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Session 1: Word List

excerpt

v. to take a short piece of speech, book, film, etc. from a longer whole; (noun) a short extract from a speech, book, film, etc.

synonym: extract, take out, quote

(1) **excerpt** a passage from a book, (2) **excerpt** comments from the news release

Here are **excerpts** from several recent books on quantum computing.

evolution

n. a gradual process of transformation of living things

synonym: elaboration, expansion, transition

(1) human **evolution**, (2) **evolution** theory

They study the **evolution** of the universe.

stir

v. to mix a liquid or substance by using a spoon or something similar; to cause to be agitated, excited, or roused

synonym: mix, swirl, provoke

(1) **stir** a sauce, (2) **stir** up controversy

Topics related to that war may **stir** up a political hornets' nest.

whatsoever

adv. not at all; no matter what

synonym: in any way, at all, in any respect

(1) **whatsoever** it be, (2) without impact **whatsoever**

He refused to do anything **whatsoever** to help her.

reaction

n. a response that reveals a person's feelings or attitude;
(in chemistry) a process in which one or more substances are changed into others

synonym: response, reply, answer

(1) chemical **reaction**, (2) trigger a **reaction**

There was a chemical **reaction** of the lime with the groundwater.

origin

n. the first existence or beginning of something

synonym: root, source, ancestor

(1) **origin** of information, (2) racial **origin**

There are various hypotheses concerning the **origin** of life.

preservation

n. the act of keeping something in its original state or of preventing it from being damaged

synonym: conserving, protection, conservancy

(1) wildlife **preservation**, (2) the **preservation** of food

The museum had kept the paintings in remarkable **preservation**.

avored

adj. preferred or supported over anyone or anything else

synonym: famous, popular, preferred

(1) **avored** by good weather, (2) **avored** candidates

He is **avored** with a privileged position because of his abilities.

racial

adj. of or related to the race (= classification of humans into groups based on physical traits or social relations)

synonym: ethnic, tribal, ethnical

(1) **racial** prejudice, (2) **racial** and ethnic backgrounds

A minor **racial** conflict later led to a civil war.

struggle

v. to make a great effort to do something when it is difficult, or there are a lot of problems; to use force or violence to break away from restraint or constriction

synonym : toil, strive, compete

(1) **struggle** against discrimination, (2) **struggle** to get the job

He could not **struggle** against temptation.

circulation

n. the movement of blood through the body or of a fluid through a system; the number of copies of a newspaper or magazine that are sold

synonym : flow, movement, dissemination

(1) lymphatic **circulation**, (2) **circulation** of money

The **circulation** of the magazine has been steadily declining.

ally

n. a country that has officially agreed to assist and support another country, particularly in the event of a war

synonym : associate, colleague, partner

(1) close **ally**, (2) **ally** with a company

Our country is a traditional **ally** of England.

applaud

v. to express approval of someone or something by clapping the hands

synonym : clap, celebrate, praise

(1) **applaud** his courage, (2) **applaud** the orchestra

I enthusiastically **applaud** my rival's achievement.

brilliant

adj. extremely clever, skilled, or impressive

synonym : luminous, intelligent, clever

(1) **brilliant** idea, (2) **brilliant** performance

The more **brilliant** you are, the more people around you look at you with envy and jealousy.

unify

v. to bring or join something together so that they form a single unit

synonym : bring together, consolidate, merge

(1) **unify** the system, (2) **unify** the party

The people believe that they can **unify** the country.

breakthrough

n. a sudden, dramatic, and important discovery or development that helps to improve a situation or provide an answer to a problem

synonym : advance, progress, innovation

(1) **breakthrough** in the negotiations, (2) **breakthrough** discovery

A technique called deep learning has led to **breakthroughs** in AI.

rival

n. a person, company, or thing competing with others for the same thing or in the same area

synonym : adversary, competitor, contender

(1) **rival** bidder, (2) merge with a **rival** company

He interfered with his **rivals** in various ways during the campaign.

gap

n. a conspicuous disparity or difference separates something such as a figure, people, their opinions, situation, etc.

synonym : opening, lacuna, spread

(1) the **gap** between ideal and reality, (2) distance **gap**

Many people are working together to close the gender **gap**.

fossil

n. any preserved remains, impression, or trace of any once-living thing that has become hard and turned into rock

synonym : relic, remnant, antediluvian

(1) burning of **fossil** fuels, (2) a **fossil** leaf

It was the **fossil** of a dinosaur tooth.

prominent

adj. important, well-known, or noticeable

synonym : notable, distinguished, prominent

(1) **prominent** figure, (2) play a **prominent** role

The media frequently interviewed **prominent** scientists.

clergyman

n. a man who is a member of the clergy (= religious leader), especially a minister or priest in the Christian

Church

synonym : minister, pastor, priest

(1) unfrocked **clergyman**, (2) **clergyman's** duty

The Catholic **clergyman** led the congregation in prayer.

politician

n. a person who is a member of a government or law-making organization, especially as an elected member of parliament, etc.

synonym : congressperson, lawmaker, legislator

(1) a **politician** in the ruling party, (2) a corrupt **politician**

The **politician** lost his position in the end due to the scandal.

condemn

v. to express strong disapproval or criticism of something

synonym : criticize, denounce, censure

(1) **condemn** violence, (2) **condemn** crime

The government was **condemned** for its handling of the crisis.

far-reaching

adj. having a wide or significant impact or influence

synonym : extensive, widespread, broad

(1) achieve **far-reaching** reform, (2) **far-reaching** consequences

The **far-reaching** effects of the policy change are still being felt.

implication

n. something that is inferred or indirectly stated; the act or fact of being involved in something

synonym : suggestion, association, conclusion

(1) the **implication** in a crime, (2) the **implication** of a word

His poem has a very significant **implication**.

prime

adj. main or most important; basic

synonym : excellent, exceptional, premium

(1) **prime** number, (2) deputy **prime** minister

After a thorough investigation, she has been named as the **prime** suspect.

minister

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

synonym: bishop, official, ambassador

(1) **Minister** for Education, (2) deputy prime **minister**

The **minister** occasionally preaches at this church.

decry

v. to speak out strongly against something, often publicly

synonym: criticize, condemn, denigrate

(1) **decry** a policy, (2) **decry** the situation

I **decry** the decision to cut funding for the program.

mention

v. to speak or write about something or someone briefly

synonym: reference, allude, cite

(1) **mention** name, (2) **mention** in a report

I **mentioned** to him that I had seen his sister at the grocery store earlier that day.

evolve

v. to develop gradually, or to cause the development of something or someone gradually

synonym: develop, mature, grow

(1) **evolve**, (2) **evolve** over the past decade

Eyeless fish **evolved** in dark caves.

ape

n. a large animal with long arms, no tail, and usually a lot of body hair, including gorillas, chimpanzees, orangutans, and gibbons

synonym: monkey, primate, simian

(1) jungle **ape**, (2) play the **ape**

The scientist studied the behavior of **apes** in the wild.

angel

n. a spiritual being believed to be a messenger of God often depicted as having wings and a halo

synonym: messenger, spirit, celestial being

(1) **angel** investors, (2) fallen **angel**

As she lay on her deathbed, a bright light appeared, and she saw a holy **angel** standing at the foot of her bed.

rhetoric

n. speech or writing intended to please or persuade someone; the art or study of using language effectively and persuasively in spoken or written form

synonym: oratory, eloquence, persuasion

(1) the **rhetoric** of a debate, (2) high-flown **rhetoric**

He was known for his powerful **rhetoric** and ability to persuade people with his words.

confer

v. to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something

synonym: consult, meet, discuss

(1) **confer** degree, (2) **confer** honor

The leaders of the two countries met to **confer** on the issue.

lord

n. a person who has general authority, control, or power over others; a man of noble rank or high office

synonym: master, noble, peer

(1) a young **lord**, (2) **lord** of castle

The feudal **lord** had ruled the land for many years.

repudiate

v. to reject or disown something or someone

synonym: reject, disown

(1) **repudiate** a claim, (2) **repudiate** idea

The government **repudiated** the treaty after the war.

indignation

n. strong anger or annoyance at what is perceived as unfair treatment

synonym: anger, outrage, fury

(1) **indignation** against the government, (2) **indignation** meeting

His **indignation** at the injustice was palpable.

abhorrence

n. strong dislike or hatred

synonym: revulsion, disgust, loathing

(1) **abhorrence** of violence, (2) **abhorrence** of risk

She felt a strong sense of **abhorrence** towards violence.

newfangled

adj. recently invented or introduced and often not well-tested or proven

synonym : innovative, modern, novel

(1) **newfangled** technology, (2) **newfangled** idea

The **newfangled** gadget was a hit at the trade show.

cluster

n. a group of similar things or people close together, often forming a distinct mass or unit

synonym : group, aggregation, array

(1) live in a **cluster**, (2) a **cluster** of stars

A **cluster** of grapes hung from the vine.

songbird

n. a bird with a musical call, such as a blackbird or thrush

synonym : songster

(1) migratory **songbird**, (2) tropical **songbird**

Federal law protects the majority of **songbirds**.

rapt

adj. deeply engrossed or absorbed in something; completely attentive or absorbed

synonym : entranced, absorbed, spellbound

(1) **rapt** audience, (2) have a **rapt** expression

She was **rapt** in concentration as she listened to the lecture.

subdivision

n. a smaller part of something that is divided into such parts

synonym : part, section, branch

(1) an administrative **subdivision**, (2) **subdivision** of cells

The city is divided into several smaller **subdivisions**.

distinct

adj. noticeable from something else of a similar type

synonym : different, special, characteristic

(1) **distinct** difference, (2) **distinct** from each other

It is essential to keep these two issues **distinct**.

