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Session 1: Word List

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.

word-for-word

adj. characterized by or involving an exact replication or recitation of what has been said or written, without alteration or interpretation

synonym : verbatim, exact, literal

(1) a **word-for-word** report, (2) **word-for-word** copy

The translator provided a **word-for-word** translation of the document.

experiment

n. the scientific test conducted to observe what happens and gain new knowledge

synonym : experimentation, investigation

(1) **experiment** design, (2) series of **experiments**

His **experiments** showed highly positive results.

engage

v. to attract and keep someone's attention and interest; to participate in or obtain services of something

synonym : confront, employ, amuse

- (1) **engage** in environmental protection activities,
- (2) **engage** a new employee

Many multinational companies are **engaged** in the reconstruction of that country.

distract

- v. to draw someone's attention away from what they are trying to do

synonym: divert, preoccupy, confuse

- (1) **distract** attention from the real issue,
- (2) **distract** public opinion

Please don't **distract** me while I'm studying.

participate

- v. to take part in something

synonym: take part, partake, enter

- (1) **participate** fully in conversation,
- (2) **participate** in the program

The majority of students actively **participated** in the college's intramural sports program.

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.

excuse

- n. a reason or explanation, either true or invented, given to justify a fault or defend your behavior; (verb) to make someone free from blame or clear from guilt

synonym: apology, justification, reason

- (1) **excuse** for inaction,
- (2) perfect **excuse**

He quickly fabricated an **excuse** for not attending the meeting.

interrupt

- v. to say or do something that causes someone to stop in their speech or action

synonym:

disturb, hinder, break in

(1) **interrupt** a call, (2) abruptly **interrupt**

Her sleep was **interrupted** by recurring pain.

advance

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

synonym: progress, boost, come along

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

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

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.

absolutely

adv. without restriction or limitation; completely or utterly

synonym: completely, utterly, definitely

(1) **absolutely** against, (2) **absolutely** obsessed with the girl

I am **absolutely** opposed to his idea because of morality.

academic

adj. associated with schools, colleges, and universities, especially studying and thinking, not with practical skills

synonym: educational, scholarly, theoretical

(1) **academic** probation, (2) an **academic** discussion

An excellent historian must possess an **academic** mentality.

enhance

v. to increase or improve the quality, amount, or strength of someone or something

synonym: improve, enrich, refine

(1) **enhance** value, (2) **enhance** the flavor of the vanilla

The new strategy will **enhance** the profitability of our company.

instruction

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

synonym: education, direction, guidance

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

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

core

n. the most essential or fundamental part of something

synonym: center, basis, heart

(1) the **core** of an apple, (2) **core** business activity

These gas nebulas are merely newborn galactic **cores**.

demonstrate

v. to display something or give an exhibition to an interested audience

synonym: show, illustrate, display

(1) **demonstrate** a difference, (2) **demonstrate** mastery

How can you **demonstrate** that the earth is a sphere?

prefer

v. to like, choose, or want one thing or person better than another

synonym: choose, like, favor

(1) **prefer** physics to chemistry, (2) **prefer** a window seat

The birds **prefer** open water areas with reeds around them.

struggle

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

synonym: toil, strive, compete

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

He could not **struggle** against temptation.

cognitive

adj. of or relating to mental processes of understanding

synonym: perceivable, mind, mental

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

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

overload

v. to put too much a load in or on something

synonym: overfill, excess, weigh down

(1) **overload** the circulatory system, (2) **overload** a muscle
Be careful not to **overload** the laundry machine.

excessive

adj. greater than what seems necessary, normal, or desirable

synonym: unreasonable, exorbitant, inflated

(1) an **excessive** force, (2) take **excessive** care

It would be best if you did not demand such an **excessive** charge.

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**.

complementary

adj. serving to complete or enhance something in a way that is suitable or pleasing

synonym: supplementary, additional, attendant

(1) **complementary** therapies, (2) self- **complementary** region

The two art pieces were hung on opposite walls and acted as **complementary** elements in the room's decor.

difficulty

n. a condition or state that causes problems

synonym: hardship, complication, problem

(1) the degree of **difficulty**, (2) **difficulty** in breathing

He has **difficulty** exercising because of a back injury sustained in an accident.

transfer

v. to move, pass, or change from one person, place, or situation to another

synonym: move, relocate, shift

(1) **transfer** a file, (2) **transfer** power

She **transferred** the money from her savings account to her checking account.

essentially

adv. relating to the essential features or concepts of anything

synonym: fundamentally, basically, virtually

(1) **essentially** correct, (2) become **essentially** same

Essentially, a society is an organism.

soundtrack

n. the recorded audio that accompanies a movie, television program, or video game

synonym: score, background music, accompaniment

(1) **soundtrack** album, (2) a motion picture with a **soundtrack**

The **soundtrack** to the movie was composed by a famous musician.

complexity

n. the state or quality of being complicated or intricate and difficult to understand

synonym: intricacy, sophistication, elaboration

(1) cognitive **complexity**, (2) **complexity** theory

The project's **complexity** made it difficult for the team to complete it on time.

blend

v. to mix or combine two or more substances

synonym: combine, mix, intermingle

(1) **blend** all the elements, (2) **blend** milk and cream

The toad altered its appearance to better **blend** in with its new environments.

interact

v. to communicate or react with somebody

synonym: cooperate, combine, collaborate

(1) **interact** directly with customers, (2) **interact** with one

another

He should **interact** more with his colleagues.

intensify

v. to increase or make something increase in extent or strength

synonym : amplify, boost, strengthen

(1) **intensify** diplomatic efforts, (2) **intensify** a good relationship

Rebels have pledged to **intensify** the armed struggle against the dictatorship.

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.

desperately

adv. in a way that shows a lack of hope and a willingness to do anything because of the problematic situation; with great urgency

synonym : urgently, perilously, seriously

(1) **desperately** anxious, (2) **desperately** ill patient

The baby clung **desperately** to her mother.

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.

immerse

v. to become fully involved in a particular activity; to dip or submerge in a liquid, especially so that they or it are entirely covered

synonym : dip, inundate, submerge

(1) **immerse** the cloth in the dye, (2) completely **immerse**

the ingredient

He **immersed** himself in his research.

simultaneously

adv. at the same time

synonym: concurrently, coincidentally, together

(1) **simultaneously** affected, (2) take several inputs
simultaneously

Two students answered the teacher's question
simultaneously.

internal

adj. of or relating to the inside of something

synonym: interior, inner, domestic

(1) **internal** organs, (2) the **internal** economy

The prime minister canceled visits to other countries to
resolve **internal** disputes.

investigate

v. to conduct a systematic or formal inquiry to identify and
evaluate the facts of a crime, problem, statement, etc. to
establish the truth

synonym: examine, analyze, look into

(1) **investigate** the matter, (2) **investigate** a data leak

The committee **investigated** several apparent
inconsistencies.

precinct

n. a defined geographic or administrative area within a
larger jurisdiction, typically used for purposes such as
voting or law enforcement; an enclosed or circumscribed
space, often surrounded by walls or other structures

synonym: district, zone, area

(1) shopping **precinct**, (2) **precinct** voting

The police officer patrolled the **precinct** and responded to
calls for assistance.

mechanics

n. the branch of physics that deals with the study of
motion, forces, and energy; (mechanic) someone whose
occupation is repairing and maintaining automobiles

synonym: kinematics, dynamics

(1) **mechanics** equation, (2) **mechanics** of the game
He studied **mechanics** in college and now works as an engineer.

explore

v. to travel to or penetrate an area or a country to learn about it; to thoroughly examine a subject or a possibility to learn more about it

synonym: analyze, delve into, examine

(1) **explore** the world, (2) **explore** our options

The management must **explore** strategies to increase office security.

