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Session 1: Word List

episode

n. a happening or story that is distinctive in a series of related events; an abrupt short period during which someone suffers from the effects of a physical or mental illness

synonym: event, chapter, seizure

(1) end of the first **episode**, (2) **episode** of vertigo

I want to put that **episode** of my life behind me.

schizophrenia

n. a severe mental disorder in which a person has a distorted view of reality and may experience hallucinations, delusions, and disordered thinking and behavior

synonym: psychosis, disorder, mental illness

(1) **schizophrenia** spectrum disorder, (2) **schizophrenia** treatment

The **schizophrenia** patient was experiencing severe auditory hallucinations.

boundary

n. a real or imaginary line that marks the limit or extent of something and separates it from other things or places

synonym: border, frontier, limitation

(1) geographical **boundary**, (2) the **boundary** between

reality and fantasy

He wandered the **boundary** between life and death by gunfire.

nebulous

adj. hazy, vague, or ill-defined; of or relating to or resembling a nebula (= an immense cloud of gas and dust in interstellar space)

synonym : vague, cloudy, hazy

(1) **nebulous** concept, (2) **nebulous** material

The plan was **nebulous** and needed more specific details.

psychology

n. the scientific study of mind and behavior

(1) **psychology** experiment, (2) **psychology** of crowd

She had a master's degree in **psychology**.

porous

adj. having many small holes and being able to absorb or pass through fluids

synonym : permeable, spongy, absorbent

(1) **porous** materials, (2) **porous** membrane

Our unfenced and largely unpoliced border inevitably has been very **porous** for insurgents.

alter

v. to cause to change or make different

synonym : change, vary, adjust

(1) **alter** a decision, (2) **alter** data in a file

The design of the webpage has **altered** slightly.

insightful

adj. having or showing a deep understanding and perception of a situation or subject

synonym : perceptive, astute, perspicacious

(1) acutely **insightful**, (2) **insightful** analysis

His **insightful** comments added a new perspective to the discussion.

deficient

adj. lacking something needed or normal

synonym : lacking, inadequate, insufficient

(1) **deficient** nutrient, (2) mentally **deficient**

His diet was **deficient** in essential vitamins and minerals.

acknowledge

v. to accept or admit the existence, reality, or truth of something; to accept that someone or something has a particular authority or quality; to express obligation, thanks, or gratitude for someone's help, commitment, etc.;

synonym: accept, agree, declare

(1) **acknowledge** the deed, (2) **acknowledge** his help

He never **acknowledged** his fault.

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.

theologian

n. an expert or student who studies theology

synonym: clergyperson, philosopher, scholar

(1) Swedish **theologian**, (2) great **theologians**

Death gets more than its share of attention from **theologians**.

philosophy

n. the study of general and fundamental questions, such as those about existence, reason, knowledge, values, mind

synonym: doctrine, attitude, creed

(1) **philosophy** of education, (2) western **philosophy**

Ethics is a branch of **philosophy**.

neuroscience

n. the scientific study of the function, structure, and disorder of the brain and the nervous system

(1) the branch of **neuroscience**, (2) a theoretical concept in **neuroscience**

Our university is famous for its professors, who are well-versed in behavioral **neuroscience**.

slippery

adj. difficult to hold firmly or stand on because it is wet or smooth; not to be trusted

synonym : smooth, glistening, furtive

(1) a **slippery** customer, (2) **slippery** ice

How extraordinarily **slippery** a liar the camera is.

intuitive

adj. obtained through feelings rather than facts or proof

synonym : involuntary, instinctive, innate

(1) **intuitive** eating, (2) **intuitive** judgment

I had an **intuitive** feeling that I might be pregnant.

disappear

v. to cease to exist or be visible

synonym : fade, evaporate, vanish

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

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

asleep

adj. in a state of sleep

synonym : sleeping, fallen, at rest

(1) **asleep** at the wheel, (2) dead **asleep**

He lay down and fell **asleep** immediately.

reappear

v. to show up again or return after not being heard of or seen for a period of time

synonym : come again, repeat, re-emerge

(1) **reappear** on the surface, (2) **reappear** throughout this book

Cancer has **reappeared** at the same site.

solid

adj. hard or firm; characterized by good substantial quality

synonym : stable, reliable, hard

(1) **solid** ally, (2) **solid** employment measures

The **solid-state** of water is called ice.

unchanging

adj. not changing or subject to change; constant

synonym : constant, stable, static

(1) **unchanging** laws, (2) rigidly **unchanging**

The **unchanging** nature of the mountain range was a source of constant wonder for the hikers.

permanent

adj. lasting for a long time without essential change

synonym : lasting, ceaseless, endless

(1) literature of **permanent** value, (2) **permanent** life insurance

She is searching for a **permanent** residence.

examine

v. to study or consider a person or object attentively and thoroughly to learn something about them

synonym : study, probe, analyze

(1) **examine** the data studiously, (2) **examine** the issue
Initially, we must **examine** all project-related expenses.

aspect

n. one part or feature of a situation, problem, subject, etc.

synonym : characteristic, element, factor

(1) nontechnical **aspects** of the job, (2) **aspects** of social, political, and economic life

His professional experience includes all **aspects** of media production.

instance

n. a particular example or single occurrence of something

synonym : example, sample, illustration

(1) for **instance**, (2) notable **instance**

These articles cite five **instances** of climate change.

sacrosanct

adj. considered to be holy and deserving of respect and reverence

synonym : sacred, inviolable, holy

(1) **sacrosanct** tradition, (2) **sacrosanct** belief

The tradition of the annual family reunion is **sacrosanct** and must be upheld.

incorporate

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

synonym : contain, integrate, amalgamate

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

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

episodic

adj. happening or appearing at irregular intervals; not continuous or steady; of or relating to writing or narration

synonym : intermittent, recurrent, sporadic

(1) **episodic** story, (2) **episodic** event

The patient's memory loss is **episodic**, with periods of normal memory followed by episodes of amnesia.

narrative

n. a story or a description of a series of events or process of telling a story

synonym : the tale, chronology, annals

(1) **narrative** poetry, (2) personal **narrative**

The **narrative** handles multiple plot lines and has unpredictable ends.

impair

v. to damage something or make it weaker or worse

synonym : degrade, mar, deface

(1) **impair** my health, (2) **impair** insulin sensitivity

The accident made his vision **impaired**.

stall

v. to stop or cause to stop making progress; (noun) small area or booth set off for the sale of goods in a market or large covered area

synonym : halt, hamper, (noun) cubicle

(1) **stall** at sea, (2) **stall** in a tunnel

The negotiations proceeded slowly and finally **stalled**.

onset

n. the beginning or early stages of unpleasant something; a military attack

synonym : beginning, attack, commencement

(1) at the first **onset**, (2) the **onset** of spring

This medicine works best when taken at the **onset** of a cold.

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.

scramble

v. to move or climb quickly and awkwardly, often using your hands to help you

synonym : jumble, disarrange

(1) **scramble** my mind, (2) **scramble** for support

Local business owners **scrambled** to find skilled workers.

sequence

n. a series of related events, actions, numbers, etc., which have a particular order

synonym : arrangement, succession, series

(1) the **sequence** of the seasons, (2) the DNA **sequence**

We do move forward with those tasks in **sequence** next week.

recall

v. to remember something

synonym : remember, retrieve, recollect

(1) **recall** the incident, (2) **recall** his name

She vividly **recalls** getting laid off several years ago.

