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Session 1: Word List

graffiti

n. writing or drawings scribbled, scratched, or sprayed illicitly on a wall or other surface in a public place

synonym: street art, tagging, vandalism

(1) **graffiti** art, (2) **graffiti** tag

The city spent a lot of money cleaning up the **graffiti** on the buildings downtown.

ancient

adj. relating to the long ago, particularly the historical period preceding the fall of the Western Roman Empire; very old

synonym: archaic, age-old, obsolete

(1) pre-Christian **ancient**, (2) **ancient** stories

They have been living near water since **ancient** times.

announcement

n. a public statement or declaration, often made in writing or through the media, that conveys important information or news

synonym: declaration, notification, statement

(1) public **announcement**, (2) **announcement** date

The company made an **announcement** about its new product at a press conference.

exclaim

v. to shout or cry out something suddenly, often in surprise or strong emotion

synonym: shout, cry out, yell

(1) **exclaim** in joy, (2) **exclaim** in surprise

She **exclaimed** excitedly when she saw her name on the list of winners.

accompany

v. to go somewhere or travel with someone or something

synonym: follow, escort, attend

(1) **accompany** a chicken dish, (2) **accompany** the book

Please let me know if you want to **accompany** me to my hometown.

destructive

adj. causing or able to cause tremendous and irreparable damage

synonym: destroying, harmful, disastrous

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

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

eruption

n. an instance of a sudden and violent release of lava, gas, or ash from a volcano; a sudden outburst or explosion of something

synonym: explosion, outburst, burst

(1) **eruption** alert level, (2) emotional **eruption**

The volcanic **eruption** caused widespread destruction and left the area covered in ash.

mount

v. to increase, go up, or advance gradually or continuously; to prepare and supply with the necessary equipment for execution or performance; to ride on something or someone

synonym: climb, increase, get on

(1) **mount** a hill, (2) **mount** a counterattack

They **mounted** pictures on the paper in preparation for the birthday card.

volcanic

adj. relating to or produced by or consisting of volcano

(1) effects of **volcanic** eruptions, (2) increase in **volcanic** activity

This study indicates **volcanic** activity affects global warming.

preserve

v. to keep or maintain a particular quality, feature, etc., especially to prevent it from decaying, being damaged, or being destroyed

synonym: conserve, care for, maintain

(1) **preserve** my strength, (2) **preserve** a country's heritage

They worked hard to **preserve** the nature of their native lands.

poetry

n. poems in general as a genre of literature

synonym: ode, poesy, verse

(1) modern **poetry**, (2) book of **poetry**

Different cultures have different comfortable word rhythms, so the composition of **poetry** varies greatly.

ordinary

adj. not different, exceptional, or unexpected in any way, especially in quality, ability, size, or degree

synonym: mundane, prosaic, average

(1) an **ordinary** school, (2) **ordinary** annual revenue

The **ordinary** session of the Diet opened.

introductory

adj. intended as an introduction or preliminary; serving as a base or starting point

synonym: beginning, preliminary, initial

(1) **introductory** biology text, (2) product **introductory** sale

The **introductory** class was designed to give students a basic understanding of the subject.

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.

antiquity

n. the ancient past, especially the period of classical civilization

synonym: ancientness, oldness, hoariness

(1) remote **antiquity**, (2) unrecorded **antiquity**

The study of **antiquity** is important for understanding the history, culture, and civilization of the past and their influence on the present.

spray

n. a fine mist of liquid that is dispersed into the air; flower arrangement consisting of a single branch or shoot bearing flowers and foliage

synonym: mist, aerosol, atomizer

(1) a **spray** of mist, (2) an insect **spray**

The artist used a **spray** paint can to create a graffiti mural on the wall.

urban

adj. relating to or located in a town or city

synonym: metropolitan, civic

(1) **urban** planning, (2) **urban** property owners

Only a small number of **urban** utilities offer sanitation services.

modern

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

synonym: contemporary, stylish, current

(1) **modern** poetry, (2) pre- **modern** agricultural society

Their headquarters are in a **modern** skyscraper.

typical

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

synonym: characteristic, usual, distinctive

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

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

illegal

adj. not allowed by law

synonym : banned, prohibited, illicit

(1) **illegal** drugs, (2) child of **illegal** immigrants

The customs agents seized the **illegal** shipment.

taboo

adj. prohibited or restricted by social custom

synonym : forbidden, prohibited, proscribed

(1) a **taboo** word, (2) academic **taboo**

In this society, discussing politics in public is a **taboo** subject.

permit

v. to allow for something to happen or be done; (noun) the act of giving a formal, usually written, authorization

synonym : allow, authorize, concede

(1) **permit** application, (2) work **permit**

The teacher will not **permit** any students to leave the classroom early.

temple

n. a place of worship, especially one that is associated with a particular religion or faith; the flat area on either side of the forehead

synonym : shrine, mosque, synagogue

(1) **temple** complex, (2) a tour guide at the **temple**

He visited the **temple** to pray and make offerings to the gods.

tomb

n. a large stone structure or underground chamber in which the dead are buried

synonym : grave, burial site, mausoleum

(1) bury in **tomb**, (2) the ancient **tomb**

The **tomb** of the unknown soldier honored the bravery and sacrifice of those who lost their lives in battle.

scratch

v. to cut or damage the surface of something or the skin with a sharp or pointed object

synonym : claw, rub, scrape

(1) **scratch** off a name, (2) **scratch** my signature

Don't **scratch** your mosquito bites.

stall

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

synonym: halt, hamper, (noun) cubicle

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

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

plaster

n. a substance made of lime that becomes hard as it dries and is used for the protective or decorative coating of walls and ceilings and for molding and casting decorative elements

synonym: cement, adhesive, mortar

(1) daub the ceiling with **plaster**, (2) cracks in the **plaster**

Patience is the **plaster** of all sores.

instrument

n. an object used to make musical sounds, such as a piano, guitar, or drum; a tool or device used for a specific activity, particularly in specialist or scientific work

synonym: apparatus, tool, device

(1) musical **instruments**, (2) surgical **instruments**

This electronic **instrument** is required to undergo periodic inspections to ensure precision.

stylus

n. a thin, pointed tool used to write, draw, or select items on a touchscreen device

synonym: pen, pointer, cursor

(1) **stylus** pen, (2) **stylus** pocket

Many artists prefer to use a **stylus** over their fingers when drawing on a digital canvas.

nail

n. a thin, pointed piece of metal with a flat head used for fastening things together; the thin hard layer covering and protecting the outer tip of the fingers or toes

synonym: pin, tack, fastener

(1) rusty **nail**, (2) **nail** clipper

He used a hammer and round **nail** to fix the loose board on

the fence.

archaeology

n. the branch of anthropology that studies prehistoric people and their cultures

(1) the institute of **archaeology**, (2) prehistoric **archaeology**
She teaches **archaeology** at the local university.

encounter

v. to face something, particularly something unpleasant or difficult, while attempting to do something else; to meet, especially unexpectedly

synonym: meet, run into, come across

(1) **encounter** a crisis, (2) **encounter** a storm

I'm prepared to **encounter** challenges throughout this adventure.

margin

n. the space around the edge of a page or document; (finance) the net sales minus the cost of goods and services sold

synonym: edge, border, periphery

(1) **margin** error, (2) a profit **margin**

Unfortunately, the book's **margin** was too small to make notes.

enslave

v. to make someone a slave; to deprive someone of their freedom of choice or action

synonym: coerce, deprive, imprison

(1) **enslave** poor peasants, (2) **enslave** indigenous people

Her beauty **enslaved** me completely.

inexpensive

adj. costing little; having a low price

synonym: cheap, affordable, economical

(1) **inexpensive** option, (2) an **inexpensive** inn

The restaurant offered delicious food at an **inexpensive** price.

observation

n. the act or activity of carefully examining or monitoring something or someone

synonym : watching, notice, reflection

(1) class **observation** day, (2) **observation** instrument

In the hospital, she will remain under constant **observation**.

tally

n. a record or count of a particular thing often used to keep track of scores, votes, or numbers

synonym : count, record, score

(1) keep a **tally**, (2) **tally** sheet

Let's keep a **tally** of the votes to see who won the election.

scrap

n. a small piece or amount of something, especially leftover from a larger whole

synonym : fragment, piece, remnant

(1) **scrap** metal, (2) a broken piece of **scrap**

She made a collage from **scraps** of paper and fabric from the art supply store.

