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Session 1: Word List

survey

n. an investigation of the opinions, behavior, etc. of a particular group of people, made by asking people questions

synonym: study, examination, poll

(1) a comprehensive **survey**, (2) recent **survey**

That **survey** shows that people are accepting the tax increase to some extent.

tradition

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

synonym: custom, practice, ritual

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

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

creditor

n. a person, company, etc. to whom a debtor owes money

(1) the **creditor's** claims, (2) bankrupt **creditor**

I asked the lawyer to initiate **creditor** negotiations for voluntary liquidation.

flavor

n. the taste sensation produced by a substance in the mouth

synonym : taste, savor, essence

(1) a delicate **flavor**, (2) **flavor** enhancer

The **flavor** of the coffee was rich and full-bodied.

stink

v. to emit a strong, unpleasant odor; to have a strong offensive smell; to be corrupt or unethical

synonym : reek, smell, odor

(1) **stink** up the place, (2) **stink** badly

The garbage in the alley began to **stink** after a few hot days.

trash

n. discarded material, refuse, or waste

synonym : garbage, waste, refuse

(1) **trash** bin, (2) **trash** disposal site

The city is taking measures to reduce the amount of **trash** in the streets.

substance

n. the real physical material of which a thing or person consist; the most important or main part of some idea or experience; an illegal drug

synonym : essence, core, material

(1) an explosive **substance**, (2) **substance** abuse problem

The **substance** of the argument was well-presented.

volatile

adj. likely to change rapidly or unexpectedly, or being unstable or explosive

synonym : unstable, unpredictable, explosive

(1) highly- **volatile** elements, (2) **volatile** markets

Their relationship was **volatile** and prone to sudden outbursts of anger.

molecule

n. a group of two or more atoms held together by attractive forces known as chemical bonds

synonym : particle, element, atom

(1) small **molecules**, (2) **molecule** behavior

The shape of the DNA **molecule** is a double helix.

stimulate

v. to encourage something to develop or become more active; to stir the feelings or emotions

synonym : excite, provoke, arouse

(1) **stimulate** the economy, (2) **stimulate** the nervous system

The book **stimulated** my imagination.

olfactory

adj. relating to the sense of smell; connected with the perception of odors or scents

synonym : olfactive, scent-based, aromatic

(1) **olfactory** cortex, (2) **olfactory** memory

The **olfactory** senses play a key role in our taste and flavor perception.

sensory

adj. of or relating to the physical senses

synonym : receptive, sensuous, neural

(1) a **sensory** organ, (2) a child with **sensory** issues

Sharks have highly developed **sensory** systems and are extremely sensitive creatures.

neuron

n. a cell that is specialized to carry information within the brain and between the brain and other parts of the body

synonym : nerve cell

(1) excite the **neurons**, (2) **neuron** cell body

Our body transfers information along each **neuron** using an electrical impulse.

odor

n. a distinctive or unpleasant smell; a scent or aroma that can be sensed through the sense of smell

synonym : smell, aroma, fragrance

(1) **odor** control, (2) pleasant **odor**

The **odor** from the trash can was unbearable, so I had to take it out.

receptor

n. an organ having nerve endings that respond to stimulation such as heat or cold and makes the body react in a particular way

(1) cellular **receptor**, (2) **receptor** for HIV in humans
Hay fever occurs when a substance called histamine binds to **receptors** in the nose and eyes.

trigger

v. to make something happen suddenly; to cause something such as a device, machine, etc. to function
synonym: activate, spark, drive

(1) **trigger** a biochemical response, (2) **trigger** inflation
The incident **triggered** a political controversy.

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**.

categorize

v. to put people or things into groups according to their features, types, etc.
synonym: classify, pigeonhole, sort

(1) **categorize** the image, (2) **categorize** the cause of failure
The biologist **categorized** the viruses into four groups.