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.

destroy

v. to ruin or damage severely or completely; to eradicate or eliminate completely

synonym : demolish, ruin, obliterate

(1) **destroy** the ecosystem, (2) **destroyed** evidence

The building was **destroyed** in the fire and had to be rebuilt.

unclear

adj. poorly stated or described and therefore not easy to understand; not easy to perceive

synonym : ambiguous, fuzzy, obscure

(1) an **unclear** match, (2) in no **unclear** terms

It is important not to undertake tasks with **unclear** objectives to improve productivity.

communicate

v. to share or exchange information with others by speaking, writing, moving your body, or using other signals

synonym : convey, share, transmit

(1) **communicate** his anxieties to the psychiatrist,

(2) **communicate** well with my advisor

Dolphins use sound to **communicate** with each other.

verbal

adj. expressed in spoken rather than written words

synonym : speaking, lingual, oral

(1) **verbal** communication, (2) **verbal** abuse

The candidate must have excellent **verbal** skills.

spin

v. to cause something to rotate rapidly; to cause someone to feel dizzy or disoriented

synonym : rotate, twirl, swirl

(1) **spin** a top, (2) **spin** thread out of cotton

The tornado is **spinning** across the countryside, destroying everything in its path.

brain

n. the organ inside the head that is responsible for one's movement, thought, memory, and feeling

synonym : intellect, mind, encephalon

(1) basic **brain** function, (2) permanent **brain** damage

X-rays revealed a small tumor in his **brain**.

construct

v. to build or create something; to assemble or combine different parts to form something whole

synonym : build, assemble, create

(1) **construct** a 3D image, (2) **construct** a dam

He **constructs** hypotheses that no mathematician has ever imagined before.

disrupt

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

synonym: interrupt, disturb, break into

(1) **disrupt** a well-ordered condition, (2) **disrupt** sleep
I'm so sorry to **disrupt** you when you're pretty busy.

horrific

adj. causing horror or disgust; gruesome and terrifying

synonym: terrifying, alarming, shocking

(1) **horrific** experience, (2) **horrific** condition

The accident scene was **horrific**, with bodies and debris scattered everywhere.

caregiving

n. the act of providing care and support for someone who is ill, disabled, or elderly

synonym: nurturing, caring, assisting

(1) **caregiving** process, (2) **caregiving** responsibilities

She devoted her life to **caregiving**, looking after her aging parents.

nonetheless

adv. in spite of what has just been said or done; nevertheless

synonym: nevertheless, regardless, still

(1) we are **nonetheless** confident, (2) love him

nonetheless

They each choose **nonetheless** to battle.

perceive

v. to become aware or conscious of something through the senses

synonym: sense, discern, feel

(1) **perceive** a threat, (2) **perceive** light

Australia is widely **perceived** as having low levels of corruption.

- doe** *n.* a mature female of mammals of which the male is called a buck, such as a deer or a rabbit
synonym : rabbit, bunny, hare
(1) **doe** rabbit, (2) buck and **doe**
Hunters use a whistle that makes the **doe** sound to lure stags.
- neuropsychology** *n.* the branch of psychology that deals with the relationships between brain function and behavior
(1) **neuropsychology** research, (2) **neuropsychology** field
The study of **neuropsychology** is essential in understanding the relationship between the brain and behavior.
- 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.
- xenomelia** *n.* the condition of feeling that one's limbs or body parts do not belong to oneself
synonym : body integrity identity disorder, alien limb syndrome
(1) **xenomelia** condition, (2) **xenomelia** disorder
His **xenomelia**, the desire to amputate his healthy limb, had troubled him for years.
- limb** *n.* an arm and leg of a person or animal
synonym : arm, appendage, branch
(1) a prosthetic **limb**, (2) **limb** amputation
You should wrap the bandage carefully and firmly around the injured **limb**.
- syndrome** *n.* a group of signs and symptoms that occur together and are characteristic of a particular condition or disorder
synonym : disorder, condition, complication

(1) **syndrome** of dementia, (2) acute **syndrome**

The patient was diagnosed with a rare genetic **syndrome**.

phantom

n. a ghost or a spirit of a dead person; something existing only in your imagination or perception

synonym : ghost, spirit, apparition

(1) a **phantom** company, (2) **phantom** limb pain

The police frantically searched for clues to the **phantom** killer.

amputation

n. the act of cutting off a part of the body surgically

(1) **amputation** of leg, (2) hand **amputation**

Amputation of the limb is a last resort for the patient.

presence

n. the fact or state that someone or something exists, occurs, or is present

synonym : existence, actuality, fact

(1) the evidence of the **presence**, (2) his majestic **presence**

The path to a solid online **presence** necessitates a high technical ability.

opposition

n. the act of disagreeing or resisting; the state of strong disagreement

synonym : resistance, hostility, antagonism

(1) **opposition** campaign, (2) meet with **opposition**

The **opposition** party strongly disagreed with the government's proposed legislation.

extremity

n. the farthest or most remote point or the greatest or the highest degree

synonym : end, tip, limit

(1) **extremity** injury, (2) **extremity** amputation

He broke his arm at the **extremity** of the bone.

animation

n. the technique of photographing successive drawings or positions of puppets or models to create an illusion of movement when the film is shown as a sequence;

enthusiasm and energy in the way you look or behave

synonym : motion, movement, liveliness

(1) **animation** studio, (2) **animation** film

The **animation** of the characters in the movie was so realistic, and it was as if they were there.

incarnation

n. the embodiment of a concept or idea in a physical form; a person or thing that personifies something

synonym : embodiment, personification, avatar

(1) former **incarnation**, (2) **incarnation** of stupidity

The novel is an **incarnation** of the author's experiences and imagination.

incarnate

adj. in bodily form; embodied

synonym : embodied, personified, manifested

(1) **incarnate** spirit, (2) a devil **incarnate**

The ancient people worshiped the **incarnate** deity.

animate

v. to make something full of interest and energy

synonym : invigorate, energize, enliven

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

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

misfire

v. to fail to ignite or explode as intended

synonym : fail, miscarry

(1) **misfire** weapon, (2) **misfire** engine

The engine **misfired** and caused the car to stall.

consequence

n. the outcome of a particular action or event, especially relative to an individual

synonym : result, impact, outcome

(1) unintended **consequences**, (2) the **consequence** of an argument

These economic activities had disastrous environmental **consequences**.

extreme

adj. very great in amount or degree

synonym : farthestmost, outermost, fierce

(1) **extreme** sports, (2) **extreme** weather events

Solar gravity creates **extreme** pressures and temperatures.

rid

v. to make someone or something free of unwanted or unpleasant tasks, objects, or person

synonym : do away with, free, clear

(1) get **rid** of the rats, (2) **rid** the body of waste products

We must **rid** ourselves of pollution.

amputate

v. to cut off a part of the body, especially by surgery

synonym : cut off, cut away

(1) **amputate** both legs, (2) **amputate** below the knee

Finally, they had to **amputate** his foot to free him from the wrecked car.

perspective

n. a confident attitude toward something; a particular style of thinking about something

synonym : viewpoint, standpoint, outlook

(1) a **perspective** view, (2) the **perspective** of the battle

His father's death changed his whole **perspective** on life.

profound

adj. extremely great; sensed or experienced very strongly; displaying a high level of knowledge or comprehension

synonym : deep, unsounded, far-reaching

(1) a **profound** book, (2) the **profound** depths of the sea

My mother's illness had a **profound** impact on us all.

implicit

adj. suggested but not directly expressed

synonym : implied, unstated, hinted

(1) **implicit** bias, (2) give **implicit** consent

The **implicit** meaning behind his words was clear, even though he did not explicitly say it.

accompanying

adj. being in a position next to or near something or someone

synonym : attendant, concomitant, coexisting

(1) **accompanying** equipment, (2) **accompanying** documents

The **accompanying** music was soothing and added to the ambiance.

estimate

v. to guess or calculate the cost, size, value, etc. of something

synonym : calculate, gauge, evaluate

(1) **estimate** a fair value, (2) **estimate** this chicken to weigh three pounds

We **estimated** the season's total trade deficit at \$50 billion.

out-of-body

n. an experience in which a person's consciousness seems to detach from their physical body and float above it

synonym : astral, ethereal, disembodied

(1) **out-of-body** travel, (2) **out-of-body** sensation

Some people claim to have had an **out-of-body** experience during near-death situations.

assume

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

synonym : guess, presume, suppose

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

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

anchor

n. a device, typically made of metal, that is used to moor a ship or boat in a particular place, typically by being dropped to the seabed; a central cohesive source of support and stability

synonym : mainstay, ballast, backbone

(1) **anchor** bolt, (2) **anchor** weight

The ship dropped **anchor** in the bay.

occupy

v. to consume all of someone's space, attention, or time

synonym: inhabit, settle, populate

(1) **occupy** his time, (2) **occupy** a position

The young prince will soon **occupy** the throne.

volume

n. the amount of space occupied by an object or substance; the magnitude of sound

synonym: capacity, amount, intensity

(1) **volume** of work, (2) high **volume**

This container has a **volume** of 10 cubic meters.

ceiling

n. a room's top interior surface

synonym: canopy, awning, shelter

(1) **ceiling** board, (2) **ceiling** light

There was a crack in the **ceiling** that I found.

lab

n. a workplace for the conduct of scientific research; a laboratory

synonym: workshop, laboratory, research chamber

(1) **lab** instrument, (2) medical **lab**

The Prime Minister will pay a courtesy visit to the Nobel laureate's **lab**.

outcome

n. the result or effect of an action, event, etc.

synonym: result, consequence, effect

(1) improved student **outcomes**, (2) a desirable **outcome**

They awaited news of the **outcome** of the election.

embody

v. to represent or exemplify something; to give tangible form to an abstract idea

synonym: represent, exemplify, personify

(1) **embody** my goal, (2) **embody** a spirit of charity

The company's new products **embody** the values of innovation and sustainability.

undeniable

adj. not possible to deny; true or certain

synonym : absolute, definite, indubitable

(1) an **undeniable** fact, (2) an **undeniable** masterpiece
Her influence on teenagers is **undeniable**.

illusion

n. a false idea or belief, especially about somebody or about a situation

synonym : delusion, fallacy, magic trick

(1) optical **illusion**, (2) the **illusion** of being in the forest
He could no longer tell the difference between **illusion** and reality.

comprise

v. to include or consist of something; the act of making up or forming something

synonym : consist of, include, be composed of

(1) **comprise** a large percentage, (2) **comprise** the recent past

The team **comprises** players from different countries.

satisfactory

adj. meeting the requirements or expectations; acceptable

synonym : acceptable, sufficient, good enough

(1) **satisfactory** performance, (2) **satisfactory** outcome

The results of the test were **satisfactory** and met our expectations.