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.

survive

v. to live or exist despite a dangerous event or period

synonym : endure, persist, stay

(1) **survive** a blizzard, (2) **survive** a plane crash

These birds can only **survive** in temperate climates.

excavation

n. the act or process of removing soil, rock, or other material to reveal or extract something, such as an archaeological site or underground structure, or the hole or area created by this process

synonym : digging, mining, unearthing

(1) fossil **excavation**, (2) **excavation** work

The archaeological **excavation** of the site revealed many

artifacts from the ancient civilization.

labyrinth

n. a complicated network of paths or passages, often with twists and turns, making it difficult to find one's way out

synonym: maze, puzzle, network

(1) a **labyrinth** of relationships, (2) **labyrinthine** pathways

It was easy to get lost in the **labyrinth** of narrow alleyways in the old city.

mythology

n. a collection of myths (= traditional stories accepted as history) or the study of myths

synonym: folklore, legend, fable

(1) tale from **mythology**, (2) ancient **mythology**

He studies Greek and Roman **mythology**.

doubt

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

synonym: distrust, suspect, mistrust

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

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

keen

adj. having or showing quick and eager intelligence or interest

synonym: eager, enthusiastic, ardent

(1) **keen** interest, (2) **keen** observation

He was **keen** to learn more about the subject and attended every lecture.

awareness

n. the fact or state of knowing something exists and is important

synonym: understanding, cognition, knowledge

(1) **awareness** of my ignorance, (2) raise public **awareness**

There has been a gradual but steady rise in environmental **awareness**.

amaze

v. to fill with wonder, surprise, or admiration

synonym: astound, surprise, stagger

(1) **amaze** and entertain visitors, (2) **amaze** everyone
The magician's tricks **amazed** the audience.

scribble

v. to write or draw carelessly and in a hurry
synonym: scabble, scrawl, jot

(1) **scribble** on paper, (2) **scribble** notes
The words were **scribbled** in pencil.

amphitheater

n. an open-air theater, usually circular or oval, with tiers of seats surrounding a central performance area
synonym: arena, stadium, coliseum

(1) outdoor **amphitheater**, (2) ancient **amphitheater**
The performers took to the stage in the **amphitheater's** center, surrounded by cheering fans.

gladiator

n. a person who fought in ancient Rome's public contests, typically armed with weapons and wearing armor to entertain audiences
synonym: fighter, warrior, combatant

(1) act like a **gladiator**, (2) the Christian **gladiator**
The **gladiator's** training regimen included physical conditioning, weapons training, and strategy.

mention

v. to speak or write about something or someone briefly
synonym: reference, allude, cite

(1) **mention** name, (2) **mention** in a report
I **mentioned** to him that I had seen his sister at the grocery store earlier that day.

charcoal

n. a black, porous substance made by burning wood or other organic matter in the absence of air, often used for drawing or cooking
synonym: carbon, soot, black

(1) **charcoal** brown, (2) **charcoal** grill
The artist used **charcoal** drawing to create a realistic portrait of her subject.

chalk

n. a soft, white, porous sedimentary rock composed of calcium carbonate, often used for drawing or writing on surfaces such as blackboards

synonym : white rock, limestone, gypsum

(1) a piece of **chalk**, (2) **chalk** on a blackboard

The kids used colored **chalk** to create a mural on the pavement.

ignore

v. to intentionally not listen or pay attention to

synonym : neglect, disregard, shun

(1) **ignore** her advice, (2) **ignore** a ban

Since independence, the area has been completely **ignored**.

scholar

n. professor; a person who studies a topic in considerable depth, particularly in a university

synonym : professor, pupil, learner

(1) **scholar** in international politics, (2) noted **scholar**

You won't have to pay college tuition if you're a **scholar**.

sham

n. something that is not as good or true as it seems to be and is intended to deceive people; a person who pretends to be something they are not

synonym : bogus, counterfeit, fraudulent

(1) a **sham** battle, (2) turn out to be all **sham**

The data he prepared was completely **sham**.

flourish

v. to grow or develop vigorously or successfully

synonym : boom, advance, succeed

(1) **flourish** economically, (2) **flourish** worldwide

The Ottoman Empire **flourished** for over five centuries.

inventive

adj. able to come up with novel and unique ideas

synonym : imaginative, creative, innovative

(1) have the **inventive** talent, (2) **inventive** approach

All language around the world is consistently **inventive** but not intrusive.

elegant

adj. pleasing and graceful in appearance or manner, or showing good taste and refinement

synonym : refined, sophisticated, graceful

(1) **elegant** design, (2) write **elegant** sentences

She wore an **elegant** evening gown to the gala.

inscribe

v. to write or carve something on a surface, especially as a formal or permanent record

synonym : engrave, carve, etch

(1) **inscribe** a message, (2) **inscribe** in her mind clearly

The artist **inscribed** a beautiful design on the surface of the vase.

counterpart

n. a person or thing that corresponds to or has the same function as another person or thing

synonym : equivalent, analogue, match

(1) **counterpart** agreement, (2) negotiating **counterpart**

His **counterpart** in the other company is responsible for marketing.

clod

n. a lump of earth or clay; a stupid or dull person

synonym : lump, blockhead, dullard

(1) behave like a **clod**, (2) **clod** crusher

I stepped on a **clod** of mud and nearly slipped on the wet ground.

victor

n. one who wins a game, competition, election, war, etc.

synonym : winner, conqueror, champion

(1) **victor** country, (2) the outright **victor**

The **victor** of the race was the favorite to win.

cursive

adj. written in flowing, joined-up script, often used in handwriting or calligraphy

synonym : flowing, joined-up, script

(1) **cursive** letter, (2) **cursive** script

The teacher encouraged the students to improve their

cursive handwriting skills.

trace

v. to find or discover someone or something that was lost
synonym: seek, follow, depict

(1) **trace** a telephone call, (2) **trace** back to medieval times
Let's **trace** the origins of some familiar foreign words.

branch

n. a division of a tree or woody shrub that grows out from the trunk or a main stem; a division of some larger or more complex organization

synonym: limb, twig, bough

(1) **branch** office, (2) a **branch** pipe

The **branch** of the tree had fallen and blocked the road.

portrait

n. a painting, picture; the likeness of a person, especially one showing the face

synonym: illustration, image, portraiture

(1) a **portrait** painter, (2) **portrait** of a well-known figure

A well-known artist painted this lovely lady's **portrait**.

aesthetic

adj. connected with the enjoyment or study of beauty

synonym: beautiful, artistic, esthetic

(1) **aesthetic** value, (2) **aesthetic** feeling

My **aesthetic** standards are quite different from hers.

motivation

n. the reason or enthusiasm for acting or behaving in a particular way

synonym: inspiration, incentive, reason

(1) understand his **motivation**, (2) **motivation** for a change

A significant amount of **motivation** is required to be a teacher.

bathhouse

n. a public establishment where people can take baths or showers, often including other amenities such as saunas, steam rooms, or swimming pools

synonym: spa, sauna, steam room

(1) Turkish **bathhouse**, (2) a public **bathhouse**

After a long day of work, she went to the **bathhouse** to relax in the sauna and hot tub.

origin

n. the first existence or beginning of something

synonym: root, source, ancestor

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

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

upside

n. the positive aspect or potential of something; the upper side of something

synonym: advantage, benefit, top

(1) have no **upside**, (2) market **upside**

Many people see the **upside** of traveling as an opportunity to experience new cultures and broaden their horizons.

twist

v. to bend or turn something into a certain shape

synonym: wrench, turn, twirl

(1) **twist** around to the left, (2) **twist** a wet towel

He **twisted** pieces of rope out of straw.

alphabet

n. a character set that includes letters and is used to write a language

synonym: ABC's

(1) letters of an **alphabet**, (2) an **alphabet** of manual signs

He strove to memorize the Hebrew **alphabet**.

intersperse

v. to scatter or distribute among or between other things; to insert or place something at intervals

synonym: scatter, distribute, insert

(1) **intersperse** his speech, (2) **intersperse** exclamation marks

The author **interspersed** anecdotes throughout the book to break up the text and make it more engaging.

backward

adv. at, to, or toward the direction or place that is behind or rear

synonym:

back, rearward, in reverse

(1) walk **backward**, (2) **backward** angle

She falls over **backward** when she sees her mother-in-law.

utilitarian

adj. designed to be practical and functional rather than decorative or luxurious

synonym: functional, practical, pragmatic

(1) **utilitarian** design, (2) **utilitarian** economics

The kitchen is designed with a **utilitarian** approach, focusing on practicality rather than aesthetics.

isolation

n. the condition of being alone or lonely; the act or state of separation between persons or groups

synonym: aloneness, seclusion, separateness

(1) **isolation** booth, (2) the country's **isolation**

That incident led to his **isolation**.

examine

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

synonym: study, probe, analyze

(1) **examine** the data studiously, (2) **examine** the issue

Initially, we must **examine** all project-related expenses.

virtually

adv. almost completely

synonym: almost, basically, nearly

(1) **virtually** all countries, (2) **virtually** identical

Virtually all the parties signed the contract.

avenue

n. a wide road in a town or city, especially with trees or tall buildings on both sides; a line of approach

synonym: artery, roadway, street

(1) an **avenue** of poplars, (2) an **avenue** to success

They explored every **avenue** they could think of.

residential

adj. relating to, suitable for, or used for living in

synonym: domestic, homely, dwelling

(1) a **residential** district, (2) **residential** property

The city's **residential** area is known for its quiet streets and beautiful homes.

district

n. a part of a country or town, especially one with particular features

synonym: territory, dominion, zone

(1) school **districts**, (2) urban **districts**

Since 2001, the **district** has provided training programs for automotive technicians.

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.

complicated

adj. involving a lot of different things or parts in a way that is difficult to understand or analyze

synonym: complex, convoluted, intricate

(1) a **complicated** process, (2) become increasingly **complicated**

He did **complicated** pen-and-ink drawings in just a few days.

greet

v. to say hello to someone; to express welcome on meeting someone

synonym: welcome, salute, acknowledge

(1) **greet** a customer, (2) **greet** an idea

He **greeted** his friends with a warm smile and a hug.

prima

adj. of the highest quality or importance; primary or first in rank or position

synonym: primary, first-rate, top-notch

(1) **prima** facie, (2) **prima** donna

The **prima** ballerina wowed the audience with her graceful performance.

nickname

n. a familiar or humorous name given to a person or thing instead of or as well as the real name

synonym: moniker, sobriquet, handle

(1) endearing **nickname**, (2) **nickname** for a person

The team has a **nickname** for their star player: "The Ace."

facade

n. the face or front of a building, especially a large one; superficial or false appearance intended to conceal something unpleasant

synonym: front, camouflage, masquerade

(1) the outside **facade** of a castle, (2) **facade** of wealth

A gentle **facade** concealed his powerfulness.