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.

differ

v. to be not like someone or something in some way

synonym: vary, diverge, disagree

(1) **differ** from the majority, (2) **differ** according to species

The two products **differed** in their quality and price.

offspring

n. descendant; any immature animal or plant

synonym: children, descendants, heirs

(1) female **offspring**, (2) produce **offspring**

How many **offspring** does the average lion have?

brutal

adj. harsh or cruel

synonym: harsh, cruel, barbarous

(1) **brutal** bully, (2) **brutal** honesty

The **brutal** attack left the victim with serious injuries.

reward

n. a thing given in acknowledgment of service, hard work, achievement, etc.

synonym: compensation, gratuity, bonus

(1) the **reward** for good works, (2) shopping **rewards** cards

Night fishing has a lot of **rewards**.

variation

n. the act or state of changing; a difference or change in the way something is done, made or said

synonym: fluctuation, change, variation

(1) **variation** of temperature, (2) gene **variation**

There is a lot of **variation** in the colors of flowers in the garden.

breed

v. to keep animals for producing offspring in a regulated manner

synonym: raise, multiply, reproduce

(1) **breed** horses, (2) **breed** suspicion

This animal **breeds** in northern latitudes.

progeny

n. the descendants or offspring of a person, animal, or plant

synonym: offspring, children, descendants

(1) **progeny** viral DNA, (2) **progeny** of plants

The royal family has much **progeny** scattered across the globe.

slightly

adv. in a small degree or extent; a little

synonym: barely, narrowly, scarcely

(1) increase **slightly**, (2) **slightly** alkaline soils

He moved his body **slightly** to the left.

alert

v. to warn or arouse to a sense of danger; (adjective) paying close attention or being in a state of readiness for action

synonym: warn, inform, (adjective) vigilant

(1) **alert** consumers to the dangers, (2) **alert** system

The company's cybersecurity team **alerted** the CEO to potential threats.

antelope

n. a large, swift-running, African or Asian mammal with horns and hooves, especially one of the gazelle family

synonym: gazelle, deer, buck

(1) long-horned **antelope**, (2) **antelope** hunt

The herd of **antelope** bounded across the plain, chased by a pack of wolves.

grant

v. to agree to give or allow somebody

synonym: allocate, authorize, give

(1) **grant** a new license, (2) **grant** a land

The chairperson **granted** him the right to speak.

reproduce

v. to make a copy of something such as a picture, piece of text, music, etc.; to produce offspring through a sexual or asexual process

synonym : duplicate, breed, imitate

(1) **reproduce** the painting, (2) **reproduce** by myself
By dividing and creating copies of themselves, bacteria **reproduce**.

eventually

adv. finally, particularly after a long time or a lot of struggle, complications, and so on

synonym : finally, someday, ultimately

(1) **eventually** become obsolete, (2) **eventually** succeed
The corporation **eventually** dominated the entire tobacco business.

descent

n. the act or process of moving downward; a person's family origins

synonym : fall, drop, family

(1) **descent** from nobility, (2) **descent** of family
The **descent** from the mountain was steep and rocky.

modification

n. the act of changing something, usually to improve it, or something changed

synonym : change, amendment, alteration

(1) a **modification** of last year's model, (2) further **modification**

As a result of this **modification**, we have revised our safety measures.

mechanism

n. a part of a machine, or a set of parts that performs a task; a natural or established process that occurs during a specific situation or reaction

synonym : means, method, system

(1) the **mechanism** for DNA replication, (2) defense **mechanism**

He discovered unique **mechanisms** for photochemical reactions.

resemble

v. to look like or be similar to someone or something
synonym: look like, be similar to

(1) **resemble** each other, (2) **resemble** her mother
The brothers **resemble** each other in the hobby.

basis

n. the most important facts, ideas, or events from which something is developed; the way how things are organized or arranged

synonym: foundation, base, ground

(1) on an equal **basis**, (2) **basis** for calculation
This evidence will form the **basis** for our discussion.

heritable

adj. able to be passed down or transmitted from one generation to the next

synonym: inherited, passed down, transmitted

(1) non- **heritable** variation, (2) **heritable** disease
The **heritable** trait was passed down through the generations.

paleontology

n. the study of fossils and the history of life on Earth

synonym: fossilology, prehistoric biology

(1) vertebrate **paleontology**, (2) **paleontology** museum
My interest in **paleontology** research began when I visited a natural history museum and saw a display of fossils from the Jurassic period.

progression

n. the act or process of changing to the next stage or phase or moving forward

synonym: advancement, development, evolution

(1) **progression** of civilization, (2) **progression** of disease
The company has made great strides in its **progression** toward sustainability.

inheritance

n. the money, property, etc., that someone gives you when they die; (genetics) attributes acquired via biological heredity from ancestors

synonym: legacy, estate, heritage

(1) paternal **inheritance**, (2) **inheritance** tax

His vast **inheritance** was equitably divided among the brothers.

monk

n. a member of a religious community of men living under vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience

synonym: friar, cleric, brother

(1) **monk** lifestyle, (2) cloistered **monk**

The ascetic **monk** spent his days in prayer and contemplation in the monastery.

abbey

n. a monastery or convent, especially for monks or nuns

synonym: monastery, convent

(1) ruined **abbey**, (2) **abbey** church

The venerable **abbey** was founded in the 12th century.

pea

n. a small, round, green vegetable that grows in pods on a climbing plant and is eaten as a vegetable

synonym: legume, bean, pulse

(1) **pea** protein, (2) **pea** family

She shelled the **peas** and added them to the pot.

transmission

n. the act or process of sending something from one person or place to another; the process of broadcasting over the airwaves, as in radio or television

synonym: transportation, communication, broadcast

(1) **transmission** speed, (2) the **transmission** gears of a car

Education is the **transmission** of civilization.

trait

n. a particular feature of your nature

synonym: attribute, feature, quality

(1) chemical **trait**, (2) personality **traits**

Multiple genes may influence behavioral **traits** concurrently.

observable

adj. that can be noticed or seen

synonym: visible, perceptible, detectable

(1) **observable** change, (2) experimentally **observable**

Any theorem relies on both **observable** fact and assumption.

inherit

v. to receive money, property, or a title from someone after they have died

synonym: obtain, gain, acquire

(1) **inherit** estate, (2) **inherit** ancestral property

After his death, his sons **inherited** his business.

genetic

adj. of or relating to genes (= parts of the DNA in cells) or the science of genes

synonym: hereditary, genetical, inborn

(1) have **genetic** testing, (2) a **genetic** disorder

Understanding protein folding is a vital step in deciphering the **genetic** code.

gene

n. the fundamental unit of heredity and the sequence of nucleotides in DNA that codes for the creation of RNA or protein.

synonym: factor, cistron

(1) **gene** expression, (2) **gene** cloning

A defective **gene** is responsible for the disease.

paucity

n. a small or insufficient quantity

synonym: scarcity, shortage, lack

(1) **paucity** of clues, (2) **paucity** of information

The **paucity** of resources was a major challenge for the small village.

ancestral

adj. related to or connected with members of your family from the past

synonym: hereditary, inherited, patrimonial

(1) an **ancestral** graveyard, (2) **ancestral** roots

The **ancestral** home has been in the family for generations.

painstaking

adj. cautious and correct, and requiring a significant amount of effort

synonym: detailed, meticulous, conscientious

(1) **painstaking** research, (2) a **painstaking** student

The training of a hawk was a **painstaking** process.

extinct

adj. no longer in existence

synonym: dead, obsolete, abolished

(1) **extinct** by human activity, (2) long-**extinct** volcano

Many species have become **extinct** due to habitat destruction and other human activities.

outdated

adj. no longer useful or valid because of being old-fashioned

synonym: obsolete, ancient, bygone

(1) become **outdated**, (2) **outdated** technology

We replaced **outdated** equipment to improve factory productivity.

anthropology

n. the scientific study of humanity, concerned with human behavior, human biology, cultures, societies, and linguistics in both the present and past, including past human species

(1) social **anthropology**, (2) **anthropology** of religion

The areas of **anthropology** and psychology are significantly related to one another.

depict

v. to illustrate someone or something in a photograph

synonym: illustrate, describe, express

(1) **depict** a scene, (2) **depict** a feeling of isolation

His son had accurately **depicted** the bloom.

classic

adj. judged or deserving to be regarded as one of the best or most important of its kind over a period of time; of a well-known type

synonym: definitive, traditional, typical

(1) a **classic** experiment, (2) Chinese **classic** literature

He displayed the **classic** symptoms of depression.

straight

adj. extending or moving in one direction without bending or curving; having no deviations

synonym: linear, honest, consecutive

(1) a **straight** line, (2) **straight** for two months

He was sick for five **straight** days.

crouch

v. to put your body close to the ground, especially as a way of avoiding being seen

synonym: bend down, squat, stoop

(1) **crouch** into a ball, (2) **crouch** around a fire

He **crouched** down behind the bushes to avoid being seen.

knuckle

n. one of the joint-like parts of the fingers and toes, especially of the hand

synonym: joint, finger joint, finger knob

(1) **knuckle** sandwich, (2) bare-**knuckle** boxer

He cracked his **knuckles** nervously before the presentation.

drag

v. to pull or haul with force

synonym: haul, pull, draw

(1) **drag** a chair over, (2) **drag** a team down

He **dragged** the heavy suitcase behind him as he walked.

culminate

v. to reach a peak or climax

synonym: end, finish, conclude

(1) **culminate** in a heart attack, (2) **culminate** in failure

The event will **culminate** in a grand fireworks display.

upright

adj. perpendicular to a horizontal surface or line; (adverb) in a vertical position

synonym: vertical, perpendicular, plumb

(1) **upright** posture, (2) sit **upright** in a chair

The bookcase was **upright** against the wall.

simplicity

n. the quality or condition of being natural and plain or easy to understand or do

synonym: easiness, plainness, modesty

(1) a life of **simplicity**, (2) refined **simplicity**

He liked the car because of the **simplicity** of the design.

ignorance

n. lack of knowledge or information about a particular subject or fact

synonym: unintelligence, inexperience, unawareness

(1) **ignorance** of the law, (2) **ignorance** is bliss

His **ignorance** of the situation led him to make a poor decision.

biology

n. the scientific study of life and the natural processes of living things

(1) evolutionary **biology**, (2) cell and molecular **biology**

In junior high school, we had to dissect a frog in **biology** class.

brook

n. a small stream

synonym: stream, creek, rivulet

(1) music of the **brook**, (2) **brook** trout

A **brook** babbled through the woods.

explosion

n. a violent release induced by a chemical or nuclear reaction

synonym: burst, eruption, outbreak

(1) a lot of **explosions**, (2) site of the **explosion**

A broken gas pipe triggered the **explosion**.

neanderthalensis

n. a species of the genus Homo that lived in Europe and western and central Asia from about 200,000 to 30,000 years ago

(1) Homo **neanderthalensis**, (2) **neanderthalensis** DNA

The discovery of a **neanderthalensis** burial site was a breakthrough for the team of archaeologists.

erect

v. to construct or build something; to cause to rise;
(adjective) upright or vertical

synonym: build, set up, construct

(1) **erect** structure, (2) keep the flagpole **erect**

The workers were able to **erect** the tent in just a few minutes.

discovery

n. the act or process of finding information, a place, or an object, or learning about something that was previously not known

synonym: finding, uncovering, detection

(1) a scientific **discovery**, (2) the great **discovery** of the century

Her research team made an important **discovery**.

represent

v. to speak, act, or be present on behalf of another person or group; to form or constitute

synonym: depict, express, describe

(1) **represent** by a diagram, (2) the characters that **represent** numbers

We elected him to **represent** us at the international conference.

timespan

n. the length of time that something lasts or exists; a period of time between two events

synonym: period, length of time, duration

(1) the **timespan** for the loan, (2) **timespan** of history

The **timespan** between the dinosaurs and the present is over 65 million years.

initial

adj. of or happening at the beginning; (noun) the first letter of a word, especially a person's name

synonym: basic, primary, beginning

(1) **initial** velocity, (2) an **initial** letter

They took the **initial** step toward reconciliation.

shift

n. a slight transition in position, direction, or trend

synonym: transition, change, modification

(1) Doppler **shift**, (2) major paradigm **shift**
Could you help me **shift** some furniture?

overview

n. a general description or summary of a subject
synonym: outline, summary, recap

(1) give an **overview**, (2) **overview** of recent trends
A well-known analyst described the market **overview** in the morning session.

critic

n. someone who expresses opinions about the quality of books, music, etc.

synonym: pundit, analyst, attacker

(1) art **critic**, (2) severe **critic**

Advocates for legal reform hear less harsh words from their **critics**.

controversial

adj. causing a lot of hot public discussion and dispute

synonym: contentious, disputed, questionable

(1) **controversial** book, (2) **controversial** policy

The issue of the death penalty is highly **controversial**.

qualified

adj. officially recognized as having completed a training course or passed the exams that are necessary to perform a particular job

synonym: eligible, skillful, accomplished

(1) a **qualified** doctor, (2) **qualified** in medicine

We seek a person **qualified** for the post.

explanation

n. the information or arguments that someone provides to make something understandable or clear

synonym: description, elucidation, account

(1) the **explanation** for the failure, (2) detailed **explanation**

The following **explanation** is currently being used to explain the phenomenon in question.

facilitate

v. to make something easier or more likely to happen
synonym: aid, assist, help

(1) **facilitate** a smooth transition, (2) **facilitate** the process
The company implemented a new software system to **facilitate** employee communication and collaboration.

resolve

v. to find a suitable answer to the problems or difficulty
synonym: decide, determine, fix

(1) **resolve** a dispute, (2) **resolve** the computer error
This company **resolves** its battery problem completely.

reception

n. the act of receiving or the state of being received, especially warmly or kindly; a formal party of people
synonym: welcome, greeting, party

(1) a cold **reception**, (2) **reception** desk
The wedding **reception** was held in the grand ballroom of the hotel.

broad

adj. very wide; general
synonym: wide, expansive, comprehensive

(1) attract **broad** attention, (2) a **broad** mind
He accumulated wealth across a **broad** spectrum of assets.

intellect

n. the ability to think logically and comprehend information, especially at an advanced level
synonym: mind, brightness, cleverness

(1) enrich my **intellect**, (2) human **intellect**
Your **intellect** is capable of distinguishing among similar objects.

competitor

n. a person who participates in a sporting contest; a person or organization that competes with others, particularly in business
synonym: opponent, contender, contestant

(1) beat **competitor** offer, (2) domestic **competitor**
The gap between the company and its **competitors** has

widened.

hypothesize

v. to form or present a theory or explanation without sufficient evidence; to speculate

synonym: speculate, theorize, conjecture

(1) **hypothesize** as to outcomes, (2) **hypothesize** what could have happened

Scientists **hypothesize** that the new fish species evolved to survive in deep-sea environments.

phenomenon

n. something that exists and can be perceptible, especially one that is not fully understood

synonym: marvel, wonder, splendor

(1) natural **phenomenon**, (2) historical **phenomenon**

A rainbow is a natural **phenomenon**.

offend

v. to cause someone to feel upset, angry, or annoyed

synonym: insult, hurt, anger

(1) **offend** his sensibilities, (2) **offend** a customer

His rude comments **offended** many people at the party.

absurd

adj. ridiculously silly, unreasonable, or illogical

synonym: ridiculous, foolish, idiotic

(1) **absurd** storyline, (2) an **absurd** amount of money

We immediately rejected his **absurd** suggestion.

intentionally

adv. in a planned or intended way

synonym: knowingly, calculatedly, deliberately

(1) she hit him **intentionally**, (2) She **intentionally** spread misleading information.

She would never **intentionally** hurt anyone.

disparate

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

synonym: different, distinct, separate

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

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

disprove

v. to show that something is not true or correct

synonym: refute, discredit, invalidate

(1) **disprove** global warming, (2) **disprove** the conjecture

The researchers were unable to **disprove** the theory.

reject

v. to refuse to accept, consider, or use something or someone

synonym: decline, turn down, repudiate

(1) **reject** the proposal, (2) **reject** all imperfect merchandise

The company **rejected** the job candidate's application due to a lack of experience.

burgeon

v. to grow or develop rapidly, especially in a healthy or vigorous way

synonym: flourish, bloom, thrive

(1) **burgeon** rapidly, (2) **burgeon** from every corner.

The city's art scene has been **burgeoning** recently, with new galleries and exhibitions popping up regularly.

controversy

n. a lot of discussion and argument about something, often involving strong feelings of anger or disapproval

synonym: disagreement, dispute, argument

(1) **controversy** among researchers, (2) arouse

controversy

They entered into **controversy** with the member of the ruling party.

clarify

v. to make something, such as a statement or situation, less confusing and more understandable

synonym: explain, ascribe, purify

(1) **clarify** a goal, (2) **clarify** his feelings

The police tried to **clarify** the facts concerning her death.

technique

n. a particular way or art of doing something that needs skill

synonym: approach, procedure, strategy

(1) a **technique** in martial arts, (2) the **technique** applied to construction

Jockey's superior **technique** brought him victory.

advance

v. to go or move forward; to develop in a positive way

synonym: progress, boost, come along

(1) **advance** the technology, (2) **advance** a cooperative relationship

Scientific knowledge will **advance** significantly with the power of AI.

paragraph

n. a distinct section of a piece of writing intended to separate ideas, usually consisting of at least one sentence and beginning on a new line

synonym: section, chapter, indentation

(1) an editorial **paragraph**, (2) first **paragraph**

Article VII, **Paragraph** 2 of the United States Constitution stipulates a presidential veto.

ponder

v. to think deeply or carefully about something

synonym: think about, consider, reflect on

(1) **ponder** divine matters, (2) **ponder** life's meaning

She sat quietly, **pondering** the difficult decision.

unproven

adj. not tested or proved

(1) **unproven** efficacy, (2) scientifically **unproven**

The new treatment's long-term advantages are still **unproven**.

possibility

n. a chance that something may happen or be true

synonym: chance, prospect, likelihood

(1) **possibility** for growth, (2) **possibility** of a major earthquake

The **possibility** of getting the disease will drastically

increase.

highlight

v. to make something prominent, mainly so that people give it more attention

synonym: feature, emphasize, stress

(1) **highlight** a string in red, (2) **highlight** an important difference

The introduction **highlighted** the speaker's distinguished career as a consultant

utility

n. the state or quality of being useful or convenient; the service, such as electric power or water or transportation, provided by a public

synonym: usefulness, practicality, utility

(1) **utility** costs, (2) marginal **utility**

The **utility** of the device was immediately apparent to all who saw it.

pose

v. to present a risk, problem, or other issues that must be addressed

synonym: present, put, position

(1) **pose** a significant threat to my company, (2) **pose** a challenge

The chemicals **pose** a massive health risk.

puzzled

adj. confused or uncertain because you do not understand something

synonym: confused, perplexed, bewildered

(1) **puzzled** expression, (2) **puzzled** by the question

She was **puzzled** by the strange behavior of her cat.

foreshadow

v. to give a hint or indication of something that will happen or develop in the future

synonym: predict, hint at, suggest

(1) **foreshadow** future events, (2) **foreshadow** the recession

The dark clouds **foreshadowed** a storm.

forthcoming

adj. likely to happen or be available soon

synonym : imminent, upcoming, anticipated

(1) in the **forthcoming** week, (2) **forthcoming** book

The **forthcoming** election is causing a lot of tension and uncertainty.

undermine

v. to make someone or something less powerful, less effective, weaker gradually; to make someone's fame, confidence, or authority less effective or weaker gradually

synonym : damage, subvert, weaken

(1) **undermine** a good relationship, (2) **undermine** their adversary's reputation

They tried to **undermine** her position by slandering her.

importance

n. the quality of being important and worthy of note

synonym : significance, primacy, matter

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

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

misguided

adj. having or showing a wrong or mistaken understanding of a situation or course of action

synonym : mistaken, wrong, erring

(1) **misguided** policies, (2) a **misguided** sense of duty

His **misguided** attempt to fix the problem only made it worse.

transparent

adj. easy to perceive, detect, or understand; (of a material or article) permitting light to pass through freely

synonym : translucent, evident, diaphanous

(1) a **transparent** lie, (2) **transparent** crystal

The focus of these initiatives is to make the financial system more **transparent**.

jealousy

n. a feeling of resentment or bitterness towards someone because they have something that you desire

synonym: envy, covetousness, resentment

(1) **jealousy** feeling towards another person, (2) burn with **jealousy**

His **jealousy** of his brother's success caused a rift in their relationship.

slander

n. the act of making false and damaging statements about someone

synonym: defamation, libel, calumny

(1) **slander** of goods, (2) **slander** lawsuit

He was accused of **slander** when he spread rumors about his boss.

complaint

n. a statement that expresses dissatisfaction or annoyance about something

synonym: grievance, objection, accusation

(1) **complaint** department, (2) **complaint** about price-gouging

She filed a **complaint** with the manager about the poor service.

sufficient

adj. adequate; enough for a particular purpose or requirement

synonym: acceptable, ample, satisfactory

(1) **sufficient** time, (2) self- **sufficient** economy

That candidate does not have **sufficient** means to win an election with certainty.

possessed

adj. controlled or influenced by a strong emotion or belief

synonym: controlled, influenced, consumed

(1) **possessed** by a fox, (2) like a person **possessed**

She was **possessed** by a fierce determination to succeed.

graph

n. a picture consisting of a line, lines, points, etc., that shows how two or more sets of certain quantities are related to each other

synonym : chart, diagram, figure

(1) **graph** theory, (2) a **graph** sample

This bar **graph** shows sales over the past five years.

relation

n. the way two persons or groups of people feel and act toward one another

synonym : association, linkage, connection

(1) **relation** between cause and effect, (2) **relation** of inclusion

The industrial **relations** laws were passed with little to no alteration.

indisputable

adj. not able to be denied or disputed; true

synonym : undeniable, incontestable, true

(1) **indisputable** genius, (2) **indisputable** fact

The evidence was **indisputable**, and the jury reached a quick verdict.

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.

contemporary

adj. belonging to the same or present time

synonym : modern, stylish, coetaneous

(1) field of **contemporary** art, (2) **contemporary** leaders

Contemporary music has gained different followers from existing music.

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.

numerous

adj. amounting to a large indefinite number

synonym: many, considerable, countless

(1) **numerous** countries, (2) as **numerous** as the sand
These descriptions are based on a number of **numerous** assumptions.

accurate

adj. correct and exact in all details

synonym: exact, precise, proper

(1) provide **accurate** information, (2) **accurate** measurements

The official transcript contains **accurate** academic records.

linear

adj. of, relating to, or consisting of lines or length; able to be expressed as a straight line, especially on a graph

synonym: straight, direct, right

(1) **linear** trend, (2) a **linear** equation

People tend to make **linear** predictions.

Session 2: Spelling

1. un_____ne a good relationship *v.* to make someone or something less powerful, less effective, weaker gradually; to make someone's fame, confidence, or authority less effective or weaker gradually
2. sl_____r lawsuit *n.* the act of making false and damaging statements about someone
3. cr____h into a ball *v.* to put your body close to the ground, especially as a way of avoiding being seen
4. cu_____te in failure *v.* to reach a peak or climax
5. di_____ve the conjecture *v.* to show that something is not true or correct
6. human in_____ct *n.* the ability to think logically and comprehend information, especially at an advanced level
7. up_____t posture *adj.* perpendicular to a horizontal surface or line; (adverb) in a vertical position
8. ev___e over the past decade *v.* to develop gradually, or to cause the development of something or someone gradually
9. lymphatic cir_____on *n.* the movement of blood through the body or of a fluid through a system; the number of copies of a newspaper or magazine that are sold
10. have a r__t expression *adj.* deeply engrossed or absorbed in something; completely attentive or absorbed

ANSWERS: 1. undermine, 2. slander, 3. crouch, 4. culminate, 5. disprove, 6. intellect, 7. upright, 8. evolve, 9. circulation, 10. rapt

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| 11. gr__t a new license | <i>v.</i> to agree to give or allow somebody |
| 12. di___r according to species | <i>v.</i> to be not like someone or something in some way |
| 13. ap____d the orchestra | <i>v.</i> to express approval of someone or something by clapping the hands |
| 14. Mi_____er for Education | <i>n.</i> a person appointed to or a job of a head of a government department |
| 15. wha_____er it be | <i>adv.</i> not at all; no matter what |
| 16. pr_____nt figure | <i>adj.</i> important, well-known, or noticeable |
| 17. as nu_____us as the sand | <i>adj.</i> amounting to a large indefinite number |
| 18. co_____nt about price-gouging | <i>n.</i> a statement that expresses dissatisfaction or annoyance about something |
| 19. a li___r equation | <i>adj.</i> of, relating to, or consisting of lines or length; able to be expressed as a straight line, especially on a graph |
| 20. fo_____ow future events | <i>v.</i> to give a hint or indication of something that will happen or develop in the future |
| 21. in_____l velocity | <i>adj.</i> of or happening at the beginning; (noun) the first letter of a word, especially a person's name |
| 22. deputy prime mi_____er | <i>n.</i> a person appointed to or a job of a head of a government department |
| 23. ba__s for calculation | <i>n.</i> the most important facts, ideas, or events from which something is developed; the way how things are organized or arranged |

ANSWERS: 11. grant, 12. differ, 13. applaud, 14. minister, 15. whatsoever, 16. prominent, 17. numerous, 18. complaint, 19. linear, 20. foreshadow, 21. initial, 22. minister, 23. basis

24. ab__y church *n.* a monastery or convent, especially for monks or nuns
25. di_____ct difference *adj.* noticeable from something else of a similar type
26. chemical re_____on *n.* a response that reveals a person's feelings or attitude; (in chemistry) a process in which one or more substances are changed into others
27. eve_____ly become obsolete *adv.* finally, particularly after a long time or a lot of struggle, complications, and so on
28. g__e cloning *n.* the fundamental unit of heredity and the sequence of nucleotides in DNA that codes for the creation of RNA or protein.
29. keep the flagpole er__t *v.* to construct or build something; to cause to rise; (adjective) upright or vertical
30. ev___e *v.* to develop gradually, or to cause the development of something or someone gradually
31. cloistered m__k *n.* a member of a religious community of men living under vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience
32. con_____sy among researchers *n.* a lot of discussion and argument about something, often involving strong feelings of anger or disapproval
33. gene va_____on *n.* the act or state of changing; a difference or change in the way something is done, made or said

ANSWERS: 24. abbey, 25. distinct, 26. reaction, 27. eventually, 28. gene, 29. erect, 30. evolve, 31. monk, 32. controversy, 33. variation

34. an editorial pa_____ph *n.* a distinct section of a piece of writing intended to separate ideas, usually consisting of at least one sentence and beginning on a new line
35. new_____ed technology *adj.* recently invented or introduced and often not well-tested or proven
36. a mod_____ion of last year's model *n.* the act of changing something, usually to improve it, or something changed
37. p_a family *n.* a small, round, green vegetable that grows in pods on a climbing plant and is eaten as a vegetable
38. She int_____lly spread misleading information. *adv.* in a planned or intended way
39. me_____n name *v.* to speak or write about something or someone briefly
40. a pai_____ng student *adj.* cautious and correct, and requiring a significant amount of effort
41. historical phe_____on *n.* something that exists and can be perceptible, especially one that is not fully understood
42. ov_____ew of recent trends *n.* a general description or summary of a subject
43. re_____te idea *v.* to reject or disown something or someone
44. a man of imp_____ce *n.* the quality of being important and worthy of note
45. pr_____y viral DNA *n.* the descendants or offspring of a person, animal, or plant

ANSWERS: 34. paragraph, 35. newfangled, 36. modification, 37. pea, 38. intentionally, 39. mention, 40. painstaking, 41. phenomenon, 42. overview, 43. repudiate, 44. importance, 45. progeny

46. long-horned an____pe *n.* a large, swift-running, African or Asian mammal with horns and hooves, especially one of the gazelle family
47. long-ex____t volcano *adj.* no longer in existence
48. she hit him int_____lly *adv.* in a planned or intended way
49. re____nt by a diagram *v.* to speak, act, or be present on behalf of another person or group; to form or constitute
50. a young l__d *n.* a person who has general authority, control, or power over others; a man of noble rank or high office
51. re____e a dispute *v.* to find a suitable answer to the problems or difficulty
52. hyp_____ze what could have happened *v.* to form or present a theory or explanation without sufficient evidence; to speculate
53. social ant_____ogy *n.* the scientific study of humanity, concerned with human behavior, human biology, cultures, societies, and linguistics in both the present and past, including past human species
54. attract br__d attention *adj.* very wide; general
55. cl_____y his feelings *v.* to make something, such as a statement or situation, less confusing and more understandable
56. an_____al roots *adj.* related to or connected with members of your family from the past
57. trigger a re____on *n.* a response that reveals a person's feelings or attitude; (in chemistry) a process in which one or more substances are changed into others

ANSWERS: 46. antelope, 47. extinct, 48. intentionally, 49. represent, 50. lord, 51. resolve, 52. hypothesize, 53. anthropology, 54. broad, 55. clarify, 56. ancestral, 57. reaction

58. in_____t ancestral property *v.* to receive money, property, or a title from someone after they have died
59. pos_____ty of a major earthquake *n.* a chance that something may happen or be true
60. sub_____on of cells *n.* a smaller part of something that is divided into such parts
61. cl_____y a goal *v.* to make something, such as a statement or situation, less confusing and more understandable
62. tra_____ion speed *n.* the act or process of sending something from one person or place to another; the process of broadcasting over the airwaves, as in radio or television
63. a pol_____an in the ruling party *n.* a person who is a member of a government or law-making organization, especially as an elected member of parliament, etc.
64. a mi_____ed sense of duty *adj.* having or showing a wrong or mistaken understanding of a situation or course of action
65. ex_____t a passage from a book *v.* to take a short piece of speech, book, film, etc. from a longer whole; (noun) a short extract from a speech, book, film, etc.
66. a tra_____nt lie *adj.* easy to perceive, detect, or understand; (of a material or article) permitting light to pass through freely
67. pro_____on of civilization *n.* the act or process of changing to the next stage or phase or moving forward

ANSWERS: 58. inherit, 59. possibility, 60. subdivision, 61. clarify, 62. transmission, 63. politician, 64. misguided, 65. excerpt, 66. transparent, 67. progression

68. human ev_____on *n.* a gradual process of transformation of living things
69. kn_____e sandwich *n.* one of the joint-like parts of the fingers and toes, especially of the hand
70. l__d of castle *n.* a person who has general authority, control, or power over others; a man of noble rank or high office
71. have ge_____c testing *adj.* of or relating to genes (= parts of the DNA in cells) or the science of genes
72. play a pr_____nt role *adj.* important, well-known, or noticeable
73. ra____l prejudice *adj.* of or related to the race (= classification of humans into groups based on physical traits or social relations)
74. me_____n in a report *v.* to speak or write about something or someone briefly
75. arouse con_____sy *n.* a lot of discussion and argument about something, often involving strong feelings of anger or disapproval
76. a fo____l leaf *n.* any preserved remains, impression, or trace of any once-living thing that has become hard and turned into rock
77. ind_____ble genius *adj.* not able to be denied or disputed; true
78. bre_____ugh in the negotiations *n.* a sudden, dramatic, and important discovery or development that helps to improve a situation or provide an answer to a problem
79. an_____pe hunt *n.* a large, swift-running, African or Asian mammal with horns and hooves, especially one of the gazelle family

ANSWERS: 68. evolution, 69. knuckle, 70. lord, 71. genetic, 72. prominent, 73. racial, 74. mention, 75. controversy, 76. fossil, 77. indisputable, 78. breakthrough, 79. antelope

80. re_____ce the military *v.* to strengthen or support something, especially by adding another material to it; to make emotion, idea, etc. stronger
81. shopping re____ds cards *n.* a thing given in acknowledgment of service, hard work, achievement, etc.
82. ind_____al freedom *n.* a single person or thing, as distinct from a group
83. vertebrate pal_____ogy *n.* the study of fossils and the history of life on Earth
84. ou_____ed technology *adj.* no longer useful or valid because of being old-fashioned
85. a gr__h sample *n.* a picture consisting of a line, lines, points, etc., that shows how two or more sets of certain quantities are related to each other
86. ad_____e a cooperative relationship *v.* to go or move forward; to develop in a positive way
87. non-he_____le variation *adj.* able to be passed down or transmitted from one generation to the next
88. female of _____ng *n.* descendant; any immature animal or plant
89. co_____r honor *v.* to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something
90. di_____te impact *adj.* very different or distinct from something else and is not connected or comparable in any way
91. va_____on of temperature *n.* the act or state of changing; a difference or change in the way something is done, made or said

ANSWERS: 80. reinforce, 81. reward, 82. individual, 83. paleontology, 84. outdated, 85. graph, 86. advance, 87. heritable, 88. offspring, 89. confer, 90. disparate, 91. variation

