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Session 1: Word List

sever

v. to break or separate something by cutting, especially suddenly and forcibly

synonym : cut apart, separate, detach

(1) **sever** a rope, (2) **sever** a positive relationship

He **severed** a branch from a tree quickly.

peter

v. to fail or lose power, efficiency, or value gradually before coming to an end

synonym : decrease, drop, lower

(1) eventually **peter** out, (2) begin to **peter** out

The music just **petered** out.

introduction

n. a preliminary explanation or remarks given before the start of a text, performance, or event; the act of bringing something new into existence or introducing something to a wider audience or new market

synonym : initiation, preamble, prologue

(1) **introduction** education, (2) self- **introduction**

The **introduction** to the new class was informative and engaging.

marshmallow

n. a spongy confection made from sugar, corn syrup, and gelatin, often flavored with vanilla and molded into shapes or used as a topping or decoration for desserts

(1) **marshmallow** fluff, (2) **marshmallow** treat
She roasted **marshmallows** over the campfire.

standing

adj. existing or remaining upright; having a vertical position;
(noun) social, financial, or professional status or reputation

synonym: upright, vertical, (noun) position

(1) **standing** water, (2) his social **standing**

The **standing** concert was packed with fans.

structure

n. the way of construction of something and the arrangement of its parts, or a complex thing constructed of many parts

synonym: construction, architecture, establishment

(1) the **structure** of a machine, (2) **structure** and function of the brain

The organizational **structure** of start-ups is often flat and straightforward.

stick

v. to put something, usually a sharp object, into something; to restrict yourself to doing or using one certain thing and not change; (noun) a thin piece of wood or other material

synonym: pierce, adhere, stay

(1) **stick** a key in a lock, (2) fire **stick**

You **stick** a bill in the change machine, and the coins pop out.

tap

v. to hit someone or something quickly, gently, and often repeatedly; to use existing resources, such as energy, knowledge, etc.

synonym: knock, exploit, use

(1) **tap** a new market, (2) **tap** keyboard with an index finger

To expand the company, we must **tap** new human resources.

string

n. long, thin material used for tying things together, composed of several twisted threads

synonym : line, wire, rope

(1) retie the **string** and make it strong, (2) tense piano **strings**

She wore a **string** of pearls around her neck.

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.

incorporate

v. to include something as a part of a larger entity

synonym : contain, integrate, amalgamate

(1) **incorporate** the current trends, (2) **incorporate** technology into daily life

We will attempt to **incorporate** some of your suggestions into our future strategy.

workshop

n. a place where people work, especially one where they do manual or practical work; a brief intensive course for a small group

synonym : studio, laboratory, atelier

(1) **workshop** attendee, (2) carpentry **workshop**

The artist held a **workshop** to teach students how to paint with watercolors.

conduct

v. to organize and carry out a particular activity

synonym : behave, lead, carry on

(1) **conduct** a background check, (2) **conduct** research

Police will **conduct** random breath testing for drunk driving.

stud

n. a small object with a head on one end and a sharp point on the other, used for fastening clothing, leather, or other materials; an animal used for breeding, typically a male horse or bull that is of superior breeding stock; (verb) to decorate or adorn with studs; to provide with

studs for support

synonym : beam, scantling, framing

(1) horse **stud**, (2) wall **stud**

He bought a new **stud** to attach the strap to his watch.

architect

n. a person whose job is to design plans to be used in making something, such as buildings

synonym : creator, designer, planner

(1) landscape **architect**, (2) **architect** of the peace accord

The building **architect** tried to build the house above the tree.

fortune

n. a large amount of money or property; chance or luck as an unknown and arbitrary force affecting human affairs

synonym : wealth, affluence, assets

(1) ill **fortune**, (2) bit of good **fortune**

Capitalism guarantees the right of ownership of personal **fortune**.

reveal

v. to make known or disclose something that was previously hidden, secret, or unknown; to unveil or show something that was concealed or not visible

synonym : disclose, unveil, expose

(1) **reveal** secrets, (2) **reveal** a plan

The detective carefully **revealed** the true identity of the murderer.

collaboration

n. the act or situation of working together to create or produce something

synonym : affiliation, alliance, coalition

(1) **collaboration** between companies, (2) **collaboration** platform

The partnership program requires a mutual **collaboration** between both agencies.

normally

adv. usually; under normal conditions

synonym : commonly, generally, naturally

(1) complete **normally**, (2) not **normally** drink much
I don't **normally** take a vacation in the middle of summer.

orient

v. to position or adjust someone or something for a particular purpose; (noun) the countries of Asia
synonym: position, align, adjust

(1) **orient** my thinking, (2) the exotic flavor of the **Orient**
She took a moment to **orient** herself in the unfamiliar city.

jockey

n. a person who rides horses in races, typically as a professional occupation; a person who manipulates or tries to gain an advantage through skillful maneuvering or persuasion

synonym: rider, horseman, equestrian

(1) **jockey** hat, (2) professional **jockey**

The **jockey** on the winning horse was showered with praise and applause from the crowd.

organ

n. a part of the body of an animal or plant that has a particular purpose and performs a specific job

synonym: function, structure

(1) **organ** bleeding, (2) damage to internal **organs**

These infections have the potential to impact practically every **organ** system.

sketch

n. a simple, quickly-made picture that does not have many details; a short descriptive summary of something

synonym: drawing, outline, blueprint

(1) a penciled **sketch**, (2) first design **sketches**

Yesterday, I created a rough **sketch** of the plan.

assemble

v. to collect in one place as a single group

synonym: gather, congregate, collect

(1) **assemble** your colleagues, (2) **assemble** a jigsaw puzzle

The president began to **assemble** an army.

gingerly

adv. carefully or cautiously, often done with delicate handling or light touch; done with extreme care or gentleness to avoid causing damage or pain

synonym : carefully, cautiously, delicately

(1) walk **gingerly**, (2) speak **gingerly**

She **gingerly** placed the fragile vase on the shelf to avoid breaking it.