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.

racism

n. prejudice, discrimination, or antagonism directed against a person or people based on their membership in a particular ethnic group, typically one that is a minority or marginalized

synonym: prejudice, discrimination, bias

(1) systemic **racism**, (2) research on anti- **racism**

The school's lack of diversity was a clear indication of the **racism** present in the community.

corporate

adj. of or relating to a large company

synonym: business, commercial, organizational

(1) **corporate** right, (2) **corporate** environment

The **corporate** office has decided to lay off 10% of the workforce.

tokenism

n. the practice of making a minimal effort to be inclusive or diverse, often by including a small number of people from underrepresented groups in a token or symbolic way, without making any real changes to the systems or structures that maintain inequality

synonym : insincerity, lip service

(1) an act of **tokenism**, (2) criticized for its **tokenism**

The company was accused of **tokenism** for only hiring one woman for the ten-person team.

merge

v. to combine or integrate things, or to cause this to happen

synonym : combine, join, coalesce

(1) **merge** into a new party, (2) **merge** those systems into a new one

This consulting firm decided to **merge** the two companies into one.

unique

adj. being the only one of its kind; unlike anything else

synonym : one-of-a-kind, unparalleled, incomparable

(1) a **unique** teacher, (2) **unique** design

The painting is **unique**, and there is no other like it.

sprinkler

n. a device that sprays water over a large area used especially for watering crops or gardens or for firefighting

synonym : sprayer, irrigation system

(1) road **sprinkler**, (2) **sprinkler** irrigation

The **sprinkler** system kept the lawn green and healthy.

takeaway

n. a message or conclusion that can be taken away from a situation or piece of information

synonym : conclusion, message, insight

(1) **takeaway** pizza, (2) **takeaway** message

The main **takeaway** from the meeting was the need for better communication.

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**.

stream

n. a small, narrow river; a continuous flow of something, such as liquid, gas, people, vehicles, etc.

synonym: flow, current, brook

(1) the **stream** of time, (2) an endless **stream** of cars

Jet **streams** are the common name for air currents that form high in the atmosphere.

twitch

v. to make a sudden and quick movement with a part of the body; (noun) a sudden, small, jerky movement of a muscle or part of the body

synonym: spasm, jerk, flinch

(1) **twitch** at his sleeve, (2) **twitch** of an eye

She couldn't stop her leg from **twitching** nervously.

platform

n. the raised flat space close to the track at a train station where passengers get on or off the train; (technology) a computational or digital environment in which a piece of software is executed

synonym: stage, podium, forum

(1) an arrival **platform**, (2) a digital **platform** for enterprise

The speaker mounted the **platform** and started to speak.

concurrent

adj. happening or existing at the same time; parallel or simultaneous

synonym: simultaneous, coexisting, parallel

(1) **concurrent** resolution, (2) **concurrent** access to shared data

The company held a **concurrent** meeting with all branches around the world.

motivate

v. to make someone want to do something, especially something that requires tremendous work and effort

synonym: boost, encourage, inspire

(1) **motivate** the students, (2) all ability to **motivate**

The ability to **motivate** people is a priceless asset.

e-sports

n. competitive video gaming, often involving organized tournaments or professional players

synonym : esports, competitive gaming, cyber athletics

(1) **e-sports** arena, (2) **e-sports** players

Many people enjoy watching **e-sports** competitions online.

professional

adj. having or showing the skill appropriate to a particular job; competent or skillful

synonym : skilled, competent, accomplished

(1) **professional** athlete, (2) certified **professional** secretary

He has a **professional** demeanor and always presents himself in a polished manner.

software

n. a set of computer programs and associated documentation and data for doing particular computational jobs

synonym : program, system, operating system

(1) **software** architect, (2) copyrighted **software**

The company specializes in both hardware and **software**.

broadcast

v. to send out a program or some information on radio or television

synonym : air, announce, advertise

(1) **broadcast** a concert, (2) **broadcast** a radio ad

Most of the programs are **broadcast** in this area.

balance

n. a condition in which everything has the same weight or force; something left after other parts have been taken away

synonym : equilibrium, counterpoise, remainder

(1) the **balance** of power, (2) asset on the company's **balance** sheet

Try to keep a **balance** between work and off.

complement

v. to improve or make something more appealing by adding or contributing extra features to it

synonym : complete, integrate

(1) **complement** existing rules, (2) **complement** each other
Our application aims to **complement** the feature of web browsers.

compress

v. to press or squeeze together to make something take up less space

synonym : condense, constrict, squeeze

(1) **compress** the chest, (2) **compress** gas

She **compressed** the files into a single ZIP archive to save space on her computer.

microphone

n. a device that converts sound into an electrical signal used for recording sounds or making the voice louder

synonym : mic, megaphone, amplifier

(1) **microphone** cable, (2) built-in **microphone**

The interviewer asked him to speak into the **microphone**.

accustomed

adj. familiar with; used to; in the habit of; having become habituated to something, often a behavior or situation

synonym : familiar, customary, habitual

(1) **accustomed** routine, (2) **accustomed** to complaints

I am **accustomed** to waking up early for work.

consume

v. to spend something, especially fuel, energy, or time, in a large amount

synonym : absorb, ingest, use up

(1) **consume** a large of alcohol, (2) **consume** electricity

A smaller car will **consume** less fuel.

hooked

adj. being caught or caught up in something; curved down like an eagle's beak

synonym : caught, captivated, addicted

(1) **hooked** hair, (2) **hooked** on drugs

My son was **hooked** on the Internet.

secondary

adj. of a lower rank, status, or importance about something else; not primary or central; derived from or caused by another source

synonym : subordinate, ancillary, lesser

(1) **secondary** education, (2) **secondary** sources

The **secondary** camera on my phone takes high-quality photos.

obtain

v. to get something, especially by making a great effort

synonym : accept, acquire, receive

(1) **obtain** a license, (2) **obtain** a bid

Where can I **obtain** the application form?

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.

enroll

v. to officially register or sign up for something, particularly a course of study, an organization, or a service

synonym : register, enlist, join

(1) **enroll** at a college, (2) **enroll** in a school

I need to **enroll** in a cooking class to improve my culinary skills.

chef

n. a cook, especially the chief cook in a restaurant or hotel

synonym : cook, culinary artist, gastronomer

(1) **chef** knife, (2) master **chef**

The **chef** at the restaurant was known for his creative and delicious dishes.

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.

epic

n. a long and eventful or heroic history, story, poem, or film; (adjective) very imposing or impressive

synonym: legendary, mythical, classical

(1) heroic **epic**, (2) **epic** battle

The military **epic** between the two armies was one for the history books.

pathway

n. a track that constitutes or serves as a path; an approach or a way of doing something

synonym: route, footpath, trail

(1) **pathway** to understanding, (2) cellular signaling **pathways**

When the first molecule in the **pathway** receives a signal, it activates other molecules.

unreal

adj. imaginary; not existing in fact

synonym: false, fake, fictitious

(1) have an **unreal** feeling, (2) **unreal** situation

The idea of winning the lottery seemed so **unreal** that he didn't even bother buying a ticket.

engine

n. a machine that converts thermal energy to mechanical work; something that has an important role used to achieve a purpose

synonym: motor, locomotive, driver

(1) a steam **engine**, (2) an air-cooled **engine**

The policies he announces can be the **engine** of economic growth in the country.

interactive

adj. acting reciprocally; mutually responsive

synonym: reciprocal, responsive, mutual

(1) **interactive** experience, (2) an **interactive** device

The new video game has an **interactive** storyline that allows

players to make choices that affect the game's outcome.

salary

n. a fixed amount of money that employees, especially those who work in an office, receive for doing their job, usually paid every month

synonym: compensation, earnings, pay

(1) a handsome **salary**, (2) **salary** after taxes

What are your annual **salary** expectations?

clarity

n. the quality of being coherent and understandable; the quality of transparency or purity

synonym: clearness, translucence, brightness

(1) lack of **clarity**, (2) sake of **clarity**

The publisher will proofread most of this manuscript for **clarity**.