92. co_____nt department *n.* a statement that expresses dissatisfaction or annoyance about something
93. the imp_____on of a word *n.* something that is inferred or indirectly stated; the act or fact of being involved in something
94. m__k lifestyle *n.* a member of a religious community of men living under vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience
95. bre_____ugh discovery *n.* a sudden, dramatic, and important discovery or development that helps to improve a situation or provide an answer to a problem
96. merge with a ri__l company *n.* a person, company, or thing competing with others for the same thing or in the same area
97. ri__l bidder *n.* a person, company, or thing competing with others for the same thing or in the same area
98. field of con_____ary art *adj.* belonging to the same or present time
99. re_____on of inclusion *n.* the way two persons or groups of people feel and act toward one another
100. evolutionary bi_____y *n.* the scientific study of life and the natural processes of living things
101. cl_____an's duty *n.* a man who is a member of the clergy (= religious leader), especially a minister or priest in the Christian Church
102. sit up_____t in a chair *adj.* perpendicular to a horizontal surface or line; (adverb) in a vertical position

ANSWERS: 92. complaint, 93. implication, 94. monk, 95. breakthrough, 96. rival, 97. rival, 98. contemporary, 99. relation, 100. biology, 101. clergyman, 102. upright

103. an administrative sub_____on *n.* a smaller part of something that is divided into such parts
104. site of the ex_____on *n.* a violent release induced by a chemical or nuclear reaction
105. pu_____d by the question *adj.* confused or uncertain because you do not understand something
106. physically di_____te location *adj.* very different or distinct from something else and is not connected or comparable in any way
107. abh_____ce of risk *n.* strong dislike or hatred
108. migratory so_____rd *n.* a bird with a musical call, such as a blackbird or thrush
109. pa_____y of clues *n.* a small or insufficient quantity
110. gr__h theory *n.* a picture consisting of a line, lines, points, etc., that shows how two or more sets of certain quantities are related to each other
111. pa_____y of information *n.* a small or insufficient quantity
112. re_____on desk *n.* the act of receiving or the state of being received, especially warmly or kindly; a formal party of people
113. inh_____ce tax *n.* the money, property, etc., that someone gives you when they die; (genetics) attributes acquired via biological heredity from ancestors
114. of_____d his sensibilities *v.* to cause someone to feel upset, angry, or annoyed

ANSWERS: 103. subdivision, 104. explosion, 105. puzzled, 106. disparate, 107. abhorrence, 108. songbird, 109. paucity, 110. graph, 111. paucity, 112. reception, 113. inheritance, 114. offend

115. experimentally obs_____le	<i>adj.</i> that can be noticed or seen
116. je_____sy feeling towards another person	<i>n.</i> a feeling of resentment or bitterness towards someone because they have something that you desire
117. in the for_____ng week	<i>adj.</i> likely to happen or be available soon
118. de__y the situation	<i>v.</i> to speak out strongly against something, often publicly
119. con_____ial policy	<i>adj.</i> causing a lot of hot public discussion and dispute
120. di_____ve global warming	<i>v.</i> to show that something is not true or correct
121. ruined ab__y	<i>n.</i> a monastery or convent, especially for monks or nuns
122. a cold re_____on	<i>n.</i> the act of receiving or the state of being received, especially warmly or kindly; a formal party of people
123. or___n of information	<i>n.</i> the first existence or beginning of something
124. pu_____d expression	<i>adj.</i> confused or uncertain because you do not understand something
125. defense me_____sm	<i>n.</i> a part of a machine, or a set of parts that performs a task; a natural or established process that occurs during a specific situation or reaction
126. Doppler sh__t	<i>n.</i> a slight transition in position, direction, or trend
127. qu_____ed in medicine	<i>adj.</i> officially recognized as having completed a training course or passed the exams that are necessary to perform a particular job

ANSWERS: 115. observable, 116. jealousy, 117. forthcoming, 118. decry, 119. controversial, 120. disprove, 121. abbey, 122. reception, 123. origin, 124. puzzled, 125. mechanism, 126. shift, 127. qualified

128. re_____ce the painting *v.* to make a copy of something such as a picture, piece of text, music, etc.; to produce offspring through a sexual or asexual process
129. ev_____on theory *n.* a gradual process of transformation of living things
130. racial or____n *n.* the first existence or beginning of something
131. abh_____ce of violence *n.* strong dislike or hatred
132. fa_____d candidates *adj.* preferred or supported over anyone or anything else
133. an ab____d amount of money *adj.* ridiculously silly, unreasonable, or illogical
134. eve_____ly succeed *adv.* finally, particularly after a long time or a lot of struggle, complications, and so on
135. paternal inh_____ce *n.* the money, property, etc., that someone gives you when they die; (genetics) attributes acquired via biological heredity from ancestors
136. di____r from the majority *v.* to be not like someone or something in some way
137. re____t the proposal *v.* to refuse to accept, consider, or use something or someone
138. further mod_____ion *n.* the act of changing something, usually to improve it, or something changed
139. scientifically un_____en *adj.* not tested or proved
140. an an_____al graveyard *adj.* related to or connected with members of your family from the past

ANSWERS: 128. reproduce, 129. evolution, 130. origin, 131. abhorrence, 132. favored, 133. absurd, 134. eventually, 135. inheritance, 136. differ, 137. reject, 138. modification, 139. unproven, 140. ancestral

141. ex_____t by human activity *adj.* no longer in existence
142. ti_____an of history *n.* the length of time that something lasts or exists; a period of time between two events
143. tra_____nt crystal *adj.* easy to perceive, detect, or understand; (of a material or article) permitting light to pass through freely
144. un_____en efficacy *adj.* not tested or proved
145. a life of sim_____ty *n.* the quality or condition of being natural and plain or easy to understand or do
146. d__g a team down *v.* to pull or haul with force
147. re_____ce good behavior *v.* to strengthen or support something, especially by adding another material to it; to make emotion, idea, etc. stronger
148. hi_____ht a string in red *v.* to make something prominent, mainly so that people give it more attention
149. Chinese cl_____c literature *adj.* judged or deserving to be regarded as one of the best or most important of its kind over a period of time; of a well-known type
150. sl_____r of goods *n.* the act of making false and damaging statements about someone
151. give an ov_____ew *n.* a general description or summary of a subject
152. an__l investors *n.* a spiritual being believed to be a messenger of God often depicted as having wings and a halo

ANSWERS: 141. extinct, 142. timespan, 143. transparent, 144. unproven, 145. simplicity, 146. drag, 147. reinforce, 148. highlight, 149. classic, 150. slander, 151. overview, 152. angel

153. beat com_____or offer *n.* a person who participates in a sporting contest; a person or organization that competes with others, particularly in business
154. the rh_____ic of a debate *n.* speech or writing intended to please or persuade someone; the art or study of using language effectively and persuasively in spoken or written form
155. self-suf_____nt economy *adj.* adequate; enough for a particular purpose or requirement
156. ig_____ce of the law *n.* lack of knowledge or information about a particular subject or fact
157. p__e a challenge *v.* to present a risk, problem, or other issues that must be addressed
158. ad_____e the technology *v.* to go or move forward; to develop in a positive way
159. fallen an__l *n.* a spiritual being believed to be a messenger of God often depicted as having wings and a halo
160. ind_____on meeting *n.* strong anger or annoyance at what is perceived as unfair treatment
161. br__d horses *v.* to keep animals for producing offspring in a regulated manner
162. g__e expression *n.* the fundamental unit of heredity and the sequence of nucleotides in DNA that codes for the creation of RNA or protein.
163. re_____le her mother *v.* to look like or be similar to someone or something

ANSWERS: 153. competitor, 154. rhetoric, 155. sufficient, 156. ignorance, 157. pose, 158. advance, 159. angel, 160. indignation, 161. breed, 162. gene, 163. resemble

164. of ___d a customer *v.* to cause someone to feel upset, angry, or annoyed
165. pos _____ty for growth *n.* a chance that something may happen or be true
166. co _____n crime *v.* to express strong disapproval or criticism of something
167. obs _____le change *adj.* that can be noticed or seen
168. ex _____t comments from the news release *v.* to take a short piece of speech, book, film, etc. from a longer whole; (noun) a short extract from a speech, book, film, etc.
169. music of the br __k *n.* a small stream
170. natural phe _____on *n.* something that exists and can be perceptible, especially one that is not fully understood
171. cr ___h around a fire *v.* to put your body close to the ground, especially as a way of avoiding being seen
172. ant _____ogy of religion *n.* the scientific study of humanity, concerned with human behavior, human biology, cultures, societies, and linguistics in both the present and past, including past human species
173. nu _____us countries *adj.* amounting to a large indefinite number
174. hi _____ht an important difference *v.* to make something prominent, mainly so that people give it more attention
175. bare-kn _____e boxer *n.* one of the joint-like parts of the fingers and toes, especially of the hand

ANSWERS: 164. offend, 165. possibility, 166. condemn, 167. observable, 168. excerpt, 169. brook, 170. phenomenon, 171. crouch, 172. anthropology, 173. numerous, 174. highlight, 175. knuckle

176. achieve far_____ing reform *adj.* having a wide or significant impact or influence
177. the ti_____an for the loan *n.* the length of time that something lasts or exists; a period of time between two events
178. de_____t of family *n.* the act or process of moving downward; a person's family origins
179. marginal ut_____y *n.* the state or quality of being useful or convenient; the service, such as electric power or water or transportation, provided by a public
180. br__k trout *n.* a small stream
181. sl_____ly alkaline soils *adv.* in a small degree or extent; a little
182. an in_____l letter *adj.* of or happening at the beginning; (noun) the first letter of a word, especially a person's name
183. burning of fo_____l fuels *n.* any preserved remains, impression, or trace of any once-living thing that has become hard and turned into rock
184. ind_____on against the government *n.* strong anger or annoyance at what is perceived as unfair treatment
185. like a person po_____ed *adj.* controlled or influenced by a strong emotion or belief
186. without impact wha_____er *adv.* not at all; no matter what
187. domestic com_____or *n.* a person who participates in a sporting contest; a person or organization that competes with others, particularly in business

ANSWERS: 176. far-reaching, 177. timespan, 178. descent, 179. utility, 180. brook, 181. slightly, 182. initial, 183. fossil, 184. indignation, 185. possessed, 186. whatsoever, 187. competitor

188. in_____t estate
v. to receive money, property, or a title from someone after they have died
189. de___t a scene
v. to illustrate someone or something in a photograph
190. a st_____ht line
adj. extending or moving in one direction without bending or curving; having no deviations
191. for_____ng book
adj. likely to happen or be available soon
192. ig_____ce is bliss
n. lack of knowledge or information about a particular subject or fact
193. ind_____ble fact
adj. not able to be denied or disputed; true
194. re_____te a claim
v. to reject or disown something or someone
195. pal_____ogy museum
n. the study of fossils and the history of life on Earth
196. on an equal ba__s
n. the most important facts, ideas, or events from which something is developed; the way how things are organized or arranged
197. co___r degree
v. to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something
198. suf_____nt time
adj. adequate; enough for a particular purpose or requirement
199. un__y the party
v. to bring or join something together so that they form a single unit
200. play the a_e
n. a large animal with long arms, no tail, and usually a lot of body hair, including gorillas, chimpanzees, orangutans, and gibbons