admire

v. to have regard for or respect for someone's qualities or the actions they have performed

synonym : esteem, respect, marvel

(1) **admire** the subtlety of the distinctions, (2) **admire** kids with attitude

We all **admire** him because he is a nobleman.

buckle

v. to bend out of shape, as under pressure or from heat; (noun) a device used for fastening two loose ends of a belt or strap

synonym : bend, crumple, contort

(1) **buckle** down to study, (2) **buckle** shoe

The severe heat wave **buckled** railway tracks.

collapse

v. to fall down or give way suddenly, often after breaking apart

synonym : tumble, spill, bankruptcy

(1) the stock market **collapsed**, (2) ready to **collapse**

The roof finally **collapsed** after three days and three nights of heavy snowfall.

graduate

n. a person who has a first degree from university or college; (verb) to complete the first course of university or college and get a degree

synonym : alumna, alum, grad

(1) **graduate** degree program, (2) honor **graduate**

Many employers hire **graduate** trainees to train as managers.

cheat

v. to act dishonestly or unfairly to gain an advantage or to deceive someone; to break the rules or laws

synonym : deceive, swindle, defraud

(1) **cheat** on my taxes, (2) **cheat** in a game

Even though he knew it was wrong, he **cheated** on the exam.

distracted

adj. having one's attention diverted or divided; being unable to concentrate because of being preoccupied or worried

synonym : preoccupied, inattentive, absent-minded

(1) get **distracted** by an urgent matter, (2) **distracted** by a conversation

I was so **distracted** by my phone that I nearly walked into a lamppost.

lame

adj. having a limp or difficulty walking due to an injury or disability

synonym : cripple, gimp, hobbled

(1) a **lame** older man, (2) **lame** apology

The **lame** horse was unable to race.

kindergarten

n. a school or class for young children, usually between the ages of four and six

synonym : preschool, nursery school, daycare

(1) **kindergarten** class, (2) **kindergarten** teacher

The **kindergarten** students were having a good time playing with toys.

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.

execute

v. to kill someone, especially as a legal punishment; to carry out or perform an action, duty, etc.

synonym : direct, conduct, enforce

(1) **execute** a bold strategy, (2) **execute** a double play

The mafioso who collaborated with the police was **executed**.

crisis

n. a time of great disagreement, confusion, or danger when problems must be resolved or critical decisions must be taken

synonym: concern, problem, emergency

(1) financial **crisis**, (2) **crisis** management

The Chinese word for **crisis** comprises two characters, one for danger and the other for opportunity.

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.

successive

adj. following one after another in a series or sequence; happening or occurring in continuous or consecutive order; consecutive or sequential in nature

synonym: consecutive, serial, sequential

(1) **successive** attempts, (2) **successive** failures

The team won their seventh **successive** game, maintaining their winning streak.

recognize

v. to acknowledge or realize something or someone; to identify, remember, or become aware of something that was previously known or encountered

synonym: acknowledge, identify, admit

(1) **recognize** talent, (2) **recognize** achievement

It's important to **recognize** your strengths and weaknesses.

essence

n. the basic or most important part or quality of something that makes it what it is

synonym: core, nature, disposition

(1) vanilla **essence**, (2) universal **essence**

University teaches the art of understanding the **essence** of the matter.

iterate

v. to repeat or do something again, often to make improvements or correct errors; to go over or revisit something repeatedly; to restate or emphasize a point or idea

synonym : repeat, reiterate, echo

(1) **iterate** results, (2) **iterate** an experiment

We need to **iterate** on this design to improve its functionality.

process

n. a series of actions or operations performed to achieve a particular outcome or goal; a systematic procedure or approach used to accomplish a specific task or objective; a method of treating milk to make it suitable for consumption or use in other dairy products

synonym : procedure, method, system

(1) **process** improvement, (2) decision-making **process**

The **process** for applying for a visa can be lengthy and complicated.

instant

adj. happening immediately, with no delay

synonym : immediate, urgent, moment

(1) get **instant** access, (2) an **instant** reply

His pleasant face turned cold in an **instant**.

essential

adj. indispensable; fundamental

synonym : critical, crucial, basic

(1) **essential** amino acid, (2) **essential** commodities of life

Trial and error is an **essential** part of education.

engineer

n. a person whose job is designing, building, or maintaining something such as machines, structures, or software

synonym : architect, creator, builder

(1) a civil **engineer**, (2) **engineer** shortage

The **engineer** will repair my telephone tomorrow morning.

triangle

n. a three-sided polygon with three angles; something that has three sides or parts

synonym : trilateral, delta, triad

(1) **triangle** shape, (2) love **triangle**

The Pythagorean theorem is used to calculate the length of the sides of a right **triangle**.

reinforce

v. to strengthen or support something, especially by adding another material to it; to make emotion, idea, etc. stronger

synonym: strengthen, fortify, support

(1) **reinforce** the military, (2) **reinforce** good behavior

We should **reinforce** the troops at the front line.

geometry

n. the area of pure mathematics that deals with the points, lines, curves, and surfaces

(1) Euclidean **geometry**, (2) spherical **geometry**

The mathematician pioneered fractal **geometry**.

stable

adj. firm and steady; not easily moved, disturbed, or changed

synonym: sturdy, unmoving, durable

(1) in **stable** condition, (2) have a **stable** job

Relations between the two countries have been relatively **stable** due to the summit meeting.

executive

n. a person or group of people with top-level management responsibility in a business or other organization; the branch that is responsible for implementing, administering, and enforcing laws, as well as running the day-to-day operations

synonym: administrator, manager, director

(1) **executive** editor at the publishing house, (2) **executive** vice president

As the **executive** director of the non-profit, it's her responsibility to make sure they're meeting their mission goals.

administrator

n. a person or organization responsible for managing and directing the affairs of a business, institution,

government agency, or other organization; someone who administers, regulates, or supervises

synonym : manager, executive, supervisor

(1) school **administrator**, (2) network **administrator**

The university's **administrator** announced new policies regarding campus safety.

incredible

adj. unbelievable; enormous

synonym : unbelievable, fantastical, inconceivable

(1) **incredible** amount, (2) at **incredible** speed

Her response revealed **incredible** idiocy.

beforehand

adv. ahead of time; in advance

synonym : in advance, preceding, earlier

(1) take a seat **beforehand**, (2) three months **beforehand**

She packed her sunscreen **beforehand** to remember it on the beach trip.

facilitation

n. the act of making a process or task easier or smoother; providing assistance or support to enable the accomplishment of something

synonym : assistance, support, aid

(1) trade **facilitation**, (2) **facilitation** services

The **facilitation** of teamwork and collaboration is crucial for the success of any project.

improve

v. to make or become better

synonym : enhance, ameliorate, enrich

(1) **improve** a process, (2) **improve** the test score

We want to **improve** ties between our two countries.

specialized

adj. possessing or relating to specific knowledge or skills that are unique to a particular field or task; designed or intended for a particular purpose or function

synonym : technical, expert, skilled

(1) **specialized** knowledge, (2) **specialized** equipment

The hospital has many **specialized** departments, including cardiology and oncology.

combination

n. a collection of things that have been combined; an assemblage of separate parts or qualities

synonym: blend, hybrid, compounding

(1) genic **combinations**, (2) **combination** number

The **combination** to the safe was a secret.

typical

adj. having the usual characteristics or traits of a specific group of things

synonym: characteristic, usual, distinctive

(1) **typical** leader, (2) fairly **typical** symptoms

This artwork is **typical** of her work.

ante

n. a mandatory bet or contribution made by all players in a game of cards or gambling as a prerequisite for participation; any initial or essential action or investment required for a particular endeavor

synonym: bet, wager, stake

(1) up the **ante**, (2) penny- **ante** trade

We need to raise the **ante** to win this poker game.

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**.

stake

n. a share or financial investment in something such as a business; a wooden or metal post set up to mark something

synonym: share, interest, post

(1) execution by burning at a **stake**, (2) buy the company's **stake**

The **stake** of the company is too high nowadays.

incentive

n. something, such as a punishment, reward, etc., that encourages a person to do something

synonym: encouragement, inducement, enticement

(1) financial **incentives**, (2) an **incentive** to work hard

They have no **incentive** to win the game.

writ

n. a written legal order or command

synonym: legal document, order, legal process

(1) a **writ** of summons, (2) issue a **writ**

He was served with a **writ** of eviction, giving him the notice to vacate the property.

digital

adj. processing or storing information as a succession of 1 and 0 to show that a signal is present or missing; relating to the use of computer technology, especially the internet

synonym: numerical, computerized, cyber

(1) a **digital** watch, (2) **digital** electronic signature

Sensors convert physical phenomena into **digital** signals.

visual

adj. relating to seeing or sight

synonym: optical, graphical, visible

(1) **visual** navigation, (2) field of **visual** arts

The building makes a remarkable **visual** impact.

identify

v. to recognize someone or something and say or prove who or what they are

synonym: determine, specify, recognize

(1) **identify** handwriting, (2) **identify** gene sequences

I will introduce you to how to **identify** the leading causes of the malfunction.

assume

v. to think or accept something to be true without having proof of it; to take or begin to have power; to begin to exhibit a specific quality or appearance

synonym: guess, presume, suppose

(1) **assume** a lousy attitude to his boss, (2) **assume** an

important role

The following example **assumes** that the capacity of each battery is the same.

frank

adj. honest and sincere; open and candid in expression

synonym: candid, direct, freehearted

(1) **frank** and open discussion, (2) make a **frank** apology

Full involvement means **frank** and prompt responses.

stance

n. a way of thinking about something, especially expressed publicly; attitude or position of a standing person or animal

synonym: attitude, standpoint, viewpoint

(1) change her **stance**, (2) the batting **stance**

He continued to support her political **stance**.

instruction

n. detailed direction, order, etc., on how to do or use something

synonym: education, direction, guidance

(1) individual **instruction**, (2) follow his **instructions**

They needed further **instruction** to perform their duties efficiently.

crazy

adj. stupid or not sensible; very angry

synonym: insane, absurd, bizarre

(1) **crazy** about cars and racing, (2) a **crazy** scheme

The rain and thunder are **crazy** today.

tweak

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

synonym: nip, pinch, fine-tune

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

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

adjust

v. to make a minor modification to something to make it more suited for a new set of conditions or to make it function better.

synonym : adapt, alter, acclimate

(1) **adjust** a schedule, (2) **adjust** the rearview mirror

You have to **adjust** your content to the age of the audience.

fundamental

adj. forming an essential base or core from which everything else develops or is affected

synonym : basic, essential, entire

(1) **fundamental** education, (2) **fundamental** rights

Human behavior has **fundamental** characteristics.

Session 2: Spelling

1. a l__e older man *adj.* having a limp or difficulty walking due to an injury or disability
2. complete no____ly *adv.* usually; under normal conditions
3. cr___s management *n.* a time of great disagreement, confusion, or danger when problems must be resolved or critical decisions must be taken
4. dis_____ed by a conversation *adj.* having one's attention diverted or divided; being unable to concentrate because of being preoccupied or worried
5. as___e a lousy attitude to his boss *v.* to think or accept something to be true without having proof of it; to take or begin to have power; to begin to exhibit a specific quality or appearance
6. universal es_____e *n.* the basic or most important part or quality of something that makes it what it is
7. as___e an important role *v.* to think or accept something to be true without having proof of it; to take or begin to have power; to begin to exhibit a specific quality or appearance
8. trade fac_____ion *n.* the act of making a process or task easier or smoother; providing assistance or support to enable the accomplishment of something

ANSWERS: 1. lame, 2. normally, 3. crisis, 4. distracted, 5. assume, 6. essence, 7. assume, 8. facilitation

9. first design sk___hes *n.* a simple, quickly-made picture that does not have many details; a short descriptive summary of something
10. not no_____ly drink much *adv.* usually; under normal conditions
11. pr_____s improvement *n.* a series of actions or operations performed to achieve a particular outcome or goal; a systematic procedure or approach used to accomplish a specific task or objective; a method of treating milk to make it suitable for consumption or use in other dairy products
12. get dis_____ed by an urgent matter *adj.* having one's attention diverted or divided; being unable to concentrate because of being preoccupied or worried
13. st_____re and function of the brain *n.* the way of construction of something and the arrangement of its parts, or a complex thing constructed of many parts
14. im_____e a process *v.* to make or become better
15. make a fr__k apology *adj.* honest and sincere; open and candid in expression
16. cr__y about cars and racing *adj.* stupid or not sensible; very angry
17. fairly ty_____l symptoms *adj.* having the usual characteristics or traits of a specific group of things
18. col_____ion platform *n.* the act or situation of working together to create or produce something

ANSWERS: 9. sketch, 10. normally, 11. process, 12. distracted, 13. structure, 14. improve, 15. frank, 16. crazy, 17. typical, 18. collaboration

19. col_____ion between companies *n.* the act or situation of working together to create or produce something
20. ch__t in a game *v.* to act dishonestly or unfairly to gain an advantage or to deceive someone; to break the rules or laws
21. di_____l electronic signature *adj.* processing or storing information as a succession of 1 and 0 to show that a signal is present or missing; relating to the use of computer technology, especially the internet
22. damage to internal or__ns *n.* a part of the body of an animal or plant that has a particular purpose and performs a specific job
23. ex_____e a bold strategy *v.* to kill someone, especially as a legal punishment; to carry out or perform an action, duty, etc.
24. ad___e kids with attitude *v.* to have regard for or respect for someone's qualities or the actions they have performed
25. it_____e results *v.* to repeat or do something again, often to make improvements or correct errors; to go over or revisit something repeatedly; to restate or emphasize a point or idea
26. bu___e shoe *v.* to bend out of shape, as under pressure or from heat; (noun) a device used for fastening two loose ends of a belt or strap
27. retie the st___g and make it strong *n.* long, thin material used for tying things together, composed of several twisted threads

ANSWERS: 19. collaboration, 20. cheat, 21. digital, 22. organ, 23. execute, 24. admire, 25. iterate, 26. buckle, 27. string

28. a penciled sk___h *n.* a simple, quickly-made picture that does not have many details; a short descriptive summary of something
29. suc_____ve attempts *adj.* following one after another in a series or sequence; happening or occurring in continuous or consecutive order; consecutive or sequential in nature
30. l__e apology *adj.* having a limp or difficulty walking due to an injury or disability
31. co_____t research *v.* to organize and carry out a particular activity
32. Euclidean ge_____ry *n.* the area of pure mathematics that deals with the points, lines, curves, and surfaces
33. decision-making pr_____s *n.* a series of actions or operations performed to achieve a particular outcome or goal; a systematic procedure or approach used to accomplish a specific task or objective; a method of treating milk to make it suitable for consumption or use in other dairy products
34. genic com_____ons *n.* a collection of things that have been combined; an assemblage of separate parts or qualities
35. id_____fy handwriting *v.* to recognize someone or something and say or prove who or what they are
36. tense piano st_____gs *n.* long, thin material used for tying things together, composed of several twisted threads

ANSWERS: 28. sketch, 29. successive, 30. lame, 31. conduct, 32. geometry, 33. process, 34. combination, 35. identify, 36. string

37. inc_____te technology into daily life
v. to include something as a part of a larger entity
38. field of vi___l arts
adj. relating to seeing or sight
39. or___n bleeding
n. a part of the body of an animal or plant that has a particular purpose and performs a specific job
40. fire st___k
v. to put something, usually a sharp object, into something; to restrict yourself to doing or using one certain thing and not change; (noun) a thin piece of wood or other material
41. int_____ion education
n. a preliminary explanation or remarks given before the start of a text, performance, or event; the act of bringing something new into existence or introducing something to a wider audience or new market
42. ar_____ct of the peace accord
n. a person whose job is to design plans to be used in making something, such as buildings
43. individual ins_____on
n. detailed direction, order, etc., on how to do or use something
44. ad___t the rearview mirror
v. to make a minor modification to something to make it more suited for a new set of conditions or to make it function better.
45. inc_____te the current trends
v. to include something as a part of a larger entity
46. take a seat bef_____nd
adv. ahead of time; in advance

ANSWERS: 37. incorporate, 38. visual, 39. organ, 40. stick, 41. introduction, 42. architect, 43. instruction, 44. adjust, 45. incorporate, 46. beforehand

47. financial cr___s *n.* a time of great disagreement, confusion, or danger when problems must be resolved or critical decisions must be taken
48. wo_____op attendee *n.* a place where people work, especially one where they do manual or practical work; a brief intensive course for a small group
49. re___l a plan *v.* to make known or disclose something that was previously hidden, secret, or unknown; to unveil or show something that was concealed or not visible
50. im_____e the test score *v.* to make or become better
51. buy the company's st___e *n.* a share or financial investment in something such as a business; a wooden or metal post set up to mark something
52. as_____le a jigsaw puzzle *v.* to collect in one place as a single group
53. es_____al commodities of life *adj.* indispensable; fundamental
54. change her st___e *n.* a way of thinking about something, especially expressed publicly; attitude or position of a standing person or animal
55. horse s___d *n.* a small object with a head on one end and a sharp point on the other, used for fastening clothing, leather, or other materials; an animal used for breeding, typically a male horse or bull that is of superior breeding stock; (verb) to decorate or adorn with studs; to provide with studs for support

ANSWERS: 47. crisis, 48. workshop, 49. reveal, 50. improve, 51. stake, 52. assemble, 53. essential, 54. stance, 55. stud

56. spherical ge____ry *n.* the area of pure mathematics that deals with the points, lines, curves, and surfaces
57. eventually pe__r out *v.* to fail or lose power, efficiency, or value gradually before coming to an end
58. carpentry wo_____op *n.* a place where people work, especially one where they do manual or practical work; a brief intensive course for a small group
59. bu___e down to study *v.* to bend out of shape, as under pressure or from heat; (noun) a device used for fastening two loose ends of a belt or strap
60. ill fo_____e *n.* a large amount of money or property; chance or luck as an unknown and arbitrary force affecting human affairs
61. it_____e an experiment *v.* to repeat or do something again, often to make improvements or correct errors; to go over or revisit something repeatedly; to restate or emphasize a point or idea
62. gr_____te degree program *n.* a person who has a first degree from university or college; (verb) to complete the first course of university or college and get a degree
63. the batting st___e *n.* a way of thinking about something, especially expressed publicly; attitude or position of a standing person or animal
64. fun_____al rights *adj.* forming an essential base or core from which everything else develops or is affected

ANSWERS: 56. geometry, 57. peter, 58. workshop, 59. buckle, 60. fortune, 61. iterate, 62. graduate, 63. stance, 64. fundamental

65. mar_____ow treat *n.* a spongy confection made from sugar, corn syrup, and gelatin, often flavored with vanilla and molded into shapes or used as a topping or decoration for desserts
66. as_____le your colleagues *v.* to collect in one place as a single group
67. vanilla es_____e *n.* the basic or most important part or quality of something that makes it what it is
68. suc_____ve failures *adj.* following one after another in a series or sequence; happening or occurring in continuous or consecutive order; consecutive or sequential in nature
69. fac_____ion services *n.* the act of making a process or task easier or smoother; providing assistance or support to enable the accomplishment of something
70. st_____ng water *adj.* existing or remaining upright; having a vertical position; (noun) social, financial, or professional status or reputation
71. at inc_____le speed *adj.* unbelievable; enormous
72. st__k a key in a lock *v.* to put something, usually a sharp object, into something; to restrict yourself to doing or using one certain thing and not change; (noun) a thin piece of wood or other material
73. ex_____ve vice president *n.* a person or group of people with top-level management responsibility in a business or other organization; the branch that is responsible for implementing, administering, and enforcing laws, as well as running the day-to-day operations

ANSWERS: 65. marshmallow, 66. assemble, 67. essence, 68. successive, 69. facilitation, 70. standing, 71. incredible, 72. stick, 73. executive

74. re_____ze achievement *v.* to acknowledge or realize something or someone; to identify, remember, or become aware of something that was previously known or encountered
75. vi____l navigation *adj.* relating to seeing or sight
76. the most am_____g feeling *adj.* extremely surprising, especially in a way that you like or admire
77. landscape ar_____ct *n.* a person whose job is to design plans to be used in making something, such as buildings
78. re_____ce the military *v.* to strengthen or support something, especially by adding another material to it; to make emotion, idea, etc. stronger
79. three months bef_____nd *adv.* ahead of time; in advance
80. tw__k his cheek *v.* to pinch or squeeze something sharply; to adjust something finely
81. have a st___e job *adj.* firm and steady; not easily moved, disturbed, or changed
82. bit of good fo_____e *n.* a large amount of money or property; chance or luck as an unknown and arbitrary force affecting human affairs
83. id_____fy gene sequences *v.* to recognize someone or something and say or prove who or what they are
84. walk gi_____ly *adv.* carefully or cautiously, often done with delicate handling or light touch; done with extreme care or gentleness to avoid causing damage or pain
85. co_____t a background check *v.* to organize and carry out a particular activity

ANSWERS: 74. recognize, 75. visual, 76. amazing, 77. architect, 78. reinforce, 79. beforehand, 80. tweak, 81. stable, 82. fortune, 83. identify, 84. gingerly, 85. conduct

86. early pr_____pe *n.* a first or preliminary example of something such as a device or vehicle from which other forms are developed
87. begin to pe__r out *v.* to fail or lose power, efficiency, or value gradually before coming to an end
88. so_____re architect *n.* a set of computer programs and associated documentation and data for doing particular computational jobs
89. an in_____ve to work hard *n.* something, such as a punishment, reward, etc., that encourages a person to do something
90. a di_____l watch *adj.* processing or storing information as a succession of 1 and 0 to show that a signal is present or missing; relating to the use of computer technology, especially the internet
91. am_____g advances *adj.* extremely surprising, especially in a way that you like or admire
92. t_p a new market *v.* to hit someone or something quickly, gently, and often repeatedly; to use existing resources, such as energy, knowledge, etc.
93. fun_____al education *adj.* forming an essential base or core from which everything else develops or is affected
94. tr_____le shape *n.* a three-sided polygon with three angles; something that has three sides or parts
95. ex_____e a double play *v.* to kill someone, especially as a legal punishment; to carry out or perform an action, duty, etc.

ANSWERS: 86. prototype, 87. peter, 88. software, 89. incentive, 90. digital, 91. amazing, 92. tap, 93. fundamental, 94. triangle, 95. execute

96. t_p keyboard with an index finger *v.* to hit someone or something quickly, gently, and often repeatedly; to use existing resources, such as energy, knowledge, etc.
97. up the a__e *n.* a mandatory bet or contribution made by all players in a game of cards or gambling as a prerequisite for participation; any initial or essential action or investment required for a particular endeavor
98. execution by burning at a st__e *n.* a share or financial investment in something such as a business; a wooden or metal post set up to mark something
99. a w__t of summons *n.* a written legal order or command
100. or___t my thinking *v.* to position or adjust someone or something for a particular purpose; (noun) the countries of Asia
101. se__r a positive relationship *v.* to break or separate something by cutting, especially suddenly and forcibly
102. in st___e condition *adj.* firm and steady; not easily moved, disturbed, or changed
103. wall s__d *n.* a small object with a head on one end and a sharp point on the other, used for fastening clothing, leather, or other materials; an animal used for breeding, typically a male horse or bull that is of superior breeding stock; (verb) to decorate or adorn with studs; to provide with studs for support

ANSWERS: 96. tap, 97. ante, 98. stake, 99. writ, 100. orient, 101. sever, 102. stable, 103. stud

104. ad___e the subtlety of the distinctions *v.* to have regard for or respect for someone's qualities or the actions they have performed
105. the stock market co____sed *v.* to fall down or give way suddenly, often after breaking apart
106. complete a pr____pe product *n.* a first or preliminary example of something such as a device or vehicle from which other forms are developed
107. ex____ve editor at the publishing house *n.* a person or group of people with top-level management responsibility in a business or other organization; the branch that is responsible for implementing, administering, and enforcing laws, as well as running the day-to-day operations
108. fr__k and open discussion *adj.* honest and sincere; open and candid in expression
109. mar____ow fluff *n.* a spongy confection made from sugar, corn syrup, and gelatin, often flavored with vanilla and molded into shapes or used as a topping or decoration for desserts
110. network adm____tor *n.* a person or organization responsible for managing and directing the affairs of a business, institution, government agency, or other organization; someone who administers, regulates, or supervises
111. his social st____ng *adj.* existing or remaining upright; having a vertical position; (noun) social, financial, or professional status or reputation

ANSWERS: 104. admire, 105. collapse, 106. prototype, 107. executive, 108. frank, 109. marshmallow, 110. administrator, 111. standing

112. tw__k the economy *v.* to pinch or squeeze something sharply; to adjust something finely
113. ad___t a schedule *v.* to make a minor modification to something to make it more suited for a new set of conditions or to make it function better.
114. ch__t on my taxes *v.* to act dishonestly or unfairly to gain an advantage or to deceive someone; to break the rules or laws
115. col_____te with the police *v.* to work with someone else to produce or achieve something
116. se__r a rope *v.* to break or separate something by cutting, especially suddenly and forcibly
117. ready to co_____se *v.* to fall down or give way suddenly, often after breaking apart
118. love tr_____le *n.* a three-sided polygon with three angles; something that has three sides or parts
119. re_____ce good behavior *v.* to strengthen or support something, especially by adding another material to it; to make emotion, idea, etc. stronger
120. copyrighted so_____re *n.* a set of computer programs and associated documentation and data for doing particular computational jobs
121. speak gi_____ly *adv.* carefully or cautiously, often done with delicate handling or light touch; done with extreme care or gentleness to avoid causing damage or pain
122. inc_____le amount *adj.* unbelievable; enormous

ANSWERS: 112. tweak, 113. adjust, 114. cheat, 115. collaborate, 116. sever, 117. collapse, 118. triangle, 119. reinforce, 120. software, 121. gingerly, 122. incredible

123. the exotic flavor of the Or___t *v.* to position or adjust someone or something for a particular purpose; (noun) the countries of Asia
124. kin_____ten class *n.* a school or class for young children, usually between the ages of four and six
125. ty_____l leader *adj.* having the usual characteristics or traits of a specific group of things
126. kin_____ten teacher *n.* a school or class for young children, usually between the ages of four and six
127. a cr__y scheme *adj.* stupid or not sensible; very angry
128. penny-a__e trade *n.* a mandatory bet or contribution made by all players in a game of cards or gambling as a prerequisite for participation; any initial or essential action or investment required for a particular endeavor
129. en_____er shortage *n.* a person whose job is designing, building, or maintaining something such as machines, structures, or software
130. es_____al amino acid *adj.* indispensable; fundamental
131. re___l secrets *v.* to make known or disclose something that was previously hidden, secret, or unknown; to unveil or show something that was concealed or not visible
132. financial in_____ves *n.* something, such as a punishment, reward, etc., that encourages a person to do something

ANSWERS: 123. orient, 124. kindergarten, 125. typical, 126. kindergarten, 127. crazy, 128. ante, 129. engineer, 130. essential, 131. reveal, 132. incentive

133. jo___y hat *n.* a person who rides horses in races, typically as a professional occupation; a person who manipulates or tries to gain an advantage through skillful maneuvering or persuasion
134. spe_____ed knowledge *adj.* possessing or relating to specific knowledge or skills that are unique to a particular field or task; designed or intended for a particular purpose or function
135. follow his ins_____ons *n.* detailed direction, order, etc., on how to do or use something
136. school adm_____tor *n.* a person or organization responsible for managing and directing the affairs of a business, institution, government agency, or other organization; someone who administers, regulates, or supervises
137. honor gr_____te *n.* a person who has a first degree from university or college; (verb) to complete the first course of university or college and get a degree
138. col_____te on a press release *v.* to work with someone else to produce or achieve something
139. the st_____re of a machine *n.* the way of construction of something and the arrangement of its parts, or a complex thing constructed of many parts
140. a civil en_____er *n.* a person whose job is designing, building, or maintaining something such as machines, structures, or software

ANSWERS: 133. jockey, 134. specialized, 135. instruction, 136. administrator, 137. graduate, 138. collaborate, 139. structure, 140. engineer

141. self-int_____ion *n.* a preliminary explanation or remarks given before the start of a text, performance, or event; the act of bringing something new into existence or introducing something to a wider audience or new market
142. re_____ze talent *v.* to acknowledge or realize something or someone; to identify, remember, or become aware of something that was previously known or encountered
143. spe_____ed equipment *adj.* possessing or relating to specific knowledge or skills that are unique to a particular field or task; designed or intended for a particular purpose or function
144. issue a w__t *n.* a written legal order or command
145. com_____on number *n.* a collection of things that have been combined; an assemblage of separate parts or qualities
146. get in_____t access *adj.* happening immediately, with no delay
147. professional jo____y *n.* a person who rides horses in races, typically as a professional occupation; a person who manipulates or tries to gain an advantage through skillful maneuvering or persuasion
148. an in_____t reply *adj.* happening immediately, with no delay

ANSWERS: 141. introduction, 142. recognize, 143. specialized, 144. writ, 145. combination, 146. instant, 147. jockey, 148. instant

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The organizational _____ of start-ups is often flat and straightforward.
 - n.* the way of construction of something and the arrangement of its parts, or a complex thing constructed of many parts

2. It's important to _____ your strengths and weaknesses.
 - v.* to acknowledge or realize something or someone; to identify, remember, or become aware of something that was previously known or encountered

3. Many employers hire _____ trainees to train as managers.
 - n.* a person who has a first degree from university or college; (verb) to complete the first course of university or college and get a degree

4. The _____ to the new class was informative and engaging.
 - n.* a preliminary explanation or remarks given before the start of a text, performance, or event; the act of bringing something new into existence or introducing something to a wider audience or new market

5. The following example _____ that the capacity of each battery is the same.
 - v.* to think or accept something to be true without having proof of it; to take or begin to have power; to begin to exhibit a specific quality or appearance

6. They have no _____ to win the game.
 - n.* something, such as a punishment, reward, etc., that encourages a person to do something

7. Relations between the two countries have been relatively _____ due to the summit meeting.
 - adj.* firm and steady; not easily moved, disturbed, or changed

ANSWERS: 1. structure, 2. recognize, 3. graduate, 4. introduction, 5. assumes, 6. incentive, 7. stable

8. Full involvement means _____ and prompt responses.

adj. honest and sincere; open and candid in expression

9. The university's _____ announced new policies regarding campus safety.

n. a person or organization responsible for managing and directing the affairs of a business, institution, government agency, or other organization; someone who administers, regulates, or supervises

10. 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

11. The building makes a remarkable _____ impact.

adj. relating to seeing or sight

12. We need to raise the _____ to win this poker game.

n. a mandatory bet or contribution made by all players in a game of cards or gambling as a prerequisite for participation; any initial or essential action or investment required for a particular endeavor

13. His pleasant face turned cold in an _____.

adj. happening immediately, with no delay

14. The _____ of teamwork and collaboration is crucial for the success of any project.

n. the act of making a process or task easier or smoother; providing assistance or support to enable the accomplishment of something

15. The mafioso who collaborated with the police was _____.

v. to kill someone, especially as a legal punishment; to carry out or perform an action, duty, etc.

ANSWERS: 8. frank, 9. administrator, 10. prototype, 11. visual, 12. ante, 13. instant, 14. facilitation, 15. executed

16. The president began to _____ an army.

v. to collect in one place as a single group

17. The artist held a _____ to teach students how to paint with watercolors.

n. a place where people work, especially one where they do manual or practical work; a brief intensive course for a small group

18. He was served with a _____ of eviction, giving him the notice to vacate the property.

n. a written legal order or command

19. You _____ a bill in the change machine, and the coins pop out.

v. to put something, usually a sharp object, into something; to restrict yourself to doing or using one certain thing and not change; (noun) a thin piece of wood or other material

20. She took a moment to _____ herself in the unfamiliar city.

v. to position or adjust someone or something for a particular purpose; (noun) the countries of Asia

21. He bought a new _____ to attach the strap to his watch.

n. a small object with a head on one end and a sharp point on the other, used for fastening clothing, leather, or other materials; an animal used for breeding, typically a male horse or bull that is of superior breeding stock; (verb) to decorate or adorn with studs; to provide with studs for support

22. The _____ for applying for a visa can be lengthy and complicated.

n. a series of actions or operations performed to achieve a particular outcome or goal; a systematic procedure or approach used to accomplish a specific task or objective; a method of treating milk to make it suitable for consumption or use in other dairy products

ANSWERS: 16. assemble, 17. workshop, 18. writ, 19. stick, 20. orient, 21. stud, 22. process

23. The Pythagorean theorem is used to calculate the length of the sides of a right _____.
- n.* a three-sided polygon with three angles; something that has three sides or parts
24. The detective carefully _____ the true identity of the murderer.
- v.* to make known or disclose something that was previously hidden, secret, or unknown; to unveil or show something that was concealed or not visible
25. We all _____ him because he is a nobleman.
- v.* to have regard for or respect for someone's qualities or the actions they have performed
26. The music just _____ out.
- v.* to fail or lose power, efficiency, or value gradually before coming to an end
27. The _____ concert was packed with fans.
- adj.* existing or remaining upright; having a vertical position; (noun) social, financial, or professional status or reputation
28. They needed further _____ to perform their duties efficiently.
- n.* detailed direction, order, etc., on how to do or use something
29. I will introduce you to how to _____ the leading causes of the malfunction.
- v.* to recognize someone or something and say or prove who or what they are
30. She roasted _____ over the campfire.
- n.* a spongy confection made from sugar, corn syrup, and gelatin, often flavored with vanilla and molded into shapes or used as a topping or decoration for desserts

ANSWERS: 23. triangle, 24. revealed, 25. admire, 26. petered, 27. standing, 28. instruction, 29. identify, 30. marshmallows

31. This artwork is _____ of her work.

adj. having the usual characteristics or traits of a specific group of things

32. As the _____ director of the non-profit, it's her responsibility to make sure they're meeting their mission goals.

n. a person or group of people with top-level management responsibility in a business or other organization; the branch that is responsible for implementing, administering, and enforcing laws, as well as running the day-to-day operations

33. The mathematician pioneered fractal _____.

n. the area of pure mathematics that deals with the points, lines, curves, and surfaces

34. He _____ a branch from a tree quickly.

v. to break or separate something by cutting, especially suddenly and forcibly

35. I was so _____ by my phone that I nearly walked into a lamppost.

adj. having one's attention diverted or divided; being unable to concentrate because of being preoccupied or worried

36. The golfer recorded an _____ distance.

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

37. She _____ placed the fragile vase on the shelf to avoid breaking it.

adv. carefully or cautiously, often done with delicate handling or light touch; done with extreme care or gentleness to avoid causing damage or pain

38. The Chinese word for _____ comprises two characters, one for danger and the other for opportunity.

n. a time of great disagreement, confusion, or danger when problems must be resolved or critical decisions must be taken

ANSWERS: 31. typical, 32. executive, 33. geometry, 34. severed, 35. distracted, 36. amazing, 37. gingerly, 38. crisis

39. University teaches the art of understanding the _____ of the matter.
n. the basic or most important part or quality of something that makes it what it is
40. Sensors convert physical phenomena into _____ signals.
adj. processing or storing information as a succession of 1 and 0 to show that a signal is present or missing; relating to the use of computer technology, especially the internet
41. We will attempt to _____ some of your suggestions into our future strategy.
v. to include something as a part of a larger entity
42. She agreed to _____ with him in creating new artwork.
v. to work with someone else to produce or achieve something
43. The _____ will repair my telephone tomorrow morning.
n. a person whose job is designing, building, or maintaining something such as machines, structures, or software
44. Yesterday, I created a rough _____ of the plan.
n. a simple, quickly-made picture that does not have many details; a short descriptive summary of something
45. Capitalism guarantees the right of ownership of personal _____.
n. a large amount of money or property; chance or luck as an unknown and arbitrary force affecting human affairs
46. We need to _____ on this design to improve its functionality.
v. to repeat or do something again, often to make improvements or correct errors; to go over or revisit something repeatedly; to restate or emphasize a point or idea

ANSWERS: 39. essence, 40. digital, 41. incorporate, 42. collaborate, 43. engineer, 44. sketch, 45. fortune, 46. iterate

47. The company specializes in both hardware and _____.
- n.* a set of computer programs and associated documentation and data for doing particular computational jobs
48. She packed her sunscreen _____ to remember it on the beach trip.
- adv.* ahead of time; in advance
49. The rain and thunder are _____ today.
- adj.* stupid or not sensible; very angry
50. To expand the company, we must _____ new human resources.
- v.* to hit someone or something quickly, gently, and often repeatedly; to use existing resources, such as energy, knowledge, etc.
51. The _____ on the winning horse was showered with praise and applause from the crowd.
- n.* a person who rides horses in races, typically as a professional occupation; a person who manipulates or tries to gain an advantage through skillful maneuvering or persuasion
52. The partnership program requires a mutual _____ between both agencies.
- n.* the act or situation of working together to create or produce something
53. These infections have the potential to impact practically every _____ system.
- n.* a part of the body of an animal or plant that has a particular purpose and performs a specific job
54. The _____ students were having a good time playing with toys.
- n.* a school or class for young children, usually between the ages of four and six

ANSWERS: 47. software, 48. beforehand, 49. crazy, 50. tap, 51. jockey, 52. collaboration, 53. organ, 54. kindergarten

55. She wore a _____ of pearls around her neck.

n. long, thin material used for tying things together, composed of several twisted threads

56. I don't _____ take a vacation in the middle of summer.

adv. usually; under normal conditions

57. Trial and error is an _____ part of education.

adj. indispensable; fundamental

58. The hospital has many _____ departments, including cardiology and oncology.

adj. possessing or relating to specific knowledge or skills that are unique to a particular field or task; designed or intended for a particular purpose or function

59. The building _____ tried to build the house above the tree.

n. a person whose job is to design plans to be used in making something, such as buildings

60. The _____ horse was unable to race.

adj. having a limp or difficulty walking due to an injury or disability

61. The severe heat wave _____ railway tracks.

v. to bend out of shape, as under pressure or from heat; (noun) a device used for fastening two loose ends of a belt or strap

62. Police will _____ random breath testing for drunk driving.

v. to organize and carry out a particular activity

ANSWERS: 55. string, 56. normally, 57. essential, 58. specialized, 59. architect, 60. lame, 61. buckled, 62. conduct

63. We want to _____ ties between our two countries.

v. to make or become better

64. The roof finally _____ after three days and three nights of heavy snowfall.

v. to fall down or give way suddenly, often after breaking apart

65. The _____ to the safe was a secret.

n. a collection of things that have been combined; an assemblage of separate parts or qualities

66. Human behavior has _____ characteristics.

adj. forming an essential base or core from which everything else develops or is affected

67. The _____ of the company is too high nowadays.

n. a share or financial investment in something such as a business; a wooden or metal post set up to mark something

68. Even though he knew it was wrong, he _____ on the exam.

v. to act dishonestly or unfairly to gain an advantage or to deceive someone; to break the rules or laws

69. You have to _____ your content to the age of the audience.

v. to make a minor modification to something to make it more suited for a new set of conditions or to make it function better.

70. We should _____ the troops at the front line.

v. to strengthen or support something, especially by adding another material to it; to make emotion, idea, etc. stronger

ANSWERS: 63. improve, 64. collapsed, 65. combination, 66. fundamental, 67. stake, 68. cheated, 69. adjust, 70. reinforce

71. The team won their seventh _____ game, maintaining their winning streak.

adj. following one after another in a series or sequence; happening or occurring in continuous or consecutive order; consecutive or sequential in nature

72. Her response revealed _____ idiocy.

adj. unbelievable; enormous

73. He didn't _____ the plan, even though he had time.

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

74. He continued to support her political _____.

n. a way of thinking about something, especially expressed publicly; attitude or position of a standing person or animal

ANSWERS: 71. successive, 72. incredible, 73. tweak, 74. stance