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**.

fee

n. a sum of money charged for a particular service

synonym: charge, cost, expense

(1) **fee** calculation, (2) service **fee**

The lawyer's **fee** for the case was \$10,000.

mad

adj. insane, especially due to a mental illness; very angry

synonym: crazy, insane, furious

(1) a **mad** person, (2) gets **mad** easily

He was **mad** with joy to see the results.

discipline

n. the practice of training people to obey rules or a code of behavior, using and punishments if these are broken; a region of activity, knowledge, or influence

synonym : training, restraint, field

(1) break **discipline**, (2) rigid **discipline**

He quickly learned the military **discipline**.

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.

dentist

n. a person who is qualified and licensed to treat people's teeth

synonym : oral surgeon, orthodontist, periodontist

(1) a **dentist's** office, (2) consult a **dentist**

I am going to the family **dentist** to get my teeth cleaned.

augment

v. to increase the size, extent, quantity, etc. of something by adding something to it

synonym : boost, increase, expand

(1) **augment** the reality, (2) **augment** immunity

Economic factors and monetary policy **augmented** inflation.

psychology

n. the scientific study of mind and behavior

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

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

virtual

adj. being actually such in almost every respect; existing in essence or effect though not in actual fact

synonym : practical

(1) a **virtual** image, (2) trading of **virtual** currencies

She is the **virtual** president of the company.

overcome

v. to succeed in controlling or dealing with something, such as a problem or difficulty; to defeat or overwhelm someone

synonym : beat, confound, overwhelm

(1) **overcome** opponents, (2) **overcome** all difficulties
He tried to **overcome** a bad reputation and win the election.

spider

n. a small, eight-legged creature that spins webs to catch insects as food; a computer program that systematically browses the World Wide Web for purposes of web indexing

synonym : arachnid, wanderer

(1) **spider** venom, (2) web **spider**

The **spider** spun an intricate web in the corner of the room.

technique

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

synonym : approach, procedure, strategy

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

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

responsible

adj. answerable or accountable for something within one's power, control, or management

synonym : accountable, answerable, liable

(1) **responsible** action, (2) **responsible** for a customer service

She's a **responsible** pet owner who ensures her dog gets enough exercise and a healthy diet.

dragon

n. a mythical monster typically depicted as a giant reptile with wings, claws, and a fiery breath often portrayed as being fierce and dangerous

synonym : wyvern, serpent, drake

(1) **dragon** fruit, (2) **dragon** wing

In Chinese mythology, **dragons** are considered powerful and benevolent creatures.

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.

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**.

embedded

adj. fixed firmly into the surface of something

synonym: ingrained, implanted, inserted

(1) **embedded** systems, (2) LED- **embedded** glass

The **embedded** chip in my credit card allows me to make contactless payments.

replace

v. to take the place of something

synonym: substitute, supersede, displace

(1) **replace** one word with another, (2) **replace** a phone

Eventually, the new design will **replace** all older models.

settle

v. to reach an agreement or disagreement

synonym: inhabit, occupy, decide

(1) **settle** a dispute, (2) **settle** down in the town

I don't want to **settle** for second best.

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.

engaging

adj. attracting, pleasant, or charming

synonym : alluring, interesting, engrossing

(1) **engaging** story, (2) an **engaging** smile

She was disbarred for her **engaging** in fraud.

medium

adj. of a size, amount, or level that is average or intermediate; (noun) a means or instrumentality for storing or communicating information

synonym : average, intermediate, (noun) channel

(1) **medium** color, (2) an advertising **medium**

The **medium** size shirt fits him perfectly.

roughly

adv. approximately but not precisely; with a violent manner

synonym : approximately, more or less, around

(1) **roughly** explain my idea, (2) **roughly** speaking

Five miles is **roughly** similar to eight kilometers.

blueprint

n. a photographic print of an early plan for a building or machine

synonym : draft, prototype, sketch

(1) **blueprint** for economic reform, (2) architect's **blueprint**

A business plan is a **blueprint** for your success.

interweave

v. to combine or blend substantive parts or elements; to interlace; to mix or intermingle

synonym : intertwine, intertwist, interlace

(1) **interweave** threads, (2) **interweave** ideas

The author expertly tried to **interweave** the story's plot and characters.

intelligence

n. the ability to learn, comprehend, or make judgments or conclusions based on reasons

synonym : brains, brightness, cleverness

(1) an **intelligence** test, (2) field of artificial **intelligence**

In terms of **intelligence**, he was head and shoulders above his classmates.

streamer

n. a person who broadcasts or live-streams video game play or other content over the internet; a type of decorative flag or banner that is typically long and narrow, often used for advertising or promotional purposes

synonym: banner, flag, bunting

(1) trail a **streamer**, (2) game **streamer**

The cooking **streamer** demonstrated how to make a variety of delicious dishes.

sight

n. the ability to see; anything that is seen

synonym: vision, spectacle, view

(1) an unexpected **sight**, (2) dull **sight**

Many famous **sights** are within walking distance.

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.

profession

n. an occupation or vocation requiring advanced education or specialized training

synonym: occupation, vocation, trade

(1) **profession** choice, (2) healthcare **profession**

Being a doctor is considered a highly respected **profession**.

associate

v. to mentally connect someone or something with someone or something else

synonym: tie in, link, consociate

(1) **associate** alcohol with gambling, (2) **associate** with people widely

The majority of consumers **associate** this brand with quality.

cognition

n. the psychological process of perception and learning and reasoning; the mental action or process by which

knowledge and understanding are developed in the mind

synonym : awareness, understanding, comprehension

(1) social **cognition**, (2) **cognition** disorder

The professor focused on the research of infant **cognition**.

reaction

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

synonym : response, reply, answer

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

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

improvisation

n. the act of making something up on the spot or creating or performing something without preparation

synonym : spontaneity, ad-lib, extemporization

(1) **improvisation** on stage, (2) jazz **improvisation**

He created a beautiful piece of music using only **improvisation**.

mod

n. a modification or alteration, typically one made to improve something or increase its functionality; a British teenager or young adult in the 1960s, noted for their clothes consciousness and opposition to the rockers

synonym : alteration, modification, tweak

(1) **mod** culture, (2) a house with **mod** cons

The **mod** for the video game added new features and improved gameplay.

cortex

n. the outermost layer of an organ, especially the brain

(1) **cortex** cells, (2) visual **cortex** neuron

The cerebral **cortex** consists of six layers.

Session 2: Spelling

1. em____ed systems *adj.* fixed firmly into the surface of something
2. so____re architect *n.* a set of computer programs and associated documentation and data for doing particular computational jobs
3. systemic ra____m *n.* prejudice, discrimination, or antagonism directed against a person or people based on their membership in a particular ethnic group, typically one that is a minority or marginalized
4. mic____ne cable *n.* a device that converts sound into an electrical signal used for recording sounds or making the voice louder
5. inv____te the matter *v.* to conduct a systematic or formal inquiry to identify and evaluate the facts of a crime, problem, statement, etc. to establish the truth
6. web sp____r *n.* a small, eight-legged creature that spins webs to catch insects as food; a computer program that systematically browses the World Wide Web for purposes of web indexing
7. me__e into a new party *v.* to combine or integrate things, or to cause this to happen
8. co____ed of the idea *adj.* completely certain about something; having a strong belief or conviction in a particular religion

ANSWERS: 1. embedded, 2. software, 3. racism, 4. microphone, 5. investigate, 6. spider, 7. merge, 8. convinced

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| 9. learn new co_____ts | <i>n.</i> an idea or principle associated with something abstract |
| 10. un_____ly event | <i>adj.</i> not probable or likely to happen |
| 11. field of artificial int_____nce | <i>n.</i> the ability to learn, comprehend, or make judgments or conclusions based on reasons |
| 12. c__e business activity | <i>n.</i> the most essential or fundamental part of something |
| 13. criticized for its to_____sm | <i>n.</i> the practice of making a minimal effort to be inclusive or diverse, often by including a small number of people from underrepresented groups in a token or symbolic way, without making any real changes to the systems or structures that maintain inequality |
| 14. con_____nt access to shared data | <i>adj.</i> happening or existing at the same time; parallel or simultaneous |
| 15. imp_____ion on stage | <i>n.</i> the act of making something up on the spot or creating or performing something without preparation |
| 16. sim_____sly affected | <i>adv.</i> at the same time |
| 17. public education ad_____tes | <i>n.</i> a person who supports or suggests an idea, development, or way of doing something |
| 18. in_____pt a call | <i>v.</i> to say or do something that causes someone to stop in their speech or action |
| 19. research on co_____ve psychology | <i>adj.</i> of or relating to mental processes of understanding |