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.

doubt

n. a feeling of being uncertain about something, especially about how good or accurate it is

synonym : distrust, suspect, mistrust

(1) dispel **doubts**, (2) no **doubt** about the news

Doubt is the start, not the end, of intelligence.

persist

v. to continue to do and refuse to stop something despite difficulties or opposition, even if it appears unreasonable

synonym : endure, continue, carry on

(1) **persist** over time, (2) **persist** in success

Consult your doctor if the symptoms **persist**.

liberate

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

synonym : emancipate, release, set free

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

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

regardless

adv. not paying attention or considering something or someone even if the situation is bad or there are difficulties

synonym : anyhow, nevertheless, still

(1) **regardless** of the difficulties, (2) **regardless** tread

People can pick out superior products **regardless** of the quality of the advertising.

attend

v. to be present at an event, to go to a place

synonym : go, be present, accompany

(1) **attend** a meeting, (2) **attend** service

We must **attend** to this matter.

emotion

n. a strong feeling such as love, anger, etc. deriving from one's situation, mood, or relationships with others

synonym : feeling, sentiment, passion

(1) control my **emotion**, (2) afraid to show **emotion**

Some **emotions** are common across cultures and backgrounds.

modulate

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

synonym : regulate, inflect, adjust

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

another

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

cognitive

adj. of or relating to mental processes of understanding

synonym: perceivable, mind, mental

(1) improve **cognitive** function, (2) research on **cognitive** psychology

His **cognitive** faculties were getting worse because of a lack of sleep.

structure

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

synonym: construction, architecture, establishment

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

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

tight

adj. fixed, fastened, or kept together firmly or closely

synonym: closed, secured, cramped

(1) a **tight** game, (2) student on a **tight** budget

The national election was held amid **tight** security.

marvel

n. someone something that causes feelings of wonder or surprise

synonym: wonder, phenomenon, amazement

(1) a **marvel** of beauty, (2) technical **marvel**

The space shuttle is a modern engineering **marvel**.

millennium

n. a span of 1000 years, or the 1000th anniversary (plural: millennia)

(1) past **millennium**, (2) **millennium** bottle of wine

Our world is in the third **millennium**.

modern

adj. of or belonging to the present time or recent times
synonym : contemporary, stylish, current

(1) **modern** poetry, (2) pre- **modern** agricultural society
Their headquarters are in a **modern** skyscraper.

owe

v. to be under a moral or legal obligation to pay or do something in return for something received;
synonym : have an obligation, incur

(1) **owe** \$100 to my friend, (2) **owe** him a grudge
She **owes** her friend a favor for helping her move.

debt

n. something, especially money, goods, or services owed by one person to another; the state of owing something
synonym : liability, obligation, deficit

(1) **debt** ceiling, (2) corporate **debt**
He became in **debt** after losing his job.

witness

n. a person who sees something happen, especially a crime or an accident
synonym : onlooker, attestant, bystander

(1) **witness** of the car accident, (2) a material **witness**
The manufacturing industry is **witnessing** fierce competition.

voluntary

adj. done of one's own free will; without being forced or coerced
synonym : voluntary, self-willed, spontaneous

(1) **voluntary** action, (2) **voluntary** participation
The program is **voluntary**, so participants can choose whether or not to take part.

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.

nun *n.* a woman who has taken religious vows and is a member of a monastic community
synonym: sister, religious, monastic
(1) **nun** habit, (2) meditating **nun**
The cloistered **nun** devoted her life to serving the poor and marginalized.

meditation *n.* the act of focusing one's mind on a particular object or thought; activity to train attention and achieve a mentally clear and emotionally calm and stable state
synonym: contemplation, reflection, introspection
(1) **meditation** training, (2) religious **meditation**
The **meditation** instructor guided the group through the relaxation and breathing exercises.

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.

circumstance *n.* the specific conditions or events that surround a particular situation or occurrence
synonym: condition, context, environment
(1) **circumstance** of birth, (2) **circumstance** of injury
She explained the **circumstances** surrounding the accident.

remark *n.* a comment or observation, or something said or written about a particular subject or situation; (verb) to give a spoken statement on a particular subject or situation
synonym: comment, observation, statement
(1) a flattering **remark**, (2) **remark** dripping with bitterness
His candid **remark** at the meeting sparked a lively discussion among the attendees.

robust *adj.* sturdy and healthy in form, constitution, or construction; strong enough to withstand or overcome intellectual

challenges or adversity

synonym : healthy, strong, booming

(1) **robust** growth, (2) a **robust** appetite

The experiment yielded **robust** results that support his theory.

frightening

adj. causing fear or alarm, or very surprising and alarming

synonym : scary, terrifying, alarming

(1) cast **frightening** eyes, (2) **frightening** experience

The news of the pandemic was a **frightening** reminder of the fragility of human health.

fragile

adj. delicate or easily broken or damaged

synonym : delicate, brittle, breakable

(1) politically **fragile** nation, (2) **fragile** ecosystem

The vase was made of **fragile** ceramic and easily broke when it was dropped.

crack

v. to break or cause to break without dividing into separate parts; (noun) a line on the surface of something along which it has separated without breaking

synonym : snap, burst, break

(1) **crack** an eggshell, (2) a **crack** in a board

He that would eat the kernel must **crack** the nut.

confront

v. to face, meet or deal with a problem or difficult situation or person

synonym : engage, encounter, contend

(1) **confront** a global warming, (2) **confront** the issue

He finally decided to **confront** problems directly.

empathy

n. the ability to share another person's feelings or experiences by imagining that person's situation

synonym : compassion, sympathy, tenderness

(1) full of **empathy**, (2) **empathy** for patients

Empathy is also necessary to understand history.

deficit

n. the total amount by which money spent is greater than money earned in a particular period of time; the property of being an amount by which something, especially an amount of money, is less than expected or required

synonym: insufficiency, deficiency, shortage

(1) federal budget **deficit**, (2) an accumulative **deficit**

Exchange rate fluctuations have increased that country's trade **deficit**.

attribute

v. to say or regard that something is the result of a particular thing; (noun) a quality or feature that someone or something possesses;

synonym: ascribe, blame, (noun) feature

(1) **attribute** the change to their marriage, (2) **attribute** directly to sales

He **attributes** the disappointing results to the economic downturn.

norm

n. something that is regarded as usual, typical, or standard

synonym: criterion, mean, standard

(1) **norm** of action, (2) cultural **norm**

The systems we have developed has accepted as industry **norms**.

willingness

n. the state of being ready or inclined to do something

synonym: readiness, eagerness, enthusiasm

(1) **willingness** to help, (2) indicate a **willingness** to change

Her **willingness** to help others earned her many friends.

Session 2: Spelling

1. sl____ry ice *adj.* difficult to hold firmly or stand on because it is wet or smooth; not to be trusted
2. co_____ct a 3D image *v.* to build or create something; to assemble or combine different parts to form something whole
3. medical l_b *n.* a workplace for the conduct of scientific research; a laboratory
4. the per_____ve of the battle *n.* a confident attitude toward something; a particular style of thinking about something
5. neu_____ogy research *n.* the branch of psychology that deals with the relationships between brain function and behavior
6. an und_____le masterpiece *adj.* not possible to deny; true or certain
7. al__r a decision *v.* to cause to change or make different
8. cell and molecular bi_____y *n.* the scientific study of life and the natural processes of living things
9. meditating n_n *n.* a woman who has taken religious vows and is a member of a monastic community
10. m__k lifestyle *n.* a member of a religious community of men living under vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience
11. ne_____us material *adj.* hazy, vague, or ill-defined; of or relating to or resembling a nebula (= an immense cloud of gas and dust in interstellar space)

ANSWERS: 1. slippery, 2. construct, 3. lab, 4. perspective, 5. neuropsychology, 6. undeniable, 7. alter, 8. biology, 9. nun, 10. monk, 11. nebulous

12. ne____us concept *adj.* hazy, vague, or ill-defined; of or relating to or resembling a nebula (= an immense cloud of gas and dust in interstellar space)
13. former inc_____on *n.* the embodiment of a concept or idea in a physical form; a person or thing that personifies something
14. a desirable ou_____e *n.* the result or effect of an action, event, etc.
15. a cr__k in a board *v.* to break or cause to break without dividing into separate parts; (noun) a line on the surface of something along which it has separated without breaking
16. em___y my goal *v.* to represent or exemplify something; to give tangible form to an abstract idea
17. a flattering re___k *n.* a comment or observation, or something said or written about a particular subject or situation; (verb) to give a spoken statement on a particular subject or situation
18. an___r bolt *n.* a device, typically made of metal, that is used to moor a ship or boat in a particular place, typically by being dropped to the seabed; a central cohesive source of support and stability
19. im___r my health *v.* to damage something or make it weaker or worse
20. the branch of neu_____nce *n.* the scientific study of the function, structure, and disorder of the brain and the nervous system

ANSWERS: 12. nebulous, 13. incarnation, 14. outcome, 15. crack, 16. embody, 17. remark, 18. anchor, 19. impair, 20. neuroscience

21. a pr____nd book *adj.* extremely great; sensed or experienced very strongly; displaying a high level of knowledge or comprehension
22. re___k dripping with bitterness *n.* a comment or observation, or something said or written about a particular subject or situation; (verb) to give a spoken statement on a particular subject or situation
23. oc___y a position *v.* to consume all of someone's space, attention, or time
24. the con_____ce of an argument *n.* the outcome of a particular action or event, especially relative to an individual
25. sat_____ory outcome *adj.* meeting the requirements or expectations; acceptable
26. the se_____ce of the seasons *n.* a series of related events, actions, numbers, etc., which have a particular order
27. an_____on studio *n.* the technique of photographing successive drawings or positions of puppets or models to create an illusion of movement when the film is shown as a sequence; enthusiasm and energy in the way you look or behave
28. em___y a spirit of charity *v.* to represent or exemplify something; to give tangible form to an abstract idea
29. a sl_____ry customer *adj.* difficult to hold firmly or stand on because it is wet or smooth; not to be trusted

ANSWERS: 21. profound, 22. remark, 23. occupy, 24. consequence, 25. satisfactory, 26. sequence, 27. animation, 28. embody, 29. slippery

30. 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
31. cir_____nce of injury *n.* the specific conditions or events that surround a particular situation or occurrence
32. a material wi_____s *n.* a person who sees something happen, especially a crime or an accident
33. as___e a lousy attitude to his boss *v.* to think or accept something to be true without having proof of it; to take or begin to have power; to begin to exhibit a specific quality or appearance
34. cloistered m__k *n.* a member of a religious community of men living under vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience
35. pe_____nt life insurance *adj.* lasting for a long time without essential change
36. r_d the body of waste products *v.* to make someone or something free of unwanted or unpleasant tasks, objects, or person
37. an_____e the body *v.* to make something full of interest and energy
38. nontechnical as___ts of the job *n.* one part or feature of a situation, problem, subject, etc.
39. st__l at sea *v.* to stop or cause to stop making progress; (noun) small area or booth set off for the sale of goods in a market or large covered area
40. optical il_____on *n.* a false idea or belief, especially about somebody or about a situation

ANSWERS: 30. alert, 31. circumstance, 32. witness, 33. assume, 34. monk, 35. permanent, 36. rid, 37. animate, 38. aspect, 39. stall, 40. illusion

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| 41. s__n thread out of cotton | <i>v.</i> | to cause something to rotate rapidly; to cause someone to feel dizzy or disoriented |
| 42. re____ar throughout this book | <i>v.</i> | to show up again or return after not being heard of or seen for a period of time |
| 43. l__b amputation | <i>n.</i> | an arm and leg of a person or animal |
| 44. the bo____ry between reality and fantasy | <i>n.</i> | a real or imaginary line that marks the limit or extent of something and separates it from other things or places |
| 45. cr__k an eggshell | <i>v.</i> | to break or cause to break without dividing into separate parts; (noun) a line on the surface of something along which it has separated without breaking |
| 46. psy____gy of crowd | <i>n.</i> | the scientific study of mind and behavior |
| 47. acc____ing equipment | <i>adj.</i> | being in a position next to or near something or someone |
| 48. neu____ogy field | <i>n.</i> | the branch of psychology that deals with the relationships between brain function and behavior |
| 49. inc____te the current trends | <i>v.</i> | to include something as a part of a larger entity |
| 50. co____nt the issue | <i>v.</i> | to face, meet or deal with a problem or difficult situation or person |
| 51. ho____ic condition | <i>adj.</i> | causing horror or disgust; gruesome and terrifying |
| 52. wil____ss to help | <i>n.</i> | the state of being ready or inclined to do something |

ANSWERS: 41. spin, 42. reappear, 43. limb, 44. boundary, 45. crack, 46. psychology, 47. accompanying, 48. neuropsychology, 49. incorporate, 50. confront, 51. horrific, 52. willingness

53. Swedish the_____an *n.* an expert or student who studies theology
54. improve co_____ve function *adj.* of or relating to mental processes of understanding
55. de_____yed evidence *v.* to ruin or damage severely or completely; to eradicate or eliminate completely
56. for in_____ce *n.* a particular example or single occurrence of something
57. pe_____t over time *v.* to continue to do and refuse to stop something despite difficulties or opposition, even if it appears unreasonable
58. out_____dy travel *n.* an experience in which a person's consciousness seems to detach from their physical body and float above it
59. xe_____ia condition *n.* the condition of feeling that one's limbs or body parts do not belong to oneself
60. so__d employment measures *adj.* hard or firm; characterized by good substantial quality
61. provide ac_____te information *adj.* correct and exact in all details
62. indicate a wil_____ss to change *n.* the state of being ready or inclined to do something
63. unc_____ng laws *adj.* not changing or subject to change; constant
64. a ro____t appetite *adj.* sturdy and healthy in form, constitution, or construction; strong enough to withstand or overcome intellectual challenges or adversity

ANSWERS: 53. theologian, 54. cognitive, 55. destroy, 56. instance, 57. persist, 58. out-of-body, 59. xenomelia, 60. solid, 61. accurate, 62. willingness, 63. unchanging, 64. robust

65. mil_____um bottle of wine *n.* a span of 1000 years, or the 1000th anniversary (plural: millennia)
66. give im_____it consent *adj.* suggested but not directly expressed
67. na_____ve poetry *n.* a story or a description of a series of events or process of telling a story
68. com_____te well with my advisor *v.* to share or exchange information with others by speaking, writing, moving your body, or using other signals
69. as____ts of social, political, and economic life *n.* one part or feature of a situation, problem, subject, etc.
70. end of the first ep_____e *n.* a happening or story that is distinctive in a series of related events; an abrupt short period during which someone suffers from the effects of a physical or mental illness
71. ve____l abuse *adj.* expressed in spoken rather than written words
72. acutely ins_____ul *adj.* having or showing a deep understanding and perception of a situation or subject
73. past mil_____um *n.* a span of 1000 years, or the 1000th anniversary (plural: millennia)
74. buck and d_e *n.* a mature female of mammals of which the male is called a buck, such as a deer or a rabbit
75. ce_____g board *n.* a room's top interior surface
76. ep_____ic story *adj.* happening or appearing at irregular intervals; not continuous or steady; of or relating to writing or narration

ANSWERS: 65. millennium, 66. implicit, 67. narrative, 68. communicate, 69. aspect, 70. episode, 71. verbal, 72. insightful, 73. millennium, 74. doe, 75. ceiling, 76. episodic

77. so__d ally	<i>adj.</i> hard or firm; characterized by good substantial quality
78. at___d a meeting	<i>v.</i> to be present at an event, to go to a place
79. as___p at the wheel	<i>adj.</i> in a state of sleep
80. no do__t about the news	<i>n.</i> a feeling of being uncertain about something, especially about how good or accurate it is
81. a theoretical concept in neu_____nce	<i>n.</i> the scientific study of the function, structure, and disorder of the brain and the nervous system
82. car_____ng process	<i>n.</i> the act of providing care and support for someone who is ill, disabled, or elderly
83. em_____y for patients	<i>n.</i> the ability to share another person's feelings or experiences by imagining that person's situation
84. a ma___l of beauty	<i>n.</i> someone something that causes feelings of wonder or surprise
85. re_____ar on the surface	<i>v.</i> to show up again or return after not being heard of or seen for a period of time
86. at___d service	<i>v.</i> to be present at an event, to go to a place
87. co_____se the recent past	<i>v.</i> to include or consist of something; the act of making up or forming something
88. an___r weight	<i>n.</i> a device, typically made of metal, that is used to moor a ship or boat in a particular place, typically by being dropped to the seabed; a central cohesive source of support and stability

ANSWERS: 77. solid, 78. attend, 79. asleep, 80. doubt, 81. neuroscience, 82. caregiving, 83. empathy, 84. marvel, 85. reappear, 86. attend, 87. comprise, 88. anchor

89. ro___t growth *adj.* sturdy and healthy in form, constitution, or construction; strong enough to withstand or overcome intellectual challenges or adversity
90. unintended con_____ces *n.* the outcome of a particular action or event, especially relative to an individual
91. di_____ar after a week *v.* to cease to exist or be visible
92. evolutionary bi_____y *n.* the scientific study of life and the natural processes of living things
93. geographical bo_____ry *n.* a real or imaginary line that marks the limit or extent of something and separates it from other things or places
94. federal budget de_____t *n.* the total amount by which money spent is greater than money earned in a particular period of time; the property of being an amount by which something, especially an amount of money, is less than expected or required
95. literature of pe_____nt value *adj.* lasting for a long time without essential change
96. mi_____e engine *v.* to fail to ignite or explode as intended
97. phi_____hy of education *n.* the study of general and fundamental questions, such as those about existence, reason, knowledge, values, mind
98. high vo_____e *n.* the amount of space occupied by an object or substance; the magnitude of sound

ANSWERS: 89. robust, 90. consequence, 91. disappear, 92. biology, 93. boundary, 94. deficit, 95. permanent, 96. misfire, 97. philosophy, 98. volume

99. control my em____n *n.* a strong feeling such as love, anger, etc. deriving from one's situation, mood, or relationships with others
100. n__m of action *n.* something that is regarded as usual, typical, or standard
101. im____r insulin sensitivity *v.* to damage something or make it weaker or worse
102. amp_____on of leg *n.* the act of cutting off a part of the body surgically
103. out_____dy sensation *n.* an experience in which a person's consciousness seems to detach from their physical body and float above it
104. l_b instrument *n.* a workplace for the conduct of scientific research; a laboratory
105. ex_____e sports *adj.* very great in amount or degree
106. eve_____ly become obsolete *adv.* finally, particularly after a long time or a lot of struggle, complications, and so on
107. sac_____ct tradition *adj.* considered to be holy and deserving of respect and reverence
108. an un_____r match *adj.* poorly stated or described and therefore not easy to understand; not easy to perceive
109. vo_____ry action *adj.* done of one's own free will; without being forced or coerced
110. full of em_____y *n.* the ability to share another person's feelings or experiences by imagining that person's situation
111. mo_____te from one key to another *v.* to change the key, style, loudness, etc., of something in music to create a particular effect; to fix or adjust the time, amount, degree, or rate of something

ANSWERS: 99. emotion, 100. norm, 101. impair, 102. amputation, 103. out-of-body, 104. lab, 105. extreme, 106. eventually, 107. sacrosanct, 108. unclear, 109. voluntary, 110. empathy, 111. modulate

112. co_____ct a dam	<i>v.</i>	to build or create something; to assemble or combine different parts to form something whole
113. basic br__n function	<i>n.</i>	the organ inside the head that is responsible for one's movement, thought, memory, and feeling
114. d__t ceiling	<i>n.</i>	something, especially money, goods, or services owed by one person to another; the state of owing something
115. re___l the incident	<i>v.</i>	to remember something
116. a per_____ve view	<i>n.</i>	a confident attitude toward something; a particular style of thinking about something
117. sc_____le my mind	<i>v.</i>	to move or climb quickly and awkwardly, often using your hands to help you
118. a devil in_____te	<i>adj.</i>	in bodily form; embodied
119. hand amp_____on	<i>n.</i>	the act of cutting off a part of the body surgically
120. an_____e his soul	<i>v.</i>	to make something full of interest and energy
121. am_____te both legs	<i>v.</i>	to cut off a part of the body, especially by surgery
122. li_____te potential	<i>v.</i>	to set free; to release or rescue from captivity or oppression
123. the DNA se_____ce	<i>n.</i>	a series of related events, actions, numbers, etc., which have a particular order

ANSWERS: 112. construct, 113. brain, 114. debt, 115. recall, 116. perspective, 117. scramble, 118. incarnate, 119. amputation, 120. animate, 121. amputate, 122. liberate, 123. sequence

124. acute sy_____me *n.* a group of signs and symptoms that occur together and are characteristic of a particular condition or disorder
125. ex_____e the issue *v.* to study or consider a person or object attentively and thoroughly to learn something about them
126. ack_____ge the deed *v.* to accept or admit the existence, reality, or truth of something; to accept that someone or something has a particular authority or quality; to express obligation, thanks, or gratitude for someone's help, commitment, etc.;
127. in_____ve judgment *adj.* obtained through feelings rather than facts or proof
128. eve_____ly succeed *adv.* finally, particularly after a long time or a lot of struggle, complications, and so on
129. mentally de_____nt *adj.* lacking something needed or normal
130. vo___e of work *n.* the amount of space occupied by an object or substance; the magnitude of sound
131. inc_____on of stupidity *n.* the embodiment of a concept or idea in a physical form; a person or thing that personifies something
132. li_____te people from oppression *v.* to set free; to release or rescue from captivity or oppression
133. in_____ve eating *adj.* obtained through feelings rather than facts or proof
134. cast fri_____ng eyes *adj.* causing fear or alarm, or very surprising and alarming

ANSWERS: 124. syndrome, 125. examine, 126. acknowledge, 127. intuitive, 128. eventually, 129. deficient, 130. volume, 131. incarnation, 132. liberate, 133. intuitive, 134. frightening

135. opp_____on campaign *n.* the act of disagreeing or resisting; the state of strong disagreement
136. sac_____ct belief *adj.* considered to be holy and deserving of respect and reverence
137. med_____on training *n.* the act of focusing one's mind on a particular object or thought; activity to train attention and achieve a mentally clear and emotionally calm and stable state
138. ve____l communication *adj.* expressed in spoken rather than written words
139. di_____t sleep *v.* to prevent or stop something, especially an event, activity, or process, from continuing in the usual way by causing a problem or disturbance
140. the pr_____nd depths of the sea *adj.* extremely great; sensed or experienced very strongly; displaying a high level of knowledge or comprehension
141. vo_____ry participation *adj.* done of one's own free will; without being forced or coerced
142. wi_____s of the car accident *n.* a person who sees something happen, especially a crime or an accident
143. mo_____te the function *v.* to change the key, style, loudness, etc., of something in music to create a particular effect; to fix or adjust the time, amount, degree, or rate of something
144. mi_____e weapon *v.* to fail to ignite or explode as intended
145. re_____e the computer error *v.* to find a suitable answer to the problems or difficulty

ANSWERS: 135. opposition, 136. sacrosanct, 137. meditation, 138. verbal, 139. disrupt, 140. profound, 141. voluntary, 142. witness, 143. modulate, 144. misfire, 145. resolve

146. 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
147. corporate d__t *n.* something, especially money, goods, or services owed by one person to another; the state of owing something
148. dead as____p *adj.* in a state of sleep
149. acc____ing documents *adj.* being in a position next to or near something or someone
150. ex____e weather events *adj.* very great in amount or degree
151. notable in____ce *n.* a particular example or single occurrence of something
152. technical ma____l *n.* someone something that causes feelings of wonder or surprise
153. sy____me of dementia *n.* a group of signs and symptoms that occur together and are characteristic of a particular condition or disorder
154. fri____ng experience *adj.* causing fear or alarm, or very surprising and alarming
155. afraid to show em____n *n.* a strong feeling such as love, anger, etc. deriving from one's situation, mood, or relationships with others
156. the on__t of spring *n.* the beginning or early stages of unpleasant something; a military attack
157. am____te below the knee *v.* to cut off a part of the body, especially by surgery
158. 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

ANSWERS: 146. struggle, 147. debt, 148. asleep, 149. accompanying, 150. extreme, 151. instance, 152. marvel, 153. syndrome, 154. frightening, 155. emotion, 156. onset, 157. amputate, 158. alert

159. ex_____e the data studiously *v.* to study or consider a person or object attentively and thoroughly to learn something about them
160. d_e rabbit *n.* a mature female of mammals of which the male is called a buck, such as a deer or a rabbit
161. inc_____te technology into daily life *v.* to include something as a part of a larger entity
162. student on a ti__t budget *adj.* fixed, fastened, or kept together firmly or closely
163. the il_____on of being in the forest *n.* a false idea or belief, especially about somebody or about a situation
164. pe_____ve a threat *v.* to become aware or conscious of something through the senses
165. car_____ng responsibilities *n.* the act of providing care and support for someone who is ill, disabled, or elderly
166. love him non_____ss *adv.* in spite of what has just been said or done; nevertheless
167. ce_____g light *n.* a room's top interior surface
168. in no un_____r terms *adj.* poorly stated or described and therefore not easy to understand; not easy to perceive
169. the evidence of the pr_____ce *n.* the fact or state that someone or something exists, occurs, or is present
170. dispel do__ts *n.* a feeling of being uncertain about something, especially about how good or accurate it is
171. de_____y the ecosystem *v.* to ruin or damage severely or completely; to eradicate or eliminate completely

ANSWERS: 159. examine, 160. doe, 161. incorporate, 162. tight, 163. illusion, 164. perceive, 165. caregiving, 166. nonetheless, 167. ceiling, 168. unclear, 169. presence, 170. doubt, 171. destroy

172. at_____te directly to sales *v.* to say or regard that something is the result of a particular thing; (noun) a quality or feature that someone or something possesses;
173. politically fr_____e nation *adj.* delicate or easily broken or damaged
174. great the_____ans *n.* an expert or student who studies theology
175. di_____t a well-ordered condition *v.* to prevent or stop something, especially an event, activity, or process, from continuing in the usual way by causing a problem or disturbance
176. get r_d of the rats *v.* to make someone or something free of unwanted or unpleasant tasks, objects, or person
177. 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
178. sc_____le for support *v.* to move or climb quickly and awkwardly, often using your hands to help you
179. oc___y his time *v.* to consume all of someone's space, attention, or time
180. personal na_____ve *n.* a story or a description of a series of events or process of telling a story
181. n_n habit *n.* a woman who has taken religious vows and is a member of a monastic community
182. ins_____ul analysis *adj.* having or showing a deep understanding and perception of a situation or subject

ANSWERS: 172. attribute, 173. fragile, 174. theologian, 175. disrupt, 176. rid, 177. struggle, 178. scramble, 179. occupy, 180. narrative, 181. nun, 182. insightful

183. re___l his name *v.* to remember something
184. ph_____m limb pain *n.* a ghost or a spirit of a dead person; something existing only in your imagination or perception
185. cir_____nce of birth *n.* the specific conditions or events that surround a particular situation or occurrence
186. o_e \$100 to my friend *v.* to be under a moral or legal obligation to pay or do something in return for something received;
187. religious med_____on *n.* the act of focusing one's mind on a particular object or thought; activity to train attention and achieve a mentally clear and emotionally calm and stable state
188. co_____nt a global warming *v.* to face, meet or deal with a problem or difficult situation or person
189. western phi_____hy *n.* the study of general and fundamental questions, such as those about existence, reason, knowledge, values, mind
190. cultural n__m *n.* something that is regarded as usual, typical, or standard
191. reg_____ss of the difficulties *adv.* not paying attention or considering something or someone even if the situation is bad or there are difficulties
192. rigidly unc_____ng *adj.* not changing or subject to change; constant
193. xe_____ia disorder *n.* the condition of feeling that one's limbs or body parts do not belong to oneself

ANSWERS: 183. recall, 184. phantom, 185. circumstance, 186. owe, 187. meditation, 188. confront, 189. philosophy, 190. norm, 191. regardless, 192. unchanging, 193. xenomelia

194. ex_____ty injury *n.* the farthest or most remote point or the greatest or the highest degree
195. pe_____t in success *v.* to continue to do and refuse to stop something despite difficulties or opposition, even if it appears unreasonable
196. sch_____nia treatment *n.* a severe mental disorder in which a person has a distorted view of reality and may experience hallucinations, delusions, and disordered thinking and behavior
197. al__r data in a file *v.* to cause to change or make different
198. st__l in a tunnel *v.* to stop or cause to stop making progress; (noun) small area or booth set off for the sale of goods in a market or large covered area
199. his majestic pr_____ce *n.* the fact or state that someone or something exists, occurs, or is present
200. de_____nt nutrient *adj.* lacking something needed or normal
201. ack_____ge his help *v.* to accept or admit the existence, reality, or truth of something; to accept that someone or something has a particular authority or quality; to express obligation, thanks, or gratitude for someone's help, commitment, etc.;
202. at the first on__t *n.* the beginning or early stages of unpleasant something; a military attack
203. permanent br__n damage *n.* the organ inside the head that is responsible for one's movement, thought, memory, and feeling

ANSWERS: 194. extremity, 195. persist, 196. schizophrenia, 197. alter, 198. stall, 199. presence, 200. deficient, 201. acknowledge, 202. onset, 203. brain

204. ho____ic experience	<i>adj.</i> causing horror or disgust; gruesome and terrifying
205. com_____te his anxieties to the psychiatrist	<i>v.</i> to share or exchange information with others by speaking, writing, moving your body, or using other signals
206. po____s membrane	<i>adj.</i> having many small holes and being able to absorb or pass through fluids
207. improved student ou_____es	<i>n.</i> the result or effect of an action, event, etc.
208. an accumulative de_____t	<i>n.</i> the total amount by which money spent is greater than money earned in a particular period of time; the property of being an amount by which something, especially an amount of money, is less than expected or required
209. st_____re and function of the brain	<i>n.</i> the way of construction of something and the arrangement of its parts, or a complex thing constructed of many parts
210. pre-mo____n agricultural society	<i>adj.</i> of or belonging to the present time or recent times
211. meet with opp_____on	<i>n.</i> the act of disagreeing or resisting; the state of strong disagreement
212. a prosthetic l__b	<i>n.</i> an arm and leg of a person or animal
213. pe_____ve light	<i>v.</i> to become aware or conscious of something through the senses
214. ep_____e of vertigo	<i>n.</i> a happening or story that is distinctive in a series of related events; an abrupt short period during which someone suffers from the effects of a physical or mental illness

ANSWERS: 204. horrific, 205. communicate, 206. porous, 207. outcome, 208. deficit, 209. structure, 210. modern, 211. opposition, 212. limb, 213. perceive, 214. episode

215. in_____te spirit	<i>adj.</i> in bodily form; embodied
216. di_____ar without a trace	<i>v.</i> to cease to exist or be visible
217. es_____te this chicken to weigh three pounds	<i>v.</i> to guess or calculate the cost, size, value, etc. of something
218. psy_____gy experiment	<i>n.</i> the scientific study of mind and behavior
219. po____s materials	<i>adj.</i> having many small holes and being able to absorb or pass through fluids
220. fr_____e ecosystem	<i>adj.</i> delicate or easily broken or damaged
221. research on co_____ve psychology	<i>adj.</i> of or relating to mental processes of understanding
222. sat_____ory performance	<i>adj.</i> meeting the requirements or expectations; acceptable
223. es_____te a fair value	<i>v.</i> to guess or calculate the cost, size, value, etc. of something
224. co_____se a large percentage	<i>v.</i> to include or consist of something; the act of making up or forming something
225. an_____on film	<i>n.</i> the technique of photographing successive drawings or positions of puppets or models to create an illusion of movement when the film is shown as a sequence; enthusiasm and energy in the way you look or behave
226. mo____n poetry	<i>adj.</i> of or belonging to the present time or recent times
227. a ti__t game	<i>adj.</i> fixed, fastened, or kept together firmly or closely

ANSWERS: 215. incarnate, 216. disappear, 217. estimate, 218. psychology, 219. porous, 220. fragile, 221. cognitive, 222. satisfactory, 223. estimate, 224. comprise, 225. animation, 226. modern, 227. tight

228. the st_____re of a machine *n.* the way of construction of something and the arrangement of its parts, or a complex thing constructed of many parts
229. an und_____le fact *adj.* not possible to deny; true or certain
230. ac_____te measurements *adj.* correct and exact in all details
231. s__n a top *v.* to cause something to rotate rapidly; to cause someone to feel dizzy or disoriented
232. a ph_____m company *n.* a ghost or a spirit of a dead person; something existing only in your imagination or perception
233. as___e an important role *v.* to think or accept something to be true without having proof of it; to take or begin to have power; to begin to exhibit a specific quality or appearance
234. reg_____ss tread *adv.* not paying attention or considering something or someone even if the situation is bad or there are difficulties
235. sch_____nia spectrum disorder *n.* a severe mental disorder in which a person has a distorted view of reality and may experience hallucinations, delusions, and disordered thinking and behavior
236. re_____e a dispute *v.* to find a suitable answer to the problems or difficulty
237. im_____it bias *adj.* suggested but not directly expressed
238. ep_____ic event *adj.* happening or appearing at irregular intervals; not continuous or steady; of or relating to writing or narration

ANSWERS: 228. structure, 229. undeniable, 230. accurate, 231. spin, 232. phantom, 233. assume, 234. regardless, 235. schizophrenia, 236. resolve, 237. implicit, 238. episodic

239. at_____te the change to their marriage

v. to say or regard that something is the result of a particular thing; (noun) a quality or feature that someone or something possesses;

240. o_e him a grudge

v. to be under a moral or legal obligation to pay or do something in return for something received;

241. we are non_____ss confident

adv. in spite of what has just been said or done; nevertheless

242. ex_____ty amputation

n. the farthest or most remote point or the greatest or the highest degree

ANSWERS: 239. attribute, 240. owe, 241. nonetheless, 242. extremity

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. This container has a _____ of 10 cubic meters.
n. the amount of space occupied by an object or substance; the magnitude of sound

2. The engine _____ and caused the car to stall.
v. to fail to ignite or explode as intended

3. The accident made his vision _____.
v. to damage something or make it weaker or worse

4. The positive attitude of the supervisor _____ the discussion.
v. to make something full of interest and energy

5. He broke his arm at the _____ of the bone.
n. the farthest or most remote point or the greatest or the highest degree

6. The building was _____ in the fire and had to be rebuilt.
v. to ruin or damage severely or completely; to eradicate or eliminate completely

7. These articles cite five _____ of climate change.
n. a particular example or single occurrence of something

8. Hunters use a whistle that makes the ____ sound to lure stags.
n. a mature female of mammals of which the male is called a buck, such as a deer or a rabbit

9. He became in _____ after losing his job.
n. something, especially money, goods, or services owed by one person to another; the state of owing something

ANSWERS: 1. volume, 2. misfired, 3. impaired, 4. animated, 5. extremity, 6. destroyed, 7. instances, 8. doe, 9. debt

10. Our university is famous for its professors, who are well-versed in behavioral _____.
- n.* the scientific study of the function, structure, and disorder of the brain and the nervous system
11. The ship dropped _____ in the bay.
- n.* a device, typically made of metal, that is used to moor a ship or boat in a particular place, typically by being dropped to the seabed; a central cohesive source of support and stability
12. They each choose _____ to battle.
- adv.* in spite of what has just been said or done; nevertheless
13. Cancer has _____ at the same site.
- v.* to show up again or return after not being heard of or seen for a period of time
14. Ethics is a branch of _____.
- n.* the study of general and fundamental questions, such as those about existence, reason, knowledge, values, mind
15. There was a crack in the _____ that I found.
- n.* a room's top interior surface
16. Australia is widely _____ as having low levels of corruption.
- v.* to become aware or conscious of something through the senses
17. The design of the webpage has _____ slightly.
- v.* to cause to change or make different

ANSWERS: 10. neuroscience, 11. anchor, 12. nonetheless, 13. reappeared, 14. philosophy, 15. ceiling, 16. perceived, 17. altered

18. I'm so sorry to _____ you when you're pretty busy.

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

19. The team _____ players from different countries.

- v. to include or consist of something; the act of making up or forming something

20. Their headquarters are in a _____ skyscraper.

- adj. of or belonging to the present time or recent times

21. This medicine works best when taken at the _____ of a cold.

- n. the beginning or early stages of unpleasant something; a military attack

22. He that would eat the kernel must _____ the nut.

- v. to break or cause to break without dividing into separate parts; (noun) a line on the surface of something along which it has separated without breaking

23. Initially, we must _____ all project-related expenses.

- v. to study or consider a person or object attentively and thoroughly to learn something about them

24. The tradition of the annual family reunion is _____ and must be upheld.

- adj. considered to be holy and deserving of respect and reverence

25. She vividly _____ getting laid off several years ago.

- v. to remember something

26. It is important not to undertake tasks with _____ objectives to improve productivity.

- adj. poorly stated or described and therefore not easy to understand; not easy to perceive

ANSWERS: 18. disrupt, 19. comprises, 20. modern, 21. onset, 22. crack, 23. examine, 24. sacrosanct, 25. recalls, 26. unclear

27. The cloistered ____ devoted her life to serving the poor and marginalized.
n. a woman who has taken religious vows and is a member of a monastic community
28. The young prince will soon _____ the throne.
v. to consume all of someone's space, attention, or time
29. His _____ faculties were getting worse because of a lack of sleep.
adj. of or relating to mental processes of understanding
30. 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
31. She explained the _____ surrounding the accident.
n. the specific conditions or events that surround a particular situation or occurrence
32. She is searching for a _____ residence.
adj. lasting for a long time without essential change
33. He could no longer tell the difference between _____ and reality.
n. a false idea or belief, especially about somebody or about a situation
34. Some people claim to have had an _____ experience during near-death situations.
n. an experience in which a person's consciousness seems to detach from their physical body and float above it
35. This company _____ its battery problem completely.
v. to find a suitable answer to the problems or difficulty

ANSWERS: 27. nun, 28. occupy, 29. cognitive, 30. biology, 31. circumstances, 32. permanent, 33. illusion, 34. out-of-body, 35. resolves

36. We do move forward with those tasks in _____ next week.
n. a series of related events, actions, numbers, etc., which have a particular order
37. The path to a solid online _____ necessitates a high technical ability.
n. the fact or state that someone or something exists, occurs, or is present
38. The _____ party strongly disagreed with the government's proposed legislation.
n. the act of disagreeing or resisting; the state of strong disagreement
39. I had an _____ feeling that I might be pregnant.
adj. obtained through feelings rather than facts or proof
40. These economic activities had disastrous environmental _____.
n. the outcome of a particular action or event, especially relative to an individual
41. The prisoners were _____ after the war ended.
v. to set free; to release or rescue from captivity or oppression
42. His _____ the desire to amputate his healthy limb, had troubled him for years.
n. the condition of feeling that one's limbs or body parts do not belong to oneself
43. The official transcript contains _____ academic records.
adj. correct and exact in all details
44. How extraordinarily _____ a liar the camera is.
adj. difficult to hold firmly or stand on because it is wet or smooth; not to be trusted

ANSWERS: 36. sequence, 37. presence, 38. opposition, 39. intuitive, 40. consequences, 41. liberated, 42. xenomelia, 43. accurate, 44. slippery

45. His _____ comments added a new perspective to the discussion.

adj. having or showing a deep understanding and perception of a situation or subject

46. 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

47. The following example _____ that the capacity of each battery is the same.

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

48. Her influence on teenagers is _____.

adj. not possible to deny; true or certain

49. X-rays revealed a small tumor in his _____.

n. the organ inside the head that is responsible for one's movement, thought, memory, and feeling

50. They awaited news of the _____ of the election.

n. the result or effect of an action, event, etc.

51. Some _____ are common across cultures and backgrounds.

n. a strong feeling such as love, anger, etc. deriving from one's situation, mood, or relationships with others

52. Exchange rate fluctuations have increased that country's trade _____.

n. the total amount by which money spent is greater than money earned in a particular period of time; the property of being an amount by which something, especially an amount of money, is less than expected or required

ANSWERS: 45. insightful, 46. alerted, 47. assumes, 48. undeniable, 49. brain, 50. outcome, 51. emotions, 52. deficit

53. He lay down and fell _____ immediately.

adj. in a state of sleep

54. The Prime Minister will pay a courtesy visit to the Nobel laureate's _____.

n. a workplace for the conduct of scientific research; a laboratory

55. Our world is in the third _____.

n. a span of 1000 years, or the 1000th anniversary (plural: millennia)

56. Our unfenced and largely unpoliced border inevitably has been very _____ for insurgents.

adj. having many small holes and being able to absorb or pass through fluids

57. His candid _____ at the meeting sparked a lively discussion among the attendees.

n. a comment or observation, or something said or written about a particular subject or situation; (verb) to give a spoken statement on a particular subject or situation

58. We must _____ ourselves of pollution.

v. to make someone or something free of unwanted or unpleasant tasks, objects, or person

59. Death gets more than its share of attention from _____.

n. an expert or student who studies theology

60. She had a master's degree in _____.

n. the scientific study of mind and behavior

ANSWERS: 53. asleep, 54. lab, 55. millennium, 56. porous, 57. remark, 58. rid, 59. theologians, 60. psychology

61. The tornado is _____ across the countryside, destroying everything in its path.
- v.* to cause something to rotate rapidly; to cause someone to feel dizzy or disoriented
62. The space shuttle is a modern engineering _____.
- n.* someone something that causes feelings of wonder or surprise
63. The _____ of the characters in the movie was so realistic, and it was as if they were there.
- n.* the technique of photographing successive drawings or positions of puppets or models to create an illusion of movement when the film is shown as a sequence; enthusiasm and energy in the way you look or behave
64. His professional experience includes all _____ of media production.
- n.* one part or feature of a situation, problem, subject, etc.
65. You should wrap the bandage carefully and firmly around the injured _____.
- n.* an arm and leg of a person or animal
66. The _____ meaning behind his words was clear, even though he did not explicitly say it.
- adj.* suggested but not directly expressed
67. The _____ of water is called ice.
- adj.* hard or firm; characterized by good substantial quality
68. We will attempt to _____ some of your suggestions into our future strategy.
- v.* to include something as a part of a larger entity

ANSWERS: 61. spinning, 62. marvel, 63. animation, 64. aspects, 65. limb, 66. implicit, 67. solid-state, 68. incorporate

69. She _____ her friend a favor for helping her move.

- v.* to be under a moral or legal obligation to pay or do something in return for something received;

70. The _____ music was soothing and added to the ambiance.

- adj.* being in a position next to or near something or someone

71. The plan was _____ and needed more specific details.

- adj.* hazy, vague, or ill-defined; of or relating to or resembling a nebula (= an immense cloud of gas and dust in interstellar space)

72. The ancient people worshiped the _____ deity.

- adj.* in bodily form; embodied

73. The negotiations proceeded slowly and finally _____.

- v.* to stop or cause to stop making progress; (noun) small area or booth set off for the sale of goods in a market or large covered area

74. I want to put that _____ of my life behind me.

- n.* a happening or story that is distinctive in a series of related events; an abrupt short period during which someone suffers from the effects of a physical or mental illness

75. The _____ patient was experiencing severe auditory hallucinations.

- n.* a severe mental disorder in which a person has a distorted view of reality and may experience hallucinations, delusions, and disordered thinking and behavior

76. The accident scene was _____ with bodies and debris scattered everywhere.

- adj.* causing horror or disgust; gruesome and terrifying

ANSWERS: 69. owes, 70. accompanying, 71. nebulous, 72. incarnate, 73. stalled, 74. episode, 75. schizophrenia, 76. horrific,

77. The experiment yielded _____ results that support his theory.

adj. sturdy and healthy in form, constitution, or construction; strong enough to withstand or overcome intellectual challenges or adversity

78. He wandered the _____ between life and death by gunfire.

n. a real or imaginary line that marks the limit or extent of something and separates it from other things or places

79. The company's new products _____ the values of innovation and sustainability.

v. to represent or exemplify something; to give tangible form to an abstract idea

80. 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

81. These chemicals _____ the effect of metabolism.

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

82. He _____ the disappointing results to the economic downturn.

v. to say or regard that something is the result of a particular thing; (noun) a quality or feature that someone or something possesses;

83. The systems we have developed has accepted as industry _____.

n. something that is regarded as usual, typical, or standard

84. The corporation _____ dominated the entire tobacco business.

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

ANSWERS: 77. robust, 78. boundary, 79. embody, 80. struggle, 81. modulate, 82. attributes, 83. norms, 84. eventually

85. He _____ hypotheses that no mathematician has ever imagined before.
v. to build or create something; to assemble or combine different parts to form something whole
86. The national election was held amid _____ security.
adj. fixed, fastened, or kept together firmly or closely
87. We must _____ to this matter.
v. to be present at an event, to go to a place
88. She devoted her life to _____ looking after her aging parents.
n. the act of providing care and support for someone who is ill, disabled, or elderly
89. They watched the train _____ into the distance.
v. to cease to exist or be visible
90. My mother's illness had a _____ impact on us all.
adj. extremely great; sensed or experienced very strongly; displaying a high level of knowledge or comprehension
91. His diet was _____ in essential vitamins and minerals.
adj. lacking something needed or normal
92. He finally decided to _____ problems directly.
v. to face, meet or deal with a problem or difficult situation or person
93. The vase was made of _____ ceramic and easily broke when it was dropped.
adj. delicate or easily broken or damaged

ANSWERS: 85. constructs, 86. tight, 87. attend, 88. caregiving, 89. disappear, 90. profound, 91. deficient, 92. confront, 93. fragile

94. We _____ the season's total trade deficit at \$50 billion.

v. to guess or calculate the cost, size, value, etc. of something

95. The novel is an _____ of the author's experiences and imagination.

n. the embodiment of a concept or idea in a physical form; a person or thing that personifies something

96. Dolphins use sound to _____ with each other.

v. to share or exchange information with others by speaking, writing, moving your body, or using other signals

97. _____ is also necessary to understand history.

n. the ability to share another person's feelings or experiences by imagining that person's situation

98. The _____ instructor guided the group through the relaxation and breathing exercises.

n. the act of focusing one's mind on a particular object or thought; activity to train attention and achieve a mentally clear and emotionally calm and stable state

99. _____ is the start, not the end, of intelligence.

n. a feeling of being uncertain about something, especially about how good or accurate it is

100. _____ of the limb is a last resort for the patient.

n. the act of cutting off a part of the body surgically

101. Finally, they had to _____ his foot to free him from the wrecked car.

v. to cut off a part of the body, especially by surgery

ANSWERS: 94. estimated, 95. incarnation, 96. communicate, 97. Empathy, 98. meditation, 99. Doubt, 100. Amputation, 101. amputate

102. The news of the pandemic was a _____ reminder of the fragility of human health.

adj. causing fear or alarm, or very surprising and alarming

103. The police frantically searched for clues to the _____ killer.

n. a ghost or a spirit of a dead person; something existing only in your imagination or perception

104. The _____ handles multiple plot lines and has unpredictable ends.

n. a story or a description of a series of events or process of telling a story

105. Consult your doctor if the symptoms _____.

v. to continue to do and refuse to stop something despite difficulties or opposition, even if it appears unreasonable

106. The organizational _____ of start-ups is often flat and straightforward.

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

107. People can pick out superior products _____ of the quality of the advertising.

adv. not paying attention or considering something or someone even if the situation is bad or there are difficulties

108. Local business owners _____ to find skilled workers.

v. to move or climb quickly and awkwardly, often using your hands to help you

109. The study of _____ is essential in understanding the relationship between the brain and behavior.

n. the branch of psychology that deals with the relationships between brain function and behavior

ANSWERS: 102. frightening, 103. phantom, 104. narrative, 105. persist, 106. structure, 107. regardless, 108. scrambled, 109. neuropsychology

110. The program is _____ so participants can choose whether or not to take part.
adj. done of one's own free will; without being forced or coerced
111. The candidate must have excellent _____ skills.
adj. expressed in spoken rather than written words
112. The results of the test were _____ and met our expectations.
adj. meeting the requirements or expectations; acceptable
113. Her _____ to help others earned her many friends.
n. the state of being ready or inclined to do something
114. 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
115. The patient's memory loss is _____ with periods of normal memory followed by episodes of amnesia.
adj. happening or appearing at irregular intervals; not continuous or steady; of or relating to writing or narration
116. Solar gravity creates _____ pressures and temperatures.
adj. very great in amount or degree
117. The manufacturing industry is _____ fierce competition.
n. a person who sees something happen, especially a crime or an accident
118. He never _____ his fault.
v. to accept or admit the existence, reality, or truth of something; to accept that someone or something has a particular authority or quality; to express obligation, thanks, or gratitude for someone's help, commitment, etc.;

ANSWERS: 110. voluntary, 111. verbal, 112. satisfactory, 113. willingness, 114. monk, 115. episodic, 116. extreme, 117. witnessing, 118. acknowledged

119. The patient was diagnosed with a rare genetic _____.

n. a group of signs and symptoms that occur together and are characteristic of a particular condition or disorder

120. The _____ nature of the mountain range was a source of constant wonder for the hikers.

adj. not changing or subject to change; constant

121. His father's death changed his whole _____ on life.

n. a confident attitude toward something; a particular style of thinking about something

ANSWERS: 119. syndrome, 120. unchanging, 121. perspective