infections in humans and animals, including strep throat, pneumonia, and skin infections
52. We strive not to _____ the environment when demolishing petroleum plants.
- v.* to make something impure, unclean, or poisonous by contact or mixture

ANSWERS: 46. quarantine, 47. Malnourished, 48. cascade, 49. pretensions, 50. statins, 51. Streptococcus, 52. contaminate

53. The security camera acted as a _____ monitoring the area for suspicious activity.
- n.* a person or thing that stands guard or keeps watch; a soldier or guard who stands watch to provide security
54. The king _____ his throne in favor of his son.
- v.* to give up, renounce, or relinquish a throne, right, or responsibility
55. She had to _____ to the nearest gas station when her car broke down.
- v.* to obtain a ride in a passing vehicle by signaling to the driver or waving one's thumb; to travel by getting a free ride in someone else's vehicle
56. Floods have the potential to _____ any subsurface animals easily.
- v.* to die or cause to die by being unable to breathe underwater
57. The _____ birds flew thousands of miles to reach their wintering grounds.
- adj.* relating to or characterized by the movement of individuals or groups from one place to another, often for regular seasonal or environmental reasons
58. The _____ approach to funding led to an uneven distribution of resources.
- n.* a fabric made by stitching together small pieces of different colored and patterned fabrics; a mixture or grouping of diverse elements or components
59. Children often _____ parents with this head cold.
- v.* to affect a person, an animal, or a plant with a disease-causing organism
60. A _____ of angry bees attacked because we had approached the hive.
- n.* a group of many things, such as insects, fishes, etc., in the air or water or on the ground

ANSWERS: 53. sentinel, 54. abdicated, 55. hitchhike, 56. drown, 57. migratory, 58. patchwork, 59. infect, 60. swarm

61. He got timely treatment for his physical _____ of severe back pain.
n. a slight but often persistent illness
62. 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
63. These chemicals _____ the effect of metabolism.
v. to change the key, style, loudness, etc., of something in music to create a particular effect; to fix or adjust the time, amount, degree, or rate of something
64. Territorial disputes between different countries are entirely _____ but common.
adj. having the opposite effect to the one intended or wanted
65. Scientists are currently researching new treatments for _____ that could improve survival rates in infected individuals
n. a serious bacterial infection caused by *Bacillus anthracis* that can affect both humans and animals; it is characterized by a range of symptoms, including skin blisters, fever, and difficulty breathing, and can be fatal if left untreated
66. Many people today romanticize the idea of the simple life of a _____ but in reality, it was a difficult and often harsh existence.
n. a farmer or agricultural worker who owns or rents a small piece of land and grows crops, especially in a traditional or undeveloped society

ANSWERS: 61. ailment, 62. determinant, 63. modulate, 64. counterproductive, 65. anthrax, 66. peasant,