ANSWERS: 9. concept, 10. unlikely, 11. intelligence, 12. core, 13. tokenism, 14. concurrent, 15. improvisation, 16. simultaneously, 17. advocate, 18. interrupt, 19. cognitive

20. dem_____te mastery *v.* to display something or give an exhibition to an interested audience
21. a handsome sa____y *n.* a fixed amount of money that employees, especially those who work in an office, receive for doing their job, usually paid every month
22. 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
23. an unexpected si__t *n.* the ability to see; anything that is seen
24. au_____t the reality *v.* to increase the size, extent, quantity, etc. of something by adding something to it
25. par_____te in the program *v.* to take part in something
26. co_____ss gas *v.* to press or squeeze together to make something take up less space
27. research on anti-ra____m *n.* prejudice, discrimination, or antagonism directed against a person or people based on their membership in a particular ethnic group, typically one that is a minority or marginalized
28. gets m_d easily *adj.* insane, especially due to a mental illness; very angry
29. acc_____ed routine *adj.* familiar with; used to; in the habit of; having become habituated to something, often a behavior or situation
30. se_____ry education *adj.* of a lower rank, status, or importance about something else; not primary or central; derived from or caused by another source

ANSWERS: 20. demonstrate, 21. salary, 22. generation, 23. sight, 24. augment, 25. participate, 26. compress, 27. racism, 28. mad, 29. accustomed, 30. secondary

31. exp_____nt design *n.* the scientific test conducted to observe what happens and gain new knowledge
32. ho___d hair *adj.* being caught or caught up in something; curved down like an eagle's beak
33. pa_____y to understanding *n.* a track that constitutes or serves as a path; an approach or a way of doing something
34. visual co___x neuron *n.* the outermost layer of an organ, especially the brain
35. a bac_____nd color *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
36. psy_____gy experiment *n.* the scientific study of mind and behavior
37. architect's bl_____nt *n.* a photographic print of an early plan for a building or machine
38. trail a st_____er *n.* a person who broadcasts or live-streams video game play or other content over the internet; a type of decorative flag or banner that is typically long and narrow, often used for advertising or promotional purposes
39. in_____fy a good relationship *v.* to increase or make something increase in extent or strength
40. en___e a new employee *v.* to attract and keep someone's attention and interest; to participate in or obtain services of something
41. con_____nt resolution *adj.* happening or existing at the same time; parallel or simultaneous

ANSWERS: 31. experiment, 32. hooked, 33. pathway, 34. cortex, 35. background, 36. psychology, 37. blueprint, 38. streamer, 39. intensify, 40. engage, 41. concurrent

42. tr_____er power *v.* to move, pass, or change from one person, place, or situation to another
43. ind_____us worker *adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
44. co_____te right *adj.* of or relating to a large company
45. the c__e of an apple *n.* the most essential or fundamental part of something
46. co_____t car *n.* an idea or principle associated with something abstract
47. a steam en___e *n.* a machine that converts thermal energy to mechanical work; something that has an important role used to achieve a purpose
48. built-in mic_____ne *n.* a device that converts sound into an electrical signal used for recording sounds or making the voice louder
49. res_____le action *adj.* answerable or accountable for something within one's power, control, or management
50. 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
51. service f_e *n.* a sum of money charged for a particular service
52. an ad_____te of disarmament *n.* a person who supports or suggests an idea, development, or way of doing something

ANSWERS: 42. transfer, 43. industrious, 44. corporate, 45. core, 46. concept, 47. engine, 48. microphone, 49. responsible, 50. graduate, 51. fee, 52. advocate

53. bl__d all the elements *v.* to mix or combine two or more substances
54. understand his mot_____on *n.* the reason or enthusiasm for acting or behaving in a particular way
55. ess_____ly correct *adv.* relating to the essential features or concepts of anything
56. f_e calculation *n.* a sum of money charged for a particular service
57. des_____ly anxious *adv.* in a way that shows a lack of hope and a willingness to do anything because of the problematic situation; with great urgency
58. jazz imp_____ion *n.* the act of making something up on the spot or creating or performing something without preparation
59. pr___r physics to chemistry *v.* to like, choose, or want one thing or person better than another
60. en_____ng story *adj.* attracting, pleasant, or charming
61. un___l situation *adj.* imaginary; not existing in fact
62. ad_____e a cooperative relationship *v.* to go or move forward; to develop in a positive way
63. healthcare pro_____on *n.* an occupation or vocation requiring advanced education or specialized training
64. a motion picture with a sou_____ck *n.* the recorded audio that accompanies a movie, television program, or video game
65. lack of cl_____y *n.* the quality of being coherent and understandable; the quality of transparency or purity

ANSWERS: 53. blend, 54. motivation, 55. essentially, 56. fee, 57. desperately, 58. improvisation, 59. prefer, 60. engaging, 61. unreal, 62. advance, 63. profession, 64. soundtrack, 65. clarity

66. c__f knife *n.* a cook, especially the chief cook in a restaurant or hotel
67. improve co_____ve function *adj.* of or relating to mental processes of understanding
68. di_____ct public opinion *v.* to draw someone's attention away from what they are trying to do
69. self-com_____ary region *adj.* serving to complete or enhance something in a way that is suitable or pleasing
70. tr_____er a file *v.* to move, pass, or change from one person, place, or situation to another
71. individual ins_____on *n.* detailed direction, order, etc., on how to do or use something
72. co_____te environment *adj.* of or relating to a large company
73. the ba_____e of power *n.* a condition in which everything has the same weight or force; something left after other parts have been taken away
74. se___e a dispute *v.* to reach an agreement of disagreement
75. follow his ins_____ons *n.* detailed direction, order, etc., on how to do or use something
76. an air-cooled en___e *n.* a machine that converts thermal energy to mechanical work; something that has an important role used to achieve a purpose
77. a te_____ue in martial arts *n.* a particular way or art of doing something that needs skill
78. abs_____ly against *adv.* without restriction or limitation; completely or utterly

ANSWERS: 66. chef, 67. cognitive, 68. distract, 69. complementary, 70. transfer, 71. instruction, 72. corporate, 73. balance, 74. settle, 75. instruction, 76. engine, 77. technique, 78. absolutely

79. me___m color *adj.* of a size, amount, or level that is average or intermediate; (noun) a means or instrumentality for storing or communicating information
80. par_____te fully in conversation *v.* to take part in something
81. di_____ct attention from the real issue *v.* to draw someone's attention away from what they are trying to do
82. ex_____e our options *v.* to travel to or penetrate an area or a country to learn about it; to thoroughly examine a subject or a possibility to learn more about it
83. en___e in environmental protection activities *v.* to attract and keep someone's attention and interest; to participate in or obtain services of something
84. int_____ve ideas *v.* to combine or blend substantive parts or elements; to interlace; to mix or intermingle
85. st_____le against discrimination *v.* to make a great effort to do something when it is difficult, or there are a lot of problems; to use force or violence to break away from restraint or constriction
86. 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
87. wor_____ord copy *adj.* characterized by or involving an exact replication or recitation of what has been said or written, without alteration or interpretation

ANSWERS: 79. medium, 80. participate, 81. distract, 82. explore, 83. engage, 84. interweave, 85. struggle, 86. graduate, 87. word-for-word

88. dr___n wing *n.* a mythical monster typically depicted as a giant reptile with wings, claws, and a fiery breath often portrayed as being fierce and dangerous
89. take ex_____ve care *adj.* greater than what seems necessary, normal, or desirable
90. 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
91. ta_____ay pizza *n.* a message or conclusion that can be taken away from a situation or piece of information
92. an act of to_____sm *n.* the practice of making a minimal effort to be inclusive or diverse, often by including a small number of people from underrepresented groups in a token or symbolic way, without making any real changes to the systems or structures that maintain inequality
93. 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
94. pro_____nal athlete *adj.* having or showing the skill appropriate to a particular job; competent or skillful
95. major in an_____cs *n.* the systematic computational analysis of data or statistics; information resulting from this analysis
96. ob___n a license *v.* to get something, especially by making a great effort

ANSWERS: 88. dragon, 89. excessive, 90. decide, 91. takeaway, 92. tokenism, 93. league, 94. professional, 95. analytics, 96. obtain

97. an en____ng smile *adj.* attracting, pleasant, or charming
98. game st____er *n.* a person who broadcasts or live-streams video game play or other content over the internet; a type of decorative flag or banner that is typically long and narrow, often used for advertising or promotional purposes
99. re____e one word with another *v.* to take the place of something
100. st____m seating *n.* a large, usually roofless building with tiers of seats for spectators at sports or other events
101. series of exp____nts *n.* the scientific test conducted to observe what happens and gain new knowledge
102. an ex____ve force *adj.* greater than what seems necessary, normal, or desirable
103. heroic e__c *n.* a long and eventful or heroic history, story, poem, or film; (adjective) very imposing or impressive
104. become ess____ly same *adv.* relating to the essential features or concepts of anything
105. res____le for a customer service *adj.* answerable or accountable for something within one's power, control, or management
106. dr____n fruit *n.* a mythical monster typically depicted as a giant reptile with wings, claws, and a fiery breath often portrayed as being fierce and dangerous
107. ov____me all difficulties *v.* to succeed in controlling or dealing with something, such as a problem or difficulty; to defeat or overwhelm someone

ANSWERS: 97. engaging, 98. streamer, 99. replace, 100. stadium, 101. experiment, 102. excessive, 103. epic, 104. essentially, 105. responsible, 106. dragon, 107. overcome

108. inv_____te a data leak *v.* to conduct a systematic or formal inquiry to identify and evaluate the facts of a crime, problem, statement, etc. to establish the truth
109. pro_____on choice *n.* an occupation or vocation requiring advanced education or specialized training
110. ro_____y explain my idea *adv.* approximately but not precisely; with a violent manner
111. ov_____ad the circulatory system *v.* to put too much a load in or on something
112. bl__d milk and cream *v.* to mix or combine two or more substances
113. ad_____e the technology *v.* to go or move forward; to develop in a positive way
114. br_____st a concert *v.* to send out a program or some information on radio or television
115. 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
116. asset on the company's ba_____e sheet *n.* a condition in which everything has the same weight or force; something left after other parts have been taken away
117. ex_____e the world *v.* to travel to or penetrate an area or a country to learn about it; to thoroughly examine a subject or a possibility to learn more about it

ANSWERS: 108. investigate, 109. profession, 110. roughly, 111. overload, 112. blend, 113. advance, 114. broadcast, 115. league, 116. balance, 117. explore

118. ho___d on drugs *adj.* being caught or caught up in something; curved down like an eagle's beak
119. road sp_____er *n.* a device that sprays water over a large area used especially for watering crops or gardens or for firefighting
120. int_____ve experience *adj.* acting reciprocally; mutually responsive
121. en___l in a school *v.* to officially register or sign up for something, particularly a course of study, an organization, or a service
122. the st___m of time *n.* a small, narrow river; a continuous flow of something, such as liquid, gas, people, vehicles, etc.
123. an arrival pl_____rm *n.* the raised flat space close to the track at a train station where passengers get on or off the train; (technology) a computational or digital environment in which a piece of software is executed
124. com_____nt existing rules *v.* to improve or make something more appealing by adding or contributing extra features to it
125. master c___f *n.* a cook, especially the chief cook in a restaurant or hotel
126. the in_____al economy *adj.* of or relating to the inside of something
127. im_____e the cloth in the dye *v.* to become fully involved in a particular activity; to dip or submerge in a liquid, especially so that they or it are entirely covered
128. e-_____ts players *n.* competitive video gaming, often involving organized tournaments or professional players

ANSWERS: 118. hooked, 119. sprinkler, 120. interactive, 121. enroll, 122. stream, 123. platform, 124. complement, 125. chef, 126. internal, 127. immerse, 128. e-sports

129. an endless st___m of cars *n.* a small, narrow river; a continuous flow of something, such as liquid, gas, people, vehicles, etc.
130. tw___h of an eye *v.* to make a sudden and quick movement with a part of the body; (noun) a sudden, small, jerky movement of a muscle or part of the body
131. e-____ts arena *n.* competitive video gaming, often involving organized tournaments or professional players
132. co_____ss the chest *v.* to press or squeeze together to make something take up less space
133. trading of vi_____l currencies *adj.* being actually such in almost every respect; existing in essence or effect though not in actual fact
134. ro_____y speaking *adv.* approximately but not precisely; with a violent manner
135. co_____on disorder *n.* the psychological process of perception and learning and reasoning; the mental action or process by which knowledge and understanding are developed in the mind
136. int_____ve threads *v.* to combine or blend substantive parts or elements; to interlace; to mix or intermingle
137. au_____t immunity *v.* to increase the size, extent, quantity, etc. of something by adding something to it
138. sake of cl_____y *n.* the quality of being coherent and understandable; the quality of transparency or purity

ANSWERS: 129. stream, 130. twitch, 131. e-sports, 132. compress, 133. virtual, 134. roughly, 135. cognition, 136. interweave, 137. augment, 138. clarity

139. en____e value *v.* to increase or improve the quality, amount, or strength of someone or something
140. sa____y after taxes *n.* a fixed amount of money that employees, especially those who work in an office, receive for doing their job, usually paid every month
141. permanent br__n damage *n.* the organ inside the head that is responsible for one's movement, thought, memory, and feeling
142. sou_____ck album *n.* the recorded audio that accompanies a movie, television program, or video game
143. dif_____ty in breathing *n.* a condition or state that causes problems
144. perfect ex____e *n.* a reason or explanation, either true or invented, given to justify a fault or defend your behavior; (verb) to make someone free from blame or clear from guilt
145. e__c battle *n.* a long and eventful or heroic history, story, poem, or film; (adjective) very imposing or impressive
146. m_d culture *n.* a modification or alteration, typically one made to improve something or increase its functionality; a British teenager or young adult in the 1960s, noted for their clothes consciousness and opposition to the rockers
147. cognitive com_____ty *n.* the state or quality of being complicated or intricate and difficult to understand

ANSWERS: 139. enhance, 140. salary, 141. brain, 142. soundtrack, 143. difficulty, 144. excuse, 145. epic, 146. mod, 147. complexity

148. an int_____ve device *adj.* acting reciprocally; mutually responsive
149. a wor_____ord report *adj.* characterized by or involving an exact replication or recitation of what has been said or written, without alteration or interpretation
150. tw___h at his sleeve *v.* to make a sudden and quick movement with a part of the body; (noun) a sudden, small, jerky movement of a muscle or part of the body
151. in_____ct directly with customers *v.* to communicate or react with somebody
152. me_____cs of the game *n.* the branch of physics that deals with the study of motion, forces, and energy; (mechanic) someone whose occupation is repairing and maintaining automobiles
153. re_____e a phone *v.* to take the place of something
154. sl__e a glance *v.* to move or cause to move smoothly along a surface without interruption
155. pr_____ct voting *n.* a defined geographic or administrative area within a larger jurisdiction, typically used for purposes such as voting or law enforcement; an enclosed or circumscribed space, often surrounded by walls or other structures
156. the te_____ue applied to construction *n.* a particular way or art of doing something that needs skill
157. me_____cs equation *n.* the branch of physics that deals with the study of motion, forces, and energy; (mechanic) someone whose occupation is repairing and maintaining automobiles