ANSWERS: 188. inherit, 189. depict, 190. straight, 191. forthcoming, 192. ignorance, 193. indisputable, 194. repudiate, 195. paleontology, 196. basis, 197. confer, 198. sufficient, 199. unify, 200. ape

201. jungle a_e *n.* a large animal with long arms, no tail, and usually a lot of body hair, including gorillas, chimpanzees, orangutans, and gibbons
202. the pre_____ion of food *n.* the act of keeping something in its original state or of preventing it from being damaged
203. bu_____n from every corner. *v.* to grow or develop rapidly, especially in a healthy or vigorous way
204. a te_____ue in martial arts *n.* a particular way or art of doing something that needs skill
205. al__t consumers to the dangers *v.* to warn or arouse to a sense of danger; (adjective) paying close attention or being in a state of readiness for action
206. ac_____te measurements *adj.* correct and exact in all details
207. po___r divine matters *v.* to think deeply or carefully about something
208. de_____t from nobility *n.* the act or process of moving downward; a person's family origins
209. un_____ne their adversary's reputation *v.* to make someone or something less powerful, less effective, weaker gradually; to make someone's fame, confidence, or authority less effective or weaker gradually
210. s__r a sauce *v.* to mix a liquid or substance by using a spoon or something similar; to cause to be agitated, excited, or roused
211. br___l honesty *adj.* harsh or cruel

ANSWERS: 201. ape, 202. preservation, 203. burgeon, 204. technique, 205. alert, 206. accurate, 207. ponder, 208. descent, 209. undermine, 210. stir, 211. brutal

212. p__e a significant threat to my company
v. to present a risk, problem, or other issues that must be addressed
213. the g_p between ideal and reality
n. a conspicuous disparity or difference separates something such as a figure, people, their opinions, situation, etc.
214. mi_____ed policies
adj. having or showing a wrong or mistaken understanding of a situation or course of action
215. d__g a chair over
v. to pull or haul with force
216. the me_____sm for DNA replication
n. a part of a machine, or a set of parts that performs a task; a natural or established process that occurs during a specific situation or reaction
217. the exp_____on for the failure
n. the information or arguments that someone provides to make something understandable or clear
218. become ou_____ed
adj. no longer useful or valid because of being old-fashioned
219. s__r up controversy
v. to mix a liquid or substance by using a spoon or something similar; to cause to be agitated, excited, or roused
220. produce of_____ng
n. descendant; any immature animal or plant
221. enrich my in_____ct
n. the ability to think logically and comprehend information, especially at an advanced level
222. br_____nt performance
adj. extremely clever, skilled, or impressive
223. high imp_____ce
n. the quality of being important and worthy of note

ANSWERS: 212. pose, 213. gap, 214. misguided, 215. drag, 216. mechanism, 217. explanation, 218. outdated, 219. stir, 220. offspring, 221. intellect, 222. brilliant, 223. importance

224. a qu_____ed doctor
adj. officially recognized as having completed a training course or passed the exams that are necessary to perform a particular job
225. he_____le disease
adj. able to be passed down or transmitted from one generation to the next
226. pro_____on of disease
n. the act or process of changing to the next stage or phase or moving forward
227. a private ind_____al
n. a single person or thing, as distinct from a group
228. ra____l and ethnic backgrounds
adj. of or related to the race (= classification of humans into groups based on physical traits or social relations)
229. art cr____c
n. someone who expresses opinions about the quality of books, music, etc.
230. ab____d storyline
adj. ridiculously silly, unreasonable, or illogical
231. re_____e the computer error
v. to find a suitable answer to the problems or difficulty
232. live in a cl_____r
n. a group of similar things or people close together, often forming a distinct mass or unit
233. de____t a feeling of isolation
v. to illustrate someone or something in a photograph
234. new_____ed idea
adj. recently invented or introduced and often not well-tested or proven
235. cir_____on of money
n. the movement of blood through the body or of a fluid through a system; the number of copies of a newspaper or magazine that are sold

ANSWERS: 224. qualified, 225. heritable, 226. progression, 227. individual, 228. racial, 229. critic, 230. absurd, 231. resolve, 232. cluster, 233. depict, 234. newfangled, 235. circulation

236. re_____on between cause and effect *n.* the way two persons or groups of people feel and act toward one another
237. de__y a policy *v.* to speak out strongly against something, often publicly
238. con_____ial book *adj.* causing a lot of hot public discussion and dispute
239. chemical tr__t *n.* a particular feature of your nature
240. burn with je_____sy *n.* a feeling of resentment or bitterness towards someone because they have something that you desire
241. provide ac_____te information *adj.* correct and exact in all details
242. po_____ed by a fox *adj.* controlled or influenced by a strong emotion or belief
243. a ge_____c disorder *adj.* of or relating to genes (= parts of the DNA in cells) or the science of genes
244. deputy pr__e minister *adj.* main or most important; basic
245. un__y the system *v.* to bring or join something together so that they form a single unit
246. for_____ow the recession *v.* to give a hint or indication of something that will happen or develop in the future
247. high-flown rh_____ic *n.* speech or writing intended to please or persuade someone; the art or study of using language effectively and persuasively in spoken or written form
248. p_a protein *n.* a small, round, green vegetable that grows in pods on a climbing plant and is eaten as a vegetable

ANSWERS: 236. relation, 237. decry, 238. controversial, 239. trait, 240. jealousy, 241. accurate, 242. possessed, 243. genetic, 244. prime, 245. unify, 246. foreshadow, 247. rhetoric, 248. pea

249. tropical so____rd *n.* a bird with a musical call, such as a blackbird or thrush
250. r__t audience *adj.* deeply engrossed or absorbed in something; completely attentive or absorbed
251. lo___e a missing pet *v.* to specify or determine the exact position of someone or something
252. close a__y *n.* a country that has officially agreed to assist and support another country, particularly in the event of a war
253. a cl_____r of stars *n.* a group of similar things or people close together, often forming a distinct mass or unit
254. br__d suspicion *v.* to keep animals for producing offspring in a regulated manner
255. pai_____ng research *adj.* cautious and correct, and requiring a significant amount of effort
256. ap_____d his courage *v.* to express approval of someone or something by clapping the hands
257. nea_____sis DNA *n.* a species of the genus Homo that lived in Europe and western and central Asia from about 200,000 to 30,000 years ago
258. major paradigm sh__t *n.* a slight transition in position, direction, or trend
259. fa_____d by good weather *adj.* preferred or supported over anyone or anything else
260. gr__t a land *v.* to agree to give or allow somebody
261. fac_____te the process *v.* to make something easier or more likely to happen

ANSWERS: 249. songbird, 250. rapt, 251. locate, 252. ally, 253. cluster, 254. breed, 255. painstaking, 256. applaud, 257. neanderthalensis, 258. shift, 259. favored, 260. grant, 261. facilitate

262. increase sl_____ly *adv.* in a small degree or extent; a little
263. cell and molecular bi_____y *n.* the scientific study of life and the natural processes of living things
264. a__y with a company *n.* a country that has officially agreed to assist and support another country, particularly in the event of a war
265. pr__e number *adj.* main or most important; basic
266. st_____le to get the job *v.* to make a great effort to do something when it is difficult, or there are a lot of problems; to use force or violence to break away from restraint or constriction
267. far_____ing consequences *adj.* having a wide or significant impact or influence
268. re_____le each other *v.* to look like or be similar to someone or something
269. re_____ce by myself *v.* to make a copy of something such as a picture, piece of text, music, etc.; to produce offspring through a sexual or asexual process
270. br____l bully *adj.* harsh or cruel
271. st_____le against discrimination *v.* to make a great effort to do something when it is difficult, or there are a lot of problems; to use force or violence to break away from restraint or constriction
272. Homo nea_____sis *n.* a species of the genus Homo that lived in Europe and western and central Asia from about 200,000 to 30,000 years ago
273. re____t all imperfect merchandise *v.* to refuse to accept, consider, or use something or someone

ANSWERS: 262. slightly, 263. biology, 264. ally, 265. prime, 266. struggle, 267. far-reaching, 268. resemble, 269. reproduce, 270. brutal, 271. struggle, 272. neanderthalensis, 273. reject

274. distance g_p *n.* a conspicuous disparity or difference separates something such as a figure, people, their opinions, situation, etc.
275. ut____y costs *n.* the state or quality of being useful or convenient; the service, such as electric power or water or transportation, provided by a public
276. a scientific di____ry *n.* the act or process of finding information, a place, or an object, or learning about something that was previously not known
277. personality tr__ts *n.* a particular feature of your nature
278. pr____y of plants *n.* the descendants or offspring of a person, animal, or plant
279. lo___e a tumor *v.* to specify or determine the exact position of someone or something
280. a cl____c experiment *adj.* judged or deserving to be regarded as one of the best or most important of its kind over a period of time; of a well-known type
281. refined sim____ty *n.* the quality or condition of being natural and plain or easy to understand or do
282. the great di____ry of the century *n.* the act or process of finding information, a place, or an object, or learning about something that was previously not known
283. the te____ue applied to construction *n.* a particular way or art of doing something that needs skill

ANSWERS: 274. gap, 275. utility, 276. discovery, 277. trait, 278. progeny, 279. locate, 280. classic, 281. simplicity, 282. discovery, 283. technique

284. cu_____te in a heart attack	v.	to reach a peak or climax
285. br_____nt idea	adj.	extremely clever, skilled, or impressive
286. first pa_____ph	n.	a distinct section of a piece of writing intended to separate ideas, usually consisting of at least one sentence and beginning on a new line
287. st_____ht for two months	adj.	extending or moving in one direction without bending or curving; having no deviations
288. wildlife pre_____ion	n.	the act of keeping something in its original state or of preventing it from being damaged
289. the re____d for good works	n.	a thing given in acknowledgment of service, hard work, achievement, etc.
290. er__t structure	v.	to construct or build something; to cause to rise; (adjective) upright or vertical
291. detailed exp_____on	n.	the information or arguments that someone provides to make something understandable or clear
292. co_____n violence	v.	to express strong disapproval or criticism of something
293. po____r life's meaning	v.	to think deeply or carefully about something
294. al__t system	v.	to warn or arouse to a sense of danger; (adjective) paying close attention or being in a state of readiness for action
295. unfrocked cl_____an	n.	a man who is a member of the clergy (= religious leader), especially a minister or priest in the Christian Church

ANSWERS: 284. culminate, 285. brilliant, 286. paragraph, 287. straight, 288. preservation, 289. reward, 290. erect, 291. explanation, 292. condemn, 293. ponder, 294. alert, 295. clergyman

296. a br__d mind *adj.* very wide; general
297. the imp_____on in a crime *n.* something that is inferred or indirectly stated; the act or fact of being involved in something
298. hyp_____ze as to outcomes *v.* to form or present a theory or explanation without sufficient evidence; to speculate
299. fac_____te a smooth transition *v.* to make something easier or more likely to happen
300. the characters that re_____nt numbers *v.* to speak, act, or be present on behalf of another person or group; to form or constitute
301. di_____ct from each other *adj.* noticeable from something else of a similar type
302. a lot of ex_____ons *n.* a violent release induced by a chemical or nuclear reaction
303. a corrupt pol_____an *n.* a person who is a member of a government or law-making organization, especially as an elected member of parliament, etc.
304. severe cr____c *n.* someone who expresses opinions about the quality of books, music, etc.
305. bu_____n rapidly *v.* to grow or develop rapidly, especially in a healthy or vigorous way
306. the tra_____ion gears of a car *n.* the act or process of sending something from one person or place to another; the process of broadcasting over the airwaves, as in radio or television

ANSWERS: 296. broad, 297. implication, 298. hypothesize, 299. facilitate, 300. represent, 301. distinct, 302. explosion, 303. politician, 304. critic, 305. burgeon, 306. transmission

307. con_____ary leaders

adj. belonging to the same or present time

308. li___r trend

adj. of, relating to, or consisting of lines or length; able to be expressed as a straight line, especially on a graph

ANSWERS: 307. contemporary, 308. linear

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. We seek a person _____ for the post.
adj. officially recognized as having completed a training course or passed the exams that are necessary to perform a particular job
2. The _____ lost his position in the end due to the scandal.
n. a person who is a member of a government or law-making organization, especially as an elected member of parliament, etc.
3. She shelled the _____ and added them to the pot.
n. a small, round, green vegetable that grows in pods on a climbing plant and is eaten as a vegetable
4. The _____ between the dinosaurs and the present is over 65 million years.
n. the length of time that something lasts or exists; a period of time between two events
5. The scientist studied the behavior of _____ in the wild.
n. a large animal with long arms, no tail, and usually a lot of body hair, including gorillas, chimpanzees, orangutans, and gibbons
6. His poem has a very significant _____.
n. something that is inferred or indirectly stated; the act or fact of being involved in something
7. The gap between the company and its _____ has widened.
n. a person who participates in a sporting contest; a person or organization that competes with others, particularly in business

ANSWERS: 1. qualified, 2. politician, 3. peas, 4. timespan, 5. apes, 6. implication, 7. competitors

8. The _____ of the magazine has been steadily declining.
n. the movement of blood through the body or of a fluid through a system; the number of copies of a newspaper or magazine that are sold
9. A rainbow is a natural _____.
n. something that exists and can be perceptible, especially one that is not fully understood
10. His rude comments _____ many people at the party.
v. to cause someone to feel upset, angry, or annoyed
11. In junior high school, we had to dissect a frog in _____ class.
n. the scientific study of life and the natural processes of living things
12. He refused to do anything _____ to help her.
adv. not at all; no matter what
13. The _____ occasionally preaches at this church.
n. a person appointed to or a job of a head of a government department
14. There was a chemical _____ of the lime with the groundwater.
n. a response that reveals a person's feelings or attitude; (in chemistry) a process in which one or more substances are changed into others
15. It is essential to keep these two issues _____.
adj. noticeable from something else of a similar type
16. The _____ home has been in the family for generations.
adj. related to or connected with members of your family from the past

ANSWERS: 8. circulation, 9. phenomenon, 10. offended, 11. biology, 12. whatsoever, 13. minister, 14. reaction, 15. distinct, 16. ancestral

17. He was accused of _____ when he spread rumors about his boss.
n. the act of making false and damaging statements about someone
18. The herd of _____ bounded across the plain, chased by a pack of wolves.
n. a large, swift-running, African or Asian mammal with horns and hooves, especially one of the gazelle family
19. He moved his body _____ to the left.
adv. in a small degree or extent; a little
20. A minor _____ conflict later led to a civil war.
adj. of or related to the race (= classification of humans into groups based on physical traits or social relations)
21. A broken gas pipe triggered the _____.
n. a violent release induced by a chemical or nuclear reaction
22. She filed a _____ with the manager about the poor service.
n. a statement that expresses dissatisfaction or annoyance about something
23. The training of a hawk was a _____ process.
adj. cautious and correct, and requiring a significant amount of effort
24. His son had accurately _____ the bloom.
v. to illustrate someone or something in a photograph
25. Many people are working together to close the gender _____.
n. a conspicuous disparity or difference separates something such as a figure, people, their opinions, situation, etc.

ANSWERS: 17. slander, 18. antelope, 19. slightly, 20. racial, 21. explosion, 22. complaint, 23. painstaking, 24. depicted, 25. gap

26. The bookcase was _____ against the wall.

adj. perpendicular to a horizontal surface or line; (adverb) in a vertical position

27. The issue of the death penalty is highly _____.

adj. causing a lot of hot public discussion and dispute

28. A technique called deep learning has led to _____ in AI.

n. a sudden, dramatic, and important discovery or development that helps to improve a situation or provide an answer to a problem

29. He is _____ with a privileged position because of his abilities.

adj. preferred or supported over anyone or anything else

30. The organization worked to bring together _____ groups in the community.

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

31. The event will _____ in a grand fireworks display.

v. to reach a peak or climax

32. She was _____ by a fierce determination to succeed.

adj. controlled or influenced by a strong emotion or belief

33. The _____ effects of the policy change are still being felt.

adj. having a wide or significant impact or influence

34. Many species have become _____ due to habitat destruction and other human activities.

adj. no longer in existence

ANSWERS: 26. upright, 27. controversial, 28. breakthroughs, 29. favored, 30. disparate, 31. culminate, 32. possessed, 33. far-reaching, 34. extinct

35. The brothers _____ each other in the hobby.
v. to look like or be similar to someone or something
36. I _____ to him that I had seen his sister at the grocery store earlier that day.
v. to speak or write about something or someone briefly
37. His _____ of the situation led him to make a poor decision.
n. lack of knowledge or information about a particular subject or fact
38. Federal law protects the majority of _____.
n. a bird with a musical call, such as a blackbird or thrush
39. The areas of _____ and psychology are significantly related to one another.
n. the scientific study of humanity, concerned with human behavior, human biology, cultures, societies, and linguistics in both the present and past, including past human species
40. How many _____ does the average lion have?
n. descendant; any immature animal or plant
41. Any theorem relies on both _____ fact and assumption.
adj. that can be noticed or seen
42. He interfered with his _____ in various ways during the campaign.
n. a person, company, or thing competing with others for the same thing or in the same area
43. He cracked his _____ nervously before the presentation.
n. one of the joint-like parts of the fingers and toes, especially of the hand

ANSWERS: 35. resemble, 36. mentioned, 37. ignorance, 38. songbirds, 39. anthropology, 40. offspring, 41. observable, 42. rivals, 43. knuckles

44. The introduction _____ the speaker's distinguished career as a consultant
- v.* to make something prominent, mainly so that people give it more attention
45. The company's cybersecurity team _____ the CEO to potential threats.
- v.* to warn or arouse to a sense of danger; (adjective) paying close attention or being in a state of readiness for action
46. After his death, his sons _____ his business.
- v.* to receive money, property, or a title from someone after they have died
47. The _____ gadget was a hit at the trade show.
- adj.* recently invented or introduced and often not well-tested or proven
48. Her research team made an important _____.
- n.* the act or process of finding information, a place, or an object, or learning about something that was previously not known
49. The following _____ is currently being used to explain the phenomenon in question.
- n.* the information or arguments that someone provides to make something understandable or clear
50. His _____ of his brother's success caused a rift in their relationship.
- n.* a feeling of resentment or bitterness towards someone because they have something that you desire
51. Scientists _____ that the new fish species evolved to survive in deep-sea environments.
- v.* to form or present a theory or explanation without sufficient evidence; to speculate

ANSWERS: 44. highlighted, 45. alerted, 46. inherited, 47. newfangled, 48. discovery, 49. explanation, 50. jealousy, 51. hypothesize

52. The city is divided into several smaller _____.

n. a smaller part of something that is divided into such parts

53. Article VII, _____ 2 of the United States Constitution stipulates a presidential veto.

n. a distinct section of a piece of writing intended to separate ideas, usually consisting of at least one sentence and beginning on a new line

54. The royal family has much _____ scattered across the globe.

n. the descendants or offspring of a person, animal, or plant

55. _____ music has gained different followers from existing music.

adj. belonging to the same or present time

56. The company _____ the job candidate's application due to a lack of experience.

v. to refuse to accept, consider, or use something or someone

57. Multiple genes may influence behavioral _____ concurrently.

n. a particular feature of your nature

58. His vast _____ was equitably divided among the brothers.

n. the money, property, etc., that someone gives you when they die; (genetics) attributes acquired via biological heredity from ancestors

59. The focus of these initiatives is to make the financial system more _____.

adj. easy to perceive, detect, or understand; (of a material or article) permitting light to pass through freely

ANSWERS: 52. subdivisions, 53. Paragraph, 54. progeny, 55. Contemporary, 56. rejected, 57. traits, 58. inheritance, 59. transparent

60. The _____ of resources was a major challenge for the small village.
n. a small or insufficient quantity
61. They entered into _____ with the member of the ruling party.
n. a lot of discussion and argument about something, often involving strong feelings of anger or disapproval
62. The workers were able to _____ the tent in just a few minutes.
v. to construct or build something; to cause to rise; (adjective) upright or vertical
63. Advocates for legal reform hear less harsh words from their _____.
n. someone who expresses opinions about the quality of books, music, etc.
64. The researchers were unable to _____ the theory.
v. to show that something is not true or correct
65. This animal _____ in northern latitudes.
v. to keep animals for producing offspring in a regulated manner
66. He discovered unique _____ for photochemical reactions.
n. a part of a machine, or a set of parts that performs a task; a natural or established process that occurs during a specific situation or reaction
67. A _____ of grapes hung from the vine.
n. a group of similar things or people close together, often forming a distinct mass or unit
68. We immediately rejected his _____ suggestion.
adj. ridiculously silly, unreasonable, or illogical

ANSWERS: 60. paucity, 61. controversy, 62. erect, 63. critics, 64. disprove, 65. breeds, 66. mechanisms, 67. cluster, 68. absurd

69. This evidence will form the _____ for our discussion.

- n.* the most important facts, ideas, or events from which something is developed;
the way how things are organized or arranged

70. She sat quietly, _____ the difficult decision.

- v.* to think deeply or carefully about something

71. A _____ babbled through the woods.

- n.* a small stream

72. She felt a strong sense of _____ towards violence.

- n.* strong dislike or hatred

73. This bar _____ shows sales over the past five years.

- n.* a picture consisting of a line, lines, points, etc., that shows how two or more sets of certain quantities are related to each other

74. There are various hypotheses concerning the _____ of life.

- n.* the first existence or beginning of something

75. This company _____ its battery problem completely.

- v.* to find a suitable answer to the problems or difficulty

76. She was _____ by the strange behavior of her cat.

- adj.* confused or uncertain because you do not understand something

77. We replaced _____ equipment to improve factory productivity.

- adj.* no longer useful or valid because of being old-fashioned

ANSWERS: 69. basis, 70. pondering, 71. brook, 72. abhorrence, 73. graph, 74. origin, 75. resolves, 76. puzzled, 77. outdated

78. The evidence was _____ and the jury reached a quick verdict.

adj. not able to be denied or disputed; true

79. The company has made great strides in its _____ toward sustainability.

n. the act or process of changing to the next stage or phase or moving forward

80. The government _____ the treaty after the war.

v. to reject or disown something or someone

81. He displayed the _____ symptoms of depression.

adj. judged or deserving to be regarded as one of the best or most important of its kind over a period of time; of a well-known type

82. Topics related to that war may _____ up a political hornets' nest.

v. to mix a liquid or substance by using a spoon or something similar; to cause to be agitated, excited, or roused

83. The city's art scene has been _____ recently, with new galleries and exhibitions popping up regularly.

v. to grow or develop rapidly, especially in a healthy or vigorous way

84. He could not _____ against temptation.

v. to make a great effort to do something when it is difficult, or there are a lot of problems; to use force or violence to break away from restraint or constriction

85. A defective _____ is responsible for the disease.

n. the fundamental unit of heredity and the sequence of nucleotides in DNA that codes for the creation of RNA or protein.

ANSWERS: 78. indisputable, 79. progression, 80. repudiated, 81. classic, 82. stir, 83. burgeoning, 84. struggle, 85. gene

86. The company implemented a new software system to _____ employee communication and collaboration.
v. to make something easier or more likely to happen
87. The Catholic _____ led the congregation in prayer.
n. a man who is a member of the clergy (= religious leader), especially a minister or priest in the Christian Church
88. He liked the car because of the _____ of the design.
n. the quality or condition of being natural and plain or easy to understand or do
89. The more _____ you are, the more people around you look at you with envy and jealousy.
adj. extremely clever, skilled, or impressive
90. The industrial _____ laws were passed with little to no alteration.
n. the way two persons or groups of people feel and act toward one another
91. As a result of this _____ we have revised our safety measures.
n. the act of changing something, usually to improve it, or something changed
92. The chairperson _____ him the right to speak.
v. to agree to give or allow somebody
93. Understanding protein folding is a vital step in deciphering the _____ code.
adj. of or relating to genes (= parts of the DNA in cells) or the science of genes
94. He was sick for five _____ days.
adj. extending or moving in one direction without bending or curving; having no deviations

ANSWERS: 86. facilitate, 87. clergyman, 88. simplicity, 89. brilliant, 90. relations, 91. modification, 92. granted, 93. genetic, 94. straight

95. The _____ of the device was immediately apparent to all who saw it.
- n.* the state or quality of being useful or convenient; the service, such as electric power or water or transportation, provided by a public
96. They study the _____ of the universe.
- n.* a gradual process of transformation of living things
97. There is a lot of _____ in the colors of flowers in the garden.
- n.* the act or state of changing; a difference or change in the way something is done, made or said
98. 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
99. The new treatment's long-term advantages are still _____.
- adj.* not tested or proved
100. Jockey's superior _____ brought him victory.
- n.* a particular way or art of doing something that needs skill
101. Here are _____ from several recent books on quantum computing.
- v.* to take a short piece of speech, book, film, etc. from a longer whole; (noun) a short extract from a speech, book, film, etc.
102. The discovery of a _____ burial site was a breakthrough for the team of archaeologists.
- n.* a species of the genus Homo that lived in Europe and western and central Asia from about 200,000 to 30,000 years ago

ANSWERS: 95. utility, 96. evolution, 97. variation, 98. individual, 99. unproven, 100. technique, 101. excerpts, 102. neanderthalensis

103. They took the _____ step toward reconciliation.

adj. of or happening at the beginning; (noun) the first letter of a word, especially a person's name

104. We elected him to _____ us at the international conference.

v. to speak, act, or be present on behalf of another person or group; to form or constitute

105. That candidate does not have _____ means to win an election with certainty.

adj. adequate; enough for a particular purpose or requirement

106. I _____ the decision to cut funding for the program.

v. to speak out strongly against something, often publicly

107. I enthusiastically _____ my rival's achievement.

v. to express approval of someone or something by clapping the hands

108. My interest in _____ research began when I visited a natural history museum and saw a display of fossils from the Jurassic period.

n. the study of fossils and the history of life on Earth

109. I stopped by the branch though I have no business of _____.

n. the quality of being important and worthy of note

110. The government was _____ for its handling of the crisis.

v. to express strong disapproval or criticism of something

111. Your _____ is capable of distinguishing among similar objects.

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

ANSWERS: 103. initial, 104. represent, 105. sufficient, 106. decry, 107. applaud, 108. paleontology, 109. importance, 110. condemned, 111. intellect

112. He _____ the heavy suitcase behind him as he walked.

v. to pull or haul with force

113. The robot can accurately _____ construction material.

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

114. The _____ attack left the victim with serious injuries.

adj. harsh or cruel

115. The leaders of the two countries met to _____ on the issue.

v. to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something

116. The _____ trait was passed down through the generations.

adj. able to be passed down or transmitted from one generation to the next

117. He was known for his powerful _____ and ability to persuade people with his words.

n. speech or writing intended to please or persuade someone; the art or study of using language effectively and persuasively in spoken or written form

118. He _____ down behind the bushes to avoid being seen.

v. to put your body close to the ground, especially as a way of avoiding being seen

119. The _____ of getting the disease will drastically increase.

n. a chance that something may happen or be true

120. He accumulated wealth across a _____ spectrum of assets.

adj. very wide; general

ANSWERS: 112. dragged, 113. locate, 114. brutal, 115. confer, 116. heritable, 117. rhetoric, 118. crouched, 119. possibility, 120. broad

121. A well-known analyst described the market _____ in the morning session.

n. a general description or summary of a subject

122. By dividing and creating copies of themselves, bacteria _____.

v. to make a copy of something such as a picture, piece of text, music, etc.; to produce offspring through a sexual or asexual process

123. After a thorough investigation, she has been named as the _____ suspect.

adj. main or most important; basic

124. The feudal _____ had ruled the land for many years.

n. a person who has general authority, control, or power over others; a man of noble rank or high office

125. His _____ at the injustice was palpable.

n. strong anger or annoyance at what is perceived as unfair treatment

126. The corporation _____ dominated the entire tobacco business.

adv. finally, particularly after a long time or a lot of struggle, complications, and so on

127. The people believe that they can _____ the country.

v. to bring or join something together so that they form a single unit

128. Could you help me _____ some furniture?

n. a slight transition in position, direction, or trend

129. They tried to _____ her position by slandering her.

v. to make someone or something less powerful, less effective, weaker gradually; to make someone's fame, confidence, or authority less effective or weaker gradually

ANSWERS: 121. overview, 122. reproduce, 123. prime, 124. lord, 125. indignation, 126. eventually, 127. unify, 128. shift, 129. undermine

130. The wedding _____ was held in the grand ballroom of the hotel.
n. the act of receiving or the state of being received, especially warmly or kindly; a formal party of people
131. The _____ from the mountain was steep and rocky.
n. the act or process of moving downward; a person's family origins
132. She was _____ in concentration as she listened to the lecture.
adj. deeply engrossed or absorbed in something; completely attentive or absorbed
133. The official transcript contains _____ academic records.
adj. correct and exact in all details
134. It was the _____ of a dinosaur tooth.
n. any preserved remains, impression, or trace of any once-living thing that has become hard and turned into rock
135. Our country is a traditional _____ of England.
n. a country that has officially agreed to assist and support another country, particularly in the event of a war
136. These descriptions are based on a number of _____ assumptions.
adj. amounting to a large indefinite number
137. The venerable _____ was founded in the 12th century.
n. a monastery or convent, especially for monks or nuns
138. Education is the _____ of civilization.
n. the act or process of sending something from one person or place to another; the process of broadcasting over the airwaves, as in radio or television

ANSWERS: 130. reception, 131. descent, 132. rapt, 133. accurate, 134. fossil, 135. ally, 136. numerous, 137. abbey, 138. transmission

139. As she lay on her deathbed, a bright light appeared, and she saw a holy _____ standing at the foot of her bed.

n. a spiritual being believed to be a messenger of God often depicted as having wings and a halo

140. The dark clouds _____ a storm.

v. to give a hint or indication of something that will happen or develop in the future

141. Eyeless fish _____ in dark caves.

v. to develop gradually, or to cause the development of something or someone gradually

142. The chemicals _____ a massive health risk.

v. to present a risk, problem, or other issues that must be addressed

143. Night fishing has a lot of _____.

n. a thing given in acknowledgment of service, hard work, achievement, etc.

144. The _____ election is causing a lot of tension and uncertainty.

adj. likely to happen or be available soon

145. The two products _____ in their quality and price.

v. to be not like someone or something in some way

146. The police tried to _____ the facts concerning her death.

v. to make something, such as a statement or situation, less confusing and more understandable

147. Scientific knowledge will _____ significantly with the power of AI.

v. to go or move forward; to develop in a positive way

ANSWERS: 139. angel, 140. foreshadowed, 141. evolved, 142. pose, 143. rewards, 144. forthcoming, 145. differed, 146. clarify, 147. advance

148. The ascetic _____ spent his days in prayer and contemplation in the monastery.

n. a member of a religious community of men living under vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience

149. People tend to make _____ predictions.

adj. of, relating to, or consisting of lines or length; able to be expressed as a straight line, especially on a graph

150. The museum had kept the paintings in remarkable _____.

n. the act of keeping something in its original state or of preventing it from being damaged

151. She would never _____ hurt anyone.

adv. in a planned or intended way

152. 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

153. His _____ attempt to fix the problem only made it worse.

adj. having or showing a wrong or mistaken understanding of a situation or course of action

154. The media frequently interviewed _____ scientists.

adj. important, well-known, or noticeable

ANSWERS: 148. monk, 149. linear, 150. preservation, 151. intentionally, 152. reinforce, 153. misguided, 154. prominent