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.

disgust

n. a strong feeling of dislike or disapproval
synonym: nauseate, hate, dislike

(1) public **disgust**, (2) show **disgust** at his actions
He was filled with **disgust** and fear for the threat of war.

mood

n. the way you feel at a particular time; an angry or impatient state of mind

synonym : mindset, disposition, temper

(1) the **mood** in a room, (2) in an ugly **mood**

His gaffe spoiled the **mood** of the dinner party.

emotion

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

synonym : feeling, sentiment, passion

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

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

sniff

v. to inhale audibly through the nose, often to detect or identify a smell; to draw in air through the nostrils with a quick, audible intake of breath

synonym : smell, inhale, scent

(1) **sniff** the air, (2) **sniff** the perfume

The dog stopped to **sniff** around the tree, looking for something interesting.

bacon

n. a type of salt-cured pork that is usually sliced and fried; a meat product that is derived from the back or sides of a pig

synonym : ham, pork belly, gammon

(1) **bacon** and eggs, (2) **bacon** sandwich

I love the smell of **bacon** sizzling in the morning.

bud

n. a small swelling on a plant stem or twig containing an undeveloped shoot

synonym : shoot, sprout, germ

(1) pinch off a **bud**, (2) **bud** grafting

The flower was starting to show its **bud** and would soon bloom into a beautiful blossom.

whack

v. to hit someone or something hard or noisily

synonym : hit, strike, bash

(1) **whack** him with a stick, (2) **whack** up the volume
He **whacked** the ball out of the park with his home run.

attache

n. a person who works at an embassy, usually having a specialized area of responsibility; a shallow and rectangular briefcase

synonym: diplomat, envoy, briefcase

(1) a commercial **attache**, (2) black **attache** case

A prime minister talked with a military **attache** of the country's embassy.

label

n. a small piece of paper, fabric, or other material attached to an object and giving information about it; (verb) to assign to a category

synonym: tag, mark, identifier

(1) a mailing **label**, (2) **label** a bag with my name

The **label** on the food package lists the ingredients and nutritional information.

sensation

n. a feeling associated with stimulation of a sense organ or with a specific body condition; a general feeling of interest and excitement

synonym: feeling, perception, mania

(1) cause a widespread **sensation**, (2) taste **sensation**

If you apply this ointment, you may feel a mild burning **sensation**.

detect

v. to find or recognize something, especially something difficult to see, hear, etc.

synonym: catch, observe, notice

(1) **detect** a bad event, (2) **detect** smuggling across borders

The security camera has **detected** four intruders.

combine

v. to join or merge to form a single thing or group

synonym: coalesce, cohere, blend

(1) **combine** chemically with another substance,

(2) **combine** augmented reality

Hydrogen and oxygen **combine** to form water.

trillion

n. the number 1,000,000,000,000; a million million
(1) **trillion** cubic feet, (2) many **trillions** of dollars
One light year is nearly 6 **trillion** miles.

tongue

n. a moveable mass of muscle tissue covered with mucous membrane that is in the mouth; a language
synonym: lingo, language, vocabulary
(1) native **tongue**, (2) **tongue** cancer
The **tongue** is boneless, but it is as strong as bones.

saltiness

n. the quality or state of being salty
(1) the taste of **saltiness**, (2) enhance the **saltiness**
She tasted the dish and detected a slight **saltiness**.

sour

adj. having a taste that is acidic or tart; (noun) a person or situation that is unhappy or negative
synonym: acidic, tangy, tart
(1) turn **sour**, (2) a dollop of **sour** cream
The pickles had a tangy and **sour** flavor that went well with the sandwich.

controversial

adj. causing a lot of hot public discussion and dispute
synonym: contentious, disputed, questionable
(1) **controversial** book, (2) **controversial** policy
The issue of the death penalty is highly **controversial**.

umami

n. a taste sensation that is often described as savory, meaty, or brothy; one of the five basic tastes, along with sweet, sour, salty, and bitter
synonym: savory, delicious, meaty
(1) **umami** enhancer, (2) **umami** flavor
Japanese food lovers appreciate the **umami** taste of miso soup.

savory

adj. pleasing to the taste, especially by being salty, sour, or spicy rather than sweet

synonym : delicious, tasty, appetizing

(1) **savory** dish, (2) a **savory** omelet

The **savory** aroma of roasted chicken filled the kitchen.

stuffy

adj. lacking fresh air or ventilation; oppressively warm; lacking in excitement or variety; formal in manner or behavior

synonym : stuffy, suffocating, oppressive

(1) ventilate a **stuffy** office, (2) **stuffy** atmosphere

The **stuffy** classroom made it hard to breathe during the summer heat.

attest

v. to provide evidence or proof of something; to confirm or certify the authenticity of something; to bear witness to the truth of something

synonym : verify, confirm, certify

(1) **attest** to the truth, (2) **attest** to the facts

I can **attest** to his honesty and integrity, as I have known him for many years.

bland

adj. lacking in strong flavor, character, or interest; unremarkable or unexciting

synonym : boring, insipid, flavorless

(1) make a **bland** reply, (2) **bland** novel

The dinner was rather **bland** and in need of some seasoning.

chew

v. to crush or grind something, especially food, with the teeth and then swallow it

synonym : masticate, crush, grind

(1) **chew** each word, (2) **chew** a stick of gum

My dog loves to **chew** on bones.

release

v. to set free or allow to escape from confinement

synonym : free, let go, discharge

(1) **release** a prisoner, (2) **release** CO₂ into the air

The animal rights group worked to **release** the dolphins back into the wild.

nasal

adj. relating to the nose or the sense of smell; characterized by or involving the nasal passage

synonym: adenoidal, pinched, rhinal

(1) **nasal** congestion, (2) **nasal** bone

The **nasal** spray helped alleviate my allergies.

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.

prop

n. a piece of wood, metal, etc., placed beneath or against something to support it or keep it in position; a system, institution, or person that gives help or support to someone or something

synonym: support, buttress, column

(1) emotional **prop**, (2) **prop** stick

We have finally lost our last **prop**.

flavorless

adj. lacking in taste or flavor; bland or insipid

synonym: tasteless, bland, insipid

(1) **flavorless** tofu, (2) **flavorless** water

The bland, **flavorless** food left me feeling unsatisfied.

savor

v. to enjoy or appreciate something fully; to relish or delight in something delicious or enjoyable; to preserve or season with a savory flavor

synonym: enjoy, relish, appreciate

(1) **savor** the moment, (2) **savor** the taste

I always like to **savor** a good cup of coffee in the morning.

amazing

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

synonym: exceptional, extraordinary, wonderful

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

The golfer recorded an **amazing** distance.

nuance

n. a subtle or slight degree of difference in appearance, meaning, sound, someone's feeling, etc.

synonym: shading, refinement, subtlety

(1) rich in **nuance**, (2) subtle cultural **nuance**

The painter has tried to express every **nuance** of the woman's expression in his work.

Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. co____e augmented reality | v. | to join or merge to form a single thing or group |
| 2. su_____ce abuse problem | n. | the real physical material of which a thing or person consist; the most important or main part of some idea or experience; an illegal drug |
| 3. sa__r the moment | v. | to enjoy or appreciate something fully; to relish or delight in something delicious or enjoyable; to preserve or season with a savory flavor |
| 4. ventilate a st____y office | adj. | lacking fresh air or ventilation; oppressively warm; lacking in excitement or variety; formal in manner or behavior |
| 5. to____e cancer | n. | a moveable mass of muscle tissue covered with mucous membrane that is in the mouth; a language |
| 6. o__r control | n. | a distinctive or unpleasant smell; a scent or aroma that can be sensed through the sense of smell |
| 7. a child with se_____y issues | adj. | of or relating to the physical senses |
| 8. pinch off a b_d | n. | a small swelling on a plant stem or twig containing an undeveloped shoot |
| 9. wh__k him with a stick | v. | to hit someone or something hard or noisily |
| 10. p__p stick | n. | a piece of wood, metal, etc., placed beneath or against something to support it or keep it in position; a system, institution, or person that gives help or support to someone or something |

ANSWERS: 1. combine, 2. substance, 3. savor, 4. stuffy, 5. tongue, 6. odor, 7. sensory, 8. bud, 9. whack, 10. prop

11. the most am____g feeling *adj.* extremely surprising, especially in a way that you like or admire
12. con_____ial book *adj.* causing a lot of hot public discussion and dispute
13. sa__r the taste *v.* to enjoy or appreciate something fully; to relish or delight in something delicious or enjoyable; to preserve or season with a savory flavor
14. taste se_____on *n.* a feeling associated with stimulation of a sense organ or with a specific body condition; a general feeling of interest and excitement
15. highly-vo_____le elements *adj.* likely to change rapidly or unexpectedly, or being unstable or explosive
16. small mo_____les *n.* a group of two or more atoms held together by attractive forces known as chemical bonds
17. re_____e CO2 into the air *v.* to set free or allow to escape from confinement
18. na__l bone *adj.* relating to the nose or the sense of smell; characterized by or involving the nasal passage
19. tr__h bin *n.* discarded material, refuse, or waste
20. the m__d in a room *n.* the way you feel at a particular time; an angry or impatient state of mind
21. in an ugly m__d *n.* the way you feel at a particular time; an angry or impatient state of mind
22. a comprehensive su____y *n.* an investigation of the opinions, behavior, etc. of a particular group of people, made by asking people questions

ANSWERS: 11. amazing, 12. controversial, 13. savor, 14. sensation, 15. volatile, 16. molecule, 17. release, 18. nasal, 19. trash, 20. mood, 21. mood, 22. survey

23. c__w a stick of gum *v.* to crush or grind something, especially food, with the teeth and then swallow it
24. b_d grafting *n.* a small swelling on a plant stem or twig containing an undeveloped shoot
25. black at_____e case *n.* a person who works at an embassy, usually having a specialized area of responsibility; a shallow and rectangular briefcase
26. many tr_____ons of dollars *n.* the number 1,000,000,000,000; a million million
27. ol_____ry memory *adj.* relating to the sense of smell; connected with the perception of odors or scents
28. um__i enhancer *n.* a taste sensation that is often described as savory, meaty, or brothy; one of the five basic tastes, along with sweet, sour, salty, and bitter
29. at___t to the facts *v.* to provide evidence or proof of something; to confirm or certify the authenticity of something; to bear witness to the truth of something
30. the cr_____or's claims *n.* a person, company, etc. to whom a debtor owes money
31. re_____or for HIV in humans *n.* an organ having nerve endings that respond to stimulation such as heat or cold and makes the body react in a particular way
32. cognitive com_____ty *n.* the state or quality of being complicated or intricate and difficult to understand

ANSWERS: 23. chew, 24. bud, 25. attache, 26. trillion, 27. olfactory, 28. umami, 29. attest, 30. creditor, 31. receptor, 32. complexity

33. an explosive su_____ce *n.* the real physical material of which a thing or person consist; the most important or main part of some idea or experience; an illegal drug
34. bankrupt cr_____or *n.* a person, company, etc. to whom a debtor owes money
35. native to____e *n.* a moveable mass of muscle tissue covered with mucous membrane that is in the mouth; a language
36. at____t to the truth *v.* to provide evidence or proof of something; to confirm or certify the authenticity of something; to bear witness to the truth of something
37. ne____n cell body *n.* a cell that is specialized to carry information within the brain and between the brain and other parts of the body
38. tr_____on cubic feet *n.* the number 1,000,000,000,000; a million million
39. com_____ty theory *n.* the state or quality of being complicated or intricate and difficult to understand
40. ba__n and eggs *n.* a type of salt-cured pork that is usually sliced and fried; a meat product that is derived from the back or sides of a pig
41. a commercial at_____e *n.* a person who works at an embassy, usually having a specialized area of responsibility; a shallow and rectangular briefcase
42. co_____e chemically with another substance *v.* to join or merge to form a single thing or group

ANSWERS: 33. substance, 34. creditor, 35. tongue, 36. attest, 37. neuron, 38. trillion, 39. complexity, 40. bacon, 41. attache, 42. combine

43. la__l a bag with my name *n.* a small piece of paper, fabric, or other material attached to an object and giving information about it; (verb) to assign to a category
44. a dollop of s__r cream *adj.* having a taste that is acidic or tart; (noun) a person or situation that is unhappy or negative
45. mo_____le behavior *n.* a group of two or more atoms held together by attractive forces known as chemical bonds
46. sn__f the perfume *v.* to inhale audibly through the nose, often to detect or identify a smell; to draw in air through the nostrils with a quick, audible intake of breath
47. public di_____t *n.* a strong feeling of dislike or disapproval
48. cause a widespread se_____on *n.* a feeling associated with stimulation of a sense organ or with a specific body condition; a general feeling of interest and excitement
49. ba__n sandwich *n.* a type of salt-cured pork that is usually sliced and fried; a meat product that is derived from the back or sides of a pig
50. con_____ial policy *adj.* causing a lot of hot public discussion and dispute
51. fl___r enhancer *n.* the taste sensation produced by a substance in the mouth
52. turn s__r *adj.* having a taste that is acidic or tart; (noun) a person or situation that is unhappy or negative

ANSWERS: 43. label, 44. sour, 45. molecule, 46. sniff, 47. disgust, 48. sensation, 49. bacon, 50. controversial, 51. flavor, 52. sour

53. pleasant o__r *n.* a distinctive or unpleasant smell; a scent or aroma that can be sensed through the sense of smell
54. the taste of sa_____ss *n.* the quality or state of being salty
55. afraid to show em_____n *n.* a strong feeling such as love, anger, etc. deriving from one's situation, mood, or relationships with others
56. as_____te alcohol with gambling *v.* to mentally connect someone or something with someone or something else
57. show di_____t at his actions *n.* a strong feeling of dislike or disapproval
58. st___y atmosphere *adj.* lacking fresh air or ventilation; oppressively warm; lacking in excitement or variety; formal in manner or behavior
59. rich in nu___e *n.* a subtle or slight degree of difference in appearance, meaning, sound, someone's feeling, etc.
60. as_____te with people widely *v.* to mentally connect someone or something with someone or something else
61. subtle cultural nu___e *n.* a subtle or slight degree of difference in appearance, meaning, sound, someone's feeling, etc.
62. fla_____ss water *adj.* lacking in taste or flavor; bland or insipid
63. a delicate fl___r *n.* the taste sensation produced by a substance in the mouth
64. st__k up the place *v.* to emit a strong, unpleasant odor; to have a strong offensive smell; to be corrupt or unethical

ANSWERS: 53. odor, 54. saltiness, 55. emotion, 56. associate, 57. disgust, 58. stuffy, 59. nuance, 60. associate, 61. nuance, 62. flavorless, 63. flavor, 64. stink

65. st_____te the economy *v.* to encourage something to develop or become more active; to stir the feelings or emotions
66. tr_____r a biochemical response *v.* to make something happen suddenly; to cause something such as a device, machine, etc. to function
67. ol_____ry cortex *adj.* relating to the sense of smell; connected with the perception of odors or scents
68. a sa____y omelet *adj.* pleasing to the taste, especially by being salty, sour, or spicy rather than sweet
69. st__k badly *v.* to emit a strong, unpleasant odor; to have a strong offensive smell; to be corrupt or unethical
70. excite the ne____ns *n.* a cell that is specialized to carry information within the brain and between the brain and other parts of the body
71. tr_____r inflation *v.* to make something happen suddenly; to cause something such as a device, machine, etc. to function
72. a se_____y organ *adj.* of or relating to the physical senses
73. a tr_____on of a culture *n.* a belief, custom, or way of doing something that has been passed down from generation to generation within a group or society
74. cat_____ze the cause of failure *v.* to put people or things into groups according to their features, types, etc.

ANSWERS: 65. stimulate, 66. trigger, 67. olfactory, 68. savory, 69. stink, 70. neuron, 71. trigger, 72. sensory, 73. tradition, 74. categorize

75. emotional p__p *n.* a piece of wood, metal, etc., placed beneath or against something to support it or keep it in position; a system, institution, or person that gives help or support to someone or something
76. against tr_____on *n.* a belief, custom, or way of doing something that has been passed down from generation to generation within a group or society
77. cat_____ze the image *v.* to put people or things into groups according to their features, types, etc.
78. sa___y dish *adj.* pleasing to the taste, especially by being salty, sour, or spicy rather than sweet
79. am_____g advances *adj.* extremely surprising, especially in a way that you like or admire
80. st_____te the nervous system *v.* to encourage something to develop or become more active; to stir the feelings or emotions
81. de___t a bad event *v.* to find or recognize something, especially something difficult to see, hear, etc.
82. sn___f the air *v.* to inhale audibly through the nose, often to detect or identify a smell; to draw in air through the nostrils with a quick, audible intake of breath
83. bl___d novel *adj.* lacking in strong flavor, character, or interest; unremarkable or unexciting

ANSWERS: 75. prop, 76. tradition, 77. categorize, 78. savory, 79. amazing, 80. stimulate, 81. detect, 82. sniff, 83. bland

84. fla_____ss tofu *adj.* lacking in taste or flavor; bland or insipid
85. basic br__n function *n.* the organ inside the head that is responsible for one's movement, thought, memory, and feeling
86. enhance the sa_____ss *n.* the quality or state of being salty
87. um__i flavor *n.* a taste sensation that is often described as savory, meaty, or brothy; one of the five basic tastes, along with sweet, sour, salty, and bitter
88. control my em_____n *n.* a strong feeling such as love, anger, etc. deriving from one's situation, mood, or relationships with others
89. recent su___y *n.* an investigation of the opinions, behavior, etc. of a particular group of people, made by asking people questions
90. a mailing la__l *n.* a small piece of paper, fabric, or other material attached to an object and giving information about it; (verb) to assign to a category
91. na__l congestion *adj.* relating to the nose or the sense of smell; characterized by or involving the nasal passage
92. tr__h disposal site *n.* discarded material, refuse, or waste
93. permanent br__n damage *n.* the organ inside the head that is responsible for one's movement, thought, memory, and feeling
94. c__w each word *v.* to crush or grind something, especially food, with the teeth and then swallow it

ANSWERS: 84. flavorless, 85. brain, 86. saltiness, 87. umami, 88. emotion, 89. survey, 90. label, 91. nasal, 92. trash, 93. brain, 94. chew

95. cellular re____or *n.* an organ having nerve endings that respond to stimulation such as heat or cold and makes the body react in a particular way
96. re____e a prisoner *v.* to set free or allow to escape from confinement
97. de____t smuggling across borders *v.* to find or recognize something, especially something difficult to see, hear, etc.
98. make a bl__d reply *adj.* lacking in strong flavor, character, or interest; unremarkable or unexciting
99. wh__k up the volume *v.* to hit someone or something hard or noisily
100. vo____le markets *adj.* likely to change rapidly or unexpectedly, or being unstable or explosive

ANSWERS: 95. receptor, 96. release, 97. detect, 98. bland, 99. whack, 100. volatile

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. Hydrogen and oxygen _____ to form water.
v. to join or merge to form a single thing or group
2. My dog loves to _____ on bones.
v. to crush or grind something, especially food, with the teeth and then swallow it
3. The _____ spray helped alleviate my allergies.
adj. relating to the nose or the sense of smell; characterized by or involving the nasal passage
4. 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
5. He _____ the ball out of the park with his home run.
v. to hit someone or something hard or noisily
6. The _____ from the trash can was unbearable, so I had to take it out.
n. a distinctive or unpleasant smell; a scent or aroma that can be sensed through the sense of smell
7. She tasted the dish and detected a slight _____.
n. the quality or state of being salty
8. The _____ aroma of roasted chicken filled the kitchen.
adj. pleasing to the taste, especially by being salty, sour, or spicy rather than sweet
9. The flower was starting to show its _____ and would soon bloom into a beautiful blossom.
n. a small swelling on a plant stem or twig containing an undeveloped shoot

ANSWERS: 1. combine, 2. chew, 3. nasal, 4. complexity, 5. whacked, 6. odor, 7. saltiness, 8. savory, 9. bud

10. Sharks have highly developed _____ systems and are extremely sensitive creatures.
adj. of or relating to the physical senses
11. A prime minister talked with a military _____ of the country's embassy.
n. a person who works at an embassy, usually having a specialized area of responsibility; a shallow and rectangular briefcase
12. The pickles had a tangy and _____ flavor that went well with the sandwich.
adj. having a taste that is acidic or tart; (noun) a person or situation that is unhappy or negative
13. 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
14. He was filled with _____ and fear for the threat of war.
n. a strong feeling of dislike or disapproval
15. Some _____ are common across cultures and backgrounds.
n. a strong feeling such as love, anger, etc. deriving from one's situation, mood, or relationships with others
16. The issue of the death penalty is highly _____.
adj. causing a lot of hot public discussion and dispute
17. The majority of consumers _____ this brand with quality.
v. to mentally connect someone or something with someone or something else

ANSWERS: 10. sensory, 11. attache, 12. sour, 13. brain, 14. disgust, 15. emotions, 16. controversial, 17. associate

18. I asked the lawyer to initiate _____ negotiations for voluntary liquidation.
n. a person, company, etc. to whom a debtor owes money
19. One light year is nearly 6 _____ miles.
n. the number 1,000,000,000,000; a million million
20. The golfer recorded an _____ distance.
adj. extremely surprising, especially in a way that you like or admire
21. The animal rights group worked to _____ the dolphins back into the wild.
v. to set free or allow to escape from confinement
22. The biologist _____ the viruses into four groups.
v. to put people or things into groups according to their features, types, etc.
23. The incident _____ a political controversy.
v. to make something happen suddenly; to cause something such as a device, machine, etc. to function
24. The _____ classroom made it hard to breathe during the summer heat.
adj. lacking fresh air or ventilation; oppressively warm; lacking in excitement or variety; formal in manner or behavior
25. I always like to _____ a good cup of coffee in the morning.
v. to enjoy or appreciate something fully; to relish or delight in something delicious or enjoyable; to preserve or season with a savory flavor
26. I can _____ to his honesty and integrity, as I have known him for many years.
v. to provide evidence or proof of something; to confirm or certify the authenticity of something; to bear witness to the truth of something

ANSWERS: 18. creditor, 19. trillion, 20. amazing, 21. release, 22. categorized, 23. triggered, 24. stuffy, 25. savor, 26. attest

27. Hay fever occurs when a substance called histamine binds to _____ in the nose and eyes.
- n.* an organ having nerve endings that respond to stimulation such as heat or cold and makes the body react in a particular way
28. The _____ senses play a key role in our taste and flavor perception.
- adj.* relating to the sense of smell; connected with the perception of odors or scents
29. His gaffe spoiled the _____ of the dinner party.
- n.* the way you feel at a particular time; an angry or impatient state of mind
30. The bland, _____ food left me feeling unsatisfied.
- adj.* lacking in taste or flavor; bland or insipid
31. I love the smell of _____ sizzling in the morning.
- n.* a type of salt-cured pork that is usually sliced and fried; a meat product that is derived from the back or sides of a pig
32. We have finally lost our last _____.
- n.* a piece of wood, metal, etc., placed beneath or against something to support it or keep it in position; a system, institution, or person that gives help or support to someone or something
33. The dog stopped to _____ around the tree, looking for something interesting.
- v.* to inhale audibly through the nose, often to detect or identify a smell; to draw in air through the nostrils with a quick, audible intake of breath
34. The security camera has _____ four intruders.
- v.* to find or recognize something, especially something difficult to see, hear, etc.

ANSWERS: 27. receptors, 28. olfactory, 29. mood, 30. flavorless, 31. bacon, 32. prop, 33. sniff, 34. detected

35. Their relationship was _____ and prone to sudden outbursts of anger.
adj. likely to change rapidly or unexpectedly, or being unstable or explosive
36. Our body transfers information along each _____ using an electrical impulse.
n. a cell that is specialized to carry information within the brain and between the brain and other parts of the body
37. The painter has tried to express every _____ of the woman's expression in his work.
n. a subtle or slight degree of difference in appearance, meaning, sound, someone's feeling, etc.
38. The city is taking measures to reduce the amount of _____ in the streets.
n. discarded material, refuse, or waste
39. It is a _____ in many families to have a big Thanksgiving dinner with all their relatives.
n. a belief, custom, or way of doing something that has been passed down from generation to generation within a group or society
40. The garbage in the alley began to _____ after a few hot days.
v. to emit a strong, unpleasant odor; to have a strong offensive smell; to be corrupt or unethical
41. The shape of the DNA _____ is a double helix.
n. a group of two or more atoms held together by attractive forces known as chemical bonds
42. The _____ of the coffee was rich and full-bodied.
n. the taste sensation produced by a substance in the mouth

ANSWERS: 35. volatile, 36. neuron, 37. nuance, 38. trash, 39. tradition, 40. stink, 41. molecule, 42. flavor

43. The dinner was rather _____ and in need of some seasoning.
adj. lacking in strong flavor, character, or interest; unremarkable or unexciting
44. The book _____ my imagination.
v. to encourage something to develop or become more active; to stir the feelings or emotions
45. If you apply this ointment, you may feel a mild burning _____.
n. a feeling associated with stimulation of a sense organ or with a specific body condition; a general feeling of interest and excitement
46. The _____ on the food package lists the ingredients and nutritional information.
n. a small piece of paper, fabric, or other material attached to an object and giving information about it; (verb) to assign to a category
47. That _____ shows that people are accepting the tax increase to some extent.
n. an investigation of the opinions, behavior, etc. of a particular group of people, made by asking people questions
48. The _____ of the argument was well-presented.
n. the real physical material of which a thing or person consist; the most important or main part of some idea or experience; an illegal drug
49. The _____ is boneless, but it is as strong as bones.
n. a moveable mass of muscle tissue covered with mucous membrane that is in the mouth; a language
50. Japanese food lovers appreciate the _____ taste of miso soup.
n. a taste sensation that is often described as savory, meaty, or brothy; one of the five basic tastes, along with sweet, sour, salty, and bitter

ANSWERS: 43. bland, 44. stimulated, 45. sensation, 46. label, 47. survey, 48. substance, 49. tongue, 50. umami

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