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Session 1: Word List

amazing

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

synonym : exceptional, extraordinary, wonderful

(1) **amazing** advances, (2) the most **amazing** feeling
The golfer recorded an **amazing** distance.

precious

adj. uncommon and extremely valuable

synonym : adored, cherished, valued

(1) price of **precious** metals, (2) **precious** information
We cannot afford to squander **precious** time.

minister

n. a person appointed to or a job of a head of a government department

synonym : bishop, official, ambassador

(1) **Minister** for Education, (2) deputy prime **minister**
The **minister** occasionally preaches at this church.

defend

v. to protect someone or something from attack, criticism, danger, etc.

synonym : protect, guard, support

(1) **defend** my country, (2) **defend** against a threat
International law allows each nation to **defend** itself when its rights and interests are illegally violated.

laptop

n. a portable computer that is small enough to be carried around easily and used on your lap

(1) bring my **laptop**, (2) thin-and-light **laptop**

I need to finish this report by tonight, so I'll be working on my **laptop** all day.

communal

adj. belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use

synonym: collaborative, combined, collective

(1) **communal** swimming pool, (2) **communal** combination of funds

Communal elections were held in several European countries.

importance

n. the quality of being important and worthy of note

synonym: significance, primacy, matter

(1) a man of **importance**, (2) high **importance**

I stopped by the branch though I have no business of **importance**.

disconnect

v. to unfasten or disjoin something, especially to break the connection between a supply of gas, water, or electricity and a piece of equipment

synonym: unplug, detach, take apart

(1) **disconnect** a plug, (2) **disconnect** the water supply

She finally decided to **disconnect** herself from the company.

guerrilla

n. a member of small, independent soldiers or fighters who engage in irregular, often surprise attacks against enemy forces

synonym: partisan, rebel, insurgent

(1) an urban **guerrilla**, (2) **guerrilla** warfare

The government's efforts to suppress the **guerrilla** movement were met with resistance from local communities.

movement

n. a group of people working together to achieve a shared goal, especially a political, social, or artistic one; the

process of moving or being moved, physically or figuratively

synonym : motion, progression, action

(1) a circular **movement**, (2) **movement** of troops

The **movement** of the dancers on stage was graceful and elegant.

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.

grade

n. a particular level of quality, size, importance, etc.

synonym : score, rate, degree

(1) boys in the twelfth **grade**, (2) students at all **grade** levels

Departments may set requirements for a higher **grade** point average.

prototype

n. a first or preliminary example of something such as a device or vehicle from which other forms are developed

synonym : mock-up, precursor, model

(1) complete a **prototype** product, (2) early **prototype**

The flying car is presently in the **prototype** stage.

quarter

n. one of four equal parts; a fourth part or portion

synonym : fourth, one-fourth

(1) a **quarter** mile, (2) end of the first **quarter**

The unemployment rate in the first **quarter** was 2.3 percentage points higher than in the previous.

transit

n. the act or process of passing through or across a place or state; transportation

synonym : transportation, passage, transfer

(1) a **transit** visa, (2) mass **transit**

Public **transit** is an essential service for many cities.

rough

adj. not quite exact or correct; having or caused by an irregular surface

synonym : inelegant, coarse, barbarian

(1) **rough** and tough, (2) **rough** estimation

The vehicle bounced along the **rough** mountain road.

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**.

predict

v. to state beforehand that something will happen in the future, mainly based on knowledge or experience

synonym : forecast, anticipate, foresee

(1) **predict** the future, (2) **predict** when she will arrive

It's notoriously challenging to **predict** birth rates.

strategy

n. a detailed plan of action designed to achieve a long-term or overall goal.

synonym : approach, procedure, scenario

(1) military **strategy**, (2) develop a **strategy**

Our plan includes a comprehensive marketing **strategy**.

liberate

v. to set free; to release or rescue from captivity or oppression

synonym : emancipate, release, set free

(1) **liberate** people from oppression, (2) **liberate** potential

The prisoners were **liberated** after the war ended.

zone

n. a specific area, region, or section that is marked off or defined in some way

synonym : area, region, territory

(1) time **zone**, (2) **zone** defense

He was reluctant to leave his comfort **zone** and try something new.

bomb

n. a weapon that explodes and is used to kill or injure people or to cause damage to something

synonym: missile, explosive, ammunition

(1) atomic **bombs**, (2) disarm the **bomb**

The use of cluster **bombs** is strictly prohibited by international law.

kidnapping

n. the act of taking somebody away illegally and holding them captive

synonym: abduction, snatch, kidnap

(1) **kidnapping** attempt, (2) mass **kidnapping**

She received a year's imprisonment for aggravated **kidnapping**.

assassination

n. the act of killing a public figure, especially a political leader, usually for political or religious motives

synonym: murder, killing, execution

(1) failed **assassination** attempt, (2) **assassination** plot

The **assassination** of the president sent shockwaves through the nation.

suddenly

adv. quickly and unexpectedly

synonym: abruptly, unexpectedly, unawares

(1) **suddenly** attacked by an enemy, (2) die **suddenly**

Who answers **suddenly** knows little.

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.

absolutely

adv. without restriction or limitation; completely or utterly
synonym : completely, utterly, definitely

(1) **absolutely** against, (2) **absolutely** obsessed with the girl

I am **absolutely** opposed to his idea because of morality.

monumental

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

synonym : massive, awesome, enormous

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

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

surf

v. to ride on or through waves while standing or lying down on a board or other object; to search or browse the Internet or other computer networks in a casual or aimless manner

synonym : browse, scan, paddle

(1) **surf** the Internet, (2) **surf** the waves

I'll **surf** the online store to see if I can find that item in a different color.

span

n. the entire length of something, such as time or space from beginning to end; the amount of space that something covers

synonym : interval, period, length

(1) the **span** of a bird's wings, (2) the average life **span**

He slightly modified the **span** of training because it was just before a match.

finance

n. the management of money, credit, banking, and investments, especially by a government or commercial organization; the branch of economics that studies the management of money and other assets

synonym : banking, investment, fund

(1) **finance** act, (2) manage my **finances**

Our company decided to hire an advisor who specializes in

finance.

engine

n. a machine that converts thermal energy to mechanical work; something that has an important role used to achieve a purpose

synonym : motor, locomotive, driver

(1) a steam **engine**, (2) an air-cooled **engine**

The policies he announces can be the **engine** of economic growth in the country.

economy

n. the system by which a country or region produces, manages, and distributes goods and services, including the money and finances involved in these activities; (of an airline) the lowest-priced, most basic option for seating in commercial travel

synonym : finance, trade, business

(1) **economy** of scale, (2) **economy** class

The **economy** of the country is struggling due to the recent political instability.

involve

v. to include or affect someone or something as a necessary part of something else

synonym : implicate, include, engage

(1) **involve** a lot of paperwork, (2) **involve** a high degree of risk

The investigation **involves** several government agencies and is expected to take several months.

comprehension

n. the ability to understand or grasp the meaning of something, especially through knowledge or experience

synonym : understanding, knowledge, insight

(1) **comprehension** level, (2) a listening **comprehension** test

Her **comprehension** of the material was impressive for someone so young.

measured

adj. done with careful consideration or calculated precision; controlled or regulated in manner or speech; deliberate and thoughtful

synonym : calculated, deliberate, thought-out

(1) **measured** analysis, (2) **measured** tone of voice

Her **measured** response to the criticism showed her ability to remain calm and composed under pressure.

skyrocket

v. to rapidly ascend to a very high level; increase rapidly;

synonym : rocket, soar, shoot up

(1) **skyrocket** the cost, (2) price **skyrocketed**

Production has decreased, but costs and unemployment have **skyrocketed** dramatically.

probable

adj. likely to happen or likely to be true

synonym : likely, possible, potential

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

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

par

n. a state of being equal to someone or something

synonym : equality, standard, balance

(1) above **par** performance, (2) not up to **par**

Shares in the company finally fell below their **par** value.

primary

adj. first or highest in rank, order, or importance; most fundamental or essential; pertaining to the initial or introductory stage of something, such as a school year or election cycle

synonym : chief, main, fundamental

(1) **primary** school, (2) **primary** education

The **primary** cause of the accident was due to the icy road conditions.

inversion

n. the action or fact of inverting something, or the state of being inverted; the reversal of the normal order or arrangement of things

synonym : reversal, upside-down, turnaround

(1) temperature **inversion**, (2) **inversion** layer

The **inversion** of the mortgage market led to a decrease in home values.

agent

n. a person who represents and negotiates on behalf of someone else, such as a literary agent or talent agent; (of chemistry and medicine) a substance that brings about a chemical or physical effect; (of computer science) a piece of software that performs a task autonomously

synonym : representative, delegate, envoy

(1) **agent** system, (2) antidiarrheal **agent**

The FBI **agent** went undercover to infiltrate the criminal organization.

luxury

n. a state of great comfort or sophistication, mainly provided by expensive and beautiful things

synonym : extravagance, indulgence, opulence

(1) get into the **luxury** car market, (2) **luxury** hotel

His anti- **luxury** practices were quite strict.

collaborate

v. to work with someone else to produce or achieve something

synonym : cooperate, unite, get together

(1) **collaborate** with the police, (2) **collaborate** on a press release

She agreed to **collaborate** with him in creating new artwork.

generate

v. to produce or create something; to make offspring by reproduction

synonym : create, yield, produce

(1) **generate** more electricity, (2) **generate** \$100 a month

The economic stimulation program would **generate** a lot of new jobs.

afford

v. to have enough money or time to be able to buy or do something

(1) **afford** to buy a new car, (2) **afford** a high travel cost
He cannot **afford** a holiday.

seed

n. a small, hard, often round, a reproductive structure that contains a plant's genetic material and is capable of growing into a new plant

synonym: germ, kernel, ovule

(1) a **seed** coat, (2) **seed** money

He planted the **seed** in the soil and waited for it to sprout.

principle

n. a fundamental law or truth that explains or controls how something happens or works

synonym: rule, creed, code

(1) **principle** of treatment, (2) **principle** in business

Efficiency isn't an essential **principle** here; fairness is.

saturate

v. to completely fill or soak something with a substance; to completely permeate or imbue something with a particular quality or element; to make something thoroughly absorbed

synonym: drench, soak, immerse

(1) **saturate** the market, (2) **saturate** the cloth with water

To enhance the flavor, the chef decided to **saturate** the meat with a flavorful marinade.

connectivity

n. the state or quality of being connected or interconnected; the ability of devices, systems, or networks to communicate with and exchange information with each other

synonym: linkage, network

(1) digital **connectivity**, (2) global **connectivity**

The hotel offers high-speed internet **connectivity** for all its guests.

- roll**
- v. to move in a particular direction by turning over and over or from side to side
- synonym*: spin, swirl, wheel
- (1) **roll** a ball, (2) **roll** down his cheeks
- He was exhausted and **rolled** into bed as soon as he got home.
- inoculate**
- v. to introduce a vaccine into the body to produce immunity to a specific disease
- synonym*: vaccinate, immunize, protect
- (1) **inoculate** against disease, (2) **inoculate** with a virus
- The doctor **inoculated** the child with a vaccine.
- ignorance**
- n. lack of knowledge or information about a particular subject or fact
- synonym*: unintelligence, inexperience, unawareness
- (1) **ignorance** of the law, (2) **ignorance** is bliss
- His **ignorance** of the situation led him to make a poor decision.
- vaccine**
- n. a substance that is put into the body and protects them from disease by causing them to produce antibodies (= proteins that attack harmful bacteria, viruses, etc.)
- synonym*: vaccinum
- (1) development of **vaccines**, (2) an oral **vaccine**
- The mRNA **vaccine** was approved in less than a year because it did not contain the fragments of the target virus.
- vaccinate**
- v. to treat with a vaccine, usually by injection, to produce immunity against a disease
- synonym*: immunize, inject, inoculate
- (1) **vaccinate** against scarlet fever, (2) **vaccinate** every year
- The nurse **vaccinated** the children in the school.

Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. die su____ly | <i>adv.</i> quickly and unexpectedly |
| 2. the average life s__n | <i>n.</i> the entire length of something, such as time or space from beginning to end; the amount of space that something covers |
| 3. a listening com_____ion test | <i>n.</i> the ability to understand or grasp the meaning of something, especially through knowledge or experience |
| 4. fi_____e act | <i>n.</i> the management of money, credit, banking, and investments, especially by a government or commercial organization; the branch of economics that studies the management of money and other assets |
| 5. sa_____te the cloth with water | <i>v.</i> to completely fill or soak something with a substance; to completely permeate or imbue something with a particular quality or element; to make something thoroughly absorbed |
| 6. complete a pr_____pe product | <i>n.</i> a first or preliminary example of something such as a device or vehicle from which other forms are developed |
| 7. s__d money | <i>n.</i> a small, hard, often round, a reproductive structure that contains a plant's genetic material and is capable of growing into a new plant |
| 8. pr_____le in business | <i>n.</i> a fundamental law or truth that explains or controls how something happens or works |

ANSWERS: 1. suddenly, 2. span, 3. comprehension, 4. finance, 5. saturate, 6. prototype, 7. seed, 8. principle

9. sa____te the market *v.* to completely fill or soak something with a substance; to completely permeate or imbue something with a particular quality or element; to make something thoroughly absorbed
10. li____te potential *v.* to set free; to release or rescue from captivity or oppression
11. ec____y class *n.* the system by which a country or region produces manages, and distributes goods and services, including the money and finances involved in these activities; (of an airline) the lowest-priced, most basic option for seating in commercial travel
12. atomic b__bs *n.* a weapon that explodes and is used to kill or injure people or to cause damage to something
13. in____te with a virus *v.* to introduce a vaccine into the body to produce immunity to a specific disease
14. a qu____r mile *n.* one of four equal parts; a fourth part or portion
15. get into the lu____y car market *n.* a state of great comfort or sophistication, mainly provided by expensive and beautiful things
16. de____d against a threat *v.* to protect someone or something from attack, criticism, danger, etc.
17. pr____t when she will arrive *v.* to state beforehand that something will happen in the future, mainly based on knowledge or experience

ANSWERS: 9. saturate, 10. liberate, 11. economy, 12. bomb, 13. inoculate, 14. quarter, 15. luxury, 16. defend, 17. predict

18. in_____e a high degree of risk *v.* to include or affect someone or something as a necessary part of something else
19. sk_____et the cost *v.* to rapidly ascend to a very high level; increase rapidly;
20. ro__h estimation *adj.* not quite exact or correct; having or caused by an irregular surface
21. ge_____te more electricity *v.* to produce or create something; to make offspring by reproduction
22. military st_____gy *n.* a detailed plan of action designed to achieve a long-term or overall goal.
23. abs_____ly against *adv.* without restriction or limitation; completely or utterly
24. deputy prime mi_____er *n.* a person appointed to or a job of a head of a government department
25. ge_____te \$100 a month *v.* to produce or create something; to make offspring by reproduction
26. su_____ly attacked by an enemy *adv.* quickly and unexpectedly
27. ass_____ion plot *n.* the act of killing a public figure, especially a political leader, usually for political or religious motives
28. price of pr_____us metals *adj.* uncommon and extremely valuable
29. mon_____al sculpture *adj.* great in importance or influence, size, extent, or solidity; massive
30. failed ass_____ion attempt *n.* the act of killing a public figure, especially a political leader, usually for political or religious motives

ANSWERS: 18. involve, 19. skyrocket, 20. rough, 21. generate, 22. strategy, 23. absolutely, 24. minister, 25. generate, 26. suddenly, 27. assassination, 28. precious, 29. monumental, 30. assassination

31. Mi_____er for Education *n.* a person appointed to or a job of a head of a government department
32. af___d to buy a new car *v.* to have enough money or time to be able to buy or do something
33. af___d a high travel cost *v.* to have enough money or time to be able to buy or do something
34. a steam en___e *n.* a machine that converts thermal energy to mechanical work; something that has an important role used to achieve a purpose
35. col_____te with the police *v.* to work with someone else to produce or achieve something
36. a s___d coat *n.* a small, hard, often round, a reproductive structure that contains a plant's genetic material and is capable of growing into a new plant
37. z___e defense *n.* a specific area, region, or section that is marked off or defined in some way
38. disarm the b___b *n.* a weapon that explodes and is used to kill or injure people or to cause damage to something
39. pr_____le of treatment *n.* a fundamental law or truth that explains or controls how something happens or works
40. dis_____ct a plug *v.* to unfasten or disjoin something, especially to break the connection between a supply of gas, water, or electricity and a piece of equipment
41. ec_____y of scale *n.* the system by which a country or region produces manages, and distributes goods and services, including the money and finances involved in these activities; (of an airline) the lowest-priced, most basic option for seating in commercial travel

ANSWERS: 31. minister, 32. afford, 33. afford, 34. engine, 35. collaborate, 36. seed, 37. zone, 38. bomb, 39. principle, 40. disconnect, 41. economy

42. ig_____ce of the law *n.* lack of knowledge or information about a particular subject or fact
43. le_____og technology *n.* a children's game in which players take turns jumping over each other's stooped backs
44. a n__b mind *adj.* unable to feel physical sensation and movement; not showing human feeling or sensitivity
45. n__b with cold *adj.* unable to feel physical sensation and movement; not showing human feeling or sensitivity
46. pr_____le cause of a fire *adj.* likely to happen or likely to be true
47. develop a st_____gy *n.* a detailed plan of action designed to achieve a long-term or overall goal.
48. ag__t system *n.* a person who represents and negotiates on behalf of someone else, such as a literary agent or talent agent; (of chemistry and medicine) a substance that brings about a chemical or physical effect; (of computer science) a piece of software that performs a task autonomously
49. antidiarrheal ag__t *n.* a person who represents and negotiates on behalf of someone else, such as a literary agent or talent agent; (of chemistry and medicine) a substance that brings about a chemical or physical effect; (of computer science) a piece of software that performs a task autonomously

ANSWERS: 42. ignorance, 43. leapfrog, 44. numb, 45. numb, 46. probable, 47. strategy, 48. agent, 49. agent

50. me____ed tone of voice *adj.* done with careful consideration or calculated precision; controlled or regulated in manner or speech; deliberate and thoughtful
51. com_____ion level *n.* the ability to understand or grasp the meaning of something, especially through knowledge or experience
52. above p_r performance *n.* a state of being equal to someone or something
53. pr_____le outcome *adj.* likely to happen or likely to be true
54. temperature in_____on *n.* the action or fact of inverting something, or the state of being inverted; the reversal of the normal order or arrangement of things
55. pr_____y school *adj.* first or highest in rank, order, or importance; most fundamental or essential; pertaining to the initial or introductory stage of something, such as a school year or election cycle
56. the s__n of a bird's wings *n.* the entire length of something, such as time or space from beginning to end; the amount of space that something covers
57. in_____on layer *n.* the action or fact of inverting something, or the state of being inverted; the reversal of the normal order or arrangement of things
58. not up to p_r *n.* a state of being equal to someone or something

ANSWERS: 50. measured, 51. comprehension, 52. par, 53. probable, 54. inversion, 55. primary, 56. span, 57. inversion, 58. par

59. in_____e a lot of paperwork *v.* to include or affect someone or something as a necessary part of something else
60. s__f the waves *v.* to ride on or through waves while standing or lying down on a board or other object; to search or browse the Internet or other computer networks in a casual or aimless manner
61. r__l down his cheeks *v.* to move in a particular direction by turning over and over or from side to side
62. dis_____ct the water supply *v.* to unfasten or disjoin something, especially to break the connection between a supply of gas, water, or electricity and a piece of equipment
63. end of the first qu_____r *n.* one of four equal parts; a fourth part or portion
64. 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
65. r__l a ball *v.* to move in a particular direction by turning over and over or from side to side
66. va_____te every year *v.* to treat with a vaccine, usually by injection, to produce immunity against a disease
67. a circular mo_____nt *n.* a group of people working together to achieve a shared goal, especially a political, social, or artistic one; the process of moving or being moved, physically or figuratively

ANSWERS: 59. involve, 60. surf, 61. roll, 62. disconnect, 63. quarter, 64. electrify, 65. roll, 66. vaccinate, 67. movement

68. early pr_____pe *n.* a first or preliminary example of something such as a device or vehicle from which other forms are developed
69. am_____g advances *adj.* extremely surprising, especially in a way that you like or admire
70. an air-cooled en____e *n.* a machine that converts thermal energy to mechanical work; something that has an important role used to achieve a purpose
71. kid_____ng attempt *n.* the act of taking somebody away illegally and holding them captive
72. pr_____y education *adj.* first or highest in rank, order, or importance; most fundamental or essential; pertaining to the initial or introductory stage of something, such as a school year or election cycle
73. high imp_____ce *n.* the quality of being important and worthy of note
74. a tr_____t visa *n.* the act or process of passing through or across a place or state; transportation
75. pr_____us information *adj.* uncommon and extremely valuable
76. students at all gr__e levels *n.* a particular level of quality, size, importance, etc.
77. co_____al combination of funds *adj.* belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use
78. va_____te against scarlet fever *v.* to treat with a vaccine, usually by injection, to produce immunity against a disease

ANSWERS: 68. prototype, 69. amazing, 70. engine, 71. kidnapping, 72. primary, 73. importance, 74. transit, 75. precious, 76. grade, 77. communal, 78. vaccinate

79. mon_____al task *adj.* great in importance or influence, size, extent, or solidity; massive
80. thin-and-light la___p *n.* a portable computer that is small enough to be carried around easily and used on your lap
81. an urban gu_____la *n.* a member of small, independent soldiers or fighters who engage in irregular, often surprise attacks against enemy forces
82. lu___y hotel *n.* a state of great comfort or sophistication, mainly provided by expensive and beautiful things
83. ig_____ce is bliss *n.* lack of knowledge or information about a particular subject or fact
84. digital con_____ity *n.* the state or quality of being connected or interconnected; the ability of devices, systems, or networks to communicate with and exchange information with each other
85. co_____al swimming pool *adj.* belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use
86. bring my la___p *n.* a portable computer that is small enough to be carried around easily and used on your lap
87. time z__e *n.* a specific area, region, or section that is marked off or defined in some way
88. global con_____ity *n.* the state or quality of being connected or interconnected; the ability of devices, systems, or networks to communicate with and exchange information with each other

ANSWERS: 79. monumental, 80. laptop, 81. guerrilla, 82. luxury, 83. ignorance, 84. connectivity, 85. communal, 86. laptop, 87. zone, 88. connectivity

89. development of va_____es *n.* a substance that is put into the body and protects them from disease by causing them to produce antibodies (= proteins that attack harmful bacteria, viruses, etc.)
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93. ro__h and tough *adj.* not quite exact or correct; having or caused by an irregular surface
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95. le_____og game *n.* a children's game in which players take turns jumping over each other's stooped backs
96. de____d my country *v.* to protect someone or something from attack, criticism, danger, etc.
97. mo_____nt of troops *n.* a group of people working together to achieve a shared goal, especially a political, social, or artistic one; the process of moving or being moved, physically or figuratively

ANSWERS: 89. vaccine, 90. vaccine, 91. liberate, 92. predict, 93. rough, 94. inoculate, 95. leapfrog, 96. defend, 97. movement

98. price sk_____eted *v.* to rapidly ascend to a very high level; increase rapidly;
99. s__f the Internet *v.* to ride on or through waves while standing or lying down on a board or other object; to search or browse the Internet or other computer networks in a casual or aimless manner
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105. boys in the twelfth gr__e *n.* a particular level of quality, size, importance, etc.
106. abs_____ly obsessed with the girl *adv.* without restriction or limitation; completely or utterly
107. me_____ed analysis *adj.* done with careful consideration or calculated precision; controlled or regulated in manner or speech; deliberate and thoughtful

ANSWERS: 98. skyrocket, 99. surf, 100. electrify, 101. amazing, 102. guerrilla, 103. collaborate, 104. transit, 105. grade, 106. absolutely, 107. measured

108. a man of imp_____ce

n. the quality of being important and worthy of note

109. manage my fi_____es

n. the management of money, credit, banking, and investments, especially by a government or commercial organization; the branch of economics that studies the management of money and other assets

110. mass kid_____ng

n. the act of taking somebody away illegally and holding them captive

ANSWERS: 108. importance, 109. finance, 110. kidnapping

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The vehicle bounced along the _____ mountain road.
adj. not quite exact or correct; having or caused by an irregular surface
2. Her _____ response to the criticism showed her ability to remain calm and composed under pressure.
adj. done with careful consideration or calculated precision; controlled or regulated in manner or speech; deliberate and thoughtful
3. The prisoners were _____ after the war ended.
v. to set free; to release or rescue from captivity or oppression
4. The flying car is presently in the _____ stage.
n. a first or preliminary example of something such as a device or vehicle from which other forms are developed
5. Our plan includes a comprehensive marketing _____.
n. a detailed plan of action designed to achieve a long-term or overall goal.
6. He was reluctant to leave his comfort _____ and try something new.
n. a specific area, region, or section that is marked off or defined in some way
7. We cannot afford to squander _____ time.
adj. uncommon and extremely valuable
8. The _____ of the country is struggling due to the recent political instability.
n. the system by which a country or region produces manages, and distributes goods and services, including the money and finances involved in these activities; (of an airline) the lowest-priced, most basic option for seating in commercial travel

ANSWERS: 1. rough, 2. measured, 3. liberated, 4. prototype, 5. strategy, 6. zone, 7. precious, 8. economy

9. The government's efforts to suppress the _____ movement were met with resistance from local communities.
- n.* a member of small, independent soldiers or fighters who engage in irregular, often surprise attacks against enemy forces
10. Departments may set requirements for a higher _____ point average.
- n.* a particular level of quality, size, importance, etc.
11. Shares in the company finally fell below their _____ value.
- n.* a state of being equal to someone or something
12. He slightly modified the _____ of training because it was just before a match.
- n.* the entire length of something, such as time or space from beginning to end; the amount of space that something covers
13. International law allows each nation to _____ itself when its rights and interests are illegally violated.
- v.* to protect someone or something from attack, criticism, danger, etc.
14. The _____ occasionally preaches at this church.
- n.* a person appointed to or a job of a head of a government department
15. I need to finish this report by tonight, so I'll be working on my _____ all day.
- n.* a portable computer that is small enough to be carried around easily and used on your lap
16. He was exhausted and _____ into bed as soon as he got home.
- v.* to move in a particular direction by turning over and over or from side to side

ANSWERS: 9. guerrilla, 10. grade, 11. par, 12. span, 13. defend, 14. minister, 15. laptop, 16. rolled

17. The investigation _____ several government agencies and is expected to take several months.
- v.* to include or affect someone or something as a necessary part of something else
18. To enhance the flavor, the chef decided to _____ the meat with a flavorful marinade.
- v.* to completely fill or soak something with a substance; to completely permeate or imbue something with a particular quality or element; to make something thoroughly absorbed
19. I stopped by the branch though I have no business of _____.
- n.* the quality of being important and worthy of note
20. Our company decided to hire an advisor who specializes in _____.
- n.* the management of money, credit, banking, and investments, especially by a government or commercial organization; the branch of economics that studies the management of money and other assets
21. Efficiency isn't an essential _____ here; fairness is.
- n.* a fundamental law or truth that explains or controls how something happens or works
22. 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
23. _____ elections were held in several European countries.
- adj.* belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use

ANSWERS: 17. involves, 18. saturate, 19. importance, 20. finance, 21. principle, 22. leapfrog, 23. Communal

24. He planted the _____ in the soil and waited for it to sprout.
n. a small, hard, often round, a reproductive structure that contains a plant's genetic material and is capable of growing into a new plant
25. It seems _____ that he has forgotten our scheduled meeting.
adj. likely to happen or likely to be true
26. Her _____ of the material was impressive for someone so young.
n. the ability to understand or grasp the meaning of something, especially through knowledge or experience
27. The use of cluster _____ is strictly prohibited by international law.
n. a weapon that explodes and is used to kill or injure people or to cause damage to something
28. I'll _____ the online store to see if I can find that item in a different color.
v. to ride on or through waves while standing or lying down on a board or other object; to search or browse the Internet or other computer networks in a casual or aimless manner
29. She received a year's imprisonment for aggravated _____.
n. the act of taking somebody away illegally and holding them captive
30. The nurse _____ the children in the school.
v. to treat with a vaccine, usually by injection, to produce immunity against a disease
31. The _____ cause of the accident was due to the icy road conditions.
adj. first or highest in rank, order, or importance; most fundamental or essential; pertaining to the initial or introductory stage of something, such as a school year or election cycle

ANSWERS: 24. seed, 25. probable, 26. comprehension, 27. bombs, 28. surf, 29. kidnapping, 30. vaccinated, 31. primary

32. My left arm became _____.

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

33. 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

34. Production has decreased, but costs and unemployment have _____ dramatically.

v. to rapidly ascend to a very high level; increase rapidly;

35. I am _____ opposed to his idea because of morality.

adv. without restriction or limitation; completely or utterly

36. Who answers _____ knows little.

adv. quickly and unexpectedly

37. It's notoriously challenging to _____ birth rates.

v. to state beforehand that something will happen in the future, mainly based on knowledge or experience

38. The golfer recorded an _____ distance.

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

39. Everyone, even non-scholars, knows Einstein's _____ contributions to physics.

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

ANSWERS: 32. numb, 33. electrify, 34. skyrocketed, 35. absolutely, 36. suddenly, 37. predict, 38. amazing, 39. monumental

40. The unemployment rate in the first _____ was 2.3 percentage points higher than in the previous.
- n.* one of four equal parts; a fourth part or portion
41. The policies he announces can be the _____ of economic growth in the country.
- n.* a machine that converts thermal energy to mechanical work; something that has an important role used to achieve a purpose
42. His anti-_____ practices were quite strict.
- n.* a state of great comfort or sophistication, mainly provided by expensive and beautiful things
43. The hotel offers high-speed internet _____ for all its guests.
- n.* the state or quality of being connected or interconnected; the ability of devices, systems, or networks to communicate with and exchange information with each other
44. The _____ of the mortgage market led to a decrease in home values.
- n.* the action or fact of inverting something, or the state of being inverted; the reversal of the normal order or arrangement of things
45. The _____ of the dancers on stage was graceful and elegant.
- n.* a group of people working together to achieve a shared goal, especially a political, social, or artistic one; the process of moving or being moved, physically or figuratively
46. The economic stimulation program would _____ a lot of new jobs.
- v.* to produce or create something; to make offspring by reproduction

ANSWERS: 40. quarter, 41. engine, 42. luxury, 43. connectivity, 44. inversion, 45. movement, 46. generate

47. He cannot _____ a holiday.
- v. to have enough money or time to be able to buy or do something
48. She finally decided to _____ herself from the company.
- v. to unfasten or disjoin something, especially to break the connection between a supply of gas, water, or electricity and a piece of equipment
49. The FBI _____ went undercover to infiltrate the criminal organization.
- n. a person who represents and negotiates on behalf of someone else, such as a literary agent or talent agent; (of chemistry and medicine) a substance that brings about a chemical or physical effect; (of computer science) a piece of software that performs a task autonomously
50. The mRNA _____ was approved in less than a year because it did not contain the fragments of the target virus.
- n. a substance that is put into the body and protects them from disease by causing them to produce antibodies (= proteins that attack harmful bacteria, viruses, etc.)
51. Public _____ is an essential service for many cities.
- n. the act or process of passing through or across a place or state; transportation
52. His _____ of the situation led him to make a poor decision.
- n. lack of knowledge or information about a particular subject or fact
53. The doctor _____ the child with a vaccine.
- v. to introduce a vaccine into the body to produce immunity to a specific disease
54. The _____ of the president sent shockwaves through the nation.
- n. the act of killing a public figure, especially a political leader, usually for political or religious motives

ANSWERS: 47. afford, 48. disconnect, 49. agent, 50. vaccine, 51. transit, 52. ignorance, 53. inoculated, 54. assassination

55. She agreed to _____ with him in creating new artwork.

v. to work with someone else to produce or achieve something

ANSWERS: 55. collaborate