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.

tweet

n. a short, high sound made by a small bird; a message sent using Twitter, the social media application

synonym: peep, chirp, post (on Twitter)

(1) a chick's **tweet**, (2) his latest **tweets**

We could hear the **tweet** of baby birds.

economical

adj. providing a satisfactory return on the money, time, or effort; not using more money, fuel, etc. than necessary

synonym: frugal, thrifty, parsimonious

(1) **economical** use of her time, (2) an **economical** meal

It is more **economical** to wash your plastic bottle and reuse it.

underline

v. to draw a line or lines underneath something, typically to emphasize or draw attention to it

synonym : emphasize, highlight, stress

(1) **underline** the vision, (2) **underline** the key points

He **underlined** the important points in the document.

slide

v. to move or cause to move smoothly along a surface without interruption

synonym : glide, drift, drop

(1) **slide** a card across the table, (2) **slide** a glance

If necessary, you can **slide** the front seats forward.

vertical

adj. upright or perpendicular to a horizontal surface or line

synonym : perpendicular, upright, plumb

(1) **vertical** takeoff, (2) **vertical** axis

The ladder leaned against the **vertical** surface of the building.

interpunct

n. a punctuation mark (·) used in some languages to separate words or syllables, especially in compound words

synonym : midpoint, dot, period

(1) **interpunct** symbol, (2) **interpunct** key

The proofreader added an **interpunct** to separate the compound word into two distinct parts.

horizontal

adj. parallel to the ground or in a baseline; being at the same level as all members of a group

synonym : even, lying, parallel

(1) **horizontal** lines, (2) **horizontal** stripes

Airplanes need **horizontal** tails to improve stability.

dot

n. a very small circular mark, especially one that is printed

synonym : drop, dab, fleck

(1) connecting the **dots**, (2) **dot** blot method

The wallpaper had a pattern of pink **dots** on a white surface.

boar

n. a wild pig, especially a male with tusks

synonym: wild pig, sow, hog

(1) wild **boar**, (2) **boar's** head

The hunter tracked the **boar** through the forest for a good shot.

partridge

n. a medium-sized game bird, often hunted for sport or food, with brown or gray feathers and a plump body

synonym: game bird, grouse, pheasant

(1) as plump as a **partridge**, (2) a **partridge** in a pear tree

The hunter set out early in the morning for a **partridge** for his dinner.

psychology

n. the scientific study of mind and behavior

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

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

propose

v. to make a proposal, declare a plan for something

synonym: suggest, offer, recommend

(1) **propose** the amendment, (2) **propose** changes

I want to **propose** a toast in honor of our longstanding relationship.

urge

v. to spur on or encourage someone, especially by cheers and shouts; (noun) a strong desire or impulse, especially one that is difficult to control or resist

synonym: push for, advise, (noun) impulse

(1) **urge** a total ban, (2) a sexual **urge**

The lobbyist **urged** Congress not to approve the measure.

doodle

v. to draw or scribble absentmindedly or idly; to make aimless marks or designs

synonym: scribble, sketch, draw

(1) **doodle** my way through life, (2) **doodle** in a notebook

When on the phone, he likes to **doodle** little sketches in the margins of his notepad.

- feat** *n.* a notable or impressive achievement, especially one that requires great skill or bravery
synonym : achievement, accomplishment, exploit
(1) intellectual **feat**, (2) **feat** accomplishment
It is an incredible **feat** to climb Mount Everest, the highest mountain in the world.
- spirit** *n.* the part of a person which is the seat of their mind, feelings, and character rather than their physical body; the general atmosphere of a place or situation and the effect that it has on people
synonym : soul, attitude, enthusiasm
(1) **spirit** and the letter of the law, (2) an indomitable **spirit**
Despite their tragic loss, the family is showing great **spirit**.
- mistress** *n.* a woman who has an ongoing extramarital sexual relationship with a, often, married man; a woman who is in a position of authority or control and directs the work of others
synonym : ladylove, paramour, paramour
(1) a **mistress** of comedy, (2) keep a **mistress**
She used to be his **mistress** before the death of his first wife.
- definitely** *adv.* without any question and beyond doubt; clearly
synonym : absolutely, certainly, indeed
(1) **definitely** become a problem, (2) say **definitely**
The paper is **definitely** worth reading thoroughly.
- accentuate** *v.* to emphasize or highlight something, often by making it more prominent or noticeable
synonym : emphasize, highlight, stress
(1) **accentuate** features, (2) **accentuate** the positive
The dress's plunging neckline was designed to **accentuate** the model's curves.
- surrounding** *adj.* that is near or around, or closely encircling something
synonym : circumferent, encircling, neighboring

(1) **surrounding** areas, (2) a fence **surrounding** a castle
The **surrounding** mountains make the city difficult to be invaded.

highlight

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

synonym: feature, emphasize, stress

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

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

inscription

n. a message or design that is written or engraved on a surface of something, such as stone or metal

synonym: engraving, writing, script

(1) **inscription** on a plaque, (2) funerary **inscriptions**

The ancient coin had an **inscription** in Latin and a picture of the emperor on the other side.

pronounced

adj. clearly and distinctly expressed or noticeable; emphasized

synonym: emphasized, distinct, noticeable

(1) clearly- **pronounced** utterances, (2) **pronounced** difference

The chef's herbs and spices gave the dish a **pronounced** flavor.

phenomenon

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

synonym: marvel, wonder, splendor

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

A rainbow is a natural **phenomenon**.

excavate

v. to dig or remove earth, rocks, or other materials from the ground or a site, often to uncover or discover something

synonym: dig, unearth, extract

(1) **excavate** a deep hole, (2) **excavate** soil

The archaeologists **excavated** the ruins of an ancient city buried under the desert sands.

discovery

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

synonym: finding, uncovering, detection

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

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

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.

thrill

n. a feeling of extreme and sudden excitement and pleasure; to cause someone to feel sudden intense sensation or emotion

synonym: exhilaration, delight, rush

(1) the **thrill** of speed, (2) incredible **thrill**

Skydiving is an overwhelming **thrill** for many people.

sticky

adj. made of or covered with an adhesive substance; hot or warm and humid

synonym: adhesive, gluey, clingy

(1) **sticky** weather, (2) **sticky** situation

A peculiar **sticky** material coated the foliage.

farewell

n. the act of departing politely; an expression of a wish or well-being at parting

synonym: goodbye, send-off

(1) a **farewell** address, (2) bid **farewell** to the departed

There is his **farewell** party tomorrow.

stump

v. to cause to be perplexed or confused; (noun) the base part of a tree that remains standing after the tree has been felled

synonym : mix up

(1) the riddle **stumped** everybody, (2) we are **stumped** with the problem

He is **stumped** with the question.

attempt

n. an act or effort of trying to do something, especially something difficult

synonym : endeavor, effort, try

(1) the **attempt** to rescue the hostages, (2) a reckless **attempt**

The third **attempt** was far more successful.

elegance

n. the quality of being graceful and stylish in appearance or manner

synonym : grace, refinement, poise

(1) austere **elegance**, (2) natural **elegance**

The **elegance** of her dress was breathtaking.

slave

n. a person who is, either legally or illegally, owned by someone; a person entirely dominated by some influence or a person

synonym : captive, bondservant, hard worker

(1) a **slave** of drink, (2) a **slave** trader

You should work hard but not be a **slave** to it.

urine

n. a liquid by-product of metabolism in humans and in many other animals that are released from the body when you urinate

synonym : excrement, dung, pee

(1) **urine** composition, (2) blood in the **urine**

They collected a **urine** specimen for urinalysis.

thereby

adv. as a result; consequence of a particular action or set of conditions

synonym : thus, hence, as a result

(1) **thereby-obtained** data, (2) **thereby** improving overall health

The new software will streamline the workflow, **thereby** increasing productivity.

advocate

n. a person who supports or suggests an idea, development, or way of doing something

synonym : proponent, exponent, promoter

(1) an **advocate** of disarmament, (2) public education

advocates

Advocates of abolishing the death penalty often argue that the alternative heaviest sentence should be life in prison.

generation

n. all the people born and living at about the same time, regarded collectively; the production of heat or electricity

synonym : cohort, age group, era

(1) **generation** gap, (2) the **generation** of electricity

The younger **generation** has different values and beliefs than the older one.

Session 2: Spelling

1. a sp__y of mist *n.* a fine mist of liquid that is dispersed into the air; flower arrangement consisting of a single branch or shoot bearing flowers and foliage
2. racial or___n *n.* the first existence or beginning of something
3. ch____al grill *n.* a black, porous substance made by burning wood or other organic matter in the absence of air, often used for drawing or cooking
4. ch____al brown *n.* a black, porous substance made by burning wood or other organic matter in the absence of air, often used for drawing or cooking
5. the country's is _____on *n.* the condition of being alone or lonely; the act or state of separation between persons or groups
6. ex____te a deep hole *v.* to dig or remove earth, rocks, or other materials from the ground or a site, often to uncover or discover something
7. in____be a message *v.* to write or carve something on a surface, especially as a formal or permanent record
8. walk ba____rd *adv.* at, to, or toward the direction or place that is behind or rear
9. negotiating cou_____rt *n.* a person or thing that corresponds to or has the same function as another person or thing

ANSWERS: 1. spray, 2. origin, 3. charcoal, 4. charcoal, 5. isolation, 6. excavate, 7. inscribe, 8. backward, 9. counterpart

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| 10. int_____se exclamation marks | <i>v.</i> to scatter or distribute among or between other things; to insert or place something at intervals |
| 11. unf_____ely caught in a shower | <i>adv.</i> by bad luck; unluckily |
| 12. an insect sp__y | <i>n.</i> a fine mist of liquid that is dispersed into the air; flower arrangement consisting of a single branch or shoot bearing flowers and foliage |
| 13. hi_____ht a string in red | <i>v.</i> to make something prominent, mainly so that people give it more attention |
| 14. endearing ni_____me | <i>n.</i> a familiar or humorous name given to a person or thing instead of or as well as the real name |
| 15. ancient amp_____ter | <i>n.</i> an open-air theater, usually circular or oval, with tiers of seats surrounding a central performance area |
| 16. pr_____e the amendment | <i>v.</i> to make a proposal, declare a plan for something |
| 17. st__l at sea | <i>v.</i> to stop or cause to stop making progress; (noun) small area or booth set off for the sale of goods in a market or large covered area |
| 18. the outright vi____r | <i>n.</i> one who wins a game, competition, election, war, etc. |
| 19. the great di_____ry of the century | <i>n.</i> the act or process of finding information, a place, or an object, or learning about something that was previously not known |
| 20. noted sc_____r | <i>n.</i> professor; a person who studies a topic in considerable depth, particularly in a university |

ANSWERS: 10. intersperse, 11. unfortunately, 12. spray, 13. highlight, 14. nickname, 15. amphitheater, 16. propose, 17. stall, 18. victor, 19. discovery, 20. scholar

21. the riddle st__ped everybody *v.* to cause to be perplexed or confused; (noun) the base part of a tree that remains standing after the tree has been felled
22. hor_____al stripes *adj.* parallel to the ground or in a baseline; being at the same level as all members of a group
23. acc_____te features *v.* to emphasize or highlight something, often by making it more prominent or noticeable
24. ni_____me for a person *n.* a familiar or humorous name given to a person or thing instead of or as well as the real name
25. ta__y sheet *n.* a record or count of a particular thing often used to keep track of scores, votes, or numbers
26. class obs_____on day *n.* the act or activity of carefully examining or monitoring something or someone
27. ve_____al takeoff *adj.* upright or perpendicular to a horizontal surface or line
28. the outside fa___e of a castle *n.* the face or front of a building, especially a large one; superficial or false appearance intended to conceal something unpleasant
29. te___e complex *n.* a place of worship, especially one that is associated with a particular religion or faith; the flat area on either side of the forehead
30. pr_____e changes *v.* to make a proposal, declare a plan for something

ANSWERS: 21. stump, 22. horizontal, 23. accentuate, 24. nickname, 25. tally, 26. observation, 27. vertical, 28. facade, 29. temple, 30. propose

31. tr__e a telephone call *v.* to find or discover someone or something that was lost
32. k__n observation *adj.* having or showing quick and eager intelligence or interest
33. st___s pocket *n.* a thin, pointed tool used to write, draw, or select items on a touchscreen device
34. a com_____ed process *adj.* involving a lot of different things or parts in a way that is difficult to understand or analyze
35. modern po___y *n.* poems in general as a genre of literature
36. uti_____an design *adj.* designed to be practical and functional rather than decorative or luxurious
37. sc_____h my signature *v.* to cut or damage the surface of something or the skin with a sharp or pointed object
38. a mi_____ss of comedy *n.* a woman who has an ongoing extramarital sexual relationship with a, often, married man; a woman who is in a position of authority or control and directs the work of others
39. 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
40. sc_____r in international politics *n.* professor; a person who studies a topic in considerable depth, particularly in a university
41. d_t blot method *n.* a very small circular mark, especially one that is printed

ANSWERS: 31. trace, 32. keen, 33. stylus, 34. complicated, 35. poetry, 36. utilitarian, 37. scratch, 38. mistress, 39. assume, 40. scholar, 41. dot

42. un_____ne the vision *v.* to draw a line or lines underneath something, typically to emphasize or draw attention to it
43. clearly-pro_____ed utterances *adj.* clearly and distinctly expressed or noticeable; emphasized
44. or____n of information *n.* the first existence or beginning of something
45. product int_____ory sale *adj.* intended as an introduction or preliminary; serving as a base or starting point
46. lead to des_____ve behavior *adj.* causing or able to cause tremendous and irreparable damage
47. a chick's tw__t *n.* a short, high sound made by a small bird; a message sent using Twitter, the social media application
48. ve_____al axis *adj.* upright or perpendicular to a horizontal surface or line
49. an indomitable sp____t *n.* the part of a person which is the seat of their mind, feelings, and character rather than their physical body; the general atmosphere of a place or situation and the effect that it has on people
50. gr_____ti art *n.* writing or drawings scribbled, scratched, or sprayed illicitly on a wall or other surface in a public place
51. me_____n name *v.* to speak or write about something or someone briefly
52. ig____e a ban *v.* to intentionally not listen or pay attention to

ANSWERS: 42. underline, 43. pronounced, 44. origin, 45. introductory, 46. destructive, 47. tweet, 48. vertical, 49. spirit, 50. graffiti, 51. mention, 52. ignore

53. market up___e *n.* the positive aspect or potential of something; the upper side of something
54. ex_____te soil *v.* to dig or remove earth, rocks, or other materials from the ground or a site, often to uncover or discover something
55. pre-Christian an_____t *adj.* relating to the long ago, particularly the historical period preceding the fall of the Western Roman Empire; very old
56. or_____ry annual revenue *adj.* not different, exceptional, or unexpected in any way, especially in quality, ability, size, or degree
57. a po_____it painter *n.* a painting, picture; the likeness of a person, especially one showing the face
58. fl_____sh economically *v.* to grow or develop vigorously or successfully
59. pr_____le cause of a fire *adj.* likely to happen or likely to be true
60. tr__e back to medieval times *v.* to find or discover someone or something that was lost
61. sur_____ng areas *adj.* that is near or around, or closely encircling something
62. cracks in the pl_____r *n.* a substance made of lime that becomes hard as it dries and is used for the protective or decorative coating of walls and ceilings and for molding and casting decorative elements
63. natural phe_____on *n.* something that exists and can be perceptible, especially one that is not fully understood

ANSWERS: 53. upside, 54. excavate, 55. ancient, 56. ordinary, 57. portrait, 58. flourish, 59. probable, 60. trace, 61. surrounding, 62. plaster, 63. phenomenon

64. an_____t stories *adj.* relating to the long ago, particularly the historical period preceding the fall of the Western Roman Empire; very old
65. the gen_____on of electricity *n.* all the people born and living at about the same time, regarded collectively; the production of heat or electricity
66. aw_____ss of my ignorance *n.* the fact or state of knowing something exists and is important
67. raise public aw_____ss *n.* the fact or state of knowing something exists and is important
68. am___e and entertain visitors *v.* to fill with wonder, surprise, or admiration
69. historical phe_____on *n.* something that exists and can be perceptible, especially one that is not fully understood
70. a public ba_____se *n.* a public establishment where people can take baths or showers, often including other amenities such as saunas, steam rooms, or swimming pools
71. ma___n error *n.* the space around the edge of a page or document; (finance) the net sales minus the cost of goods and services sold
72. obs_____on instrument *n.* the act or activity of carefully examining or monitoring something or someone
73. sc_____le on paper *v.* to write or draw carelessly and in a hurry
74. ins_____on on a plaque *n.* a message or design that is written or engraved on a surface of something, such as stone or metal

ANSWERS: 64. ancient, 65. generation, 66. awareness, 67. awareness, 68. amaze, 69. phenomenon, 70. bathhouse, 71. margin, 72. observation, 73. scribble, 74. inscription

75. il____l drugs *adj.* not allowed by law
76. sc____h off a name *v.* to cut or damage the surface of something or the skin with a sharp or pointed object
77. exc_____on work *n.* the act or process of removing soil, rock, or other material to reveal or extract something, such as an archaeological site or underground structure, or the hole or area created by this process
78. pre-mo____n agricultural society *adj.* of or belonging to the present time or recent times
79. th_____y-obtained data *adv.* as a result; consequence of a particular action or set of conditions
80. keep a mi_____ss *n.* a woman who has an ongoing extramarital sexual relationship with a, often, married man; a woman who is in a position of authority or control and directs the work of others
81. sc__p metal *n.* a small piece or amount of something, especially leftover from a larger whole
82. child of il____l immigrants *adj.* not allowed by law
83. intellectual f__t *n.* a notable or impressive achievement, especially one that requires great skill or bravery
84. me_____n in a report *v.* to speak or write about something or someone briefly
85. ine_____ve option *adj.* costing little; having a low price

ANSWERS: 75. illegal, 76. scratch, 77. excavation, 78. modern, 79. thereby, 80. mistress, 81. scrap, 82. illegal, 83. feat, 84. mention, 85. inexpensive

86. equ_____nt in meaning *n.* having the same value, quality, meaning, purpose, etc.
87. incredible th___l *n.* a feeling of extreme and sudden excitement and pleasure; to cause someone to feel sudden intense sensation or emotion
88. equ_____nt amounts *n.* having the same value, quality, meaning, purpose, etc.
89. sl__e a card across the table *v.* to move or cause to move smoothly along a surface without interruption
90. a profit ma____n *n.* the space around the edge of a page or document; (finance) the net sales minus the cost of goods and services sold
91. tale from my_____gy *n.* a collection of myths (= traditional stories accepted as history) or the study of myths
92. pr__a facie *adj.* of the highest quality or importance; primary or first in rank or position
93. in_____be in her mind clearly *v.* to write or carve something on a surface, especially as a formal or permanent record
94. a sl__e trader *n.* a person who is, either legally or illegally, owned by someone; a person entirely dominated by some influence or a person
95. bury in t__b *n.* a large stone structure or underground chamber in which the dead are buried
96. mo__t a hill *v.* to increase, go up, or advance gradually or continuously; to prepare and supply with the necessary equipment for execution or performance; to ride on something or someone

ANSWERS: 86. equivalent, 87. thrill, 88. equivalent, 89. slide, 90. margin, 91. mythology, 92. prima, 93. inscribe, 94. slave, 95. tomb, 96. mount

97. public ann_____ent *n.* a public statement or declaration, often made in writing or through the media, that conveys important information or news
98. mo__t a counterattack *v.* to increase, go up, or advance gradually or continuously; to prepare and supply with the necessary equipment for execution or performance; to ride on something or someone
99. do___e in a notebook *v.* to draw or scribble absentmindedly or idly; to make aimless marks or designs
100. even more unf_____ely *adv.* by bad luck; unluckily
101. a habit des_____ve to health *adj.* causing or able to cause tremendous and irreparable damage
102. en_____e poor peasants *v.* to make someone a slave; to deprive someone of their freedom of choice or action
103. become increasingly com_____ed *adj.* involving a lot of different things or parts in a way that is difficult to understand or analyze
104. we are st__ped with the problem *v.* to cause to be perplexed or confused; (noun) the base part of a tree that remains standing after the tree has been felled
105. ac_____ny a chicken dish *v.* to go somewhere or travel with someone or something
106. his latest tw__ts *n.* a short, high sound made by a small bird; a message sent using Twitter, the social media application

ANSWERS: 97. announcement, 98. mount, 99. doodle, 100. unfortunately, 101. destructive, 102. enslave, 103. complicated, 104. stump, 105. accompany, 106. tweet

107. tw__t around to the left *v.* to bend or turn something into a certain shape
108. dispel do__ts *n.* a feeling of being uncertain about something, especially about how good or accurate it is
109. an or____ry school *adj.* not different, exceptional, or unexpected in any way, especially in quality, ability, size, or degree
110. b__r's head *n.* a wild pig, especially a male with tusks
111. rusty n__l *n.* a thin, pointed piece of metal with a flat head used for fastening things together; the thin hard layer covering and protecting the outer tip of the fingers or toes
112. connecting the d_ts *n.* a very small circular mark, especially one that is printed
113. def_____ly become a problem *adv.* without any question and beyond doubt; clearly
114. Turkish ba_____se *n.* a public establishment where people can take baths or showers, often including other amenities such as saunas, steam rooms, or swimming pools
115. acc_____te the positive *v.* to emphasize or highlight something, often by making it more prominent or noticeable
116. sc_____le notes *v.* to write or draw carelessly and in a hurry
117. gr__t an idea *v.* to say hello to someone; to express welcome on meeting someone

ANSWERS: 107. twist, 108. doubt, 109. ordinary, 110. boar, 111. nail, 112. dot, 113. definitely, 114. bathhouse, 115. accentuate, 116. scribble, 117. greet

118. tw__t a wet towel *v.* to bend or turn something into a certain shape
119. a sl__e of drink *n.* a person who is, either legally or illegally, owned by someone; a person entirely dominated by some influence or a person
120. public education ad____tes *n.* a person who supports or suggests an idea, development, or way of doing something
121. a ta__o word *adj.* prohibited or restricted by social custom
122. mot_____on for a change *n.* the reason or enthusiasm for acting or behaving in a particular way
123. say def_____ly *adv.* without any question and beyond doubt; clearly
124. turn out to be all s__m *n.* something that is not as good or true as it seems to be and is intended to deceive people; a person who pretends to be something they are not
125. ur__n planning *adj.* relating to or located in a town or city
126. the at_____t to rescue the hostages *n.* an act or effort of trying to do something, especially something difficult
127. en_____er a storm *v.* to face something, particularly something unpleasant or difficult, while attempting to do something else; to meet, especially unexpectedly
128. fa___e of wealth *n.* the face or front of a building, especially a large one; superficial or false appearance intended to conceal something unpleasant

ANSWERS: 118. twist, 119. slave, 120. advocate, 121. taboo, 122. motivation, 123. definitely, 124. sham, 125. urban, 126. attempt, 127. encounter, 128. facade

129. outdoor amp_____ter *n.* an open-air theater, usually circular or oval, with tiers of seats surrounding a central performance area
130. a sexual u__e *v.* to spur on or encourage someone, especially by cheers and shouts; (noun) a strong desire or impulse, especially one that is difficult to control or resist
131. effects of vo_____ic eruptions *adj.* relating to or produced by or consisting of volcano
132. letters of an al_____et *n.* a character set that includes letters and is used to write a language
133. er_____on alert level *n.* an instance of a sudden and violent release of lava, gas, or ash from a volcano; a sudden outburst or explosion of something
134. ann_____ent date *n.* a public statement or declaration, often made in writing or through the media, that conveys important information or news
135. sp____t and the letter of the law *n.* the part of a person which is the seat of their mind, feelings, and character rather than their physical body; the general atmosphere of a place or situation and the effect that it has on people
136. ex_____m in joy *v.* to shout or cry out something suddenly, often in surprise or strong emotion
137. ig____e her advice *v.* to intentionally not listen or pay attention to

ANSWERS: 129. amphitheater, 130. urge, 131. volcanic, 132. alphabet, 133. eruption, 134. announcement, 135. spirit, 136. exclaim, 137. ignore

138. a la_____th of relationships *n.* a complicated network of paths or passages, often with twists and turns, making it difficult to find one's way out
139. prehistoric arc_____gy *n.* the branch of anthropology that studies prehistoric people and their cultures
140. have no up___e *n.* the positive aspect or potential of something; the upper side of something
141. uti_____an economics *adj.* designed to be practical and functional rather than decorative or luxurious
142. an eco_____al meal *adj.* providing a satisfactory return on the money, time, or effort; not using more money, fuel, etc. than necessary
143. ancient my_____gy *n.* a collection of myths (= traditional stories accepted as history) or the study of myths
144. su_____e a blizzard *v.* to live or exist despite a dangerous event or period
145. ty_____l leader *adj.* having the usual characteristics or traits of a specific group of things
146. fairly ty_____l symptoms *adj.* having the usual characteristics or traits of a specific group of things
147. cu_____e script *adj.* written in flowing, joined-up script, often used in handwriting or calligraphy
148. urban di_____cts *n.* a part of a country or town, especially one with particular features
149. a fa_____ll address *n.* the act of departing politely; an expression of a wish or well-being at parting

ANSWERS: 138. labyrinth, 139. archaeology, 140. upside, 141. utilitarian, 142. economical, 143. mythology, 144. survive, 145. typical, 146. typical, 147. cursive, 148. district, 149. farewell

150. ur__n property owners	<i>adj.</i> relating to or located in a town or city
151. en____e indigenous people	<i>v.</i> to make someone a slave; to deprive someone of their freedom of choice or action
152. an al____et of manual signs	<i>n.</i> a character set that includes letters and is used to write a language
153. write el____t sentences	<i>adj.</i> pleasing and graceful in appearance or manner, or showing good taste and refinement
154. the ancient t__b	<i>n.</i> a large stone structure or underground chamber in which the dead are buried
155. c__d crusher	<i>n.</i> a lump of earth or clay; a stupid or dull person
156. un____ne the key points	<i>v.</i> to draw a line or lines underneath something, typically to emphasize or draw attention to it
157. unrecorded an____ty	<i>n.</i> the ancient past, especially the period of classical civilization
158. bid fa____ll to the departed	<i>n.</i> the act of departing politely; an expression of a wish or well-being at parting
159. a res____al district	<i>adj.</i> relating to, suitable for, or used for living in
160. int____ct key	<i>n.</i> a punctuation mark (·) used in some languages to separate words or syllables, especially in compound words
161. ch__k on a blackboard	<i>n.</i> a soft, white, porous sedimentary rock composed of calcium carbonate, often used for drawing or writing on surfaces such as blackboards

ANSWERS: 150. urban, 151. enslave, 152. alphabet, 153. elegant, 154. tomb, 155. clod, 156. underline, 157. antiquity, 158. farewell, 159. residential, 160. interpunct, 161. chalk

162. natural el____ce *n.* the quality of being graceful and stylish in appearance or manner
163. the institute of arc_____gy *n.* the branch of anthropology that studies prehistoric people and their cultures
164. int_____ct symbol *n.* a punctuation mark (·) used in some languages to separate words or syllables, especially in compound words
165. a br___h pipe *n.* a division of a tree or woody shrub that grows out from the trunk or a main stem; a division of some larger or more complex organization
166. daub the ceiling with pl_____r *n.* a substance made of lime that becomes hard as it dries and is used for the protective or decorative coating of walls and ceilings and for molding and casting decorative elements
167. wild b__r *n.* a wild pig, especially a male with tusks
168. remote an_____ty *n.* the ancient past, especially the period of classical civilization
169. austere el____ce *n.* the quality of being graceful and stylish in appearance or manner
170. pr_____le outcome *adj.* likely to happen or likely to be true
171. u__e a total ban *v.* to spur on or encourage someone, especially by cheers and shouts; (noun) a strong desire or impulse, especially one that is difficult to control or resist
172. ex_____e the issue *v.* to study or consider a person or object attentively and thoroughly to learn something about them

ANSWERS: 162. elegance, 163. archaeology, 164. interpunct, 165. branch, 166. plaster, 167. boar, 168. antiquity, 169. elegance, 170. probable, 171. urge, 172. examine

173. cou_____rt agreement *n.* a person or thing that corresponds to or has the same function as another person or thing
174. n__l clipper *n.* a thin, pointed piece of metal with a flat head used for fastening things together; the thin hard layer covering and protecting the outer tip of the fingers or toes
175. la_____thine pathways *n.* a complicated network of paths or passages, often with twists and turns, making it difficult to find one's way out
176. is_____on booth *n.* the condition of being alone or lonely; the act or state of separation between persons or groups
177. 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
178. ex_____e the data studiously *v.* to study or consider a person or object attentively and thoroughly to learn something about them
179. blood in the ur__e *n.* a liquid by-product of metabolism in humans and in many other animals that are released from the body when you urinate
180. 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

ANSWERS: 173. counterpart, 174. nail, 175. labyrinth, 176. isolation, 177. column, 178. examine, 179. urine, 180. assume

181. su____e a plane crash *v.* to live or exist despite a dangerous event or period
182. br____h office *n.* a division of a tree or woody shrub that grows out from the trunk or a main stem; a division of some larger or more complex organization
183. th____y improving overall health *adv.* as a result; consequence of a particular action or set of conditions
184. ur__e composition *n.* a liquid by-product of metabolism in humans and in many other animals that are released from the body when you urinate
185. int_____se his speech *v.* to scatter or distribute among or between other things; to insert or place something at intervals
186. do___e my way through life *v.* to draw or scribble absentmindedly or idly; to make aimless marks or designs
187. res_____al property *adj.* relating to, suitable for, or used for living in
188. pr_____ve a country's heritage *v.* to keep or maintain a particular quality, feature, etc., especially to prevent it from decaying, being damaged, or being destroyed
189. increase in vo____ic activity *adj.* relating to or produced by or consisting of volcano
190. k__n interest *adj.* having or showing quick and eager intelligence or interest
191. surgical ins_____nts *n.* an object used to make musical sounds, such as a piano, guitar, or drum; a tool or device used for a specific activity, particularly in specialist or scientific work

ANSWERS: 181. survive, 182. branch, 183. thereby, 184. urine, 185. intersperse, 186. doodle, 187. residential, 188. preserve, 189. volcanic, 190. keen, 191. instrument

192. hi_____ht an important difference *v.* to make something prominent, mainly so that people give it more attention
193. emotional er_____on *n.* an instance of a sudden and violent release of lava, gas, or ash from a volcano; a sudden outburst or explosion of something
194. a fence sur_____ng a castle *adj.* that is near or around, or closely encircling something
195. an av___e to success *n.* a wide road in a town or city, especially with trees or tall buildings on both sides; a line of approach
196. cu_____e letter *adj.* written in flowing, joined-up script, often used in handwriting or calligraphy
197. a tour guide at the te___e *n.* a place of worship, especially one that is associated with a particular religion or faith; the flat area on either side of the forehead
198. en_____er a crisis *v.* to face something, particularly something unpleasant or difficult, while attempting to do something else; to meet, especially unexpectedly
199. st___y weather *adj.* made of or covered with an adhesive substance; hot or warm and humid
200. an ad_____te of disarmament *n.* a person who supports or suggests an idea, development, or way of doing something
201. fossil exc_____on *n.* the act or process of removing soil, rock, or other material to reveal or extract something, such as an archaeological site or underground structure, or the hole or area created by this process

ANSWERS: 192. highlight, 193. eruption, 194. surrounding, 195. avenue, 196. cursive, 197. temple, 198. encounter, 199. sticky, 200. advocate, 201. excavation

202. ba____rd angle	<i>adv.</i> at, to, or toward the direction or place that is behind or rear
203. st____y situation	<i>adj.</i> made of or covered with an adhesive substance; hot or warm and humid
204. a reckless at____t	<i>n.</i> an act or effort of trying to do something, especially something difficult
205. mo____n poetry	<i>adj.</i> of or belonging to the present time or recent times
206. psy____gy of crowd	<i>n.</i> the scientific study of mind and behavior
207. an av____e of poplars	<i>n.</i> a wide road in a town or city, especially with trees or tall buildings on both sides; a line of approach
208. am____e everyone	<i>v.</i> to fill with wonder, surprise, or admiration
209. book of po____y	<i>n.</i> poems in general as a genre of literature
210. a co____n of water	<i>n.</i> 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
211. fl____sh worldwide	<i>v.</i> to grow or develop vigorously or successfully
212. behave like a c____d	<i>n.</i> a lump of earth or clay; a stupid or dull person
213. in____ve approach	<i>adj.</i> able to come up with novel and unique ideas

ANSWERS: 202. backward, 203. sticky, 204. attempt, 205. modern, 206. psychology, 207. avenue, 208. amaze, 209. poetry, 210. column, 211. flourish, 212. clod, 213. inventive

214. st__l in a tunnel *v.* to stop or cause to stop making progress; (noun) small area or booth set off for the sale of goods in a market or large covered area
215. pe___t application *v.* to allow for something to happen or be done; (noun) the act of giving a formal, usually written, authorization
216. ae_____ic value *adj.* connected with the enjoyment or study of beauty
217. a scientific di_____ry *n.* the act or process of finding information, a place, or an object, or learning about something that was previously not known
218. ae_____ic feeling *adj.* connected with the enjoyment or study of beauty
219. a pa_____ge in a pear tree *n.* a medium-sized game bird, often hunted for sport or food, with brown or gray feathers and a plump body
220. academic ta__o *adj.* prohibited or restricted by social custom
221. vi___r country *n.* one who wins a game, competition, election, war, etc.
222. the Christian gl_____or *n.* a person who fought in ancient Rome's public contests, typically armed with weapons and wearing armor to entertain audiences
223. gr__t a customer *v.* to say hello to someone; to express welcome on meeting someone
224. f__t accomplishment *n.* a notable or impressive achievement, especially one that requires great skill or bravery

ANSWERS: 214. stall, 215. permit, 216. aesthetic, 217. discovery, 218. aesthetic, 219. partridge, 220. taboo, 221. victor, 222. gladiator, 223. greet, 224. feat

225. understand his mot_____on *n.* the reason or enthusiasm for acting or behaving in a particular way
226. pr_____ve my strength *v.* to keep or maintain a particular quality, feature, etc., especially to prevent it from decaying, being damaged, or being destroyed
227. el_____t design *adj.* pleasing and graceful in appearance or manner, or showing good taste and refinement
228. psy_____gy experiment *n.* the scientific study of mind and behavior
229. keep a ta__y *n.* a record or count of a particular thing often used to keep track of scores, votes, or numbers
230. a piece of ch__k *n.* a soft, white, porous sedimentary rock composed of calcium carbonate, often used for drawing or writing on surfaces such as blackboards
231. int_____ory biology text *adj.* intended as an introduction or preliminary; serving as a base or starting point
232. vi_____ly all countries *adv.* almost completely
233. act like a gl_____or *n.* a person who fought in ancient Rome's public contests, typically armed with weapons and wearing armor to entertain audiences
234. po_____it of a well-known figure *n.* a painting, picture; the likeness of a person, especially one showing the face
235. a broken piece of sc__p *n.* a small piece or amount of something, especially leftover from a larger whole

ANSWERS: 225. motivation, 226. preserve, 227. elegant, 228. psychology, 229. tally, 230. chalk, 231. introductory, 232. virtually, 233. gladiator, 234. portrait, 235. scrap

236. an ine_____ve inn	<i>adj.</i> costing little; having a low price
237. pr__a donna	<i>adj.</i> of the highest quality or importance; primary or first in rank or position
238. have the in_____ve talent	<i>adj.</i> able to come up with novel and unique ideas
239. gr_____ti tag	<i>n.</i> writing or drawings scribbled, scratched, or sprayed illicitly on a wall or other surface in a public place
240. no do__t about the news	<i>n.</i> a feeling of being uncertain about something, especially about how good or accurate it is
241. st___s pen	<i>n.</i> a thin, pointed tool used to write, draw, or select items on a touchscreen device
242. hor_____al lines	<i>adj.</i> parallel to the ground or in a baseline; being at the same level as all members of a group
243. gen_____on gap	<i>n.</i> all the people born and living at about the same time, regarded collectively; the production of heat or electricity
244. the th___l of speed	<i>n.</i> a feeling of extreme and sudden excitement and pleasure; to cause someone to feel sudden intense sensation or emotion
245. ex_____m in surprise	<i>v.</i> to shout or cry out something suddenly, often in surprise or strong emotion
246. ac_____ny the book	<i>v.</i> to go somewhere or travel with someone or something
247. eco_____al use of her time	<i>adj.</i> providing a satisfactory return on the money, time, or effort; not using more money, fuel, etc. than necessary

ANSWERS: 236. inexpensive, 237. prima, 238. inventive, 239. graffiti, 240. doubt, 241. stylus, 242. horizontal, 243. generation, 244. thrill, 245. exclaim, 246. accompany, 247. economical

248. a s__m battle *n.* something that is not as good or true as it seems to be and is intended to deceive people; a person who pretends to be something they are not
249. work pe___t *v.* to allow for something to happen or be done; (noun) the act of giving a formal, usually written, authorization
250. funerary ins_____ons *n.* a message or design that is written or engraved on a surface of something, such as stone or metal
251. vi_____ly identical *adv.* almost completely
252. as plump as a pa_____ge *n.* a medium-sized game bird, often hunted for sport or food, with brown or gray feathers and a plump body
253. school di_____cts *n.* a part of a country or town, especially one with particular features
254. pro_____ed difference *adj.* clearly and distinctly expressed or noticeable; emphasized
255. sl__e a glance *v.* to move or cause to move smoothly along a surface without interruption
256. musical ins_____nts *n.* an object used to make musical sounds, such as a piano, guitar, or drum; a tool or device used for a specific activity, particularly in specialist or scientific work

ANSWERS: 248. sham, 249. permit, 250. inscription, 251. virtually, 252. partridge, 253. district, 254. pronounced, 255. slide, 256. instrument

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The hunter tracked the _____ through the forest for a good shot.
n. a wild pig, especially a male with tusks
2. _____ of abolishing the death penalty often argue that the alternative heaviest sentence should be life in prison.
n. a person who supports or suggests an idea, development, or way of doing something
3. The _____ of the unknown soldier honored the bravery and sacrifice of those who lost their lives in battle.
n. a large stone structure or underground chamber in which the dead are buried
4. She used to be his _____ before the death of his first wife.
n. a woman who has an ongoing extramarital sexual relationship with a, often, married man; a woman who is in a position of authority or control and directs the work of others
5. He did _____ pen-and-ink drawings in just a few days.
adj. involving a lot of different things or parts in a way that is difficult to understand or analyze
6. The Ottoman Empire _____ for over five centuries.
v. to grow or develop vigorously or successfully
7. He strove to memorize the Hebrew _____.
n. a character set that includes letters and is used to write a language

ANSWERS: 1. boar, 2. Advocates, 3. tomb, 4. mistress, 5. complicated, 6. flourished, 7. alphabet

8. My _____ standards are quite different from hers.

adj. connected with the enjoyment or study of beauty

9. The _____ session of the Diet opened.

adj. not different, exceptional, or unexpected in any way, especially in quality, ability, size, or degree

10. All language around the world is consistently _____ but not intrusive.

adj. able to come up with novel and unique ideas

11. A gentle _____ concealed his powerfulness.

n. the face or front of a building, especially a large one; superficial or false appearance intended to conceal something unpleasant

12. In the hospital, she will remain under constant _____.

n. the act or activity of carefully examining or monitoring something or someone

13. He was _____ to learn more about the subject and attended every lecture.

adj. having or showing quick and eager intelligence or interest

14. The introduction _____ the speaker's distinguished career as a consultant

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

15. The teacher encouraged the students to improve their _____ handwriting skills.

adj. written in flowing, joined-up script, often used in handwriting or calligraphy

16. The negotiations proceeded slowly and finally _____.

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

ANSWERS: 8. aesthetic, 9. ordinary, 10. inventive, 11. facade, 12. observation, 13. keen, 14. highlighted, 15. cursive, 16. stalled

17. The author _____ anecdotes throughout the book to break up the text and make it more engaging.
- v.* to scatter or distribute among or between other things; to insert or place something at intervals
18. The city spent a lot of money cleaning up the _____ on the buildings downtown.
- n.* writing or drawings scribbled, scratched, or sprayed illicitly on a wall or other surface in a public place
19. The _____ mountains make the city difficult to be invaded.
- adj.* that is near or around, or closely encircling something
20. Unfortunately, the book's _____ was too small to make notes.
- n.* the space around the edge of a page or document; (finance) the net sales minus the cost of goods and services sold
21. 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
22. The _____ of the tree had fallen and blocked the road.
- n.* a division of a tree or woody shrub that grows out from the trunk or a main stem; a division of some larger or more complex organization
23. This artwork is _____ of her work.
- adj.* having the usual characteristics or traits of a specific group of things
24. It is an incredible _____ to climb Mount Everest, the highest mountain in the world.
- n.* a notable or impressive achievement, especially one that requires great skill or bravery

ANSWERS: 17. interspersed, 18. graffiti, 19. surrounding, 20. margin, 21. columns, 22. branch, 23. typical, 24. feat

25. They explored every _____ they could think of.
n. a wide road in a town or city, especially with trees or tall buildings on both sides; a line of approach
26. The study of _____ is important for understanding the history, culture, and civilization of the past and their influence on the present.
n. the ancient past, especially the period of classical civilization
27. 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
28. It seems _____ that he has forgotten our scheduled meeting.
adj. likely to happen or likely to be true
29. The dress's plunging neckline was designed to _____ the model's curves.
v. to emphasize or highlight something, often by making it more prominent or noticeable
30. The performers took to the stage in the _____ center, surrounded by cheering fans.
n. an open-air theater, usually circular or oval, with tiers of seats surrounding a central performance area
31. Many people see the _____ of traveling as an opportunity to experience new cultures and broaden their horizons.
n. the positive aspect or potential of something; the upper side of something
32. The _____ ballerina wowed the audience with her graceful performance.
adj. of the highest quality or importance; primary or first in rank or position

ANSWERS: 25. avenue, 26. antiquity, 27. assumes, 28. probable, 29. accentuate, 30. amphitheater's, 31. upside, 32. prima

33. Patience is the _____ of all sores.

- n.* a substance made of lime that becomes hard as it dries and is used for the protective or decorative coating of walls and ceilings and for molding and casting decorative elements

34. Since 2001, the _____ has provided training programs for automotive technicians.

- n.* a part of a country or town, especially one with particular features

35. There has been a gradual but steady rise in environmental _____.

- n.* the fact or state of knowing something exists and is important

36. Let's _____ the origins of some familiar foreign words.

- v.* to find or discover someone or something that was lost

37. The archaeologists _____ the ruins of an ancient city buried under the desert sands.

- v.* to dig or remove earth, rocks, or other materials from the ground or a site, often to uncover or discover something

38. The _____ of the race was the favorite to win.

- n.* one who wins a game, competition, election, war, etc.

39. The artist _____ a beautiful design on the surface of the vase.

- v.* to write or carve something on a surface, especially as a formal or permanent record

40. The chef's herbs and spices gave the dish a _____ flavor.

- adj.* clearly and distinctly expressed or noticeable; emphasized

ANSWERS: 33. plaster, 34. district, 35. awareness, 36. trace, 37. excavated, 38. victor, 39. inscribed, 40. pronounced

41. The city's _____ area is known for its quiet streets and beautiful homes.

adj. relating to, suitable for, or used for living in

42. Despite their tragic loss, the family is showing great _____.

n. the part of a person which is the seat of their mind, feelings, and character rather than their physical body; the general atmosphere of a place or situation and the effect that it has on people

43. The artist used _____ drawing to create a realistic portrait of her subject.

n. a black, porous substance made by burning wood or other organic matter in the absence of air, often used for drawing or cooking

44. The _____ class was designed to give students a basic understanding of the subject.

adj. intended as an introduction or preliminary; serving as a base or starting point

45. It was easy to get lost in the _____ of narrow alleyways in the old city.

n. a complicated network of paths or passages, often with twists and turns, making it difficult to find one's way out

46. It was the most _____ storm in decades.

adj. causing or able to cause tremendous and irreparable damage

47. Since independence, the area has been completely _____.

v. to intentionally not listen or pay attention to

48. You won't have to pay college tuition if you're a _____.

n. professor; a person who studies a topic in considerable depth, particularly in a university

ANSWERS: 41. residential, 42. spirit, 43. charcoal, 44. introductory, 45. labyrinth, 46. destructive, 47. ignored, 48. scholar

49. He _____ his friends with a warm smile and a hug.

- v.* to say hello to someone; to express welcome on meeting someone

50. Don't _____ your mosquito bites.

- v.* to cut or damage the surface of something or the skin with a sharp or pointed object

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

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

52. They collected a _____ specimen for urinalysis.

- n.* a liquid by-product of metabolism in humans and in many other animals that are released from the body when you urinate

53. He studies Greek and Roman _____.

- n.* a collection of myths (= traditional stories accepted as history) or the study of myths

54. Her research team made an important _____.

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

55. The team has a _____ for their star player: "The Ace."

- n.* a familiar or humorous name given to a person or thing instead of or as well as the real name

56. The teacher will not _____ any students to leave the classroom early.

- v.* to allow for something to happen or be done; (noun) the act of giving a formal, usually written, authorization

ANSWERS: 49. greeted, 50. scratch, 51. Doubt, 52. urine, 53. mythology, 54. discovery, 55. nickname, 56. permit

57. These birds can only _____ in temperate climates.

v. to live or exist despite a dangerous event or period

58. You should work hard but not be a _____ to it.

n. a person who is, either legally or illegally, owned by someone; a person entirely dominated by some influence or a person

59. His _____ in the other company is responsible for marketing.

n. a person or thing that corresponds to or has the same function as another person or thing

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

n. the first existence or beginning of something

61. If necessary, you can _____ the front seats forward.

v. to move or cause to move smoothly along a surface without interruption

62. The kitchen is designed with a _____ approach, focusing on practicality rather than aesthetics.

adj. designed to be practical and functional rather than decorative or luxurious

63. The archaeological _____ of the site revealed many artifacts from the ancient civilization.

n. the act or process of removing soil, rock, or other material to reveal or extract something, such as an archaeological site or underground structure, or the hole or area created by this process

64. It is more _____ to wash your plastic bottle and reuse it.

adj. providing a satisfactory return on the money, time, or effort; not using more money, fuel, etc. than necessary

ANSWERS: 57. survive, 58. slave, 59. counterpart, 60. origin, 61. slide, 62. utilitarian, 63. excavation, 64. economical

65. Skydiving is an overwhelming _____ for many people.

n. a feeling of extreme and sudden excitement and pleasure; to cause someone to feel sudden intense sensation or emotion

66. Airplanes need _____ tails to improve stability.

adj. parallel to the ground or in a baseline; being at the same level as all members of a group

67. Their headquarters are in a _____ skyscraper.

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

68. They _____ pictures on the paper in preparation for the birthday card.

v. to increase, go up, or advance gradually or continuously; to prepare and supply with the necessary equipment for execution or performance; to ride on something or someone

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

adv. by bad luck; unluckily

70. The younger _____ has different values and beliefs than the older one.

n. all the people born and living at about the same time, regarded collectively; the production of heat or electricity

71. Her beauty _____ me completely.

v. to make someone a slave; to deprive someone of their freedom of choice or action

72. She _____ excitedly when she saw her name on the list of winners.

v. to shout or cry out something suddenly, often in surprise or strong emotion

ANSWERS: 65. thrill, 66. horizontal, 67. modern, 68. mounted, 69. unfortunately, 70. generation, 71. enslaved, 72. exclaimed

73. When on the phone, he likes to _____ little sketches in the margins of his notepad.
- v. to draw or scribble absentmindedly or idly; to make aimless marks or designs
74. We could hear the _____ of baby birds.
- n. a short, high sound made by a small bird; a message sent using Twitter, the social media application
75. She teaches _____ at the local university.
- n. the branch of anthropology that studies prehistoric people and their cultures
76. He _____ the important points in the document.
- v. to draw a line or lines underneath something, typically to emphasize or draw attention to it
77. The ancient coin had an _____ in Latin and a picture of the emperor on the other side.
- n. a message or design that is written or engraved on a surface of something, such as stone or metal
78. The ladder leaned against the _____ surface of the building.
- adj. upright or perpendicular to a horizontal surface or line
79. The wallpaper had a pattern of pink _____ on a white surface.
- n. a very small circular mark, especially one that is printed
80. A well-known artist painted this lovely lady's _____.
- n. a painting, picture; the likeness of a person, especially one showing the face

ANSWERS: 73. doodle, 74. tweet, 75. archaeology, 76. underlined, 77. inscription, 78. vertical, 79. dots, 80. portrait

81. She falls over _____ when she sees her mother-in-law.

adv. at, to, or toward the direction or place that is behind or rear

82. I stepped on a _____ of mud and nearly slipped on the wet ground.

n. a lump of earth or clay; a stupid or dull person

83. This electronic _____ is required to undergo periodic inspections to ensure precision.

n. an object used to make musical sounds, such as a piano, guitar, or drum; a tool or device used for a specific activity, particularly in specialist or scientific work

84. This study indicates _____ activity affects global warming.

adj. relating to or produced by or consisting of volcano

85. The data he prepared was completely _____.

n. something that is not as good or true as it seems to be and is intended to deceive people; a person who pretends to be something they are not

86. The _____ of her dress was breathtaking.

n. the quality of being graceful and stylish in appearance or manner

87. A peculiar _____ material coated the foliage.

adj. made of or covered with an adhesive substance; hot or warm and humid

88. _____ all the parties signed the contract.

adv. almost completely

89. The volcanic _____ caused widespread destruction and left the area covered in ash.

n. an instance of a sudden and violent release of lava, gas, or ash from a volcano; a sudden outburst or explosion of something

ANSWERS: 81. backward, 82. clod, 83. instrument, 84. volcanic, 85. sham, 86. elegance, 87. sticky, 88. Virtually, 89. eruption

90. That incident led to his _____.

- n.* the condition of being alone or lonely; the act or state of separation between persons or groups

91. Let's keep a _____ of the votes to see who won the election.

- n.* a record or count of a particular thing often used to keep track of scores, votes, or numbers

92. The words were _____ in pencil.

- v.* to write or draw carelessly and in a hurry

93. The customs agents seized the _____ shipment.

- adj.* not allowed by law

94. The paper is _____ worth reading thoroughly.

- adv.* without any question and beyond doubt; clearly

95. The hunter set out early in the morning for a _____ for his dinner.

- n.* a medium-sized game bird, often hunted for sport or food, with brown or gray feathers and a plump body

96. They have been living near water since _____ times.

- adj.* relating to the long ago, particularly the historical period preceding the fall of the Western Roman Empire; very old

97. She made a collage from _____ of paper and fabric from the art supply store.

- n.* a small piece or amount of something, especially leftover from a larger whole

98. They worked hard to _____ the nature of their native lands.

- v.* to keep or maintain a particular quality, feature, etc., especially to prevent it from decaying, being damaged, or being destroyed

ANSWERS: 90. isolation, 91. tally, 92. scribbled, 93. illegal, 94. definitely, 95. partridge, 96. ancient, 97. scraps, 98. preserve

99. Different cultures have different comfortable word rhythms, so the composition of _____ varies greatly.

n. poems in general as a genre of literature

100. Please let me know if you want to _____ me to my hometown.

v. to go somewhere or travel with someone or something

101. The restaurant offered delicious food at an _____ price.

adj. costing little; having a low price

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

n. the scientific study of mind and behavior

103. The new software will streamline the workflow, _____ increasing productivity.

adv. as a result; consequence of a particular action or set of conditions

104. The lobbyist _____ Congress not to approve the measure.

v. to spur on or encourage someone, especially by cheers and shouts; (noun) a strong desire or impulse, especially one that is difficult to control or resist

105. A rainbow is a natural _____.

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

106. The third _____ was far more successful.

n. an act or effort of trying to do something, especially something difficult

107. The kids used colored _____ to create a mural on the pavement.

n. a soft, white, porous sedimentary rock composed of calcium carbonate, often used for drawing or writing on surfaces such as blackboards

ANSWERS: 99. poetry, 100. accompany, 101. inexpensive, 102. psychology, 103. thereby, 104. urged, 105. phenomenon, 106. attempt, 107. chalk

108. Many artists prefer to use a _____ over their fingers when drawing on a digital canvas.

n. a thin, pointed tool used to write, draw, or select items on a touchscreen device

109. In this society, discussing politics in public is a _____ subject.

adj. prohibited or restricted by social custom

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

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

111. There is his _____ party tomorrow.

n. the act of departing politely; an expression of a wish or well-being at parting

112. I _____ to him that I had seen his sister at the grocery store earlier that day.

v. to speak or write about something or someone briefly

113. The European Central Bank is Europe's _____ of the Federal Reserve.

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

114. The magician's tricks _____ the audience.

v. to fill with wonder, surprise, or admiration

115. The artist used a _____ paint can to create a graffiti mural on the wall.

n. a fine mist of liquid that is dispersed into the air; flower arrangement consisting of a single branch or shoot bearing flowers and foliage

116. The proofreader added an _____ to separate the compound word into two distinct parts.

n. a punctuation mark (·) used in some languages to separate words or syllables, especially in compound words

ANSWERS: 108. stylus, 109. taboo, 110. examine, 111. farewell, 112. mentioned, 113. equivalent, 114. amazed, 115. spray, 116. interpunct

117. After a long day of work, she went to the _____ to relax in the sauna and hot tub.
- n.* a public establishment where people can take baths or showers, often including other amenities such as saunas, steam rooms, or swimming pools
118. She wore an _____ evening gown to the gala.
- adj.* pleasing and graceful in appearance or manner, or showing good taste and refinement
119. I want to _____ a toast in honor of our longstanding relationship.
- v.* to make a proposal, declare a plan for something
120. A significant amount of _____ is required to be a teacher.
- n.* the reason or enthusiasm for acting or behaving in a particular way
121. Only a small number of _____ utilities offer sanitation services.
- adj.* relating to or located in a town or city
122. He used a hammer and round _____ to fix the loose board on the fence.
- n.* a thin, pointed piece of metal with a flat head used for fastening things together; the thin hard layer covering and protecting the outer tip of the fingers or toes
123. He is _____ with the question.
- v.* to cause to be perplexed or confused; (noun) the base part of a tree that remains standing after the tree has been felled
124. The _____ training regimen included physical conditioning, weapons training, and strategy.
- n.* a person who fought in ancient Rome's public contests, typically armed with weapons and wearing armor to entertain audiences

ANSWERS: 117. bathhouse, 118. elegant, 119. propose, 120. motivation, 121. urban, 122. nail, 123. stumped, 124. gladiator's

125. I'm prepared to _____ challenges throughout this adventure.

- v.* to face something, particularly something unpleasant or difficult, while attempting to do something else; to meet, especially unexpectedly

126. He visited the _____ to pray and make offerings to the gods.

- n.* a place of worship, especially one that is associated with a particular religion or faith; the flat area on either side of the forehead

127. The company made an _____ about its new product at a press conference.

- n.* a public statement or declaration, often made in writing or through the media, that conveys important information or news

128. He _____ pieces of rope out of straw.

- v.* to bend or turn something into a certain shape

ANSWERS: 125. encounter, 126. temple, 127. announcement, 128. twisted