ANSWERS: 148. interactive, 149. word-for-word, 150. twitch, 151. interact, 152. mechanics, 153. replace, 154. slide, 155. precinct, 156. technique, 157. mechanics

158. as_____te with people widely *v.* to mentally connect someone or something with someone or something else
159. abruptly in_____pt *v.* to say or do something that causes someone to stop in their speech or action
160. spare co_____nts for cars *n.* one of several parts that combines with others to form something bigger
161. co____x cells *n.* the outermost layer of an organ, especially the brain
162. bl_____nt for economic reform *n.* a photographic print of an early plan for a building or machine
163. trigger a re_____on *n.* a response that reveals a person's feelings or attitude; (in chemistry) a process in which one or more substances are changed into others
164. st_____le to get the job *v.* to make a great effort to do something when it is difficult, or there are a lot of problems; to use force or violence to break away from restraint or constriction
165. it is un_____ly that he would win the game *adj.* not probable or likely to happen
166. abs_____ly obsessed with the girl *adv.* without restriction or limitation; completely or utterly
167. break dis_____ne *n.* the practice of training people to obey rules or a code of behavior, using and punishments if these are broken; a region of activity, knowledge, or influence

ANSWERS: 158. associate, 159. interrupt, 160. component, 161. cortex, 162. blueprint, 163. reaction, 164. struggle, 165. unlikely, 166. absolutely, 167. discipline

168. com_____ary therapies *adj.* serving to complete or enhance something in a way that is suitable or pleasing
169. psy_____gy of crowd *n.* the scientific study of mind and behavior
170. se___e down in the town *v.* to reach an agreement or disagreement
171. sl__e a card across the table *v.* to move or cause to move smoothly along a surface without interruption
172. chemical re_____on *n.* a response that reveals a person's feelings or attitude; (in chemistry) a process in which one or more substances are changed into others
173. an advertising me___m *adj.* of a size, amount, or level that is average or intermediate; (noun) a means or instrumentality for storing or communicating information
174. LED-em_____ed glass *adj.* fixed firmly into the surface of something
175. mo_____te the students *v.* to make someone want to do something, especially something that requires tremendous work and effort
176. dem_____te a difference *v.* to display something or give an exhibition to an interested audience
177. in_____ct with one another *v.* to communicate or react with somebody
178. des_____ly ill patient *adv.* in a way that shows a lack of hope and a willingness to do anything because of the problematic situation; with great urgency
179. an int_____nce test *n.* the ability to learn, comprehend, or make judgments or conclusions based on reasons

ANSWERS: 168. complementary, 169. psychology, 170. settle, 171. slide, 172. reaction, 173. medium, 174. embedded, 175. motivate, 176. demonstrate, 177. interact, 178. desperately, 179. intelligence

180. ac____ic probation *adj.* associated with schools, colleges, and universities, especially studying and thinking, not with practical skills
181. in____al organs *adj.* of or relating to the inside of something
182. 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
183. a house with m_d cons *n.* a modification or alteration, typically one made to improve something or increase its functionality; a British teenager or young adult in the 1960s, noted for their clothes consciousness and opposition to the rockers
184. ob____n a bid *v.* to get something, especially by making a great effort
185. co_____e electricity *v.* to spend something, especially fuel, energy, or time, in a large amount
186. social co_____on *n.* the psychological process of perception and learning and reasoning; the mental action or process by which knowledge and understanding are developed in the mind
187. ov_____ad a muscle *v.* to put too much a load in or on something
188. dull si__t *n.* the ability to see; anything that is seen
189. in_____fy diplomatic efforts *v.* to increase or make something increase in extent or strength

ANSWERS: 180. academic, 181. internal, 182. background, 183. mod, 184. obtain, 185. consume, 186. cognition, 187. overload, 188. sight, 189. intensify

190. ind_____us student *adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
191. a digital pl_____rm for enterprise *n.* the raised flat space close to the track at a train station where passengers get on or off the train; (technology) a computational or digital environment in which a piece of software is executed
192. take several inputs sim_____sly *adv.* at the same time
193. sp____r venom *n.* a small, eight-legged creature that spins webs to catch insects as food; a computer program that systematically browses the World Wide Web for purposes of web indexing
194. a vi_____l image *adj.* being actually such in almost every respect; existing in essence or effect though not in actual fact
195. all ability to mo_____te *v.* to make someone want to do something, especially something that requires tremendous work and effort
196. un_____e design *adj.* being the only one of its kind; unlike anything else
197. se_____ry sources *adj.* of a lower rank, status, or importance about something else; not primary or central; derived from or caused by another source
198. de____e a question *v.* to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options
199. en_____e the flavor of the vanilla *v.* to increase or improve the quality, amount, or strength of someone or something

ANSWERS: 190. industrious, 191. platform, 192. simultaneously, 193. spider, 194. virtual, 195. motivate, 196. unique, 197. secondary, 198. decide, 199. enhance

200. have an un___l feeling *adj.* imaginary; not existing in fact
201. com_____nt each other *v.* to improve or make something more appealing by adding or contributing extra features to it
202. key co_____nt *n.* one of several parts that combines with others to form something bigger
203. gen_____on gap *n.* all the people born and living at about the same time, regarded collectively; the production of heat or electricity
204. sp_____er irrigation *n.* a device that sprays water over a large area used especially for watering crops or gardens or for firefighting
205. a de_____t's office *n.* a person who is qualified and licensed to treat people's teeth
206. a un___e teacher *adj.* being the only one of its kind; unlike anything else
207. shopping pr_____ct *n.* a defined geographic or administrative area within a larger jurisdiction, typically used for purposes such as voting or law enforcement; an enclosed or circumscribed space, often surrounded by walls or other structures
208. basic br__n function *n.* the organ inside the head that is responsible for one's movement, thought, memory, and feeling
209. ex___e for inaction *n.* a reason or explanation, either true or invented, given to justify a fault or defend your behavior; (verb) to make someone free from blame or clear from guilt

ANSWERS: 200. unreal, 201. complement, 202. component, 203. generation, 204. sprinkler, 205. dentist, 206. unique, 207. precinct, 208. brain, 209. excuse

210. the degree of dif_____ty *n.* a condition or state that causes problems
211. completely im_____e the ingredient *v.* to become fully involved in a particular activity; to dip or submerge in a liquid, especially so that they or it are entirely covered
212. consult a de_____t *n.* a person who is qualified and licensed to treat people's teeth
213. en____l at a college *v.* to officially register or sign up for something, particularly a course of study, an organization, or a service
214. rigid dis_____ne *n.* the practice of training people to obey rules or a code of behavior, using and punishments if these are broken; a region of activity, knowledge, or influence
215. ta_____ay message *n.* a message or conclusion that can be taken away from a situation or piece of information
216. co_____ed criminal *adj.* completely certain about something; having a strong belief or conviction in a particular religion
217. ov_____me opponents *v.* to succeed in controlling or dealing with something, such as a problem or difficulty; to defeat or overwhelm someone
218. co_____e a large of alcohol *v.* to spend something, especially fuel, energy, or time, in a large amount
219. pr____r a window seat *v.* to like, choose, or want one thing or person better than another

ANSWERS: 210. difficulty, 211. immerse, 212. dentist, 213. enroll, 214. discipline, 215. takeaway, 216. convinced, 217. overcome, 218. consume, 219. prefer

220. certified pro_____nal secretary	<i>adj.</i> having or showing the skill appropriate to a particular job; competent or skillful
221. as_____te alcohol with gambling	<i>v.</i> to mentally connect someone or something with someone or something else
222. a m_d person	<i>adj.</i> insane, especially due to a mental illness; very angry
223. mot_____on for a change	<i>n.</i> the reason or enthusiasm for acting or behaving in a particular way
224. an_____cs tools	<i>n.</i> the systematic computational analysis of data or statistics; information resulting from this analysis
225. an ac_____ic discussion	<i>adj.</i> associated with schools, colleges, and universities, especially studying and thinking, not with practical skills
226. br_____st a radio ad	<i>v.</i> to send out a program or some information on radio or television
227. acc_____ed to complaints	<i>adj.</i> familiar with; used to; in the habit of; having become habituated to something, often a behavior or situation
228. me__e those systems into a new one	<i>v.</i> to combine or integrate things, or to cause this to happen
229. copyrighted so_____re	<i>n.</i> a set of computer programs and associated documentation and data for doing particular computational jobs
230. com_____ty theory	<i>n.</i> the state or quality of being complicated or intricate and difficult to understand
231. st_____m capacity	<i>n.</i> a large, usually roofless building with tiers of seats for spectators at sports or other events

ANSWERS: 220. professional, 221. associate, 222. mad, 223. motivation, 224. analytics, 225. academic, 226. broadcast, 227. accustomed, 228. merge, 229. software, 230. complexity, 231. stadium

232. cellular signaling pa_____ys

n. a track that constitutes or serves as a path; an approach or a way of doing something

ANSWERS: 232. pathway

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The military _____ between the two armies was one for the history books.
n. a long and eventful or heroic history, story, poem, or film; (adjective) very imposing or impressive

2. Five miles is _____ similar to eight kilometers.
adv. approximately but not precisely; with a violent manner

3. Eventually, the new design will _____ all older models.
v. to take the place of something

4. 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

5. The author expertly tried to _____ the story's plot and characters.
v. to combine or blend substantive parts or elements; to interlace; to mix or intermingle

6. 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

7. I am going to the family _____ to get my teeth cleaned.
n. a person who is qualified and licensed to treat people's teeth

8. _____ 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

ANSWERS: 1. epic, 2. roughly, 3. replace, 4. league, 5. interweave, 6. generation, 7. dentist, 8. Advocates

9. Economic factors and monetary policy _____ inflation.
- v. to increase the size, extent, quantity, etc. of something by adding something to it
10. She _____ the files into a single ZIP archive to save space on her computer.
- v. to press or squeeze together to make something take up less space
11. In Chinese mythology, _____ are considered powerful and benevolent creatures.
- n. a mythical monster typically depicted as a giant reptile with wings, claws, and a fiery breath often portrayed as being fierce and dangerous
12. 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
13. The company was accused of _____ for only hiring one woman for the ten-person team.
- n. the practice of making a minimal effort to be inclusive or diverse, often by including a small number of people from underrepresented groups in a token or symbolic way, without making any real changes to the systems or structures that maintain inequality
14. He should _____ more with his colleagues.
- v. to communicate or react with somebody
15. The cerebral _____ consists of six layers.
- n. the outermost layer of an organ, especially the brain

ANSWERS: 9. augmented, 10. compressed, 11. dragons, 12. decide, 13. tokenism, 14. interact, 15. cortex

16. The policies he announces can be the _____ of economic growth in the country.
- n.* a machine that converts thermal energy to mechanical work; something that has an important role used to achieve a purpose
17. The lawyer's ____ for the case was \$10,000.
- n.* a sum of money charged for a particular service
18. A smaller car will _____ less fuel.
- v.* to spend something, especially fuel, energy, or time, in a large amount
19. Scientific knowledge will _____ significantly with the power of AI.
- v.* to go or move forward; to develop in a positive way
20. The project's _____ made it difficult for the team to complete it on time.
- n.* the state or quality of being complicated or intricate and difficult to understand
21. The _____ chip in my credit card allows me to make contactless payments.
- adj.* fixed firmly into the surface of something
22. How can you _____ that the earth is a sphere?
- v.* to display something or give an exhibition to an interested audience
23. The two art pieces were hung on opposite walls and acted as _____ elements in the room's decor.
- adj.* serving to complete or enhance something in a way that is suitable or pleasing
24. 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

ANSWERS: 16. engine, 17. fee, 18. consume, 19. advance, 20. complexity, 21. embedded, 22. demonstrate, 23. complementary, 24. component

25. Jet _____ are the common name for air currents that form high in the atmosphere.
- n.* a small, narrow river; a continuous flow of something, such as liquid, gas, people, vehicles, etc.
26. Being a doctor is considered a highly respected _____.
- n.* an occupation or vocation requiring advanced education or specialized training
27. The new strategy will _____ the profitability of our company.
- v.* to increase or improve the quality, amount, or strength of someone or something
28. His _____ faculties were getting worse because of a lack of sleep.
- adj.* of or relating to mental processes of understanding
29. Most of the programs are _____ in this area.
- v.* to send out a program or some information on radio or television
30. He has _____ exercising because of a back injury sustained in an accident.
- n.* a condition or state that causes problems
31. These gas nebulas are merely newborn galactic _____.
- n.* the most essential or fundamental part of something
32. She couldn't stop her leg from _____ nervously.
- v.* to make a sudden and quick movement with a part of the body; (noun) a sudden, small, jerky movement of a muscle or part of the body

ANSWERS: 25. streams, 26. profession, 27. enhance, 28. cognitive, 29. broadcast, 30. difficulty, 31. cores, 32. twitching

33. He _____ himself in his research.

- v.* to become fully involved in a particular activity; to dip or submerge in a liquid, especially so that they or it are entirely covered

34. A significant amount of _____ is required to be a teacher.

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

35. 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

36. The _____ system kept the lawn green and healthy.

- n.* a device that sprays water over a large area used especially for watering crops or gardens or for firefighting

37. The _____ size shirt fits him perfectly.

- adj.* of a size, amount, or level that is average or intermediate; (noun) a means or instrumentality for storing or communicating information

38. The cooking _____ demonstrated how to make a variety of delicious dishes.

- n.* a person who broadcasts or live-streams video game play or other content over the internet; a type of decorative flag or banner that is typically long and narrow, often used for advertising or promotional purposes

39. The translator provided a _____ translation of the document.

- adj.* characterized by or involving an exact replication or recitation of what has been said or written, without alteration or interpretation

ANSWERS: 33. immersed, 34. motivation, 35. background, 36. sprinkler, 37. medium, 38. streamer, 39. word-for-word

40. The school's lack of diversity was a clear indication of the _____ present in the community.
- n.* prejudice, discrimination, or antagonism directed against a person or people based on their membership in a particular ethnic group, typically one that is a minority or marginalized
41. Many multinational companies are _____ in the reconstruction of that country.
- v.* to attract and keep someone's attention and interest; to participate in or obtain services of something
42. He studied _____ in college and now works as an engineer.
- n.* the branch of physics that deals with the study of motion, forces, and energy; (mechanic) someone whose occupation is repairing and maintaining automobiles
43. The _____ to the movie was composed by a famous musician.
- n.* the recorded audio that accompanies a movie, television program, or video game
44. It would be best if you did not demand such an _____ charge.
- adj.* greater than what seems necessary, normal, or desirable
45. He was ___ with joy to see the results.
- adj.* insane, especially due to a mental illness; very angry
46. She was disbarred for her _____ in fraud.
- adj.* attracting, pleasant, or charming
47. He has a _____ demeanor and always presents himself in a polished manner.
- adj.* having or showing the skill appropriate to a particular job; competent or skillful

ANSWERS: 40. racism, 41. engaged, 42. mechanics, 43. soundtrack, 44. excessive, 45. mad, 46. engaging, 47. professional

48. The prime minister canceled visits to other countries to resolve _____ disputes.

adj. of or relating to the inside of something

49. The committee _____ several apparent inconsistencies.

v. to conduct a systematic or formal inquiry to identify and evaluate the facts of a crime, problem, statement, etc. to establish the truth

50. The interviewer asked him to speak into the _____.

n. a device that converts sound into an electrical signal used for recording sounds or making the voice louder

51. The publisher will proofread most of this manuscript for _____.

n. the quality of being coherent and understandable; the quality of transparency or purity

52. Please don't _____ me while I'm studying.

v. to draw someone's attention away from what they are trying to do

53. He quickly fabricated an _____ for not attending the meeting.

n. a reason or explanation, either true or invented, given to justify a fault or defend your behavior; (verb) to make someone free from blame or clear from guilt

54. The ability to _____ people is a priceless asset.

v. to make someone want to do something, especially something that requires tremendous work and effort

55. The main _____ from the meeting was the need for better communication.

n. a message or conclusion that can be taken away from a situation or piece of information

ANSWERS: 48. internal, 49. investigated, 50. microphone, 51. clarity, 52. distract, 53. excuse, 54. motivate, 55. takeaway

56. 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

57. Rebels have pledged to _____ the armed struggle against the dictatorship.

- v.* to increase or make something increase in extent or strength

58. The majority of students actively _____ in the college's intramural sports program.

- v.* to take part in something

59. His _____ showed highly positive results.

- n.* the scientific test conducted to observe what happens and gain new knowledge

60. The ____ for the video game added new features and improved gameplay.

- n.* a modification or alteration, typically one made to improve something or increase its functionality; a British teenager or young adult in the 1960s, noted for their clothes consciousness and opposition to the rockers

61. He tried to _____ a bad reputation and win the election.

- v.* to succeed in controlling or dealing with something, such as a problem or difficulty; to defeat or overwhelm someone

62. The majority of consumers _____ this brand with quality.

- v.* to mentally connect someone or something with someone or something else

63. The birds _____ open water areas with reeds around them.

- v.* to like, choose, or want one thing or person better than another

ANSWERS: 56. brain, 57. intensify, 58. participated, 59. experiments, 60. mod, 61. overcome, 62. associate, 63. prefer

64. Many people enjoy watching _____ competitions online.

n. competitive video gaming, often involving organized tournaments or professional players

65. He quickly learned the military _____.

n. the practice of training people to obey rules or a code of behavior, using and punishments if these are broken; a region of activity, knowledge, or influence

66. In terms of _____ he was head and shoulders above his classmates.

n. the ability to learn, comprehend, or make judgments or conclusions based on reasons

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

n. the scientific study of mind and behavior

68. The painting is _____ and there is no other like it.

adj. being the only one of its kind; unlike anything else

69. She's a _____ pet owner who ensures her dog gets enough exercise and a healthy diet.

adj. answerable or accountable for something within one's power, control, or management

70. Try to keep a _____ between work and off.

n. a condition in which everything has the same weight or force; something left after other parts have been taken away

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

adj. hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort

ANSWERS: 64. e-sports, 65. discipline, 66. intelligence, 67. psychology, 68. unique, 69. responsible, 70. balance, 71. industrious

72. An excellent historian must possess an _____ mentality.

adj. associated with schools, colleges, and universities, especially studying and thinking, not with practical skills

73. Many famous _____ are within walking distance.

n. the ability to see; anything that is seen

74. _____ a society is an organism.

adv. relating to the essential features or concepts of anything

75. The toad altered its appearance to better _____ in with its new environments.

v. to mix or combine two or more substances

76. Her sleep was _____ by recurring pain.

v. to say or do something that causes someone to stop in their speech or action

77. I don't want to _____ for second best.

v. to reach an agreement of disagreement

78. The _____ office has decided to lay off 10% of the workforce.

adj. of or relating to a large company

79. This consulting firm decided to _____ the two companies into one.

v. to combine or integrate things, or to cause this to happen

80. She is the _____ president of the company.

adj. being actually such in almost every respect; existing in essence or effect though not in actual fact

ANSWERS: 72. academic, 73. sights, 74. Essentially, 75. blend, 76. interrupted, 77. settle, 78. corporate, 79. merge, 80. virtual

81. 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

82. The speaker mounted the _____ and started to speak.

n. the raised flat space close to the track at a train station where passengers get on or off the train; (technology) a computational or digital environment in which a piece of software is executed

83. A business plan is a _____ for your success.

n. a photographic print of an early plan for a building or machine

84. The _____ spun an intricate web in the corner of the room.

n. a small, eight-legged creature that spins webs to catch insects as food; a computer program that systematically browses the World Wide Web for purposes of web indexing

85. What are your annual _____ expectations?

n. a fixed amount of money that employees, especially those who work in an office, receive for doing their job, usually paid every month

86. Be careful not to _____ the laundry machine.

v. to put too much a load in or on something

87. The passage of the bill is _____.

adj. not probable or likely to happen

88. The new video game has an _____ storyline that allows players to make choices that affect the game's outcome.

adj. acting reciprocally; mutually responsive

ANSWERS: 81. convinced, 82. platform, 83. blueprint, 84. spider, 85. salary, 86. overload, 87. unlikely, 88. interactive

89. The professor focused on the research of infant _____.
- n.* the psychological process of perception and learning and reasoning; the mental action or process by which knowledge and understanding are developed in the mind
90. Where can I _____ the application form?
- v.* to get something, especially by making a great effort
91. The _____ camera on my phone takes high-quality photos.
- adj.* of a lower rank, status, or importance about something else; not primary or central; derived from or caused by another source
92. The company held a _____ meeting with all branches around the world.
- adj.* happening or existing at the same time; parallel or simultaneous
93. My son was _____ on the Internet.
- adj.* being caught or caught up in something; curved down like an eagle's beak
94. Jockey's superior _____ brought him victory.
- n.* a particular way or art of doing something that needs skill
95. One such rapidly growing _____ is quantum cryptography.
- n.* an idea or principle associated with something abstract
96. The management must _____ strategies to increase office security.
- v.* to travel to or penetrate an area or a country to learn about it; to thoroughly examine a subject or a possibility to learn more about it
97. The idea of winning the lottery seemed so _____ that he didn't even bother buying a ticket.
- adj.* imaginary; not existing in fact

ANSWERS: 89. cognition, 90. obtain, 91. secondary, 92. concurrent, 93. hooked, 94. technique, 95. concept, 96. explore, 97. unreal

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

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

99. The _____ at the restaurant was known for his creative and delicious dishes.

n. a cook, especially the chief cook in a restaurant or hotel

100. I am _____ opposed to his idea because of morality.

adv. without restriction or limitation; completely or utterly

101. The police officer patrolled the _____ and responded to calls for assistance.

n. a defined geographic or administrative area within a larger jurisdiction, typically used for purposes such as voting or law enforcement; an enclosed or circumscribed space, often surrounded by walls or other structures

102. He created a beautiful piece of music using only _____.

n. the act of making something up on the spot or creating or performing something without preparation

103. 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

104. They needed further _____ to perform their duties efficiently.

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

105. Two students answered the teacher's question _____.

adv. at the same time

ANSWERS: 98. slide, 99. chef, 100. absolutely, 101. precinct, 102. improvisation, 103. analytics, 104. instruction, 105. simultaneously

106. The baby clung _____ to her mother.

adv. in a way that shows a lack of hope and a willingness to do anything because of the problematic situation; with great urgency

107. I need to _____ in a cooking class to improve my culinary skills.

v. to officially register or sign up for something, particularly a course of study, an organization, or a service

108. There was a chemical _____ of the lime with the groundwater.

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

109. 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

110. He could not _____ against temptation.

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

111. Our application aims to _____ the feature of web browsers.

v. to improve or make something more appealing by adding or contributing extra features to it

112. I am _____ to waking up early for work.

adj. familiar with; used to; in the habit of; having become habituated to something, often a behavior or situation

113. The company specializes in both hardware and _____.

n. a set of computer programs and associated documentation and data for doing particular computational jobs

ANSWERS: 106. desperately, 107. enroll, 108. reaction, 109. graduate, 110. struggle, 111. complement, 112. accustomed, 113. software

114. 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
115. She _____ the money from her savings account to her checking account.
- v.* to move, pass, or change from one person, place, or situation to another
116. When the first molecule in the _____ receives a signal, it activates other molecules.
- n.* a track that constitutes or serves as a path; an approach or a way of doing something

ANSWERS: 114. stadium, 115. transferred, 116. pathway