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Session 1: Word List

medicinal

adj. of or relating to the treatment or cure of disease

synonym: curative, therapeutic, healing

(1) **medicinal** chemistry, (2) traditional **medicinal**

The **medicinal** properties of this herb have been known to help with various ailments.

radical

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

synonym: extreme, revolutionary

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

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

rethink

v. to consider again a plan, idea, etc., especially to change it

synonym: reexplore, review, reconsider

(1) **rethink** a marketing plan, (2) **rethink** the role of the manager

We have to **rethink** our company's product lineup for further growth.

communicate

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

signals

synonym : convey, share, transmit

- (1) **communicate** his anxieties to the psychiatrist,
- (2) **communicate** well with my advisor

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

stick

- v. to put something, usually a sharp object, into something; to restrict yourself to doing or using one certain thing and not change; (noun) a thin piece of wood or other material

synonym : pierce, adhere, stay

- (1) **stick** a key in a lock, (2) fire **stick**

You **stick** a bill in the change machine, and the coins pop out.

distracted

adj. having one's attention diverted or divided; being unable to concentrate because of being preoccupied or worried

synonym : preoccupied, inattentive, absent-minded

- (1) get **distracted** by an urgent matter, (2) **distracted** by a conversation

I was so **distracted** by my phone that I nearly walked into a lamppost.

digital

adj. processing or storing information as a succession of 1 and 0 to show that a signal is present or missing; relating to the use of computer technology, especially the internet

synonym : numerical, computerized, cyber

- (1) a **digital** watch, (2) **digital** electronic signature

Sensors convert physical phenomena into **digital** signals.

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.

agonize

v. to spend a long time thinking about a difficult problem and trying to make a decision, especially through worrying

synonym : disturb, excruciate, lament

(1) **agonize** pain, (2) **agonize** about financing

He **agonized** over whether to accept the job offer.

dedicate

v. to give all of your energy, time, etc., entirely to a specific person, activity, or cause; to set apart for a particular purpose or use

synonym : consecrate, devote, commit

(1) **dedicate** a few hours, (2) **dedicate** a chapter to the subject

He **dedicated** his life to helping others.

mass

n. a large amount of a substance with no definite shape or form; a large number of people or things grouped or crowded together

synonym : abundance, crowd, mob

(1) a **mass** of molten rock, (2) critical **mass**

The **mass** of people who do not own property is politically impotent.

journalist

n. a person who collects and writes news stories or articles for newspapers, magazines, radio, television, or other online media

synonym : reporter, newsperson, press

(1) a China-based **journalist**, (2) **journalist** on a magazine
Foreign TV crews and **journalists** can go as they please in various locations during the Olympics.

presidency

n. the office or term of the President of a country or organization

synonym : leadership, administration, governance

(1) **presidency** term, (2) **presidency** duties

Her candidacy for the **presidency** has been met with both support and criticism.

journal

n. a newspaper or magazine specialized in a specific topic or profession

synonym : periodical, diary, bulletin

(1) scientific **journal**, (2) **journal** articles

The physician is reading the **journals** related to medicine

premise

n. a statement or proposition that is held to be true or from which a conclusion can be drawn

synonym : assumption, postulate, supposition

(1) the major **premise**, (2) make a **premise**

The book's **premise** is that the main character must save the world from an impending disaster.

creepy

adj. causing an uneasy feeling of fear or unease

synonym : eerie, unsettling, spooky

(1) feel **creepy**, (2) **creepy** atmosphere

The old, abandoned house was **creepy** and gave me the chills.

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.

eye-popping

adj. causing surprise, shock, or amazement; highly impressive or stunning; visually exciting or captivating

synonym : astonishing, impressive, jaw-dropping

(1) **eye-popping** performance, (2) an **eye-popping** outfit

The city's skyline was an **eye-popping** sight from the top of the skyscraper.

humble

adj. having or showing a modest or low estimate of one's quality or importance

synonym : modest, unpretentious, abject

(1) a **humble** cottage, (2) **humble** opinion

The nobler, the more **humble**.

skim

v. to read something quickly to get a general idea of its contents; to remove any unwanted or unnecessary material from the surface of a liquid; to glide smoothly or briefly over a surface

synonym: glance, scan, skitter

(1) **skim** off the top, (2) **skim** the surface of the water

I like to **skim** the newspaper headlines in the morning to catch up on the news.

headline

n. a heading at the top of a newspaper or magazine story or page

synonym: title, caption

(1) **headline** article, (2) banner **headline**

The engagement of the two golf players became **headline** news.

column

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

synonym: line, pillar, cue

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

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

president

n. the leader of a republic, for example, the US; the person in charge of the organization such as a company, university, club, etc.

synonym: leader, CEO, chairperson

(1) **president** emeritus, (2) vice- **president** for finance

The club **president** does not have absolute power.

paginate

v. to arrange printed material in consecutive pages; to number or mark the pages of a document or publication

synonym: number, index

(1) **paginate** content, (2) **paginate** a book

I need to **paginate** this lengthy document to make it easier for readers to navigate.

confident

adj. feeling sure about your abilities or qualities or having trust in people, plans, or the future

synonym : certain, sure, convinced

(1) feel **confident**, (2) a **confident** remark

I'm not **confident** in our victory.

discovery

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

synonym : finding, uncovering, detection

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

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

perpetual

adj. continuing for an extended period in the same way without stopping or being interrupted

synonym : enduring, unchanging, incessant

(1) **perpetual** motion machine, (2) **perpetual** struggle

The company employs a **perpetual** inventory system.

smartphone

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

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

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

android

n. a robot with a human appearance; (operating system) Google's mobile operating system

synonym : droid, cyborg

(1) household **android**, (2) **Android** tablet

The lab is developing an **android** robot that assists in dangerous construction work.

encyclopedia

n. a comprehensive reference work containing articles on a wide range of subjects or numerous aspects of a particular field or discipline, usually arranged alphabetically or thematically

synonym : dictionary, compendium, almanac

(1) **encyclopedia** entry, (2) online **encyclopedia**

Many bookshops no longer carry printed **encyclopedias**, but some libraries still hold onto their collections.

dictionary

n. a reference book containing an alphabetical list of words and their definitions, as well as information about their origins, usage, and pronunciation

synonym : lexicon, glossary, vocabulary

(1) **dictionary** definition, (2) online **dictionary**

I need to purchase a new English **dictionary**.

suddenly

adv. quickly and unexpectedly

synonym : abruptly, unexpectedly, unawares

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

Who answers **suddenly** knows little.

opportune

adj. suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose

synonym : suitable, timely, practical

(1) **opportune** occasion, (2) an **opportune** remark

The phone rang at the most **opportune** time.

astonishing

adj. surprising or shocking; difficult to believe

synonym : surprising, shocking, astounding

(1) **astonishing** achievement, (2) make **astonishing** gains

The news of her sudden death was **astonishing** to everyone who knew her.

applaud

v. to express approval of someone or something by clapping the hands

synonym : clap, celebrate, praise

(1) **applaud** his courage, (2) **applaud** the orchestra

I enthusiastically **applaud** my rival's achievement.

fan *n.* a person who admires and supports a person, group, sport, sports team, etc.; a device for creating a current of air by the movement of a surface or surfaces
synonym: lover, devotee, blade
(1) a film **fan**, (2) engine cooling **fan**
I'm a big **fan** of French food.

babble *n.* the sound of many people speaking simultaneously; meaningless talk or speech
synonym: drivel, gabble, gibberish
(1) the **babble** of a crowd, (2) mindless **babble**
Please avoid using excessive jargon or too much technological **babble**.

jack *n.* a mechanical device used for lifting or supporting heavy objects
synonym: lever, crank, wrench
(1) a **jack** of all trades, (2) a line-in **jack**
He used a **jack** to lift the car to change the tire.

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**.

flood *n.* a large amount of water flowing beyond its normal limits; an overwhelming number or amount
synonym: deluge, downpour, overflow
(1) **flood** advisory, (2) a **flood** of questions
These heavy rains caused flash **floods** on several islands.

rewire *v.* to replace or repair the wiring of something, especially an electrical system; to make significant changes in one's thoughts or behavior patterns

synonym : rewire, renovate, upgrade

(1) **rewire** a house, (2) **rewire** a program

I need to **rewire** the faulty electrical system in my house to prevent a fire.

proof

n. a fact or piece of information that shows something is true or exists

synonym : testimony, evidence, assurance

(1) documentary **proof**, (2) a geometric **proof**

Proof is better than argument.

prone

adj. inclined or likely to do something or to show a particular characteristic, especially something bad; lying face downward

synonym : inclined, susceptible, liable

(1) accident- **prone**, (2) **prone** to diarrhea

He was **prone** to making rash decisions.

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.

multitasking

n. the ability to do more than one task at the same time; the state of doing more than one task at the same time

synonym : juggling, multihandling, parallelism

(1) computer **multitasking**, (2) **multitasking** ability

She could finish all her work on time because of her **multitasking** skills.

awash

adj. flooded or overflowing with water, typically suddenly or unexpectedly; abundant or prevalent to the extent of being overwhelming or excessive

synonym : flooded, inundated, immersed

(1) **awash** with cash, (2) **awash** in debt

The beach was **awash** with seaweed after the storm.

tweet

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

synonym : peep, chirp, post (on Twitter)

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

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

slack

adj. lacking in tension or firmness; loose or not tight; having a relaxed or lazy attitude

synonym : loose, lax, floppy

(1) a **slack** rope, (2) **slack** performance

The team's **slack** attitude towards deadlines caused the project to fall behind schedule.

peck

v. to strike or bite someone or something repeatedly, usually with the beak or bill; to give a quick, small kiss or nibble

synonym : beak, nibble, pick

(1) **peck** on the cheek, (2) **peck** at feed

The wood **pecker** would peck at the tree high up in the branches.

journalism

n. the profession or activity of writing or reporting news for publication or broadcast

synonym : reporting, news media, writing

(1) **journalism** ethics, (2) tabloid **journalism**

She plans to study **journalism** in college and become a reporter.

brevity

n. the quality of using only a few words or lasting only a short time

synonym : briefness, shortness, conciseness

(1) for the sake of **brevity**, (2) **brevity** of life

Unnecessary information has been omitted for **brevity**.

essential

adj. indispensable; fundamental

synonym : critical, crucial, basic

(1) **essential** amino acid, (2) **essential** commodities of life
Trial and error is an **essential** part of education.

efficiently

adv. in a way that produces maximum output with minimum effort or expense

synonym : expeditiously, skillfully, ably

(1) **efficiently** combined, (2) develop software more **efficiently**

We can resolve support requests quickly and **efficiently** by utilization of AI.

humanly

adv. in a way that is characteristic of or relating to human beings; in a way that is possible for humans to achieve or accomplish

synonym : physically, mundanely, practically

(1) **humanly** possible, (2) **humanly** acceptable

It is **humanly** difficult to understand why some people choose to harm others for no reason

adapt

v. to make fit for or change to suit a new purpose or environment

synonym : adjust, acclimate, accustom

(1) **adapt** fully to the environment, (2) **adapt** as needed
I advised him to **adapt** to his new surroundings.

awesome

adj. inspiring fear, admiration, or respect; very good, nice, fun, etc.

synonym : miraculous, marvelous, astounding

(1) **awesome** mental faculty, (2) have an **awesome** birthday
There is a lot of **awesome** nature and food in Hawaii.

technological

adj. based on scientific and industrial progress

synonym : specialized, technical

(1) **technological** advancement, (2) **technological** policy

Technological advances have disrupted many industries.

start-up

n. a newly established company or business

(1) **start-up** business, (2) early-stage **start-up**

Our company's services are targeted at **start-up** executives.

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.

vomit

v. to eject food, blood, etc., from the stomach through the mouth; (noun) the matter ejected from the stomach through the mouth

synonym : puke, throw up, spew

(1) **vomit** abuse, (2) **vomit** after ingesting

She felt sick and had to run to the bathroom to **vomit**.

spy

n. a person who is employed or trained to observe or gather information in secret, often for military or political purposes; a person who secretly or illegally gathers information about a private individual or organization

synonym : agent, undercover operative

(1) **spy** cameras, (2) digital **spy** tools

The government recruited a **spy** to gather information on a suspected terrorist cell

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.

crisp

adj. hard, dry, and brittle enough to break easily; cool, fresh, and invigorating

synonym : breakable, brittle, flaky

(1) the **crisp** air of winter, (2) **crisp** manner

Every day he wears a **crisp** white shirt to the office.

explanation

n. the information or arguments that someone provides to make something understandable or clear

synonym: description, elucidation, account

(1) the **explanation** for the failure, (2) detailed **explanation**

The following **explanation** is currently being used to explain the phenomenon in question.

meander

v. to wander or roam aimlessly or leisurely; to follow a winding or circuitous course, as a river or road

synonym: wander, zigzag, twist

(1) **meander** down the river, (2) **meander** aimlessly

We decided to **meander** through the park and enjoy the scenery.

tip

n. the top or extreme point of something slender or tapering, usually a mountain or hill; a piece of advice about something practical; a small amount of money given for services

synonym: edge, advice, gratuity

(1) the **tip** of a paintbrush, (2) give the waiter a **tip** .

I will introduce some **tips** on learning English in this class.

trump

n. a playing card with a picture of a trumpeter on it, used in certain card games

(1) **trump** card, (2) choose **trump**

The **trump** suit in the game of bridge is determined at the beginning of each hand.

enamored

adj. deeply in love; having a strong affection or admiration for

synonym: captivated, smitten, in love

(1) **enamored** of the idea, (2) **enamored** of bygone days

He had been **enamored** with her since the first time he saw her.

quitter

n. a person who gives up easily or does not have the determination to finish what they have started

synonym: coward, deserter, surrender

(1) easy **quitter**, (2) serial **quitter**

He was labeled as a **quitter** after he abandoned the project halfway.

blame

v. to think or say that someone or something did something wrong or is responsible for something bad

synonym: condemn, rebuke, find fault with

(1) **blame** circumstances for the failure, (2) **blame** the lack of knowledge

We **blamed** our impeded progress on lack of money.

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.

observation

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

synonym: watching, notice, reflection

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

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

engagement

n. a mutual promise to marry someone; an agreement to do something, especially at a particular time

synonym: betrothal, promise, commitment

(1) a prior **engagement**, (2) break off an **engagement**

They selected a gorgeous diamond **engagement** ring.

traction

n. the action or ability to pull something along a surface without sliding

synonym: pulling, friction, suction

(1) increase **traction** on ice, (2) electronic **traction**

His leg was in **traction** for weeks after the accident.

frazzle

v. to exhaust or wear out someone or something to the point of being completely worn or frayed; (noun) a state of extreme exhaustion or depletion, often caused by stress or overwork

synonym: exhaust, wear out, (noun) fatigue

(1) **frazzle** my nerves, (2) **frazzle-free** hair

The long hours of studying for the exam **frazzled** my brain.

vast

adj. enormous in size, number, amount, or quantity

synonym: expansive, extended, boundless

(1) **vast** majority, (2) **vast** desert

A **vast** audience viewed the broadcast.

indulgent

adj. given to yielding to the desires or whims of oneself or others, especially by being generous or lavish

synonym: lavish, self-indulgent, excessive

(1) an **indulgent** father, (2) **indulgent** lifestyle

The rich and **indulgent** dessert was worth every calorie.

reverse

v. to change something's direction, order, position, decision, etc., to the opposite one; (adjective) directed or moving toward the rear

synonym: overturn, shift, switch

(1) **reverse** the trend, (2) **reverse** the order

The restaurant **reversed** a ban on smoking.

manifesto

n. a public declaration or statement of policy and aims, usually issued by a political party or government; a written statement or proclamation of one's beliefs or intentions

synonym: declaration, proclamation, statement

(1) **manifesto** statement, (2) environmental **manifesto**

The political party issued a **manifesto** outlining its plans for the country's future.

holy

adj. of or related to a god, divine power, or a particular religion

synonym : sacred, religious, divine

(1) a **holy** man, (2) a **holy** shrine

They gathered to hear the **holy** teachings of the guru.

bless

v. to make or pronounce holy; to hallow; to consecrate; to sanctify

synonym : sanctify, consecrate, hallow

(1) **bless** him in my heart, (2) **bless** you

The priest **blessed** the couple as they knelt before him.

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.

indirectly

adv. not going straight to the point; implying or suggesting something

synonym : circuitously, obliquely, by implication

(1) **indirectly** related, (2) **indirectly** impact

The CEO **indirectly** expressed her disappointment with the project's progress.

papal

adj. relating to the pope (= the head of the Roman Catholic Church) or the Roman Catholic Church

synonym : pontifical, papistic, apostolical

(1) **papal** authority, (2) **papal** visit

The **papal** palace was a grand and imposing structure.

priest

n. a person who performs religious duties and ceremonies, especially in the Christian faith

synonym : clergyman, minister, pastor

(1) **priest** in clerical garb, (2) faithful **priest**

He was ordained as a **priest** in the Catholic Church.

homily

n. a sermon or discourse that offers moral or spiritual advice or instruction; a moralistic lecture or speech

synonym : sermon, lecture, discourse

(1) **homily** on forgiveness, (2) listen to a **homily**

The priest gave a heartfelt **homily** during the Sunday service.

announcement

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

synonym : declaration, notification, statement

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

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

applause

n. a demonstration of approval or praise by clapping the hands together

synonym : clapping, cheering, acclaim

(1) round of **applause**, (2) earn **applause**

The **applause** burst from the audience.

nun

n. a woman who has taken religious vows and is a member of a monastic community

synonym : sister, religious, monastic

(1) **nun** habit, (2) meditating **nun**

The cloistered **nun** devoted her life to serving the poor and marginalized.

long-windedness

n. the tendency to use more words than necessary to express an idea, resulting in a tedious or rambling style of speech or writing

synonym : verbosity, prolixity, long-drawn-outness

(1) **long-windedness** in writing, (2) avoid

long-windedness

The politician's **long-windedness** made it hard to follow his speech.

grab

v. to take hold of something or someone suddenly with a hand, especially in a violent way

synonym: clutch, snatch, grasp

(1) **grab** an audience, (2) **grab** an opportunity

Shall we **grab** a bite to eat?

memo

n. a short written message or communication intended for internal use within an organization or company

synonym: memorandum, note, reminder

(1) a **memo** pad, (2) **memo** content

I received a **memo** from the CEO outlining the new company policies.

mention

v. to speak or write about something or someone briefly

synonym: reference, allude, cite

(1) **mention** name, (2) **mention** in a report

I **mentioned** to him that I had seen his sister at the grocery store earlier that day.

paragraph

n. a distinct section of a piece of writing intended to separate ideas, usually consisting of at least one sentence and beginning on a new line

synonym: section, chapter, indentation

(1) an editorial **paragraph**, (2) first **paragraph**

Article VII, **Paragraph** 2 of the United States Constitution stipulates a presidential veto.

structure

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

synonym: construction, architecture, establishment

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

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

elongate

v. to extend something in length; to lengthen, stretch out, or to make longer

synonym: stretch, lengthen, extend

(1) **elongate** muscles, (2) **elongate** a dress

The yoga instructor told us to **elongate** our spines during the practice.

prevaricate

v. to speak or act in an evasive, vague, or misleading way; to deliberately avoid telling the whole truth or making a direct statement

synonym: equivocate, deceive, lie

(1) **prevaricate** about the issue, (2) **prevaricate** in response

Instead of giving a straight answer, the suspect continued to **prevaricate** during the police interrogation.

keyboard

n. device consisting of a set of keys on a piano, typewriter, computer, etc., that you press to make it work

synonym: console, piano

(1) numeric **keyboard**, (2) **keyboard** instruments

Please strike the "enter" on the **keyboard**.

stiffen

v. to make or become stiff or rigid; to become inflexible or unyielding in one's attitude or behavior

synonym: harden, solidify, tense

(1) **stiffen** joints, (2) **stiffen** penalties

The cold weather made my muscles **stiffen** up.

acronym

n. a word formed from the first letter of each word in a phrase, such as NASA (National Aeronautics and Space Administration) or AIDS (Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome)

synonym: abbreviation, initialism, shortcut

(1) **acronym** definition, (2) use an **acronym**

RADAR is an **acronym** for radio detection and ranging.

wordy

adj. using more words than necessary to express an idea; overly verbose or long-winded in speech or writing

synonym : verbose, worded, tedious

(1) **wordy** sentence, (2) cut down on **wordy** phrases

His writing style is very **wordy**, making it difficult to understand the point he is trying to make.

clause

n. a group of words containing a subject and a predicate and forming part of a sentence

synonym : article, provision, stipulation

(1) **clause** in contract, (2) a main **clause**

The contract had a **clause** that specified penalties for late delivery.

clutter

n. to fill a room or place with so many items that it becomes messy

synonym : mess, chaos, jumble

(1) in a **clutter**, (2) clear desk **clutter**

He accused the tenants of leaving **clutter** and breaking the security camera.

deserve

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

synonym : merit, earn, justify

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

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

efficiency

n. the state or quality of doing something well with no waste of input such as time or money

synonym : effectiveness, efficacy, productivity

(1) better fuel **efficiency**, (2) an energy **efficiency**

Our company must continue to strive for greater **efficiency**.

ultimate

adj. furthest or highest in degree or order

synonym : highest, maximum, foremost

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

Management must take **ultimate** responsibility for the

accident.

Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. his latest tw__ts | <i>n.</i> a short, high sound made by a small bird; a message sent using Twitter, the social media application |
| 2. bl__e circumstances for the failure | <i>v.</i> to think or say that someone or something did something wrong or is responsible for something bad |
| 3. the great di_____ry of the century | <i>n.</i> the act or process of finding information, a place, or an object, or learning about something that was previously not known |
| 4. a China-based jou_____st | <i>n.</i> a person who collects and writes news stories or articles for newspapers, magazines, radio, television, or other online media |
| 5. in a cl_____r | <i>n.</i> to fill a room or place with so many items that it becomes messy |
| 6. di_____ct attention from the real issue | <i>v.</i> to draw someone's attention away from what they are trying to do |
| 7. first pa_____ph | <i>n.</i> a distinct section of a piece of writing intended to separate ideas, usually consisting of at least one sentence and beginning on a new line |
| 8. mindless ba_____e | <i>n.</i> the sound of many people speaking simultaneously; meaningless talk or speech |
| 9. tabloid jou_____sm | <i>n.</i> the profession or activity of writing or reporting news for publication or broadcast |

ANSWERS: 1. tweet, 2. blame, 3. discovery, 4. journalist, 5. clutter, 6. distract, 7. paragraph, 8. babble, 9. journalism

10. com_____te well with my advisor *v.* to share or exchange information with others by speaking, writing, moving your body, or using other signals
11. ann_____ent date *n.* a public statement or declaration, often made in writing or through the media, that conveys important information or news
12. faithful pr____t *n.* a person who performs religious duties and ceremonies, especially in the Christian faith
13. avoid lon_____ess *n.* the tendency to use more words than necessary to express an idea, resulting in a tedious or rambling style of speech or writing
14. in_____al organs *adj.* of or relating to the inside of something
15. pre_____cy duties *n.* the office or term of the President of a country or organization
16. eff_____ly combined *adv.* in a way that produces maximum output with minimum effort or expense
17. a geometric pr__f *n.* a fact or piece of information that shows something is true or exists
18. de_____te a few hours *v.* to give all of your energy, time, etc., entirely to a specific person, activity, or cause; to set apart for a particular purpose or use
19. pa__l authority *adj.* relating to the pope (= the head of the Roman Catholic Church) or the Roman Catholic Church
20. n_n habit *n.* a woman who has taken religious vows and is a member of a monastic community

ANSWERS: 10. communicate, 11. announcement, 12. priest, 13. long-windedness, 14. internal, 15. presidency, 16. efficiently, 17. proof, 18. dedicate, 19. papal, 20. nun

21. a h__y man *adj.* of or related to a god, divine power, or a particular religion
22. fire st__k *v.* to put something, usually a sharp object, into something; to restrict yourself to doing or using one certain thing and not change; (noun) a thin piece of wood or other material
23. make ast_____ng gains *adj.* surprising or shocking; difficult to believe
24. fr_____e my nerves *v.* to exhaust or wear out someone or something to the point of being completely worn or frayed; (noun) a state of extreme exhaustion or depletion, often caused by stress or overwork
25. cr___y atmosphere *adj.* causing an uneasy feeling of fear or unease
26. ad__t as needed *v.* to make fit for or change to suit a new purpose or environment
27. choose tr__p *n.* a playing card with a picture of a trumpeter on it, used in certain card games
28. el_____te muscles *v.* to extend something in length; to lengthen, stretch out, or to make longer
29. aw__h in debt *adj.* flooded or overflowing with water, typically suddenly or unexpectedly; abundant or prevalent to the extent of being overwhelming or excessive
30. g__b an audience *v.* to take hold of something or someone suddenly with a hand, especially in a violent way

ANSWERS: 21. holy, 22. stick, 23. astonishing, 24. frazzle, 25. creepy, 26. adapt, 27. trump, 28. elongate, 29. awash, 30. grab

31. an ac____ic discussion *adj.* associated with schools, colleges, and universities, especially studying and thinking, not with practical skills
32. an op_____ne remark *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
33. re_____e the trend *v.* to change something's direction, order, position, decision, etc., to the opposite one; (adjective) directed or moving toward the rear
34. tec_____cal advancement *adj.* based on scientific and industrial progress
35. basic br__n function *n.* the organ inside the head that is responsible for one's movement, thought, memory, and feeling
36. early-stage st_____up *n.* a newly established company or business
37. cl____e in contract *n.* a group of words containing a subject and a predicate and forming part of a sentence
38. get dis_____ed by an urgent matter *adj.* having one's attention diverted or divided; being unable to concentrate because of being preoccupied or worried
39. scientific jo_____l *n.* a newspaper or magazine specialized in a specific topic or profession
40. ast_____ng achievement *adj.* surprising or shocking; difficult to believe
41. re_____k a marketing plan *v.* to consider again a plan, idea, etc., especially to change it

ANSWERS: 31. academic, 32. opportune, 33. reverse, 34. technological, 35. brain, 36. start-up, 37. clause, 38. distracted, 39. journal, 40. astonishing, 41. rethink

42. hu____y possible *adv.* in a way that is characteristic of or relating to human beings; in a way that is possible for humans to achieve or accomplish
43. me_____n in a report *v.* to speak or write about something or someone briefly
44. become ess_____ly same *adv.* relating to the essential features or concepts of anything
45. m__o content *n.* a short written message or communication intended for internal use within an organization or company
46. com_____te his anxieties to the psychiatrist *v.* to share or exchange information with others by speaking, writing, moving your body, or using other signals
47. feel co_____nt *adj.* feeling sure about your abilities or qualities or having trust in people, plans, or the future
48. st_____re and function of the brain *n.* the way of construction of something and the arrangement of its parts, or a complex thing constructed of many parts
49. dic_____ry definition *n.* a reference book containing an alphabetical list of words and their definitions, as well as information about their origins, usage, and pronunciation
50. household an_____d *n.* a robot with a human appearance; (operating system) Google's mobile operating system
51. jo_____l articles *n.* a newspaper or magazine specialized in a specific topic or profession

ANSWERS: 42. humanly, 43. mention, 44. essentially, 45. memo, 46. communicate, 47. confident, 48. structure, 49. dictionary, 50. android, 51. journal

52. enc_____dia entry *n.* a comprehensive reference work containing articles on a wide range of subjects or numerous aspects of a particular field or discipline, usually arranged alphabetically or thematically
53. g__b an opportunity *v.* to take hold of something or someone suddenly with a hand, especially in a violent way
54. the ul_____te goal in life *adj.* furthest or highest in degree or order
55. pre_____cy term *n.* the office or term of the President of a country or organization
56. ind_____ly impact *adv.* not going straight to the point; implying or suggesting something
57. a m__s of molten rock *n.* a large amount of a substance with no definite shape or form; a large number of people or things grouped or crowded together
58. cr__p manner *adj.* hard, dry, and brittle enough to break easily; cool, fresh, and invigorating
59. re___e a program *v.* to replace or repair the wiring of something, especially an electrical system; to make significant changes in one's thoughts or behavior patterns
60. a co___n of water *n.* one of the vertical blocks that split content on a page or screen from top to bottom; an upright pillar that often supports an arch, entablature, or other structure or stands alone as a monument

ANSWERS: 52. encyclopedia, 53. grab, 54. ultimate, 55. presidency, 56. indirectly, 57. mass, 58. crisp, 59. rewire, 60. column

61. bl__s you *v.* to make or pronounce holy; to hallow; to consecrate; to sanctify
62. an in_____nt father *adj.* given to yielding to the desires or whims of oneself or others, especially by being generous or lavish
63. p__k at feed *v.* to strike or bite someone or something repeatedly, usually with the beak or bill; to give a quick, small kiss or nibble
64. su_____ly attacked by an enemy *adv.* quickly and unexpectedly
65. me_____r aimlessly *v.* to wander or roam aimlessly or leisurely; to follow a winding or circuitous course, as a river or road
66. st_____n joints *v.* to make or become stiff or rigid; to become inflexible or unyielding in one's attitude or behavior
67. pe_____al motion machine *adj.* continuing for an extended period in the same way without stopping or being interrupted
68. learn new co_____ts *n.* an idea or principle associated with something abstract
69. a main cl____e *n.* a group of words containing a subject and a predicate and forming part of a sentence
70. public ann_____ent *n.* a public statement or declaration, often made in writing or through the media, that conveys important information or news
71. mul_____ing ability *n.* the ability to do more than one task at the same time; the state of doing more than one task at the same time

ANSWERS: 61. bless, 62. indulgent, 63. peck, 64. suddenly, 65. meander, 66. stiffen, 67. perpetual, 68. concept, 69. clause, 70. announcement, 71. multitasking

72. a prior eng_____nt
n. a mutual promise to marry someone; an agreement to do something, especially at a particular time
73. jou_____sm ethics
n. the profession or activity of writing or reporting news for publication or broadcast
74. traditional me_____al
adj. of or relating to the treatment or cure of disease
75. pa_____te content
v. to arrange printed material in consecutive pages; to number or mark the pages of a document or publication
76. an editorial pa_____ph
n. a distinct section of a piece of writing intended to separate ideas, usually consisting of at least one sentence and beginning on a new line
77. give the waiter a t_p.
n. the top or extreme point of something slender or tapering, usually a mountain or hill; a piece of advice about something practical; a small amount of money given for services
78. v__t majority
adj. enormous in size, number, amount, or quantity
79. pa_____te a book
v. to arrange printed material in consecutive pages; to number or mark the pages of a document or publication
80. numeric ke_____rd
n. device consisting of a set of keys on a piano, typewriter, computer, etc., that you press to make it work
81. a line-in j__k
n. a mechanical device used for lifting or supporting heavy objects

ANSWERS: 72. engagement, 73. journalism, 74. medicinal, 75. paginate, 76. paragraph, 77. tip, 78. vast, 79. paginate, 80. keyboard, 81. jack

82. re___e a house *v.* to replace or repair the wiring of something, especially an electrical system; to make significant changes in one's thoughts or behavior patterns
83. clear desk cl_____r *n.* to fill a room or place with so many items that it becomes messy
84. a di_____l watch *adj.* processing or storing information as a succession of 1 and 0 to show that a signal is present or missing; relating to the use of computer technology, especially the internet
85. better fuel eff_____cy *n.* the state or quality of doing something well with no waste of input such as time or money
86. make a pr_____e *n.* a statement or proposition that is held to be true or from which a conclusion can be drawn
87. vo__t abuse *v.* to eject food, blood, etc., from the stomach through the mouth; (noun) the matter ejected from the stomach through the mouth
88. de_____e respect *v.* to be worthy of or entitled to something, especially something good or valuable
89. a j__k of all trades *n.* a mechanical device used for lifting or supporting heavy objects
90. the cr__p air of winter *adj.* hard, dry, and brittle enough to break easily; cool, fresh, and invigorating
91. a sl__k rope *adj.* lacking in tension or firmness; loose or not tight; having a relaxed or lazy attitude

ANSWERS: 82. rewire, 83. clutter, 84. digital, 85. efficiency, 86. premise, 87. vomit, 88. deserve, 89. jack, 90. crisp, 91. slack

92. bl__e the lack of knowledge *v.* to think or say that someone or something did something wrong or is responsible for something bad
93. increase tr____on on ice *n.* the action or ability to pull something along a surface without sliding
94. 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
95. ag_____e pain *v.* to spend a long time thinking about a difficult problem and trying to make a decision, especially through worrying
96. meditating n_n *n.* a woman who has taken religious vows and is a member of a monastic community
97. de_____e this prize *v.* to be worthy of or entitled to something, especially something good or valuable
98. sma_____ne app developer *n.* a mobile phone that functions as a computer and connects to the Internet
99. an energy eff_____cy *n.* the state or quality of doing something well with no waste of input such as time or money
100. fl__d advisory *n.* a large amount of water flowing beyond its normal limits; an overwhelming number or amount
101. dis_____ed by a conversation *adj.* having one's attention diverted or divided; being unable to concentrate because of being preoccupied or worried
102. ad__t fully to the environment *v.* to make fit for or change to suit a new purpose or environment

ANSWERS: 92. blame, 93. traction, 94. generation, 95. agonize, 96. nun, 97. deserve, 98. smartphone, 99. efficiency, 100. flood, 101. distracted, 102. adapt

103. vo__t after ingesting *v.* to eject food, blood, etc., from the stomach through the mouth; (noun) the matter ejected from the stomach through the mouth
104. ind_____ly related *adv.* not going straight to the point; implying or suggesting something
105. jou_____st on a magazine *n.* a person who collects and writes news stories or articles for newspapers, magazines, radio, television, or other online media
106. break off an eng_____nt *n.* a mutual promise to marry someone; an agreement to do something, especially at a particular time
107. the st_____re of a machine *n.* the way of construction of something and the arrangement of its parts, or a complex thing constructed of many parts
108. the ba___e of a crowd *n.* the sound of many people speaking simultaneously; meaningless talk or speech
109. computer mul_____ing *n.* the ability to do more than one task at the same time; the state of doing more than one task at the same time
110. hu____y acceptable *adv.* in a way that is characteristic of or relating to human beings; in a way that is possible for humans to achieve or accomplish
111. listen to a ho____y *n.* a sermon or discourse that offers moral or spiritual advice or instruction; a moralistic lecture or speech

ANSWERS: 103. vomit, 104. indirectly, 105. journalist, 106. engagement, 107. structure, 108. babble, 109. multitasking, 110. humanly, 111. homily

112. en_____ed of the idea *adj.* deeply in love; having a strong affection or admiration for
113. for the sake of br_____y *n.* the quality of using only a few words or lasting only a short time
114. s_y cameras *n.* a person who is employed or trained to observe or gather information in secret, often for military or political purposes; a person who secretly or illegally gathers information about a private individual or organization
115. en_____ed of bygone days *adj.* deeply in love; having a strong affection or admiration for
116. pre_____te about the issue *v.* to speak or act in an evasive, vague, or misleading way; to deliberately avoid telling the whole truth or making a direct statement
117. permanent br__n damage *n.* the organ inside the head that is responsible for one's movement, thought, memory, and feeling
118. es_____al commodities of life *adj.* indispensable; fundamental
119. easy qu_____r *n.* a person who gives up easily or does not have the determination to finish what they have started
120. es_____al amino acid *adj.* indispensable; fundamental
121. me_____al chemistry *adj.* of or relating to the treatment or cure of disease
122. me_____r down the river *v.* to wander or roam aimlessly or leisurely; to follow a winding or circuitous course, as a river or road

ANSWERS: 112. enamored, 113. brevity, 114. spy, 115. enamored, 116. prevaricate, 117. brain, 118. essential, 119. quitter, 120. essential, 121. medicinal, 122. meander

123. documentary pr__f *n.* a fact or piece of information that shows something is true or exists
124. vice-pr_____nt for finance *n.* the leader of a republic, for example, the US; the person in charge of the organization such as a company, university, club, etc.
125. v__t desert *adj.* enormous in size, number, amount, or quantity
126. die su_____ly *adv.* quickly and unexpectedly
127. online dic_____ry *n.* a reference book containing an alphabetical list of words and their definitions, as well as information about their origins, usage, and pronunciation
128. me_____n name *v.* to speak or write about something or someone briefly
129. ap_____d the orchestra *v.* to express approval of someone or something by clapping the hands
130. op_____ne occasion *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
131. s__m the surface of the water *v.* to read something quickly to get a general idea of its contents; to remove any unwanted or unnecessary material from the surface of a liquid; to glide smoothly or briefly over a surface
132. online enc_____dia *n.* a comprehensive reference work containing articles on a wide range of subjects or numerous aspects of a particular field or discipline, usually arranged alphabetically or thematically

ANSWERS: 123. proof, 124. president, 125. vast, 126. suddenly, 127. dictionary, 128. mention, 129. applaud, 130. opportune, 131. skim, 132. encyclopedia

133. ac____ic probation *adj.* associated with schools, colleges, and universities, especially studying and thinking, not with practical skills
134. ma_____to statement *n.* a public declaration or statement of policy and aims, usually issued by a political party or government; a written statement or proclamation of one's beliefs or intentions
135. use an ac_____m *n.* a word formed from the first letter of each word in a phrase, such as NASA (National Aeronautics and Space Administration) or AIDS (Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome)
136. el_____te a dress *v.* to extend something in length; to lengthen, stretch out, or to make longer
137. cut down on wo__y phrases *adj.* using more words than necessary to express an idea; overly verbose or long-winded in speech or writing
138. hu___e opinion *adj.* having or showing a modest or low estimate of one's quality or importance
139. de_____te a chapter to the subject *v.* to give all of your energy, time, etc., entirely to a specific person, activity, or cause; to set apart for a particular purpose or use
140. tr__p card *n.* a playing card with a picture of a trumpeter on it, used in certain card games
141. round of ap_____se *n.* a demonstration of approval or praise by clapping the hands together

ANSWERS: 133. academic, 134. manifesto, 135. acronym, 136. elongate, 137. wordy, 138. humble, 139. dedicate, 140. trump, 141. applause

142. ess_____ly correct *adv.* relating to the essential features or concepts of anything
143. co_____t car *n.* an idea or principle associated with something abstract
144. the in_____al economy *adj.* of or relating to the inside of something
145. ho_____y on forgiveness *n.* a sermon or discourse that offers moral or spiritual advice or instruction; a moralistic lecture or speech
146. have an aw_____e birthday *adj.* inspiring fear, admiration, or respect; very good, nice, fun, etc.
147. an eye_____ng outfit *adj.* causing surprise, shock, or amazement; highly impressive or stunning; visually exciting or captivating
148. p__k on the cheek *v.* to strike or bite someone or something repeatedly, usually with the beak or bill; to give a quick, small kiss or nibble
149. feel cr_____y *adj.* causing an uneasy feeling of fear or unease
150. class obs_____on day *n.* the act or activity of carefully examining or monitoring something or someone
151. sl__k performance *adj.* lacking in tension or firmness; loose or not tight; having a relaxed or lazy attitude
152. aw_____e mental faculty *adj.* inspiring fear, admiration, or respect; very good, nice, fun, etc.
153. di_____l electronic signature *adj.* processing or storing information as a succession of 1 and 0 to show that a signal is present or missing; relating to the use of computer technology, especially the internet

ANSWERS: 142. essentially, 143. concept, 144. internal, 145. homily, 146. awesome, 147. eye-popping, 148. peck, 149. creepy, 150. observation, 151. slack, 152. awesome, 153. digital

154. critical m__s *n.* a large amount of a substance with no definite shape or form; a large number of people or things grouped or crowded together
155. ap____d his courage *v.* to express approval of someone or something by clapping the hands
156. in_____nt lifestyle *adj.* given to yielding to the desires or whims of oneself or others, especially by being generous or lavish
157. gen_____on gap *n.* all the people born and living at about the same time, regarded collectively; the production of heat or electricity
158. a co_____nt remark *adj.* feeling sure about your abilities or qualities or having trust in people, plans, or the future
159. electronic tr_____on *n.* the action or ability to pull something along a surface without sliding
160. eye_____ng performance *adj.* causing surprise, shock, or amazement; highly impressive or stunning; visually exciting or captivating
161. wo__y sentence *adj.* using more words than necessary to express an idea; overly verbose or long-winded in speech or writing
162. sma_____ne addict *n.* a mobile phone that functions as a computer and connects to the Internet
163. pr_____nt emeritus *n.* the leader of a republic, for example, the US; the person in charge of the organization such as a company, university, club, etc.

ANSWERS: 154. mass, 155. applaud, 156. indulgent, 157. generation, 158. confident, 159. traction, 160. eye-popping, 161. wordy, 162. smartphone, 163. president

164. a hu___e cottage *adj.* having or showing a modest or low estimate of one's quality or importance
165. a chick's tw__t *n.* a short, high sound made by a small bird; a message sent using Twitter, the social media application
166. banner he_____ne *n.* a heading at the top of a newspaper or magazine story or page
167. obs_____on instrument *n.* the act or activity of carefully examining or monitoring something or someone
168. the spinal co___n *n.* one of the vertical blocks that split content on a page or screen from top to bottom; an upright pillar that often supports an arch, entablature, or other structure or stands alone as a monument
169. tec_____cal policy *adj.* based on scientific and industrial progress
170. bl__s him in my heart *v.* to make or pronounce holy; to hallow; to consecrate; to sanctify
171. pr___t in clerical garb *n.* a person who performs religious duties and ceremonies, especially in the Christian faith
172. a scientific di_____ry *n.* the act or process of finding information, a place, or an object, or learning about something that was previously not known
173. aw__h with cash *adj.* flooded or overflowing with water, typically suddenly or unexpectedly; abundant or prevalent to the extent of being overwhelming or excessive

ANSWERS: 164. humble, 165. tweet, 166. headline, 167. observation, 168. column, 169. technological, 170. bless, 171. priest, 172. discovery, 173. awash

174. pe_____al struggle *adj.* continuing for an extended period in the same way without stopping or being interrupted
175. ke_____rd instruments *n.* device consisting of a set of keys on a piano, typewriter, computer, etc., that you press to make it work
176. pre_____te in response *v.* to speak or act in an evasive, vague, or misleading way; to deliberately avoid telling the whole truth or making a direct statement
177. accident-pr___e *adj.* inclined or likely to do something or to show a particular characteristic, especially something bad; lying face downward
178. earn ap_____se *n.* a demonstration of approval or praise by clapping the hands together
179. the t_p of a paintbrush *n.* the top or extreme point of something slender or tapering, usually a mountain or hill; a piece of advice about something practical; a small amount of money given for services
180. ac_____m definition *n.* a word formed from the first letter of each word in a phrase, such as NASA (National Aeronautics and Space Administration) or AIDS (Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome)
181. st_____n penalties *v.* to make or become stiff or rigid; to become inflexible or unyielding in one's attitude or behavior
182. st__k a key in a lock *v.* to put something, usually a sharp object, into something; to restrict yourself to doing or using one certain thing and not change; (noun) a thin piece of wood or other material

ANSWERS: 174. perpetual, 175. keyboard, 176. prevaricate, 177. prone, 178. applause, 179. tip, 180. acronym, 181. stiffen, 182. stick

183. co_____e electricity *v.* to spend something, especially fuel, energy, or time, in a large amount
184. re_____k the role of the manager *v.* to consider again a plan, idea, etc., especially to change it
185. develop software more eff_____ly *adv.* in a way that produces maximum output with minimum effort or expense
186. a ra_____l flaw in the plan *adj.* relating to the essential aspects of anything; far beyond the norm, mainly used of opinions and actions
187. a m__o pad *n.* a short written message or communication intended for internal use within an organization or company
188. fr_____e-free hair *v.* to exhaust or wear out someone or something to the point of being completely worn or frayed; (noun) a state of extreme exhaustion or depletion, often caused by stress or overwork
189. st_____up business *n.* a newly established company or business
190. serial qu_____r *n.* a person who gives up easily or does not have the determination to finish what they have started
191. the exp_____on for the failure *n.* the information or arguments that someone provides to make something understandable or clear
192. a fl__d of questions *n.* a large amount of water flowing beyond its normal limits; an overwhelming number or amount

ANSWERS: 183. consume, 184. rethink, 185. efficiently, 186. radical, 187. memo, 188. frazzle, 189. start-up, 190. quitter, 191. explanation, 192. flood

193. di____ct public opinion *v.* to draw someone's attention away from what they are trying to do
194. engine cooling f_n *n.* a person who admires and supports a person, group, sport, sports team, etc.; a device for creating a current of air by the movement of a surface or surfaces
195. pr__e to diarrhea *adj.* inclined or likely to do something or to show a particular characteristic, especially something bad; lying face downward
196. a h__y shrine *adj.* of or related to a god, divine power, or a particular religion
197. An____d tablet *n.* a robot with a human appearance; (operating system) Google's mobile operating system
198. detailed exp____on *n.* the information or arguments that someone provides to make something understandable or clear
199. the major pr____e *n.* a statement or proposition that is held to be true or from which a conclusion can be drawn
200. environmental ma____to *n.* a public declaration or statement of policy and aims, usually issued by a political party or government; a written statement or proclamation of one's beliefs or intentions
201. digital s_y tools *n.* a person who is employed or trained to observe or gather information in secret, often for military or political purposes; a person who secretly or illegally gathers information about a private individual or organization

ANSWERS: 193. distract, 194. fan, 195. prone, 196. holy, 197. android, 198. explanation, 199. premise, 200. manifesto, 201. spy

202. a film f_n *n.* a person who admires and supports a person, group, sport, sports team, etc.; a device for creating a current of air by the movement of a surface or surfaces
203. a ra_____l cure *adj.* relating to the essential aspects of anything; far beyond the norm, mainly used of opinions and actions
204. ag_____e about financing *v.* to spend a long time thinking about a difficult problem and trying to make a decision, especially through worrying
205. pa__l visit *adj.* relating to the pope (= the head of the Roman Catholic Church) or the Roman Catholic Church
206. co_____e a large of alcohol *v.* to spend something, especially fuel, energy, or time, in a large amount
207. the ul_____te luxury *adj.* furthest or highest in degree or order
208. br_____y of life *n.* the quality of using only a few words or lasting only a short time
209. re_____e the order *v.* to change something's direction, order, position, decision, etc., to the opposite one; (adjective) directed or moving toward the rear
210. s__m off the top *v.* to read something quickly to get a general idea of its contents; to remove any unwanted or unnecessary material from the surface of a liquid; to glide smoothly or briefly over a surface
211. lon_____ess in writing *n.* the tendency to use more words than necessary to express an idea, resulting in a tedious or rambling style of speech or writing

ANSWERS: 202. fan, 203. radical, 204. agonize, 205. papal, 206. consume, 207. ultimate, 208. brevity, 209. reverse, 210. skim, 211. long-windedness

212. he_____ne article

n. a heading at the top of a newspaper or magazine story or page

ANSWERS: 212. headline

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. These heavy rains caused flash _____ on several islands.
n. a large amount of water flowing beyond its normal limits; an overwhelming number or amount

2. She plans to study _____ in college and become a reporter.
n. the profession or activity of writing or reporting news for publication or broadcast

3. I'm not _____ in our victory.
adj. feeling sure about your abilities or qualities or having trust in people, plans, or the future

4. Many bookshops no longer carry printed _____ but some libraries still hold onto their collections.
n. a comprehensive reference work containing articles on a wide range of subjects or numerous aspects of a particular field or discipline, usually arranged alphabetically or thematically

5. The organizational _____ of start-ups is often flat and straightforward.
n. the way of construction of something and the arrangement of its parts, or a complex thing constructed of many parts

6. The club _____ does not have absolute power.
n. the leader of a republic, for example, the US; the person in charge of the organization such as a company, university, club, etc.

7. The engagement of the two golf players became _____ news.
n. a heading at the top of a newspaper or magazine story or page

ANSWERS: 1. floods, 2. journalism, 3. confident, 4. encyclopedias, 5. structure, 6. president, 7. headline

8. Please don't _____ me while I'm studying.
v. to draw someone's attention away from what they are trying to do
9. Trial and error is an _____ part of education.
adj. indispensable; fundamental
10. The city's skyline was an _____ sight from the top of the skyscraper.
adj. causing surprise, shock, or amazement; highly impressive or stunning; visually exciting or captivating
11. I _____ to him that I had seen his sister at the grocery store earlier that day.
v. to speak or write about something or someone briefly
12. The cold weather made my muscles _____ up.
v. to make or become stiff or rigid; to become inflexible or unyielding in one's attitude or behavior
13. He _____ over whether to accept the job offer.
v. to spend a long time thinking about a difficult problem and trying to make a decision, especially through worrying
14. The _____ suit in the game of bridge is determined at the beginning of each hand.
n. a playing card with a picture of a trumpeter on it, used in certain card games
15. The old, abandoned house was _____ and gave me the chills.
adj. causing an uneasy feeling of fear or unease
16. She felt sick and had to run to the bathroom to _____.
v. to eject food, blood, etc., from the stomach through the mouth; (noun) the matter ejected from the stomach through the mouth

ANSWERS: 8. distract, 9. essential, 10. eye-popping, 11. mentioned, 12. stiffen, 13. agonized, 14. trump, 15. creepy, 16. vomit

17. It is _____ difficult to understand why some people choose to harm others for no reason

adv. in a way that is characteristic of or relating to human beings; in a way that is possible for humans to achieve or accomplish

18. The following _____ is currently being used to explain the phenomenon in question.

n. the information or arguments that someone provides to make something understandable or clear

19. 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

20. I was so _____ by my phone that I nearly walked into a lamppost.

adj. having one's attention diverted or divided; being unable to concentrate because of being preoccupied or worried

21. Our company must continue to strive for greater _____.

n. the state or quality of doing something well with no waste of input such as time or money

22. I need to _____ this lengthy document to make it easier for readers to navigate.

v. to arrange printed material in consecutive pages; to number or mark the pages of a document or publication

23. The physician is reading the _____ related to medicine

n. a newspaper or magazine specialized in a specific topic or profession

ANSWERS: 17. humanly, 18. explanation, 19. brain, 20. distracted, 21. efficiency, 22. paginate, 23. journals

24. I like to _____ the newspaper headlines in the morning to catch up on the news.
- v.* to read something quickly to get a general idea of its contents; to remove any unwanted or unnecessary material from the surface of a liquid; to glide smoothly or briefly over a surface
25. He was _____ to making rash decisions.
- adj.* inclined or likely to do something or to show a particular characteristic, especially something bad; lying face downward
26. I'm a big ____ of French food.
- n.* a person who admires and supports a person, group, sport, sports team, etc.; a device for creating a current of air by the movement of a surface or surfaces
27. She could finish all her work on time because of her _____ skills.
- n.* the ability to do more than one task at the same time; the state of doing more than one task at the same time
28. The prime minister canceled visits to other countries to resolve _____ disputes.
- adj.* of or relating to the inside of something
29. A ____ audience viewed the broadcast.
- adj.* enormous in size, number, amount, or quantity
30. A smaller car will _____ less fuel.
- v.* to spend something, especially fuel, energy, or time, in a large amount
31. He accused the tenants of leaving _____ and breaking the security camera.
- n.* to fill a room or place with so many items that it becomes messy

ANSWERS: 24. skim, 25. prone, 26. fan, 27. multitasking, 28. internal, 29. vast, 30. consume, 31. clutter

32. I received a _____ from the CEO outlining the new company policies.
n. a short written message or communication intended for internal use within an organization or company
33. The government established by the coup was more _____ than before.
adj. relating to the essential aspects of anything; far beyond the norm, mainly used of opinions and actions
34. Article VII, _____ 2 of the United States Constitution stipulates a presidential veto.
n. a distinct section of a piece of writing intended to separate ideas, usually consisting of at least one sentence and beginning on a new line
35. One such rapidly growing _____ is quantum cryptography.
n. an idea or principle associated with something abstract
36. The employee _____ the promotion for their hard work and dedication.
v. to be worthy of or entitled to something, especially something good or valuable
37. The CEO _____ expressed her disappointment with the project's progress.
adv. not going straight to the point; implying or suggesting something
38. The priest _____ the couple as they knelt before him.
v. to make or pronounce holy; to hallow; to consecrate; to sanctify
39. The _____ of people who do not own property is politically impotent.
n. a large amount of a substance with no definite shape or form; a large number of people or things grouped or crowded together

ANSWERS: 32. memo, 33. radical, 34. Paragraph, 35. concept, 36. deserved, 37. indirectly, 38. blessed, 39. mass

40. The team's _____ attitude towards deadlines caused the project to fall behind schedule.
adj. lacking in tension or firmness; loose or not tight; having a relaxed or lazy attitude
41. The priest gave a heartfelt _____ during the Sunday service.
n. a sermon or discourse that offers moral or spiritual advice or instruction; a moralistic lecture or speech
42. We decided to _____ through the park and enjoy the scenery.
v. to wander or roam aimlessly or leisurely; to follow a winding or circuitous course, as a river or road
43. He had been _____ with her since the first time he saw her.
adj. deeply in love; having a strong affection or admiration for
44. The long hours of studying for the exam _____ my brain.
v. to exhaust or wear out someone or something to the point of being completely worn or frayed; (noun) a state of extreme exhaustion or depletion, often caused by stress or overwork
45. _____ advances have disrupted many industries.
adj. based on scientific and industrial progress
46. We _____ our impeded progress on lack of money.
v. to think or say that someone or something did something wrong or is responsible for something bad
47. The rich and _____ dessert was worth every calorie.
adj. given to yielding to the desires or whims of oneself or others, especially by being generous or lavish

ANSWERS: 40. slack, 41. homily, 42. meander, 43. enamored, 44. frazzled, 45. Technological, 46. blamed, 47. indulgent

48. Dolphins use sound to _____ with each other.
- v.* to share or exchange information with others by speaking, writing, moving your body, or using other signals
49. Internet traffic volumes have increased significantly with the advent of _____.
- n.* a mobile phone that functions as a computer and connects to the Internet
50. His leg was in _____ for weeks after the accident.
- n.* the action or ability to pull something along a surface without sliding
51. The government recruited a ____ to gather information on a suspected terrorist cell
- n.* a person who is employed or trained to observe or gather information in secret, often for military or political purposes; a person who secretly or illegally gathers information about a private individual or organization
52. Shall we _____ a bite to eat?
- v.* to take hold of something or someone suddenly with a hand, especially in a violent way
53. The politician's _____ made it hard to follow his speech.
- n.* the tendency to use more words than necessary to express an idea, resulting in a tedious or rambling style of speech or writing
54. In the hospital, she will remain under constant _____.
- n.* the act or activity of carefully examining or monitoring something or someone
55. I advised him to _____ to his new surroundings.
- v.* to make fit for or change to suit a new purpose or environment

ANSWERS: 48. communicate, 49. smartphones, 50. traction, 51. spy, 52. grab, 53. long-windedness, 54. observation, 55. adapt

56. I will introduce some _____ on learning English in this class.

- n.* the top or extreme point of something slender or tapering, usually a mountain or hill; a piece of advice about something practical; a small amount of money given for services

57. He was ordained as a _____ in the Catholic Church.

- n.* a person who performs religious duties and ceremonies, especially in the Christian faith

58. His writing style is very _____ making it difficult to understand the point he is trying to make.

- adj.* using more words than necessary to express an idea; overly verbose or long-winded in speech or writing

59. Our company's services are targeted at _____ executives.

- n.* a newly established company or business

60. Every day he wears a _____ white shirt to the office.

- adj.* hard, dry, and brittle enough to break easily; cool, fresh, and invigorating

61. