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Session 1: Word List

battery

n. a device that is placed inside a car, gadget, equipment, etc. and that provides electrical power to them

synonym: electric cell, array, batch

(1) a dry **battery**, (2) **battery** charging

The engine did not start because the **battery** was flat.

indestructible

adj. impossible to destroy or damage beyond repair

synonym: unbreakable, sturdy, durable

(1) **indestructible** warrior, (2) **indestructible** object

The vault was advertised as **indestructible** but was eventually broken into.

industrious

adj. hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort

synonym: diligent, hardworking, assiduous

(1) **industrious** worker, (2) **industrious** student

He was known to be very **industrious** and would often work late into the night.

smartphone

n. a mobile phone that functions as a computer and connects to the Internet

(1) **smartphone** app developer, (2) **smartphone** addict

Internet traffic volumes have increased significantly with the advent of **smartphones**.

unbelievable

adj. beyond belief or understanding and extremely surprising

synonym : unimaginable, incredible, fantastical

(1) **unbelievable** beauty, (2) cause **unbelievable** damage

He drinks an **unbelievable** amount of beer.

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.

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.

brand

n. a type of product, service, etc., made by a particular company and sold under a specific name; identification mark on the skin of livestock, criminals, etc., made by burning

synonym : trademark, label, symbol

(1) create a **brand** logo, (2) the **brand** of the new car

There's a new **brand** of hero in the movies now.

resilient

adj. able to withstand or recover quickly from difficult conditions

synonym : robust, sturdy, tough

(1) a hard and **resilient** steel, (2) **resilient** population

She is a **resilient** person and has always bounced back from setbacks.

innovation

n. the creation of a new device or process resulting from study and experimentation

synonym : invention, initiation, creation

(1) **innovation** leader, (2) cutting-edge **innovation**

The vegetarian burger was an **innovation** that quickly spread to the United Kingdom.

planet

n. any of the nine large celestial bodies that circle in the solar system; any celestial body that revolves around a star

synonym : earth, world, globe

(1) **planet** like the Earth, (2) save the **planet**

Mercury is the closest **planet** to the sun.

tragic

adj. causing great sadness or suffering; very unfortunate

synonym : calamitous, disastrous, catastrophic

(1) **tragic** love stories, (2) **tragic** death

The **tragic** events of the war left many families torn apart.

gadget

n. a small tool or device that is useful for a particular job

synonym : appliance, gimmick, device

(1) a handy **gadget**, (2) time-saving **gadget**

I found the kitchen **gadget** that will serve as a bottle opener in the store.

graveyard

n. a cemetery, especially one in a churchyard

synonym : cemetery, burial ground, churchyard

(1) **graveyard** of life, (2) bodies in a **graveyard**

The ancestral **graveyard** was peaceful, with rows of headstones and tall trees.

symbol

n. something visible that is used to represent something else

synonym : mark, character, insignia

(1) **symbol** color, (2) **symbol** for happiness

The dragon is considered a **symbol** of bravery.

collapse

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

synonym: tumble, spill, bankruptcy

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

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

psychology

n. the scientific study of mind and behavior

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

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

dominate

v. to have or control a lot of power and influence over somebody or something

synonym: govern, rule, prevail

(1) **dominate** possession, (2) **dominate** over the weak

The perspective of his right brain **dominates** his consciousness.

mojo

n. personal magic or charm that gives someone a sense of power, good luck, or confidence; a quality of being attractive, confident, and effective

synonym: charm, magic, charisma

(1) **mojo** energy, (2) **mojo** charisma

He believed that his lucky **mojo** would help him win the big game.

tradition

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

synonym: custom, practice, ritual

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

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

analytics

n. the systematic computational analysis of data or statistics; information resulting from this analysis

synonym: data analysis, statistics

(1) major in **analytics**, (2) **analytics** tools

Advanced **analytics** is helping the business to make better data-driven decisions.

hesitate

v. to pause decision before saying or doing something
synonym: waver, pause, waffle

(1) **hesitate** for a moment, (2) **hesitate** to ask for help

Please do not **hesitate** to call us.

warn

v. to make someone aware of potential danger or difficulty, particularly one that may occur in the future

synonym: alert, caution, admonish

(1) **warn** a reckless driver, (2) **warned** me of the plan

I attempted to **warn** him, but he ignored me.

stadium

n. a large, usually roofless building with tiers of seats for spectators at sports or other events

synonym: arena, field, park

(1) **stadium** seating, (2) **stadium** capacity

The baseball **stadium** was filled with excited fans eagerly awaiting the start of the game.

die-hard

adj. (of a person) extremely loyal, dedicated, or enthusiastic; unwilling to give up

synonym: dedicated, committed, steadfast

(1) **die-hard** fanatic, (2) **die-hard** militarist

He was a **die-hard** football team fan and never missed a game.

flock

n. a gathering of sheep, goats, or birds

synonym: herd, crowd, assembly

(1) **flock** of sheep, (2) **flock** of spectator

When a **flock** of birds flies in, the hunt begins.

instinctively

adv. as a matter of nature or intuition rather than thought or training

synonym:

inherently, intuitively, naturally

(1) **instinctively** grabbed the knife, (2) **instinctively** bad with children

Some researchers claim that even humans can **instinctively** sense earthquakes.

billionaire

n. a person who has a net worth of at least one billion dollars

synonym: mega-rich, wealthy, tycoon

(1) Silicon Valley **billionaire**, (2) oil **billionaire**

The self-made **billionaire** donated millions to charity.

fan

n. a person who admires and supports a person, group, sport, sports team, etc.; a device for creating a current of air by the movement of a surface or surfaces

synonym: lover, devotee, blade

(1) a film **fan**, (2) engine cooling **fan**

I'm a big **fan** of French food.

fulfill

v. to meet the requirements or expectations; to achieve or realize

synonym: satisfy, complete, accomplish

(1) **fulfill** a contract, (2) **fulfill** a lifetime dream

It was the first time for her, but she **fulfilled** the role of Priest.

fortune

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

synonym: wealth, affluence, assets

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

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

sensational

adj. extremely or remarkably good; causing great public interest or excitement

synonym: amazing, incredible, phenomenal

(1) **sensational** crime, (2) **sensational** news

The performance was **sensational**, with standing ovations throughout.

premier

adj. first in importance, order, or position; leading

synonym : first, leading, top

(1) **premier** league, (2) **premier** position

He is the **premier** player on the team and always leads them to victory.

league

n. an association of sports teams who compete against each other; an obsolete unit of distance of variable length, equal to about 3 miles or 4,000 meters

synonym : association, organization, alliance

(1) **league** championship, (2) a baseball **league**

He was recruited to play in the professional **league**.

amazing

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

synonym : exceptional, extraordinary, wonderful

(1) **amazing** advances, (2) the most **amazing** feeling

The golfer recorded an **amazing** distance.

achievement

n. a thing that someone has accomplished, primarily through their effort and ability

synonym : accomplishment, attainment, triumph

(1) student **achievement**, (2) a remarkable **achievement**

This **achievement** has never been formally accepted.

predict

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

synonym : forecast, anticipate, foresee

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

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

relegate

v. to assign or dismiss to a lower or less important status or place; to demote

synonym : demote, assign, transfer

(1) **relegate** a matter to another authority, (2) **relegate** task
The underperforming team was **relegated** to a lower division.

excitement

n. a feeling of great enthusiasm and eagerness

synonym: thrill, exhilaration, incitement

(1) the **excitement** in the business world, (2) aesthetic **excitement**

The **excitement** of the upcoming concert was palpable among the crowd.

bubble

n. a thin, round, and often transparent mass of gas that is surrounded by a thin layer of liquid; a state of economic or social prosperity that is unsustainable and eventually collapses

synonym: blob, balloon, mania

(1) **bubble** in the champagne glass, (2) economic **bubble**

Many people worry that the current real estate market is a **bubble** that could burst soon.

convinced

adj. completely certain about something; having a strong belief or conviction in a particular religion

synonym: confident, positive, indoctrinated

(1) **convinced** of the idea, (2) **convinced** criminal

The public is **convinced** that the prime minister has committed fraud.

decide

v. to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options

synonym: choose, determine, settle

(1) **decide** a question, (2) **decide** on a course of action

She couldn't **decide** whether to order the pizza or the pasta for dinner.

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**.

historic

adj. famous or significant in history, or potentially so
synonym: memorable, momentous, historical

(1) **historic** accomplishment, (2) achieve the **historic** feat
The Chinese people have accomplished several **historic** feats.

unbreakable

adj. not able to be broken or damaged
synonym: indestructible, durable, sturdy

(1) **unbreakable** bond, (2) **unbreakable** commitment
This titanium bike frame is advertised as **unbreakable**.

contract

n. a legally binding agreement between two or more parties, setting out their rights and obligations to each other, typically in writing and enforceable by law
synonym: agreement, deal, arrangement

(1) employment **contract**, (2) **contract** law
The company signed a **contract** with the supplier for the delivery of goods.

squad

n. a small group of people organized for a particular purpose, especially a military one or a sports team
synonym: team, unit, group

(1) a bomb-disposal **squad**, (2) antiriot **squad**
The police department assembled a special **squad** to handle the situation.

suppose

v. to think that something is likely to be actual or possible
synonym: guess, assume, presume

(1) **suppose** you're right, (2) **suppose** beforehand
What do you **suppose** the culprit's motive was?

clue

n. an object, a piece of evidence, or some information that helps someone to find the answer to a problem,

question, or mystery

synonym: hint, indication, inkling

(1) a **clue** about the crime, (2) a **clue** to the diagnosis

The police couldn't find a **clue** to her whereabouts.

largely

adv. virtually entirely; to a large degree

synonym: mainly, chiefly, broadly

(1) **largely** accepted, (2) **largely** mitigate the issue

Nevada is **largely** a desert state.

unchanged

adj. not altered, modified, or varied in any way

synonym: unaltered, constant

(1) **unchanged** routine, (2) **unchanged** from the previous month

The company's policy remained **unchanged** despite the criticism.

background

n. the details of a person's social heritage, such as family, vocational or educational experience; past information that is essential to understanding a situation or problem

synonym: ground, experience, backdrop

(1) a **background** color, (2) a criminal **background**

The company's hiring criteria emphasize personality, not a person's **background**.

frequent

adj. happening constantly

synonym: periodic, recurring, routine

(1) **frequent** absence, (2) **frequent** use

His heartaches are less **frequent** now.

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.

prevail

v. to be common, widespread, or frequent; to be the strongest or most powerful

synonym: triumph, prevail over, be victorious

(1) good will **prevail**, (2) **prevail** in a suit

It is common for oppressive governments to **prevail** through violence, using military and police force to control their citizens and suppress dissent.

deserve

v. to be worthy of or entitled to something, especially something good or valuable

synonym: merit, earn, justify

(1) **deserve** respect, (2) **deserve** this prize

The employee **deserved** the promotion for their hard work and dedication.

gamble

v. to take risky action in the hope of being successful; to play or game for money or other stakes

synonym: bet, venture, wager

(1) **gamble** \$100 on the race, (2) **gamble** away my fortune

Will you **gamble** on the result of the fight?

bet

v. to risk money on the result of an event or a competition, such as a race or game, to get more money; to have faith or confidence in something

synonym: stake, wager, gamble

(1) **bet** on a race, (2) **bet** my future

I **bet** that you know it.

trigger

v. to make something happen suddenly; to cause something such as a device, machine, etc. to function

synonym: activate, spark, drive

(1) **trigger** a biochemical response, (2) **trigger** inflation

The incident **triggered** a political controversy.

adrenaline

n. a substance secreted by the adrenal medulla in response to stress, which makes the heart beat faster and prepares the body to react to danger

synonym : epinephrine

(1) **adrenaline** receptor, (2) **adrenaline** addiction

The band has released a lot of **adrenaline-pumping** rock music.

sophisticated

adj. having a great deal of worldly experience and knowledge of people's behavior, culture, and fashion

synonym : refined, cultured, worldly

(1) **sophisticated** look, (2) a **sophisticated** lifestyle

Marketing strategies are growing more **sophisticated**.

mathematics

n. the science dealing with the logic of quantities, shapes, spaces, and arrangement

synonym : arithmetic, calculation, calculus

(1) a good grounding in **mathematics**, (2) **mathematics** competition

He has a flair for **mathematics**.

graduate

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

synonym : alumna, alum, grad

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

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

physics

n. the science of matter and energy and their interactions

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

He studied the **physics** of radiation.

syndicate

n. a group of individuals or organizations combined to promote a common interest

synonym : cartel, consortium, alliance

(1) criminal **syndicate**, (2) **syndicate** member

The financial **syndicate** was involved in illegal activities.

statistician

n. a person who studies or is an expert in statistics

synonym : actuary

(1) professional **statisticians**, (2) environmental **statistician**

The firm employs several **statisticians** to develop a recommendation engine.

calculate

v. to judge or find out the amount or number of something by using mathematics

synonym : compute, figure, estimate

(1) **calculate** the distance, (2) **calculate** his credit score
He couldn't **calculate** the actual value of the artwork.

probable

adj. likely to happen or likely to be true

synonym : likely, possible, potential

(1) **probable** outcome, (2) **probable** cause of a fire
It seems **probable** that he has forgotten our scheduled meeting.

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.

jersey

n. a knitted garment typically made of wool or cotton, worn as a shirt or pullover

synonym : shirt, sweater, top

(1) **jersey** material, (2) fabric of the **jersey**
I always wear my favorite basketball player's **jersey** to the games.

tier

n. one of a series of rows or levels arranged one above the other, typically used to describe the arrangement of objects or levels of importance

synonym : level, layer, class

(1) a two- **tier** system, (2) **tier** one company

The company operates on a three- **tier** pricing structure.

promote

v. to encourage or persuade people to like, buy, use, do, or support something; to raise someone to a higher position or rank

synonym: boost, raise, advertise

(1) **promote** a better relationship, (2) **promote** bad behavior

The government should do more to **promote** sustainable agribusiness.

gut

n. the long tube in the body of a person or animal through which food passes when it leaves the stomach; the mental strength or bravery required to do something difficult or unpleasant

synonym: belly, abdomen, courage

(1) the blind **gut**, (2) **gut** feelings

He told me a **gut-wrenching** truth about my parent's death.

regularly

adv. at regular intervals or times

synonym: repeatedly, routinely, usually

(1) **regularly** arranged, (2) post **regularly** to a blog

This site **regularly** shares high-quality academic materials.

correlation

n. a statistical relationship between two variables in which one variable is affected by the other; a reciprocal relation between two or more facts, numbers, etc.

synonym: relationship, connection, association

(1) ecological **correlation**, (2) **correlation** coefficient

There is a strong **correlation** between education level and income.

outspend

v. to spend more money than someone else or more than has been budgeted

synonym: overspend, exceed, surpass

(1) **outspend** budget, (2) **outspend** the opponent

The company plans to **outspend** its competitors on advertising this year.

outthink

v. to think more effectively, creatively, or strategically than someone else

synonym: outwit, outsmart, outmaneuver

(1) **outthink** the competition, (2) **outthink** the opposing team

The chess master was able to **outthink** his opponents and win the tournament.

competition

n. a situation in which someone is attempting to beat or outperform another

synonym: contest, match, fight

(1) the first round of the **competition**, (2) intraspecific **competition**

Global **competition** is rising in virtually every industry.

immediately

adv. now or without delay

synonym: directly, instantly, promptly

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

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

rural

adj. of or relating to the countryside

synonym: agrarian, country, rustic

(1) **rural** accents, (2) people in **rural** areas

Many **rural** areas are still impoverished.

nowhere

adv. not in, at, or to any place; not anywhere

(1) **nowhere** else to go, (2) come out of **nowhere**

I've been thinking all day and getting **nowhere**.

radical

adj. relating to the essential aspects of anything; far beyond the norm, mainly used of opinions and actions

synonym: extreme, revolutionary

(1) a **radical** flaw in the plan, (2) a **radical** cure

The government established by the coup was more **radical** than before.

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.

chairperson

n. the officer who presides over organization meetings

synonym : director, head, leader

(1) vice **chairperson**, (2) the meeting elected a

chairperson

The **chairperson** has the authority to approve or deny any request.

championship

n. a contest to decide who is the best player or team in a particular sport; the act of providing approval and support

synonym : crown, title, contest

(1) a world **championship**, (2) **championship** flag

His team won the **championship** for three years running.

mighty

adj. very large, powerful, or strong

synonym : potent, powerful, robust

(1) **mighty** works, (2) struck a **mighty** blow

Only the **mighty** God has the power to brighten this dark land.

unfortunately

adv. by bad luck; unluckily

synonym : regrettably, unluckily, alas

(1) **unfortunately** caught in a shower, (2) even more

unfortunately

The treatments were done but, **unfortunately**, were unsuccessful.

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.

absolute

adj. perfect or complete or to the most considerable degree possible

synonym: complete, infrangible, indisputable

(1) **absolute** loyalty, (2) an **absolute** must

Gandhi had an **absolute** zeal for nonviolence.

embarrass

v. to cause someone to feel awkward, worried, or ashamed

synonym: disconcert, unsettle, agitate

(1) **embarrass** political enemy, (2) **embarrass** my project

He looked for an opportunity to **embarrass** that actor in public.

genius

n. someone who has exceptional intellectual ability and originality

synonym: brilliance, brainiac, acumen

(1) a person of **genius**, (2) a **genius** for music

Mozart was a musical **genius**.

suddenly

adv. quickly and unexpectedly

synonym: abruptly, unexpectedly, unawares

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

Who answers **suddenly** knows little.

pronounce

v. to say or speak (a word or words) correctly or in a particular way

synonym: articulate, enunciate, voice

(1) **pronounce** a judgment, (2) **pronounce** a name

She struggled to **pronounce** the word in a foreign language.

competitive

adj. involving competition or competitiveness

synonym: aggressive, ambitious, militant

(1) a **competitive** price, (2) **competitive** position
The mobile application industry is a **competitive** one.

concept

n. an idea or principle associated with something abstract
synonym: idea, notion, vision

(1) learn new **concepts**, (2) **concept** car
One such rapidly growing **concept** is quantum cryptography.

random

adj. made, done, or happening without method, conscious decision, or any regular pattern
synonym: incidental, arbitrary, unanticipated

(1) a **random** choice, (2) bombs fell at **random**
To find drunk drivers, police conduct **random** tests.

principle

n. a fundamental law or truth that explains or controls how something happens or works
synonym: rule, creed, code

(1) **principle** of treatment, (2) **principle** in business
Efficiency isn't an essential **principle** here; fairness is.

deflect

v. to cause something, especially a criticism or attack, to be directed away from someone
synonym: deter, redirect, sidetrack

(1) **deflect** a blow, (2) **deflect** his criticism
The soccer player was able to **deflect** the ball away from the goal.

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.

referee

n. a person who controls the game in some sports by making players follow the rules
synonym:

judge, arbiter, umpire

(1) a fair **referee**, (2) assistant **referee**

The **referee** blew his whistle.

ultimate

adj. furthest or highest in degree or order

synonym: highest, maximum, foremost

(1) the **ultimate** goal in life, (2) the **ultimate** luxury

Management must take **ultimate** responsibility for the accident.

strip

v. to remove the surface from something; (noun) a sizeable narrow piece of something such as paper, metal, cloth, etc., or area of land, sea, etc.

synonym: deprive, undress, (noun) ribbon

(1) **strip** a tire off, (2) coast **strip**

The doctor advised him to **strip** down for a check.

equation

n. the act of regarding as equal; (mathematics) a statement that expresses the equality of two expressions by connecting them with the equals sign

(1) the **equation** of poverty with ignorance, (2) a chemical **equation**

In this class, you will learn how to solve quadratic **equations**.

prediction

n. the act of predicting the future by reasoning; a statement made about the future

synonym: forecast, anticipation, foretelling

(1) make my **predictions**, (2) gloomy **predictions**

These results muddled the **prediction**.

underlying

adj. significant as a cause or basis of something but not immediately apparent or stated clearly

synonym: fundamental, latent, basic

(1) an **underlying** motive, (2) an **underlying** cause of an accident

The **underlying** principle of every business was identical.

indicator

n. something that shows or points out what a situation is like or how a situation is changing

synonym: barometer, signal, index

(1) **indicator** lamp, (2) performance **indicators**

Several IT millionaires have shown that the level of education is a relatively poor **indicator** of whether a business can be successfully run.

glory

n. great honor or success won by notable achievements

synonym: acclaim, credit, recognition

(1) greatest **glory**, (2) former **glory**

It is preferable to die in **glory** than to live in dishonor.

revisit

v. to go to a place again, especially after a long period

synonym: reexplore, review, reexamine

(1) **revisit** a place, (2) **revisit** an old friend

We need to **revisit** this proposal as soon as the budget is more apparent than before.

lens

n. a transparent optical device with curved sides, used in an optical instrument that makes objects seem larger, smaller, clearer, etc.; (metaphor) the basic thoughts or mindsets through which someone sees or understands the environment or situation

synonym: glass

(1) a convex **lens**, (2) a **lens** with a wide angle

The photographer took this photo using a telephoto **lens**.

overly

adv. to a greater degree than is appropriate or desirable

synonym: excessively, too much

(1) **overly** excessive, (2) **overly** unnecessary

The movie was **overly** dramatic, with exaggerated emotions and clichéd plot twists.

impressive

adj. arousing admiration due to size, quality, or skill

synonym: impactful, remarkable, exceptional

(1) **impressive** performances, (2) an **impressive** array of facts

The budget reduction was an **impressive** feat for our nation.

skeptical

adj. doubting that something is accurate or useful

synonym: doubtful, distrustful, suspicious

(1) a **skeptical** attitude, (2) **skeptical** scientists

His religious and philosophical beliefs were utterly **skeptical**.

analyze

v. to think about in-depth and evaluate to discover essential features or meaning

synonym: explore, examine, investigate

(1) **analyze** a chemical compound, (2) **analyze** your real motives

The teacher attempted to **analyze** the root cause of our mistake.

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.

statistics

n. the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data

(1) **statistics** for cancer, (2) official **statistics**

The **statistics** demonstrate that poverty and unemployment are genuine problems.

opponent

n. a person against whom you are playing or fighting in a game, competition, debate, etc.

synonym: adversary, competitor, enemy

(1) computer **opponent**, (2) death-penalty **opponent**

He was attempting to confuse his **opponent**.

reliable

adj. worthy of being relied on; trustworthy

synonym: dependable, trustworthy, dedicated

(1) **reliable** access, (2) guarantee **reliable** delivery

Trains are **reliable**, inexpensive, and ideal for long-distance travel.

strength

n. the quality or state of being physically, or sometimes mentally, strong

synonym: resilience, power, muscles

(1) **strength** of the economy, (2) muscular **strength**

Health and **strength** are, above all, gold.

differential

n. an amount, value, or size of the difference between things that are compared; (adjective) relating to or showing a difference

synonym: contrasting, disparate, distinct

(1) **differential** wages, (2) **differential** equation

The two countries pledged to maintain the **differential** between their two currencies.

column

n. one of the vertical blocks that split content on a page or screen from top to bottom; an upright pillar that often supports an arch, entablature, or other structure or stands alone as a monument

synonym: line, pillar, cue

(1) the spinal **column**, (2) a **column** of water

The newspaper devoted several **columns** to the affair.

indicate

v. to show, point out, or make known something, often through a sign or a symbol; to suggest or imply something without stating it directly

synonym: hint, suggest, show

(1) **indicate** a preference, (2) **indicate** an error

The data **indicates** that the company's profits have steadily increased over the past quarter.

distribute

v. to give something to a large number of individuals, or to spread or furnish something

synonym: broadcast, disperse, hand out

(1) **distribute** wealth evenly, (2) **distribute** video content

His estate was **distributed** to his sons.

concede

v. to acknowledge or admit the truth or existence of something often reluctantly

synonym: admit, acknowledge, allow

(1) **concede** a territory, (2) **concede** a point

He had to **concede** defeat after losing the game.

unlikely

adj. not probable or likely to happen

synonym: doubtful, questionable, far-fetched

(1) **unlikely** event, (2) it is **unlikely** that he would win the game

The passage of the bill is **unlikely**.

sustainable

adj. able to continue or be continued for a long time

synonym: continuable, enduring, tolerable

(1) **sustainable** alternative fuel, (2) principles of **sustainable** development

The government should do more to support environmentally **sustainable** agriculture.

conversion

n. the act or process of changing something from one thing to another; the state of being changed

synonym: transformation, change, metamorphosis

(1) **conversion** rate, (2) **conversion** therapy

The developer's **conversion** of the old factory into a modern loft apartment complex was a major success.

negative

adj. having the quality of something bad or harmful; expressing refusal

synonym: minus, adverse, pessimistic

(1) have a **negative** effect, (2) a **negative** number

The movie has received almost universally **negative** criticism.

convert

v. to have a talk with someone; (adjective) reversed in order, relation, or action

synonym: alter, remake, transform

(1) **convert** fat into energy, (2) **convert** base 10 to base 16
I want to **convert** my sadness into strength.

component

n. one of several parts that combines with others to form something bigger

synonym: element, part, factor

(1) key **component**, (2) spare **components** for cars
The researchers try to discover a common **component** in all types of successful organizations.

freaky

adj. strange or unusual in a way that is frightening or unsettling

synonym: weird, strange, unusual

(1) **freaky** accident, (2) **freaky-deaky**
The **freaky** clown at the haunted house scared the children.

equivalent

n. having the same value, quality, meaning, purpose, etc.

synonym: equal, counterpart, match

(1) **equivalent** amounts, (2) **equivalent** in meaning
The European Central Bank is Europe's **equivalent** of the Federal Reserve.

publicly

adv. in a manner accessible to or observable by the public; by the government

synonym: candidly, openly, honestly

(1) **publicly** accessible record, (2) **publicly** financed schools
She **publicly** denounced the government's mishandling of the economic crisis.

satisfaction

n. a pleasant feeling you have when you have fulfilled a desire, need, or expectation or have achieved something

synonym : delight, pleasure, content

(1) a sense of **satisfaction**, (2) customer **satisfaction**

The mediated settlement brought **satisfaction** to both sides.

visualize

v. to form a mental image or concept of something; to make something visible

synonym : imagine, picture, envision

(1) **visualize** data, (2) **visualize** flying through space

She tried to **visualize** the layout of the new house in her mind.

reframe

v. to reinterpret, rephrase, or redefine an issue, situation, or question in a different way

synonym : redefine, restructure, reposition

(1) **reframe** resource allocation, (2) **reframe** problem

The therapist tried to **reframe** his negative thoughts.

downturn

n. a period of decline, typically in an economy, characterized by reduced trade and business activity and a fall in prices and employment

synonym : decline, fall, drop

(1) the **downturn** in auto sales, (2) **downturn** in health

The global economy experienced a sharp **downturn** in the wake of the pandemic.

blind

adj. unable to see; unable or unwilling to perceive or understand the true nature of something

synonym : sightless, unseeing, random

(1) **blind** to the beauties, (2) **blind** spot

She was nearly **blind** due to severe diabetes.

delusion

n. a false belief or impression that is firmly held despite evidence to the contrary

synonym : hallucination, illusion, fantasy

(1) grand **delusion**, (2) labor under a **delusion**

He had a **delusion** that he was a millionaire.

bias

n. a strong feeling in favor of or against one group of people, an idea, or thing, often not based on fair judgment

synonym: inclination, partiality, predilection

(1) **bias** against a big company, (2) have a **bias** toward socialism

She researched gender **bias** in politics.

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**.

decision

n. the act or process of making up someone's mind about something; a choice or judgment reached after considering options

synonym: choice, determination, judgment

(1) **decision** authority, (2) a selfish **decision**

She was struggling to make a **decision** between two job offers.

superior

adj. better, higher in quality, or more advanced than others

synonym: better, greater, exceptional

(1) **superior** performance, (2) provide **superior** customer service

The new smartphone model is **superior** to the previous version in terms of speed and features.

cruise

n. a voyage on a large ship for pleasure; driving or traveling at a leisurely pace

synonym: sail, voyage, journey

(1) the **cruise** line, (2) adaptive **cruise** control
The family took a **cruise** to the Caribbean for their vacation.

automatically

adv. without needing a direct human control

synonym: mechanically, unconsciously, spontaneously

(1) record driving **automatically**, (2) **automatically** adjusted
Our subscription plan is **automatically** renewed.

confuse

v. to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand

synonym: confound, obscure, disorient

(1) **confuse** the listener, (2) **confuse** fantasy with reality
Her remarks **confused** the debate.

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**.

resist

v. to refuse to accept something and attempt to prevent it from happening

synonym: fight, defy, revolt

(1) **resist** temptation, (2) **resist** being kissed
I chose to **resist** cancer by trying every possible treatment.

brilliantly

adv. in an intelligent, graceful, or skillful manner; very brightly or effectively

synonym: brightly, radiantly, excellently

(1) **brilliantly** executed, (2) **brilliantly** lit
He played the piano **brilliantly** at the concert.

skepticism

n. an attitude of doubting or questioning that claims or statements are true or valuable or that something will happen; the disbelief in any claims of ultimate knowledge

synonym: distrust, doubt, suspicion

(1) natural **skepticism**, (2) **skepticism** toward bureaucracy
This party expresses **skepticism** about the efficacy of the health insurance system.

relevance

n. the state or degree of being closely connected or appropriate to the matter at hand

synonym: pertinence, applicability, connection

(1) have no **relevance**, (2) **relevance** category

The **relevance** of this information to the current situation needs to be investigated.

separate

v. to force, take, or pull apart; mark as different

synonym: disunite, isolate, ramify

(1) **separate** video into chapter, (2) **separate** cream from milk

We need to **separate** the aspect of his personality from the part of his competence when making an investment decision.

Session 2: Spelling

1. an____e your real motives *v.* to think about in-depth and evaluate to discover essential features or meaning
2. de____e respect *v.* to be worthy of or entitled to something, especially something good or valuable
3. pr____e a better relationship *v.* to encourage or persuade people to like, buy, use, do, or support something; to raise someone to a higher position or rank
4. m__o charisma *n.* personal magic or charm that gives someone a sense of power, good luck, or confidence; a quality of being attractive, confident, and effective
5. pr____e bad behavior *v.* to encourage or persuade people to like, buy, use, do, or support something; to raise someone to a higher position or rank
6. a ra___m choice *adj.* made, done, or happening without method, conscious decision, or any regular pattern
7. st__p a tire off *v.* to remove the surface from something; (noun) a sizeable narrow piece of something such as paper, metal, cloth, etc., or area of land, sea, etc.
8. in____te an error *v.* to show, point out, or make known something, often through a sign or a symbol; to suggest or imply something without stating it directly

ANSWERS: 1. analyze, 2. deserve, 3. promote, 4. mojo, 5. promote, 6. random, 7. strip, 8. indicate

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| 9. unb_____le commitment | <i>adj.</i> not able to be broken or damaged |
| 10. mi___y works | <i>adj.</i> very large, powerful, or strong |
| 11. computer op_____nt | <i>n.</i> a person against whom you are playing or fighting in a game, competition, debate, etc. |
| 12. key co_____nt | <i>n.</i> one of several parts that combines with others to form something bigger |
| 13. ready to co_____se | <i>v.</i> to fall down or give way suddenly, often after breaking apart |
| 14. w___n a reckless driver | <i>v.</i> to make someone aware of potential danger or difficulty, particularly one that may occur in the future |
| 15. achieve the hi_____ic feat | <i>adj.</i> famous or significant in history, or potentially so |
| 16. fu_____l a lifetime dream | <i>v.</i> to meet the requirements or expectations; to achieve or realize |
| 17. die su_____ly | <i>adv.</i> quickly and unexpectedly |
| 18. struck a mi___y blow | <i>adj.</i> very large, powerful, or strong |
| 19. laws of ph_____s | <i>n.</i> the science of matter and energy and their interactions |
| 20. make my pre_____ons | <i>n.</i> the act of predicting the future by reasoning; a statement made about the future |
| 21. mat_____cs competition | <i>n.</i> the science dealing with the logic of quantities, shapes, spaces, and arrangement |
| 22. the cr___e line | <i>n.</i> a voyage on a large ship for pleasure; driving or traveling at a leisurely pace |

ANSWERS: 9. unbreakable, 10. mighty, 11. opponent, 12. component, 13. collapse, 14. warn, 15. historic, 16. fulfill, 17. suddenly, 18. mighty, 19. physics, 20. prediction, 21. mathematics, 22. cruise

23. vi_____ze flying through space *v.* to form a mental image or concept of something; to make something visible
24. re_____ly arranged *adv.* at regular intervals or times
25. vice cha_____on *n.* the officer who presides over organization meetings
26. re_____te a matter to another authority *v.* to assign or dismiss to a lower or less important status or place; to demote
27. di_____rd fanatic *adj.* (of a person) extremely loyal, dedicated, or enthusiastic; unwilling to give up
28. se_____te cream from milk *v.* to force, take, or pull apart; mark as different
29. ab_____te loyalty *adj.* perfect or complete or to the most considerable degree possible
30. bu_____e in the champagne glass *n.* a thin, round, and often transparent mass of gas that is surrounded by a thin layer of liquid; a state of economic or social prosperity that is unsustainable and eventually collapses
31. pr_____l in a suit *v.* to be common, widespread, or frequent; to be the strongest or most powerful
32. hi_____ic accomplishment *adj.* famous or significant in history, or potentially so
33. de_____e a question *v.* to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options
34. have a b__s toward socialism *n.* a strong feeling in favor of or against one group of people, an idea, or thing, often not based on fair judgment

ANSWERS: 23. visualize, 24. regularly, 25. chairperson, 26. relegate, 27. die-hard, 28. separate, 29. absolute, 30. bubble, 31. prevail, 32. historic, 33. decide, 34. bias

35. su____ly attacked by an enemy *adv.* quickly and unexpectedly
36. con_____on therapy *n.* the act or process of changing something from one thing to another; the state of being changed
37. co_____e the listener *v.* to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand
38. Silicon Valley bil_____re *n.* a person who has a net worth of at least one billion dollars
39. environmental sta_____ian *n.* a person who studies or is an expert in statistics
40. good will pr_____l *v.* to be common, widespread, or frequent; to be the strongest or most powerful
41. fr_____nt absence *adj.* happening constantly
42. re_____e problem *v.* to reinterpret, rephrase, or redefine an issue, situation, or question in a different way
43. cause unb_____ble damage *adj.* beyond belief or understanding and extremely surprising
44. an und_____ng motive *adj.* significant as a cause or basis of something but not immediately apparent or stated clearly
45. he_____te for a moment *v.* to pause decision before saying or doing something
46. a dry ba_____y *n.* a device that is placed inside a car, gadget, equipment, etc. and that provides electrical power to them
47. pr_____le outcome *adj.* likely to happen or likely to be true

ANSWERS: 35. suddenly, 36. conversion, 37. confuse, 38. billionaire, 39. statistician, 40. prevail, 41. frequent, 42. reframe, 43. unbelievable, 44. underlying, 45. hesitate, 46. battery, 47. probable

48. ou_____nd the opponent *v.* to spend more money than someone else or more than has been budgeted
49. guarantee re_____le delivery *adj.* worthy of being relied on; trustworthy
50. do_____te possession *v.* to have or control a lot of power and influence over somebody or something
51. former gl____y *n.* great honor or success won by notable achievements
52. learn new co_____ts *n.* an idea or principle associated with something abstract
53. st_____th of the economy *n.* the quality or state of being physically, or sometimes mentally, strong
54. equ_____nt amounts *n.* having the same value, quality, meaning, purpose, etc.
55. ecological cor_____on *n.* a statistical relationship between two variables in which one variable is affected by the other; a reciprocal relation between two or more facts, numbers, etc.
56. a bomb-disposal sq____d *n.* a small group of people organized for a particular purpose, especially a military one or a sports team
57. unf_____ely caught in a shower *adv.* by bad luck; unluckily
58. co_____e a territory *v.* to acknowledge or admit the truth or existence of something often reluctantly
59. sy_____te member *n.* a group of individuals or organizations combined to promote a common interest
60. have no re_____ce *n.* the state or degree of being closely connected or appropriate to the matter at hand

ANSWERS: 48. outspend, 49. reliable, 50. dominate, 51. glory, 52. concept, 53. strength, 54. equivalent, 55. correlation, 56. squad, 57. unfortunately, 58. concede, 59. syndicate, 60. relevance

61. a fair re_____e
n. a person who controls the game in some sports by making players follow the rules
62. la_____y accepted
adv. virtually entirely; to a large degree
63. the first round of the com_____on
n. a situation in which someone is attempting to beat or outperform another
64. a c__e about the crime
n. an object, a piece of evidence, or some information that helps someone to find the answer to a problem, question, or mystery
65. ins_____ely grabbed the knife
adv. as a matter of nature or intuition rather than thought or training
66. w__ned me of the plan
v. to make someone aware of potential danger or difficulty, particularly one that may occur in the future
67. write him an answer imm_____ly
adv. now or without delay
68. time-saving ga____t
n. a small tool or device that is useful for a particular job
69. tr____c death
adj. causing great sadness or suffering; very unfortunate
70. a criminal bac_____nd
n. the details of a person's social heritage, such as family, vocational or educational experience; past information that is essential to understanding a situation or problem
71. s__n a top
v. to cause something to rotate rapidly; to cause someone to feel dizzy or disoriented

ANSWERS: 61. referee, 62. largely, 63. competition, 64. clue, 65. instinctively, 66. warn, 67. immediately, 68. gadget, 69. tragic, 70. background, 71. spin

72. sus_____le alternative fuel *adj.* able to continue or be continued for a long time
73. an_____cs tools *n.* the systematic computational analysis of data or statistics; information resulting from this analysis
74. bit of good fo_____e *n.* a large amount of money or property; chance or luck as an unknown and arbitrary force affecting human affairs
75. basic br__n function *n.* the organ inside the head that is responsible for one's movement, thought, memory, and feeling
76. no_____e else to go *adv.* not in, at, or to any place; not anywhere
77. je___y material *n.* a knitted garment typically made of wool or cotton, worn as a shirt or pullover
78. sy___l for happiness *n.* something visible that is used to represent something else
79. fr_____e ecosystem *adj.* delicate or easily broken or damaged
80. the spinal co___n *n.* one of the vertical blocks that split content on a page or screen from top to bottom; an upright pillar that often supports an arch, entablature, or other structure or stands alone as a monument
81. permanent br__n damage *n.* the organ inside the head that is responsible for one's movement, thought, memory, and feeling
82. fu_____l a contract *v.* to meet the requirements or expectations; to achieve or realize

ANSWERS: 72. sustainable, 73. analytics, 74. fortune, 75. brain, 76. nowhere, 77. jersey, 78. symbol, 79. fragile, 80. column, 81. brain, 82. fulfill

83. re_____te task *v.* to assign or dismiss to a lower or less important status or place; to demote
84. ga_____e away my fortune *v.* to take risky action in the hope of being successful; to play or game for money or other stakes
85. in_____or lamp *n.* something that shows or points out what a situation is like or how a situation is changing
86. cutting-edge inn_____on *n.* the creation of a new device or process resulting from study and experimentation
87. come out of no_____e *adv.* not in, at, or to any place; not anywhere
88. even more unf_____ely *adv.* by bad luck; unluckily
89. re_____t an old friend *v.* to go to a place again, especially after a long period
90. the re_____d for good works *n.* a thing given in acknowledgment of service, hard work, achievement, etc.
91. co_____e a point *v.* to acknowledge or admit the truth or existence of something often reluctantly
92. labor under a de_____on *n.* a false belief or impression that is firmly held despite evidence to the contrary
93. b_t on a race *v.* to risk money on the result of an event or a competition, such as a race or game, to get more money; to have faith or confidence in something
94. pr_____r position *adj.* first in importance, order, or position; leading
95. co_____t car *n.* an idea or principle associated with something abstract

ANSWERS: 83. relegate, 84. gamble, 85. indicator, 86. innovation, 87. nowhere, 88. unfortunately, 89. revisit, 90. reward, 91. concede, 92. delusion, 93. bet, 94. premier, 95. concept

96. em___y a spirit of charity *v.* to represent or exemplify something; to give tangible form to an abstract idea
97. a baseball le___e *n.* an association of sports teams who compete against each other; an obsolete unit of distance of variable length, equal to about 3 miles or 4,000 meters
98. dis_____te wealth evenly *v.* to give something to a large number of individuals, or to spread or furnish something
99. coast st__p *v.* to remove the surface from something; (noun) a sizeable narrow piece of something such as paper, metal, cloth, etc., or area of land, sea, etc.
100. aut_____lly adjusted *adv.* without needing a direct human control
101. do_____rn in health *n.* a period of decline, typically in an economy, characterized by reduced trade and business activity and a fall in prices and employment
102. re___t temptation *v.* to refuse to accept something and attempt to prevent it from happening
103. the eq_____on of poverty with ignorance *n.* the act of regarding as equal; (mathematics) a statement that expresses the equality of two expressions by connecting them with the equals sign
104. so__d ally *adj.* hard or firm; characterized by good substantial quality
105. fabric of the je___y *n.* a knitted garment typically made of wool or cotton, worn as a shirt or pullover

ANSWERS: 96. embody, 97. league, 98. distribute, 99. strip, 100. automatically, 101. downturn, 102. resist, 103. equation, 104. solid, 105. jersey

106. co_____t fat into energy *v.* to have a talk with someone; (adjective) reversed in order, relation, or action
107. the ul_____te goal in life *adj.* furthest or highest in degree or order
108. bri_____ly lit *adv.* in an intelligent, graceful, or skillful manner; very brightly or effectively
109. fl__k of spectator *n.* a gathering of sheep, goats, or birds
110. co_____ed criminal *adj.* completely certain about something; having a strong belief or conviction in a particular religion
111. m__o energy *n.* personal magic or charm that gives someone a sense of power, good luck, or confidence; a quality of being attractive, confident, and effective
112. an_____e a chemical compound *v.* to think about in-depth and evaluate to discover essential features or meaning
113. eve_____ly become obsolete *adv.* finally, particularly after a long time or a lot of struggle, complications, and so on
114. ov___y unnecessary *adv.* to a greater degree than is appropriate or desirable
115. g_t feelings *n.* the long tube in the body of a person or animal through which food passes when it leaves the stomach; the mental strength or bravery required to do something difficult or unpleasant
116. gloomy pre_____ons *n.* the act of predicting the future by reasoning; a statement made about the future
117. ind_____ble object *adj.* impossible to destroy or damage beyond repair

ANSWERS: 106. convert, 107. ultimate, 108. brilliantly, 109. flock, 110. convinced, 111. mojo, 112. analyze, 113. eventually, 114. overly, 115. gut, 116. prediction, 117. indestructible

118. the br__d of the new car
n. a type of product, service, etc., made by a particular company and sold under a specific name; identification mark on the skin of livestock, criminals, etc., made by burning
119. bl__d spot
adj. unable to see; unable or unwilling to perceive or understand the true nature of something
120. the ul____te luxury
adj. furthest or highest in degree or order
121. sy___l color
n. something visible that is used to represent something else
122. pl____t like the Earth
n. any of the nine large celestial bodies that circle in the solar system; any celestial body that revolves around a star
123. ov___y excessive
adv. to a greater degree than is appropriate or desirable
124. gr____te degree program
n. a person who has a first degree from university or college; (verb) to complete the first course of university or college and get a degree
125. ou____nk the opposing team
v. to think more effectively, creatively, or strategically than someone else
126. the exc_____nt in the business world
n. a feeling of great enthusiasm and eagerness
127. unb_____le bond
adj. not able to be broken or damaged
128. co____ct law
n. a legally binding agreement between two or more parties, setting out their rights and obligations to each other, typically in writing and enforceable by law

ANSWERS: 118. brand, 119. blind, 120. ultimate, 121. symbol, 122. planet, 123. overly, 124. graduate, 125. outthink, 126. excitement, 127. unbreakable, 128. contract

129. pu____ly accessible record *adv.* in a manner accessible to or observable by the public; by the government
130. cor_____on coefficient *n.* a statistical relationship between two variables in which one variable is affected by the other; a reciprocal relation between two or more facts, numbers, etc.
131. su_____e you're right *v.* to think that something is likely to be actual or possible
132. s__n thread out of cotton *v.* to cause something to rotate rapidly; to cause someone to feel dizzy or disoriented
133. professional sta_____ians *n.* a person who studies or is an expert in statistics
134. eve_____ly succeed *adv.* finally, particularly after a long time or a lot of struggle, complications, and so on
135. a l__s with a wide angle *n.* a transparent optical device with curved sides, used in an optical instrument that makes objects seem larger, smaller, clearer, etc.; (metaphor) the basic thoughts or mindsets through which someone sees or understands the environment or situation
136. adaptive cr___e control *n.* a voyage on a large ship for pleasure; driving or traveling at a leisurely pace
137. a com_____ve price *adj.* involving competition or competitiveness
138. de_____e this prize *v.* to be worthy of or entitled to something, especially something good or valuable

ANSWERS: 129. publicly, 130. correlation, 131. suppose, 132. spin, 133. statistician, 134. eventually, 135. lens, 136. cruise, 137. competitive, 138. deserve

139. sk_____al scientists *adj.* doubting that something is accurate or useful
140. ske_____sm toward bureaucracy *n.* an attitude of doubting or questioning that claims or statements are true or valuable or that something will happen; the disbelief in any claims of ultimate knowledge
141. ind_____us worker *adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
142. se_____te video into chapter *v.* to force, take, or pull apart; mark as different
143. have a ne_____ve effect *adj.* having the quality of something bad or harmful; expressing refusal
144. honor gr_____te *n.* a person who has a first degree from university or college; (verb) to complete the first course of university or college and get a degree
145. dis_____te video content *v.* to give something to a large number of individuals, or to spread or furnish something
146. death-penalty op_____nt *n.* a person against whom you are playing or fighting in a game, competition, debate, etc.
147. adr_____ne addiction *n.* a substance secreted by the adrenal medulla in response to stress, which makes the heart beat faster and prepares the body to react to danger
148. su_____or performance *adj.* better, higher in quality, or more advanced than others

ANSWERS: 139. skeptical, 140. skepticism, 141. industrious, 142. separate, 143. negative, 144. graduate, 145. distribute, 146. opponent, 147. adrenaline, 148. superior

149. fl__k of sheep *n.* a gathering of sheep, goats, or birds
150. pr_____le in business *n.* a fundamental law or truth that explains or controls how something happens or works
151. unintended con_____ces *n.* the outcome of a particular action or event, especially relative to an individual
152. pe_____ve a threat *v.* to become aware or conscious of something through the senses
153. so__d employment measures *adj.* hard or firm; characterized by good substantial quality
154. a co___n of water *n.* one of the vertical blocks that split content on a page or screen from top to bottom; an upright pillar that often supports an arch, entablature, or other structure or stands alone as a monument
155. a tr_____on of a culture *n.* a belief, custom, or way of doing something that has been passed down from generation to generation within a group or society
156. tr_____r a biochemical response *v.* to make something happen suddenly; to cause something such as a device, machine, etc. to function
157. imm_____ly recall a product *adv.* now or without delay
158. ind_____ble warrior *adj.* impossible to destroy or damage beyond repair
159. re___t being kissed *v.* to refuse to accept something and attempt to prevent it from happening

ANSWERS: 149. flock, 150. principle, 151. consequence, 152. perceive, 153. solid, 154. column, 155. tradition, 156. trigger, 157. immediately, 158. indestructible, 159. resist

160. a remarkable ach_____nt *n.* a thing that someone has accomplished, primarily through their effort and ability
161. b_t my future *v.* to risk money on the result of an event or a competition, such as a race or game, to get more money; to have faith or confidence in something
162. dif_____ial wages *n.* an amount, value, or size of the difference between things that are compared; (adjective) relating to or showing a difference
163. la_____y mitigate the issue *adv.* virtually entirely; to a large degree
164. 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
165. the con_____ce of an argument *n.* the outcome of a particular action or event, especially relative to an individual
166. di_____rd militarist *adj.* (of a person) extremely loyal, dedicated, or enthusiastic; unwilling to give up
167. engine cooling f_n *n.* a person who admires and supports a person, group, sport, sports team, etc.; a device for creating a current of air by the movement of a surface or surfaces
168. a sop_____ted lifestyle *adj.* having a great deal of worldly experience and knowledge of people's behavior, culture, and fashion
169. pe_____ve light *v.* to become aware or conscious of something through the senses

ANSWERS: 160. achievement, 161. bet, 162. differential, 163. largely, 164. assume, 165. consequence, 166. die-hard, 167. fan, 168. sophisticated, 169. perceive

170. co_____t base 10 to base 16 *v.* to have a talk with someone; (adjective) reversed in order, relation, or action
171. unb_____ble beauty *adj.* beyond belief or understanding and extremely surprising
172. ba_____y charging *n.* a device that is placed inside a car, gadget, equipment, etc. and that provides electrical power to them
173. pr_____le cause of a fire *adj.* likely to happen or likely to be true
174. the meeting elected a cha_____on *n.* the officer who presides over organization meetings
175. sma_____ne app developer *n.* a mobile phone that functions as a computer and connects to the Internet
176. am_____g advances *adj.* extremely surprising, especially in a way that you like or admire
177. adr_____ne receptor *n.* a substance secreted by the adrenal medulla in response to stress, which makes the heart beat faster and prepares the body to react to danger
178. official sta_____cs *n.* the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data
179. equ_____nt in meaning *n.* having the same value, quality, meaning, purpose, etc.
180. ca_____te the distance *v.* to judge or find out the amount or number of something by using mathematics
181. ru__l accents *adj.* of or relating to the countryside
182. fr_____nt use *adj.* happening constantly

ANSWERS: 170. convert, 171. unbelievable, 172. battery, 173. probable, 174. chairperson, 175. smartphone, 176. amazing, 177. adrenaline, 178. statistics, 179. equivalent, 180. calculate, 181. rural, 182. frequent

183. sen_____al crime *adj.* extremely or remarkably good; causing great public interest or excitement
184. em_____ss my project *v.* to cause someone to feel awkward, worried, or ashamed
185. a handy ga____t *n.* a small tool or device that is useful for a particular job
186. the blind g_t *n.* the long tube in the body of a person or animal through which food passes when it leaves the stomach; the mental strength or bravery required to do something difficult or unpleasant
187. grand de_____on *n.* a false belief or impression that is firmly held despite evidence to the contrary
188. le____e championship *n.* an association of sports teams who compete against each other; an obsolete unit of distance of variable length, equal to about 3 miles or 4,000 meters
189. de____e on a course of action *v.* to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options
190. ins_____ely bad with children *adv.* as a matter of nature or intuition rather than thought or training
191. pr_____r league *adj.* first in importance, order, or position; leading
192. the stock market co_____sed *v.* to fall down or give way suddenly, often after breaking apart
193. pr_____t when she will arrive *v.* to state beforehand that something will happen in the future, mainly based on knowledge or experience

ANSWERS: 183. sensational, 184. embarrass, 185. gadget, 186. gut, 187. delusion, 188. league, 189. decide, 190. instinctively, 191. premier, 192. collapse, 193. predict

194. pr_____ce a judgment *v.* to say or speak (a word or words) correctly or in a particular way
195. bodies in a gr_____rd *n.* a cemetery, especially one in a churchyard
196. an ab_____te must *adj.* perfect or complete or to the most considerable degree possible
197. a selfish de_____on *n.* the act or process of making up someone's mind about something; a choice or judgment reached after considering options
198. a ra_____l cure *adj.* relating to the essential aspects of anything; far beyond the norm, mainly used of opinions and actions
199. de_____t a blow *v.* to cause something, especially a criticism or attack, to be directed away from someone
200. an und_____ng cause of an accident *adj.* significant as a cause or basis of something but not immediately apparent or stated clearly
201. do_____te over the weak *v.* to have or control a lot of power and influence over somebody or something
202. assistant re_____e *n.* a person who controls the game in some sports by making players follow the rules
203. a world cha_____hip *n.* a contest to decide who is the best player or team in a particular sport; the act of providing approval and support
204. a ne_____ve number *adj.* having the quality of something bad or harmful; expressing refusal

ANSWERS: 194. pronounce, 195. graveyard, 196. absolute, 197. decision, 198. radical, 199. deflect, 200. underlying, 201. dominate, 202. referee, 203. championship, 204. negative

205. a ra____l flaw in the plan *adj.* relating to the essential aspects of anything; far beyond the norm, mainly used of opinions and actions
206. nuclear ph____s *n.* the science of matter and energy and their interactions
207. a desirable ou____e *n.* the result or effect of an action, event, etc.
208. economic bu____e *n.* a thin, round, and often transparent mass of gas that is surrounded by a thin layer of liquid; a state of economic or social prosperity that is unsustainable and eventually collapses
209. natural ske____sm *n.* an attitude of doubting or questioning that claims or statements are true or valuable or that something will happen; the disbelief in any claims of ultimate knowledge
210. t__r one company *n.* one of a series of rows or levels arranged one above the other, typically used to describe the arrangement of objects or levels of importance
211. bl__d to the beauties *adj.* unable to see; unable or unwilling to perceive or understand the true nature of something
212. a good grounding in mat____cs *n.* the science dealing with the logic of quantities, shapes, spaces, and arrangement
213. criminal sy____te *n.* a group of individuals or organizations combined to promote a common interest

ANSWERS: 205. radical, 206. physics, 207. outcome, 208. bubble, 209. skepticism, 210. tier, 211. blind, 212. mathematics, 213. syndicate

214. bri_____ly executed *adv.* in an intelligent, graceful, or skillful manner; very brightly or effectively
215. com_____ve position *adj.* involving competition or competitiveness
216. tr___c love stories *adj.* causing great sadness or suffering; very unfortunate
217. un_____ly event *adj.* not probable or likely to happen
218. employment co_____ct *n.* a legally binding agreement between two or more parties, setting out their rights and obligations to each other, typically in writing and enforceable by law
219. 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
220. re_____nt population *adj.* able to withstand or recover quickly from difficult conditions
221. bombs fell at ra___m *adj.* made, done, or happening without method, conscious decision, or any regular pattern
222. create a br__d logo *n.* a type of product, service, etc., made by a particular company and sold under a specific name; identification mark on the skin of livestock, criminals, etc., made by burning
223. ou_____nk the competition *v.* to think more effectively, creatively, or strategically than someone else
224. pr_____ce a name *v.* to say or speak (a word or words) correctly or in a particular way

ANSWERS: 214. brilliantly, 215. competitive, 216. tragic, 217. unlikely, 218. contract, 219. assume, 220. resilient, 221. random, 222. brand, 223. outthink, 224. pronounce

225. re_____e resource allocation *v.* to reinterpret, rephrase, or redefine an issue, situation, or question in a different way
226. intraspecific com_____on *n.* a situation in which someone is attempting to beat or outperform another
227. record driving aut_____lly *adv.* without needing a direct human control
228. un_____ed from the previous month *adj.* not altered, modified, or varied in any way
229. student ach_____nt *n.* a thing that someone has accomplished, primarily through their effort and ability
230. a hard and re_____nt steel *adj.* able to withstand or recover quickly from difficult conditions
231. ill fo_____e *n.* a large amount of money or property; chance or luck as an unknown and arbitrary force affecting human affairs
232. a sk_____al attitude *adj.* doubting that something is accurate or useful
233. pr_____le of treatment *n.* a fundamental law or truth that explains or controls how something happens or works
234. sta_____cs for cancer *n.* the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data
235. he_____te to ask for help *v.* to pause decision before saying or doing something
236. in_____te a preference *v.* to show, point out, or make known something, often through a sign or a symbol; to suggest or imply something without stating it directly

ANSWERS: 225. reframe, 226. competition, 227. automatically, 228. unchanged, 229. achievement, 230. resilient, 231. fortune, 232. skeptical, 233. principle, 234. statistics, 235. hesitate, 236. indicate

237. psy_____gy experiment	<i>n.</i> the scientific study of mind and behavior
238. inn_____on leader	<i>n.</i> the creation of a new device or process resulting from study and experimentation
239. save the pl____t	<i>n.</i> any of the nine large celestial bodies that circle in the solar system; any celestial body that revolves around a star
240. sop_____ted look	<i>adj.</i> having a great deal of worldly experience and knowledge of people's behavior, culture, and fashion
241. shopping re____ds cards	<i>n.</i> a thing given in acknowledgment of service, hard work, achievement, etc.
242. pu_____ly financed schools	<i>adv.</i> in a manner accessible to or observable by the public; by the government
243. a bac_____nd color	<i>n.</i> the details of a person's social heritage, such as family, vocational or educational experience; past information that is essential to understanding a situation or problem
244. spare co_____nts for cars	<i>n.</i> one of several parts that combines with others to form something bigger
245. de_____on authority	<i>n.</i> the act or process of making up someone's mind about something; a choice or judgment reached after considering options
246. politically fr_____e nation	<i>adj.</i> delicate or easily broken or damaged
247. ca_____te his credit score	<i>v.</i> to judge or find out the amount or number of something by using mathematics

ANSWERS: 237. psychology, 238. innovation, 239. planet, 240. sophisticated, 241. reward, 242. publicly, 243. background, 244. component, 245. decision, 246. fragile, 247. calculate

248. gr_____rd of life	<i>n.</i>	a cemetery, especially one in a churchyard
249. fr___y accident	<i>adj.</i>	strange or unusual in a way that is frightening or unsettling
250. provide su_____or customer service	<i>adj.</i>	better, higher in quality, or more advanced than others
251. st_____m capacity	<i>n.</i>	a large, usually roofless building with tiers of seats for spectators at sports or other events
252. oil bil_____re	<i>n.</i>	a person who has a net worth of at least one billion dollars
253. tr_____r inflation	<i>v.</i>	to make something happen suddenly; to cause something such as a device, machine, etc. to function
254. st_____m seating	<i>n.</i>	a large, usually roofless building with tiers of seats for spectators at sports or other events
255. em_____ss political enemy	<i>v.</i>	to cause someone to feel awkward, worried, or ashamed
256. a c___e to the diagnosis	<i>n.</i>	an object, a piece of evidence, or some information that helps someone to find the answer to a problem, question, or mystery
257. vi_____ze data	<i>v.</i>	to form a mental image or concept of something; to make something visible
258. em___y my goal	<i>v.</i>	to represent or exemplify something; to give tangible form to an abstract idea
259. cha_____hip flag	<i>n.</i>	a contest to decide who is the best player or team in a particular sport; the act of providing approval and support

ANSWERS: 248. graveyard, 249. freaky, 250. superior, 251. stadium, 252. billionaire, 253. trigger, 254. stadium, 255. embarrass, 256. clue, 257. visualize, 258. embody, 259. championship

260. an imp_____ve array of facts *adj.* arousing admiration due to size, quality, or skill
261. co_____ed of the idea *adj.* completely certain about something; having a strong belief or conviction in a particular religion
262. b__s against a big company *n.* a strong feeling in favor of or against one group of people, an idea, or thing, often not based on fair judgment
263. pr_____t the future *v.* to state beforehand that something will happen in the future, mainly based on knowledge or experience
264. con_____on rate *n.* the act or process of changing something from one thing to another; the state of being changed
265. a film f_n *n.* a person who admires and supports a person, group, sport, sports team, etc.; a device for creating a current of air by the movement of a surface or surfaces
266. major in an_____cs *n.* the systematic computational analysis of data or statistics; information resulting from this analysis
267. aesthetic exc_____nt *n.* a feeling of great enthusiasm and eagerness
268. improved student ou_____es *n.* the result or effect of an action, event, etc.
269. greatest gl__y *n.* great honor or success won by notable achievements
270. muscular st_____th *n.* the quality or state of being physically, or sometimes mentally, strong

ANSWERS: 260. impressive, 261. convinced, 262. bias, 263. predict, 264. conversion, 265. fan, 266. analytics, 267. excitement, 268. outcome, 269. glory, 270. strength

271. antiriot sq__d *n.* a small group of people organized for a particular purpose, especially a military one or a sports team
272. re____t a place *v.* to go to a place again, especially after a long period
273. post re_____ly to a blog *adv.* at regular intervals or times
274. principles of sus_____le development *adj.* able to continue or be continued for a long time
275. it is un_____ly that he would win the game *adj.* not probable or likely to happen
276. su_____e beforehand *v.* to think that something is likely to be actual or possible
277. re_____le access *adj.* worthy of being relied on; trustworthy
278. customer sat_____ion *n.* a pleasant feeling you have when you have fulfilled a desire, need, or expectation or have achieved something
279. co_____e fantasy with reality *v.* to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand
280. a convex l__s *n.* a transparent optical device with curved sides, used in an optical instrument that makes objects seem larger, smaller, clearer, etc.; (metaphor) the basic thoughts or mindsets through which someone sees or understands the environment or situation
281. fr___y-deaky *adj.* strange or unusual in a way that is frightening or unsettling

ANSWERS: 271. squad, 272. revisit, 273. regularly, 274. sustainable, 275. unlikely, 276. suppose, 277. reliable, 278. satisfaction, 279. confuse, 280. lens, 281. freaky

282. sma_____ne addict *n.* a mobile phone that functions as a computer and connects to the Internet
283. dif_____ial equation *n.* an amount, value, or size of the difference between things that are compared; (adjective) relating to or showing a difference
284. psy_____gy of crowd *n.* the scientific study of mind and behavior
285. un_____ed routine *adj.* not altered, modified, or varied in any way
286. the most am_____g feeling *adj.* extremely surprising, especially in a way that you like or admire
287. re_____ce category *n.* the state or degree of being closely connected or appropriate to the matter at hand
288. a person of ge____s *n.* someone who has exceptional intellectual ability and originality
289. sen_____al news *adj.* extremely or remarkably good; causing great public interest or excitement
290. ind_____us student *adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
291. ga____e \$100 on the race *v.* to take risky action in the hope of being successful; to play or game for money or other stakes
292. a chemical eq_____on *n.* the act of regarding as equal; (mathematics) a statement that expresses the equality of two expressions by connecting them with the equals sign

ANSWERS: 282. smartphone, 283. differential, 284. psychology, 285. unchanged, 286. amazing, 287. relevance, 288. genius, 289. sensational, 290. industrious, 291. gamble, 292. equation

293. performance in_____ors *n.* something that shows or points out what a situation is like or how a situation is changing
294. against tr_____on *n.* a belief, custom, or way of doing something that has been passed down from generation to generation within a group or society
295. a two-t__r system *n.* one of a series of rows or levels arranged one above the other, typically used to describe the arrangement of objects or levels of importance
296. a sense of sat_____ion *n.* a pleasant feeling you have when you have fulfilled a desire, need, or expectation or have achieved something
297. the do_____rn in auto sales *n.* a period of decline, typically in an economy, characterized by reduced trade and business activity and a fall in prices and employment
298. de_____t his criticism *v.* to cause something, especially a criticism or attack, to be directed away from someone
299. ou_____nd budget *v.* to spend more money than someone else or more than has been budgeted
300. people in ru__l areas *adj.* of or relating to the countryside
301. imp_____ve performances *adj.* arousing admiration due to size, quality, or skill
302. a ge___s for music *n.* someone who has exceptional intellectual ability and originality

ANSWERS: 293. indicator, 294. tradition, 295. tier, 296. satisfaction, 297. downturn, 298. deflect, 299. outspend, 300. rural, 301. impressive, 302. genius

ANSWERS:

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. There's a new _____ of hero in the movies now.
n. a type of product, service, etc., made by a particular company and sold under a specific name; identification mark on the skin of livestock, criminals, etc., made by burning
2. The corporation _____ dominated the entire tobacco business.
adv. finally, particularly after a long time or a lot of struggle, complications, and so on
3. The _____ of the upcoming concert was palpable among the crowd.
n. a feeling of great enthusiasm and eagerness
4. The baseball _____ was filled with excited fans eagerly awaiting the start of the game.
n. a large, usually roofless building with tiers of seats for spectators at sports or other events
5. The firm employs several _____ to develop a recommendation engine.
n. a person who studies or is an expert in statistics
6. Management must take _____ responsibility for the accident.
adj. furthest or highest in degree or order
7. One such rapidly growing _____ is quantum cryptography.
n. an idea or principle associated with something abstract
8. Gandhi had an _____ zeal for nonviolence.
adj. perfect or complete or to the most considerable degree possible

ANSWERS: 1. brand, 2. eventually, 3. excitement, 4. stadium, 5. statisticians, 6. ultimate, 7. concept, 8. absolute

9. The newspaper devoted several _____ to the affair.
- n.* one of the vertical blocks that split content on a page or screen from top to bottom; an upright pillar that often supports an arch, entablature, or other structure or stands alone as a monument
10. I want to _____ my sadness into strength.
- v.* to have a talk with someone; (adjective) reversed in order, relation, or action
11. We need to _____ this proposal as soon as the budget is more apparent than before.
- v.* to go to a place again, especially after a long period
12. Mercury is the closest _____ to the sun.
- n.* any of the nine large celestial bodies that circle in the solar system; any celestial body that revolves around a star
13. The incident _____ a political controversy.
- v.* to make something happen suddenly; to cause something such as a device, machine, etc. to function
14. Many _____ areas are still impoverished.
- adj.* of or relating to the countryside
15. Who answers _____ knows little.
- adv.* quickly and unexpectedly
16. The teacher attempted to _____ the root cause of our mistake.
- v.* to think about in-depth and evaluate to discover essential features or meaning

ANSWERS: 9. columns, 10. convert, 11. revisit, 12. planet, 13. triggered, 14. rural, 15. suddenly, 16. analyze

17. Trains are _____ inexpensive, and ideal for long-distance travel.

adj. worthy of being relied on; trustworthy

18. He told me a _____ truth about my parent's death.

n. the long tube in the body of a person or animal through which food passes when it leaves the stomach; the mental strength or bravery required to do something difficult or unpleasant

19. The company's hiring criteria emphasize personality, not a person's _____.

n. the details of a person's social heritage, such as family, vocational or educational experience; past information that is essential to understanding a situation or problem

20. The two countries pledged to maintain the _____ between their two currencies.

n. an amount, value, or size of the difference between things that are compared; (adjective) relating to or showing a difference

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

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

22. Night fishing has a lot of _____.

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

23. The government established by the coup was more _____ than before.

adj. relating to the essential aspects of anything; far beyond the norm, mainly used of opinions and actions

24. She couldn't _____ whether to order the pizza or the pasta for dinner.

v. to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options

ANSWERS: 17. reliable, 18. gut-wrenching, 19. background, 20. differential, 21. collapsed, 22. rewards, 23. radical, 24. decide

25. His estate was _____ to his sons.

- v.* to give something to a large number of individuals, or to spread or furnish something

26. To find drunk drivers, police conduct _____ tests.

- adj.* made, done, or happening without method, conscious decision, or any regular pattern

27. He had a _____ that he was a millionaire.

- n.* a false belief or impression that is firmly held despite evidence to the contrary

28. She was nearly _____ due to severe diabetes.

- adj.* unable to see; unable or unwilling to perceive or understand the true nature of something

29. Advanced _____ is helping the business to make better data-driven decisions.

- n.* the systematic computational analysis of data or statistics; information resulting from this analysis

30. His religious and philosophical beliefs were utterly _____.

- adj.* doubting that something is accurate or useful

31. I chose to _____ cancer by trying every possible treatment.

- v.* to refuse to accept something and attempt to prevent it from happening

32. 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

ANSWERS: 25. distributed, 26. random, 27. delusion, 28. blind, 29. analytics, 30. skeptical, 31. resist, 32. spinning

33. The _____ demonstrate that poverty and unemployment are genuine problems.
n. the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data
34. He is the _____ player on the team and always leads them to victory.
adj. first in importance, order, or position; leading
35. Her remarks _____ the debate.
v. to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand
36. The Chinese people have accomplished several _____ feats.
adj. famous or significant in history, or potentially so
37. When a _____ of birds flies in, the hunt begins.
n. a gathering of sheep, goats, or birds
38. She had a master's degree in _____.
n. the scientific study of mind and behavior
39. She was struggling to make a _____ between two job offers.
n. the act or process of making up someone's mind about something; a choice or judgment reached after considering options
40. The _____ of this information to the current situation needs to be investigated.
n. the state or degree of being closely connected or appropriate to the matter at hand

ANSWERS: 33. statistics, 34. premier, 35. confused, 36. historic, 37. flock, 38. psychology, 39. decision, 40. relevance

41. I ____ that you know it.

v. to risk money on the result of an event or a competition, such as a race or game, to get more money; to have faith or confidence in something

42. The police department assembled a special _____ to handle the situation.

n. a small group of people organized for a particular purpose, especially a military one or a sports team

43. She is a _____ person and has always bounced back from setbacks.

adj. able to withstand or recover quickly from difficult conditions

44. He was attempting to confuse his _____.

n. a person against whom you are playing or fighting in a game, competition, debate, etc.

45. Capitalism guarantees the right of ownership of personal _____.

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

46. The company's policy remained _____ despite the criticism.

adj. not altered, modified, or varied in any way

47. Global _____ is rising in virtually every industry.

n. a situation in which someone is attempting to beat or outperform another

48. 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

ANSWERS: 41. bet, 42. squad, 43. resilient, 44. opponent, 45. fortune, 46. unchanged, 47. competition, 48. brain

49. In this class, you will learn how to solve quadratic _____.

n. the act of regarding as equal; (mathematics) a statement that expresses the equality of two expressions by connecting them with the equals sign

50. Only the _____ God has the power to brighten this dark land.

adj. very large, powerful, or strong

51. The movie was _____ dramatic, with exaggerated emotions and cliched plot twists.

adv. to a greater degree than is appropriate or desirable

52. The new smartphone model is _____ to the previous version in terms of speed and features.

adj. better, higher in quality, or more advanced than others

53. It is preferable to die in _____ than to live in dishonor.

n. great honor or success won by notable achievements

54. The family took a _____ to the Caribbean for their vacation.

n. a voyage on a large ship for pleasure; driving or traveling at a leisurely pace

55. Some researchers claim that even humans can _____ sense earthquakes.

adv. as a matter of nature or intuition rather than thought or training

56. The underperforming team was _____ to a lower division.

v. to assign or dismiss to a lower or less important status or place; to demote

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

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

ANSWERS: 49. equations, 50. mighty, 51. overly, 52. superior, 53. glory, 54. cruise, 55. instinctively, 56. relegated, 57. tradition

58. These economic activities had disastrous environmental _____.
- n.* the outcome of a particular action or event, especially relative to an individual
59. The European Central Bank is Europe's _____ of the Federal Reserve.
- n.* having the same value, quality, meaning, purpose, etc.
60. The developer's _____ of the old factory into a modern loft apartment complex was a major success.
- n.* the act or process of changing something from one thing to another; the state of being changed
61. The company plans to _____ its competitors on advertising this year.
- v.* to spend more money than someone else or more than has been budgeted
62. The researchers try to discover a common _____ in all types of successful organizations.
- n.* one of several parts that combines with others to form something bigger
63. He drinks an _____ amount of beer.
- adj.* beyond belief or understanding and extremely surprising
64. It is common for oppressive governments to _____ through violence, using military and police force to control their citizens and suppress dissent.
- v.* to be common, widespread, or frequent; to be the strongest or most powerful
65. The passage of the bill is _____.
- adj.* not probable or likely to happen
66. The chess master was able to _____ his opponents and win the tournament.
- v.* to think more effectively, creatively, or strategically than someone else

ANSWERS: 58. consequences, 59. equivalent, 60. conversion, 61. outspend, 62. component, 63. unbelievable, 64. prevail, 65. unlikely, 66. outthink

67. I'm a big ____ of French food.

n. a person who admires and supports a person, group, sport, sports team, etc.; a device for creating a current of air by the movement of a surface or surfaces

68. The _____ principle of every business was identical.

adj. significant as a cause or basis of something but not immediately apparent or stated clearly

69. This site _____ shares high-quality academic materials.

adv. at regular intervals or times

70. The government should do more to support environmentally _____ agriculture.

adj. able to continue or be continued for a long time

71. We need to _____ the aspect of his personality from the part of his competence when making an investment decision.

v. to force, take, or pull apart; mark as different

72. This party expresses _____ about the efficacy of the health insurance system.

n. an attitude of doubting or questioning that claims or statements are true or valuable or that something will happen; the disbelief in any claims of ultimate knowledge

73. Mozart was a musical _____.

n. someone who has exceptional intellectual ability and originality

74. A suspension order from the court is effective _____.

adv. now or without delay

ANSWERS: 67. fan, 68. underlying, 69. regularly, 70. sustainable, 71. separate, 72. skepticism, 73. genius, 74. immediately

75. He believed that his lucky _____ would help him win the big game.

n. personal magic or charm that gives someone a sense of power, good luck, or confidence; a quality of being attractive, confident, and effective

76. The government should do more to _____ sustainable agribusiness.

v. to encourage or persuade people to like, buy, use, do, or support something; to raise someone to a higher position or rank

77. The performance was _____ with standing ovations throughout.

adj. extremely or remarkably good; causing great public interest or excitement

78. I attempted to _____ him, but he ignored me.

v. to make someone aware of potential danger or difficulty, particularly one that may occur in the future

79. He studied the _____ of radiation.

n. the science of matter and energy and their interactions

80. I've been thinking all day and getting _____.

adv. not in, at, or to any place; not anywhere

81. Many people worry that the current real estate market is a _____ that could burst soon.

n. a thin, round, and often transparent mass of gas that is surrounded by a thin layer of liquid; a state of economic or social prosperity that is unsustainable and eventually collapses

82. Many employers hire _____ trainees to train as managers.

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

ANSWERS: 75. mojo, 76. promote, 77. sensational, 78. warn, 79. physics, 80. nowhere, 81. bubble, 82. graduate

83. Please do not _____ to call us.

v. to pause decision before saying or doing something

84. It seems _____ that he has forgotten our scheduled meeting.

adj. likely to happen or likely to be true

85. These results muddied the _____.

n. the act of predicting the future by reasoning; a statement made about the future

86. The perspective of his right brain _____ his consciousness.

v. to have or control a lot of power and influence over somebody or something

87. She _____ denounced the government's mishandling of the economic crisis.

adv. in a manner accessible to or observable by the public; by the government

88. There is a strong _____ between education level and income.

n. a statistical relationship between two variables in which one variable is affected by the other; a reciprocal relation between two or more facts, numbers, etc.

89. The dragon is considered a _____ of bravery.

n. something visible that is used to represent something else

90. The employee _____ the promotion for their hard work and dedication.

v. to be worthy of or entitled to something, especially something good or valuable

91. The data _____ that the company's profits have steadily increased over the past quarter.

v. to show, point out, or make known something, often through a sign or a symbol; to suggest or imply something without stating it directly

ANSWERS: 83. hesitate, 84. probable, 85. prediction, 86. dominates, 87. publicly, 88. correlation, 89. symbol, 90. deserved, 91. indicates

92. The treatments were done but, _____ were unsuccessful.

adv. by bad luck; unluckily

93. This titanium bike frame is advertised as _____.

adj. not able to be broken or damaged

94. The budget reduction was an _____ feat for our nation.

adj. arousing admiration due to size, quality, or skill

95. The golfer recorded an _____ distance.

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

96. The engine did not start because the _____ was flat.

n. a device that is placed inside a car, gadget, equipment, etc. and that provides electrical power to them

97. The _____ events of the war left many families torn apart.

adj. causing great sadness or suffering; very unfortunate

98. 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

99. He played the piano _____ at the concert.

adv. in an intelligent, graceful, or skillful manner; very brightly or effectively

100. The therapist tried to _____ his negative thoughts.

v. to reinterpret, rephrase, or redefine an issue, situation, or question in a different way

ANSWERS: 92. unfortunately, 93. unbreakable, 94. impressive, 95. amazing, 96. battery, 97. tragic, 98. assumes, 99. brilliantly, 100. reframe

101. I found the kitchen _____ that will serve as a bottle opener in the store.

n. a small tool or device that is useful for a particular job

102. The photographer took this photo using a telephoto _____.

n. a transparent optical device with curved sides, used in an optical instrument that makes objects seem larger, smaller, clearer, etc.; (metaphor) the basic thoughts or mindsets through which someone sees or understands the environment or situation

103. The ancestral _____ was peaceful, with rows of headstones and tall trees.

n. a cemetery, especially one in a churchyard

104. Australia is widely _____ as having low levels of corruption.

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

105. He looked for an opportunity to _____ that actor in public.

v. to cause someone to feel awkward, worried, or ashamed

106. The vegetarian burger was an _____ that quickly spread to the United Kingdom.

n. the creation of a new device or process resulting from study and experimentation

107. She struggled to _____ the word in a foreign language.

v. to say or speak (a word or words) correctly or in a particular way

108. She tried to _____ the layout of the new house in her mind.

v. to form a mental image or concept of something; to make something visible

ANSWERS: 101. gadget, 102. lens, 103. graveyard, 104. perceived, 105. embarrass, 106. innovation, 107. pronounce, 108. visualize

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

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

110. The _____ of water is called ice.

adj. hard or firm; characterized by good substantial quality

111. He was recruited to play in the professional _____.

n. an association of sports teams who compete against each other; an obsolete unit of distance of variable length, equal to about 3 miles or 4,000 meters

112. The _____ has the authority to approve or deny any request.

n. the officer who presides over organization meetings

113. She researched gender _____ in politics.

n. a strong feeling in favor of or against one group of people, an idea, or thing, often not based on fair judgment

114. The movie has received almost universally _____ criticism.

adj. having the quality of something bad or harmful; expressing refusal

115. The police couldn't find a _____ to her whereabouts.

n. an object, a piece of evidence, or some information that helps someone to find the answer to a problem, question, or mystery

116. It was the first time for her, but she _____ the role of Priest.

v. to meet the requirements or expectations; to achieve or realize

117. The _____ blew his whistle.

n. a person who controls the game in some sports by making players follow the rules

ANSWERS: 109. outcome, 110. solid-state, 111. league, 112. chairperson, 113. bias, 114. negative, 115. clue, 116. fulfilled, 117. referee

118. Marketing strategies are growing more _____.

adj. having a great deal of worldly experience and knowledge of people's behavior, culture, and fashion

119. The soccer player was able to _____ the ball away from the goal.

v. to cause something, especially a criticism or attack, to be directed away from someone

120. Health and _____ are, above all, gold.

n. the quality or state of being physically, or sometimes mentally, strong

121. He had to _____ defeat after losing the game.

v. to acknowledge or admit the truth or existence of something often reluctantly

122. The vase was made of _____ ceramic and easily broke when it was dropped.

adj. delicate or easily broken or damaged

123. Several IT millionaires have shown that the level of education is a relatively poor _____ of whether a business can be successfully run.

n. something that shows or points out what a situation is like or how a situation is changing

124. Efficiency isn't an essential _____ here; fairness is.

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

125. 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

ANSWERS: 118. sophisticated, 119. deflect, 120. strength, 121. concede, 122. fragile, 123. indicator, 124. principle, 125. embody

126. Nevada is _____ a desert state.

adv. virtually entirely; to a large degree

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

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

128. He has a flair for _____.

n. the science dealing with the logic of quantities, shapes, spaces, and arrangement

129. The company operates on a three-_____ pricing structure.

n. one of a series of rows or levels arranged one above the other, typically used to describe the arrangement of objects or levels of importance

130. What do you _____ the culprit's motive was?

v. to think that something is likely to be actual or possible

131. The financial _____ was involved in illegal activities.

n. a group of individuals or organizations combined to promote a common interest

132. Will you _____ on the result of the fight?

v. to take risky action in the hope of being successful; to play or game for money or other stakes

133. He couldn't _____ the actual value of the artwork.

v. to judge or find out the amount or number of something by using mathematics

134. The public is _____ that the prime minister has committed fraud.

adj. completely certain about something; having a strong belief or conviction in a particular religion

ANSWERS: 126. largely, 127. predict, 128. mathematics, 129. tier, 130. suppose, 131. syndicate, 132. gamble, 133. calculate, 134. convinced

135. I always wear my favorite basketball player's _____ to the games.
n. a knitted garment typically made of wool or cotton, worn as a shirt or pullover
136. The doctor advised him to _____ down for a check.
v. to remove the surface from something; (noun) a sizeable narrow piece of something such as paper, metal, cloth, etc., or area of land, sea, etc.
137. Internet traffic volumes have increased significantly with the advent of _____.
n. a mobile phone that functions as a computer and connects to the Internet
138. The self-made _____ donated millions to charity.
n. a person who has a net worth of at least one billion dollars
139. This _____ has never been formally accepted.
n. a thing that someone has accomplished, primarily through their effort and ability
140. Our subscription plan is _____ renewed.
adv. without needing a direct human control
141. The _____ clown at the haunted house scared the children.
adj. strange or unusual in a way that is frightening or unsettling
142. The mobile application industry is a _____ one.
adj. involving competition or competitiveness
143. The vault was advertised as _____ but was eventually broken into.
adj. impossible to destroy or damage beyond repair

ANSWERS: 135. jersey, 136. strip, 137. smartphones, 138. billionaire, 139. achievement, 140. automatically, 141. freaky, 142. competitive, 143. indestructible

144. His team won the _____ for three years running.

n. a contest to decide who is the best player or team in a particular sport; the act of providing approval and support

145. He was a _____ football team fan and never missed a game.

adj. (of a person) extremely loyal, dedicated, or enthusiastic; unwilling to give up

146. The mediated settlement brought _____ to both sides.

n. a pleasant feeling you have when you have fulfilled a desire, need, or expectation or have achieved something

147. The company signed a _____ with the supplier for the delivery of goods.

n. a legally binding agreement between two or more parties, setting out their rights and obligations to each other, typically in writing and enforceable by law

148. The global economy experienced a sharp _____ in the wake of the pandemic.

n. a period of decline, typically in an economy, characterized by reduced trade and business activity and a fall in prices and employment

149. His heartaches are less _____ now.

adj. happening constantly

150. He was known to be very _____ and would often work late into the night.

adj. hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort

151. The band has released a lot of _____ rock music.

n. a substance secreted by the adrenal medulla in response to stress, which makes the heart beat faster and prepares the body to react to danger

ANSWERS: 144. championship, 145. die-hard, 146. satisfaction, 147. contract, 148. downturn, 149. frequent, 150. industrious, 151. adrenaline-pumping

ANSWERS: