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Session 1: Word List

- cave** *n.* a large hole in the side of a hill, cliff, mountain, or under the ground
synonym: cavern, grotto, burrow
(1) domiciliary **caves**, (2) the mouth of the **cave**
Bats reside in sheltered **caves**.
- era** *n.* a period that is distinct from others, typically in history
synonym: epoch, age, period
(1) dawn of a new **era**, (2) the **era** of the Renaissance
Political corruption was common throughout the postwar **era**.
- interface** *n.* (computer science) a program that controls a display for the user and that allows the user to interact with the system; (chemistry) a surface forming a common boundary between two things
synonym: junction, surface, UI
(1) **interface** between gas and liquid, (2) the user **interface**
Detergent weakens the surface tension at the **interface** of two liquids.
- emotional** *adj.* relating to people's feelings
synonym: affecting, impactful, impressive
(1) **emotional** health, (2) **emotional** distress

Human **emotional** responses vary widely depending on the society to which they belong.

engaging

adj. attracting, pleasant, or charming

synonym : alluring, interesting, engrossing

(1) **engaging** story, (2) an **engaging** smile

She was disbarred for her **engaging** in fraud.

quo

n. the existing state or condition of something, especially in relation to a particular situation or issue

synonym : status, condition, state

(1) status **quo** politician, (2) **quo** warranto

The company has been successful in maintaining the status **quo**.

rigid

adj. extremely strict and difficult to change or adapt; incapable of or resistant to bending

synonym : strict, inflexible, stringent

(1) **rigid** rules, (2) **rigid** structure

He was unpopular because of his **rigid** adherence to the rules.

lick

v. to pass the tongue over something to moisten, taste, or eat

synonym : taste, moisten, sweep

(1) **lick** a teaspoon, (2) **lick** its wounds

She **licked** the envelope to seal it before mailing it.

icon

n. a picture or statue of a holy person considered to be a sacred thing; a little icon on the screen of a computer or smartphone that denotes an application or a file

synonym : figure, hero, idol

(1) **icon** for young people, (2) television **icon**

Some comic book characters are considered gay **icons**.

inspiration

n. something that motivates or encourages someone to create or achieve something, or a feeling of excitement

or creativity

synonym : motivation, drive, encouragement

(1) source of **inspiration**, (2) get **inspiration** from nature
He found **inspiration** in the works of his favorite authors.

subtle

adj. not readily apparent or visible

synonym : slight, nuanced, exquisite

(1) **subtle** changes, (2) a **subtle** poison

A famous artist painted the room in a **subtle** pink hue.

visceral

adj. relating to or affecting the internal organs; instinctive or emotional rather than rational; characterized by deep-seated emotional reactions or responses

synonym : instinctive, intuitive, gut

(1) **visceral** organ, (2) **visceral** fear

After watching the horror movie, she had a **visceral** reaction and couldn't sleep all night.

visible

adj. capable of being seen; or open to easy view

synonym : clear, observable, seeable

(1) **visible** stars, (2) **visible** by X-ray

My home is easily **visible** from the shore.

desktop

n. a flat working surface or table that is usually placed on top of a desk, typically used for a computer or other work-related activities

synonym : computer, workstation, PC

(1) **desktop** software, (2) **desktop** wallpaper

I need to upgrade my **desktop** computer since it's become quite slow.

compute

v. to make a mathematical calculation

synonym : calculate

(1) **compute** an average score, (2) **compute** the value

I tried to **compute** the efficiency of the investment.

bump

v. to hit or knock against something hard, often with a dull sound; to meet with by accident

synonym : collide, hit, jolt

(1) **bump** against a wall, (2) **bump** up prices

She accidentally **bumped** into him in the crowded room.

physically

adv. in a way related to a person's body or appearance rather than their mind

(1) **physically** and mentally, (2) stay **physically** fit

Having a **physically** healthy physique is essential for a great life.

manipulate

v. to influence or control something or someone to your advantage, often in an unfair or dishonest way

synonym : control, exploit, abuse

(1) **manipulate** figures, (2) vulnerable to **manipulate**

Please tell me how to **manipulate** this computer.

collide

v. to hit something violently when moving

synonym : clash, slam, contradict

(1) **collide** head-on, (2) **collide** in midair

The interests of the two countries **collide**.

grab

v. to take hold of something or someone suddenly with a hand, especially in a violent way

synonym : clutch, snatch, grasp

(1) **grab** an audience, (2) **grab** an opportunity

Shall we **grab** a bite to eat?

pile

n. a collection of objects positioned one on top of another; a large sum of something, such as money

synonym : accumulation, heap, stack

(1) a sand **pile**, (2) the height of a **pile**

After the party, they had to clean up **piles** of dirty dishes.

browse

v. to shop around in a leisurely and casual way; to look through a book, magazine, Internet, etc., casually and

randomly, without seeking anything in particular; (of an animal) to feed on plants

synonym: look around, look through, scan

(1) **browse** a website, (2) **browse** through the text

We **browsed** in a souvenir shop.

grid

n. a pattern of regularly spaced horizontal and vertical lines; a system of high tension cables by which electrical power is distributed throughout a region

synonym: gridiron, battery grid, power system

(1) a **grid** design, (2) a wire **grid**

Grid pattern roads often appear in urban areas.

flip

v. to turn over into a different position quickly; to throw or toss with a light motion

synonym: throw, jump

(1) **flip** over the pork chop, (2) **flip** a coin

He **flipped** when he heard that he had been accepted into the university.

deck

n. a flat surface that is usually made of wood or other material and is attached to a building, vehicle, or other structure

synonym: platform, veranda, patio

(1) **deck** chairs, (2) hands on **deck**

She sat on the ship's **deck**, watching the sunset over the ocean.

locate

v. to specify or determine the exact position of someone or something

synonym: discover, find, place

(1) **locate** a missing pet, (2) **locate** a tumor

The robot can accurately **locate** construction material.

delete

v. to remove something, especially that has been written; to wipe out digitally or magnetically recorded information

synonym: erase, wipe out, remove

(1) **delete** a file, (2) **delete** this modification
Highlight the sentences that you want to **delete**.

immediately

adv. now or without delay

synonym: directly, instantly, promptly

(1) **immediately** recall a product, (2) write him an answer
immediately

A suspension order from the court is effective **immediately**.

smoothly

adv. in a way that is steady, even, or without problems;
without interruption or difficulty; with ease

synonym: efficiently, flawlessly, seamlessly

(1) **smoothly** transition, (2) **smoothly** operate

The project went **smoothly** and was completed ahead of
schedule.

animate

v. to make something full of interest and energy

synonym: invigorate, energize, enliven

(1) **animate** the body, (2) **animate** his soul

The positive attitude of the supervisor **animated** the
discussion.

jar

n. a cylindrical container, typically made of glass, metal, or
pottery, with a wide mouth and a screwed or sealed lid,
used for storing food, liquids, and other materials

synonym: container, vessel, pot

(1) a **jar** of jam, (2) a water **jar**

He placed the coins in a **jar** to save for a trip.

toss

v. to throw something carelessly with a light motion

synonym: throw, sway

(1) **toss** a coin, (2) **toss** the bottle into a trash can

It would be best if you **tossed** out all those old magazines.

individual

n. a single person or thing, as distinct from a group

synonym: person, being, self

(1) a private **individual**, (2) **individual** freedom

As an **individual**, he had the right to make his own decisions and live his life as he saw fit.

emphasize

v. to give or show particular importance to something
synonym: highlight, accentuate, stress

(1) **emphasize** her words, (2) **emphasize** a direct relationship

Use italics or capitals to **emphasize** a word in a piece of writing.

physics

n. the science of matter and energy and their interactions

(1) nuclear **physics**, (2) laws of **physics**

He studied the **physics** of radiation.

simulate

v. to make a pretense of someone's behavior or looks; to reproduce something that exists in real life using computers, models, etc., usually for study or training purposes

synonym: pretend, imitate, mimic

(1) **simulate** climate change, (2) **simulate** a future scenario

He had painted the wood to **simulate** stone.

cute

adj. attractive, especially in a childlike or youthful way

synonym: attractive, charming, adorable

(1) act **cute**, (2) super **cute** dress

The baby's chubby cheeks and big eyes made her look so **cute**.

convey

v. to express ideas, feelings, etc. so that it is known or understood by other people; to carry something from one place to another

synonym: communicate, transfer, deliver

(1) **convey** a complex idea, (2) **convey** goods by truck

An ironic remark often **conveys** an intended meaning obliquely.

disappear

v. to cease to exist or be visible

synonym : fade, evaporate, vanish

(1) **disappear** without a trace, (2) **disappear** after a week

They watched the train **disappear** into the distance.

transfer

v. to move, pass, or change from one person, place, or situation to another

synonym : move, relocate, shift

(1) **transfer** a file, (2) **transfer** power

She **transferred** the money from her savings account to her checking account.

crease

n. a line or mark made by folding or wrinkling a surface or material; a slight ridge or fold in fabric or paper caused by pressing or folding

synonym : fold, wrinkle, ridge

(1) **crease** in fabric, (2) deep **crease**

The shirt had a noticeable **crease** along the sleeve from being folded.

destructive

adj. causing or able to cause tremendous and irreparable damage

synonym : destroying, harmful, disastrous

(1) lead to **destructive** behavior, (2) a habit **destructive** to health

It was the most **destructive** storm in decades.

crumple

v. to collapse or crumple into a disordered or wrinkled mass; to fall apart or lose strength suddenly; to become emotionally distressed or overwhelmed

synonym : crinkle, crush, mash

(1) **crumple** paper, (2) **crumple** clothes

The car **crumpled** after colliding with the tree.

workspace

n. a designated area or physical setting where work is performed, often in a business or office setting

synonym : office, studio, workplace

(1) **workspace** design, (2) shared **workspace**

I need a quiet **workspace** to concentrate on my project.

criticism

n. the act of analyzing, evaluating, or judging something, especially literary or artistic work, to find fault with it or to offer suggestions for improvement; the expression of disapproval or censure

synonym : critique, commentary, review

(1) **criticism** from the public, (2) harsh **criticism**

Constructive **criticism** is always helpful to help improving one's work.

organization

n. a group of people who work together for a shared purpose

synonym : association, institution, community

(1) **organization** chart, (2) agricultural **organization**

She is the president of a large international **organization**.

messy

adj. disorganized and untidy

synonym : cluttered, disorganized, untidy

(1) **messy** data, (2) **messy** handling

His **messy** bedroom is always a source of frustration for his mother.

mess

n. a state of confusion, dirtiness, or untidiness; (verb) to fail to do something or to make something dirty or untidy

synonym : disarray, confusion, predicament

(1) have a whole **mess**, (2) get into a **mess**

He made a frightful **mess** in his room.

align

v. to put or arrange two or more things in a straight line or to form a straight line

synonym : coordinate, regulate, adjust

(1) **align** the economic interest of each other, (2) **align** with a historical trend

Both parties are now entirely ideologically **aligned**.

tradition

n. a belief, custom, or way of doing something that has been passed down from generation to generation within a group or society

synonym : custom, practice, ritual

(1) a **tradition** of a culture, (2) against **tradition**

It is a **tradition** in many families to have a big Thanksgiving dinner with all their relatives.

boring

adj. lacking interest or excitement; tedious or dull

synonym : dull, tedious, monotonous

(1) **boring** work, (2) **boring** day

The lecture was so **boring** that many people fell asleep.

domain

n. a specific sphere of influence or control; a specific field of knowledge or expertise

synonym : territory, realm, sphere

(1) **domain** of use, (2) a dependent **domain**

The company's **domain** in the market was expanding to new territories.

software

n. a set of computer programs and associated documentation and data for doing particular computational jobs

synonym : program, system, operating system

(1) **software** architect, (2) copyrighted **software**

The company specializes in both hardware and **software**.

photograph

n. a picture or image that is produced by a camera; a visual representation or record of a person, object, or scene that has been captured electronically or on film

synonym : photo, picture, snapshot

(1) **photograph** album, (2) **photograph** memories

I found an old **photograph** of my grandparents from their wedding day.

enrich

v. to make better or improve in quality by adding something else

synonym : enhance, improve, augment

(1) **enrich** a gas with a balloon, (2) **enrich** public services

Reading not only increases knowledge but also **enriches** life.

tangible

adj. real and concrete; able to be perceived, especially able to be touched; (of business assets) having physical substance and intrinsic monetary value

synonym : palpable, real, actual

(1) **tangible** assets, (2) produce **tangible** results

A problem that has been pointed out for years finally becomes **tangible**.

interact

v. to communicate or react with somebody

synonym : cooperate, combine, collaborate

(1) **interact** directly with customers, (2) **interact** with one another

He should **interact** more with his colleagues.

Session 2: Spelling

1. a habit des_____ve to health *adj.* causing or able to cause tremendous and irreparable damage
2. deep cr___e *n.* a line or mark made by folding or wrinkling a surface or material; a slight ridge or fold in fabric or paper caused by pressing or folding
3. a dependent do___n *n.* a specific sphere of influence or control; a specific field of knowledge or expertise
4. co_____e in midair *v.* to hit something violently when moving
5. so_____re architect *n.* a set of computer programs and associated documentation and data for doing particular computational jobs
6. br___e a website *v.* to shop around in a leisurely and casual way; to look through a book, magazine, Internet, etc., casually and randomly, without seeking anything in particular; (of an animal) to feed on plants
7. source of ins_____on *n.* something that motivates or encourages someone to create or achieve something, or a feeling of excitement or creativity
8. man_____te figures *v.* to influence or control something or someone to your advantage, often in an unfair or dishonest way
9. g__b an opportunity *v.* to take hold of something or someone suddenly with a hand, especially in a violent way

ANSWERS: 1. destructive, 2. crease, 3. domain, 4. collide, 5. software, 6. browse, 7. inspiration, 8. manipulate, 9. grab

10. l__k a teaspoon *v.* to pass the tongue over something to moisten, taste, or eat
11. against tr_____on *n.* a belief, custom, or way of doing something that has been passed down from generation to generation within a group or society
12. a j_r of jam *n.* a cylindrical container, typically made of glass, metal, or pottery, with a wide mouth and a screwed or sealed lid, used for storing food, liquids, and other materials
13. b__p against a wall *v.* to hit or knock against something hard, often with a dull sound; to meet with by accident
14. de_____p software *n.* a flat working surface or table that is usually placed on top of a desk, typically used for a computer or other work-related activities
15. t__s a coin *v.* to throw something carelessly with a light motion
16. de___e this modification *v.* to remove something, especially that has been written; to wipe out digitally or magnetically recorded information
17. a private ind_____al *n.* a single person or thing, as distinct from a group
18. g__b an audience *v.* to take hold of something or someone suddenly with a hand, especially in a violent way
19. vi_____e by X-ray *adj.* capable of being seen; or open to easy view

ANSWERS: 10. lick, 11. tradition, 12. jar, 13. bump, 14. desktop, 15. toss, 16. delete, 17. individual, 18. grab, 19. visible

20. si____te a future scenario
v. to make a pretense of someone's behavior or looks; to reproduce something that exists in real life using computers, models, etc., usually for study or training purposes
21. super c__e dress
adj. attractive, especially in a childlike or youthful way
22. pho_____ph album
n. a picture or image that is produced by a camera; a visual representation or record of a person, object, or scene that has been captured electronically or on film
23. vi_____al organ
adj. relating to or affecting the internal organs; instinctive or emotional rather than rational; characterized by deep-seated emotional reactions or responses
24. org_____ion chart
n. a group of people who work together for a shared purpose
25. lo___e a tumor
v. to specify or determine the exact position of someone or something
26. produce ta_____le results
adj. real and concrete; able to be perceived, especially able to be touched; (of business assets) having physical substance and intrinsic monetary value
27. co_____e the value
v. to make a mathematical calculation
28. ri__d structure
adj. extremely strict and difficult to change or adapt; incapable of or resistant to bending

ANSWERS: 20. simulate, 21. cute, 22. photograph, 23. visceral, 24. organization, 25. locate, 26. tangible, 27. compute, 28. rigid

29. vi____e stars *adj.* capable of being seen; or open to easy view
30. f__p a coin *v.* to turn over into a different position quickly; to throw or toss with a light motion
31. phy_____ly and mentally *adv.* in a way related to a person's body or appearance rather than their mind
32. t__s the bottle into a trash can *v.* to throw something carelessly with a light motion
33. b__p up prices *v.* to hit or knock against something hard, often with a dull sound; to meet with by accident
34. domiciliary c__es *n.* a large hole in the side of a hill, cliff, mountain, or under the ground
35. harsh cr_____sm *n.* the act of analyzing, evaluating, or judging something, especially literary or artistic work, to find fault with it or to offer suggestions for improvement; the expression of disapproval or censure
36. en_____ng story *adj.* attracting, pleasant, or charming
37. hands on d__k *n.* a flat surface that is usually made of wood or other material and is attached to a building, vehicle, or other structure
38. shared wo_____ce *n.* a designated area or physical setting where work is performed, often in a business or office setting
39. q_o warranto *n.* the existing state or condition of something, especially in relation to a particular situation or issue

ANSWERS: 29. visible, 30. flip, 31. physically, 32. toss, 33. bump, 34. cave, 35. criticism, 36. engaging, 37. deck, 38. workspace, 39. quo

40. copyrighted so_____re *n.* a set of computer programs and associated documentation and data for doing particular computational jobs
41. br___e through the text *v.* to shop around in a leisurely and casual way; to look through a book, magazine, Internet, etc., casually and randomly, without seeking anything in particular; (of an animal) to feed on plants
42. al__n the economic interest of each other *v.* to put or arrange two or more things in a straight line or to form a straight line
43. di_____ar after a week *v.* to cease to exist or be visible
44. a g__d design *n.* a pattern of regularly spaced horizontal and vertical lines; a system of high tension cables by which electrical power is distributed throughout a region
45. bo___g day *adj.* lacking interest or excitement; tedious or dull
46. ri__d rules *adj.* extremely strict and difficult to change or adapt; incapable of or resistant to bending
47. wo_____ce design *n.* a designated area or physical setting where work is performed, often in a business or office setting
48. a sand p__e *n.* a collection of objects positioned one on top of another; a large sum of something, such as money
49. cr_____sm from the public *n.* the act of analyzing, evaluating, or judging something, especially literary or artistic work, to find fault with it or to offer suggestions for improvement; the expression of disapproval or censure

ANSWERS: 40. software, 41. browse, 42. align, 43. disappear, 44. grid, 45. boring, 46. rigid, 47. workspace, 48. pile, 49. criticism

50. in_____ct directly with customers *v.* to communicate or react with somebody
51. an_____e the body *v.* to make something full of interest and energy
52. cr_____e in fabric *n.* a line or mark made by folding or wrinkling a surface or material; a slight ridge or fold in fabric or paper caused by pressing or folding
53. laws of ph_____s *n.* the science of matter and energy and their interactions
54. em_____ze her words *v.* to give or show particular importance to something
55. de_____e a file *v.* to remove something, especially that has been written; to wipe out digitally or magnetically recorded information
56. nuclear ph_____s *n.* the science of matter and energy and their interactions
57. have a whole m____s *n.* a state of confusion, dirtiness, or untidiness; (verb) to fail to do something or to make something dirty or untidy
58. em_____al health *adj.* relating to people's feelings
59. the height of a p____e *n.* a collection of objects positioned one on top of another; a large sum of something, such as money
60. do_____n of use *n.* a specific sphere of influence or control; a specific field of knowledge or expertise
61. sm_____ly transition *adv.* in a way that is steady, even, or without problems; without interruption or difficulty; with ease

ANSWERS: 50. interact, 51. animate, 52. crease, 53. physics, 54. emphasize, 55. delete, 56. physics, 57. mess, 58. emotional, 59. pile, 60. domain, 61. smoothly

62. agricultural org_____ion *n.* a group of people who work together for a shared purpose
63. stay phy_____ly fit *adv.* in a way related to a person's body or appearance rather than their mind
64. vi_____al fear *adj.* relating to or affecting the internal organs; instinctive or emotional rather than rational; characterized by deep-seated emotional reactions or responses
65. the mouth of the c__e *n.* a large hole in the side of a hill, cliff, mountain, or under the ground
66. dawn of a new e_a *n.* a period that is distinct from others, typically in history
67. an en_____ng smile *adj.* attracting, pleasant, or charming
68. l__k its wounds *v.* to pass the tongue over something to moisten, taste, or eat
69. co_____e head-on *v.* to hit something violently when moving
70. di_____ar without a trace *v.* to cease to exist or be visible
71. co_____e an average score *v.* to make a mathematical calculation
72. a water j_r *n.* a cylindrical container, typically made of glass, metal, or pottery, with a wide mouth and a screwed or sealed lid, used for storing food, liquids, and other materials
73. write him an answer imm_____ly *adv.* now or without delay
74. cr_____e paper *v.* to collapse or crumple into a disordered or wrinkled mass; to fall apart or lose strength suddenly; to become emotionally distressed or overwhelmed

ANSWERS: 62. organization, 63. physically, 64. visceral, 65. cave, 66. era, 67. engaging, 68. lick, 69. collide, 70. disappear, 71. compute, 72. jar, 73. immediately, 74. crumple

75. co___y a complex idea
v. to express ideas, feelings, etc. so that it is known or understood by other people; to carry something from one place to another
76. si_____te climate change
v. to make a pretense of someone's behavior or looks; to reproduce something that exists in real life using computers, models, etc., usually for study or training purposes
77. lead to des_____ve behavior
adj. causing or able to cause tremendous and irreparable damage
78. get ins_____on from nature
n. something that motivates or encourages someone to create or achieve something, or a feeling of excitement or creativity
79. en___h public services
v. to make better or improve in quality by adding something else
80. act c__e
adj. attractive, especially in a childlike or youthful way
81. me__y data
adj. disorganized and untidy
82. television i__n
n. a picture or statue of a holy person considered to be a sacred thing; a little icon on the screen of a computer or smartphone that denotes an application or a file
83. vulnerable to man_____te
v. to influence or control something or someone to your advantage, often in an unfair or dishonest way
84. ta_____le assets
adj. real and concrete; able to be perceived, especially able to be touched; (of business assets) having physical substance and intrinsic monetary value

ANSWERS: 75. convey, 76. simulate, 77. destructive, 78. inspiration, 79. enrich, 80. cute, 81. messy, 82. icon, 83. manipulate, 84. tangible

85. d__k chairs *n.* a flat surface that is usually made of wood or other material and is attached to a building, vehicle, or other structure
86. me__y handling *adj.* disorganized and untidy
87. su___e changes *adj.* not readily apparent or visible
88. get into a m__s *n.* a state of confusion, dirtiness, or untidiness; (verb) to fail to do something or to make something dirty or untidy
89. i__n for young people *n.* a picture or statue of a holy person considered to be a sacred thing; a little icon on the screen of a computer or smartphone that denotes an application or a file
90. al__n with a historical trend *v.* to put or arrange two or more things in a straight line or to form a straight line
91. ind_____al freedom *n.* a single person or thing, as distinct from a group
92. tr_____er a file *v.* to move, pass, or change from one person, place, or situation to another
93. tr_____er power *v.* to move, pass, or change from one person, place, or situation to another
94. in_____ct with one another *v.* to communicate or react with somebody
95. a wire g__d *n.* a pattern of regularly spaced horizontal and vertical lines; a system of high tension cables by which electrical power is distributed throughout a region
96. bo__g work *adj.* lacking interest or excitement; tedious or dull

ANSWERS: 85. deck, 86. messy, 87. subtle, 88. mess, 89. icon, 90. align, 91. individual, 92. transfer, 93. transfer, 94. interact, 95. grid, 96. boring

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98. em_____ze a direct relationship *v.* to give or show particular importance to something
99. lo___e a missing pet *v.* to specify or determine the exact position of someone or something
100. in_____ce between gas and liquid *n.* (computer science) a program that controls a display for the user and that allows the user to interact with the system; (chemistry) a surface forming a common boundary between two things
101. imm_____ly recall a product *adv.* now or without delay
102. the user in_____ce *n.* (computer science) a program that controls a display for the user and that allows the user to interact with the system; (chemistry) a surface forming a common boundary between two things
103. an_____e his soul *v.* to make something full of interest and energy
104. a tr_____on of a culture *n.* a belief, custom, or way of doing something that has been passed down from generation to generation within a group or society
105. status q_o politician *n.* the existing state or condition of something, especially in relation to a particular situation or issue

ANSWERS: 97. photograph, 98. emphasize, 99. locate, 100. interface, 101. immediately, 102. interface, 103. animate, 104. tradition, 105. quo

106. the e_a of the Renaissance *n.* a period that is distinct from others, typically in history
107. f__p over the pork chop *v.* to turn over into a different position quickly; to throw or toss with a light motion
108. em_____al distress *adj.* relating to people's feelings
109. sm_____ly operate *adv.* in a way that is steady, even, or without problems; without interruption or difficulty; with ease
110. de_____p wallpaper *n.* a flat working surface or table that is usually placed on top of a desk, typically used for a computer or other work-related activities
111. co___y goods by truck *v.* to express ideas, feelings, etc. so that it is known or understood by other people; to carry something from one place to another
112. a su___e poison *adj.* not readily apparent or visible
113. en___h a gas with a balloon *v.* to make better or improve in quality by adding something else
114. cr_____e clothes *v.* to collapse or crumple into a disordered or wrinkled mass; to fall apart or lose strength suddenly; to become emotionally distressed or overwhelmed

ANSWERS: 106. era, 107. flip, 108. emotional, 109. smoothly, 110. desktop, 111. convey, 112. subtle, 113. enrich, 114. crumple

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. Detergent weakens the surface tension at the _____ of two liquids.
n. (computer science) a program that controls a display for the user and that allows the user to interact with the system; (chemistry) a surface forming a common boundary between two things
2. Shall we _____ a bite to eat?
v. to take hold of something or someone suddenly with a hand, especially in a violent way
3. As an _____ he had the right to make his own decisions and live his life as he saw fit.
n. a single person or thing, as distinct from a group
4. Reading not only increases knowledge but also _____ life.
v. to make better or improve in quality by adding something else
5. After watching the horror movie, she had a _____ reaction and couldn't sleep all night.
adj. relating to or affecting the internal organs; instinctive or emotional rather than rational; characterized by deep-seated emotional reactions or responses
6. A problem that has been pointed out for years finally becomes _____.
adj. real and concrete; able to be perceived, especially able to be touched; (of business assets) having physical substance and intrinsic monetary value
7. The car _____ after colliding with the tree.
v. to collapse or crumple into a disordered or wrinkled mass; to fall apart or lose strength suddenly; to become emotionally distressed or overwhelmed

ANSWERS: 1. interface, 2. grab, 3. individual, 4. enriches, 5. visceral, 6. tangible, 7. crumpled

8. The positive attitude of the supervisor _____ the discussion.
- v. to make something full of interest and energy
9. It is a _____ in many families to have a big Thanksgiving dinner with all their relatives.
- n. a belief, custom, or way of doing something that has been passed down from generation to generation within a group or society
10. Please tell me how to _____ this computer.
- v. to influence or control something or someone to your advantage, often in an unfair or dishonest way
11. An ironic remark often _____ an intended meaning obliquely.
- v. to express ideas, feelings, etc. so that it is known or understood by other people; to carry something from one place to another
12. She accidentally _____ into him in the crowded room.
- v. to hit or knock against something hard, often with a dull sound; to meet with by accident
13. Highlight the sentences that you want to _____.
- v. to remove something, especially that has been written; to wipe out digitally or magnetically recorded information
14. Bats reside in sheltered _____.
- n. a large hole in the side of a hill, cliff, mountain, or under the ground
15. He studied the _____ of radiation.
- n. the science of matter and energy and their interactions

ANSWERS: 8. animated, 9. tradition, 10. manipulate, 11. conveys, 12. bumped, 13. delete, 14. caves, 15. physics

16. The lecture was so _____ that many people fell asleep.

adj. lacking interest or excitement; tedious or dull

17. _____ pattern roads often appear in urban areas.

n. a pattern of regularly spaced horizontal and vertical lines; a system of high tension cables by which electrical power is distributed throughout a region

18. He _____ when he heard that he had been accepted into the university.

v. to turn over into a different position quickly; to throw or toss with a light motion

19. Some comic book characters are considered gay _____.

n. a picture or statue of a holy person considered to be a sacred thing; a little icon on the screen of a computer or smartphone that denotes an application or a file

20. His _____ bedroom is always a source of frustration for his mother.

adj. disorganized and untidy

21. I found an old _____ of my grandparents from their wedding day.

n. a picture or image that is produced by a camera; a visual representation or record of a person, object, or scene that has been captured electronically or on film

22. I tried to _____ the efficiency of the investment.

v. to make a mathematical calculation

23. The project went _____ and was completed ahead of schedule.

adv. in a way that is steady, even, or without problems; without interruption or difficulty; with ease

ANSWERS: 16. boring, 17. Grid, 18. flipped, 19. icons, 20. messy, 21. photograph, 22. compute, 23. smoothly

24. The interests of the two countries _____.

v. to hit something violently when moving

25. A famous artist painted the room in a _____ pink hue.

adj. not readily apparent or visible

26. Human _____ responses vary widely depending on the society to which they belong.

adj. relating to people's feelings

27. The company's _____ in the market was expanding to new territories.

n. a specific sphere of influence or control; a specific field of knowledge or expertise

28. The baby's chubby cheeks and big eyes made her look so _____.

adj. attractive, especially in a childlike or youthful way

29. She was disbarred for her _____ in fraud.

adj. attracting, pleasant, or charming

30. He placed the coins in a _____ to save for a trip.

n. a cylindrical container, typically made of glass, metal, or pottery, with a wide mouth and a screwed or sealed lid, used for storing food, liquids, and other materials

31. Political corruption was common throughout the postwar _____.

n. a period that is distinct from others, typically in history

32. My home is easily _____ from the shore.

adj. capable of being seen; or open to easy view

ANSWERS: 24. collide, 25. subtle, 26. emotional, 27. domain, 28. cute, 29. engaging, 30. jar, 31. era, 32. visible

33. The company specializes in both hardware and _____.
- n.* a set of computer programs and associated documentation and data for doing particular computational jobs
34. She _____ the envelope to seal it before mailing it.
- v.* to pass the tongue over something to moisten, taste, or eat
35. It would be best if you _____ out all those old magazines.
- v.* to throw something carelessly with a light motion
36. A suspension order from the court is effective _____.
- adv.* now or without delay
37. He found _____ in the works of his favorite authors.
- n.* something that motivates or encourages someone to create or achieve something, or a feeling of excitement or creativity
38. She is the president of a large international _____.
- n.* a group of people who work together for a shared purpose
39. The shirt had a noticeable _____ along the sleeve from being folded.
- n.* a line or mark made by folding or wrinkling a surface or material; a slight ridge or fold in fabric or paper caused by pressing or folding
40. She sat on the ship's _____ watching the sunset over the ocean.
- n.* a flat surface that is usually made of wood or other material and is attached to a building, vehicle, or other structure
41. We _____ in a souvenir shop.
- v.* to shop around in a leisurely and casual way; to look through a book, magazine, Internet, etc., casually and randomly, without seeking anything in particular; (of an animal) to feed on plants

ANSWERS: 33. software, 34. licked, 35. tossed, 36. immediately, 37. inspiration, 38. organization, 39. crease, 40. deck, 41. browsed

42. I need to upgrade my _____ computer since it's become quite slow.
n. a flat working surface or table that is usually placed on top of a desk, typically used for a computer or other work-related activities
43. She _____ the money from her savings account to her checking account.
v. to move, pass, or change from one person, place, or situation to another
44. They watched the train _____ into the distance.
v. to cease to exist or be visible
45. He was unpopular because of his _____ adherence to the rules.
adj. extremely strict and difficult to change or adapt; incapable of or resistant to bending
46. It was the most _____ storm in decades.
adj. causing or able to cause tremendous and irreparable damage
47. After the party, they had to clean up _____ of dirty dishes.
n. a collection of objects positioned one on top of another; a large sum of something, such as money
48. Both parties are now entirely ideologically _____.
v. to put or arrange two or more things in a straight line or to form a straight line
49. The company has been successful in maintaining the status _____.
n. the existing state or condition of something, especially in relation to a particular situation or issue
50. Constructive _____ is always helpful to help improving one's work.
n. the act of analyzing, evaluating, or judging something, especially literary or artistic work, to find fault with it or to offer suggestions for improvement; the expression of disapproval or censure

ANSWERS: 42. desktop, 43. transferred, 44. disappear, 45. rigid, 46. destructive, 47. piles, 48. aligned, 49. quo, 50. criticism

51. He had painted the wood to _____ stone.

- v.* to make a pretense of someone's behavior or looks; to reproduce something that exists in real life using computers, models, etc., usually for study or training purposes

52. He made a frightful _____ in his room.

- n.* a state of confusion, dirtiness, or untidiness; (verb) to fail to do something or to make something dirty or untidy

53. I need a quiet _____ to concentrate on my project.

- n.* a designated area or physical setting where work is performed, often in a business or office setting

54. Use italics or capitals to _____ a word in a piece of writing.

- v.* to give or show particular importance to something

55. He should _____ more with his colleagues.

- v.* to communicate or react with somebody

56. Having a _____ healthy physique is essential for a great life.

- adv.* in a way related to a person's body or appearance rather than their mind

57. The robot can accurately _____ construction material.

- v.* to specify or determine the exact position of someone or something

ANSWERS: 51. simulate, 52. mess, 53. workspace, 54. emphasize, 55. interact, 56. physically, 57. locate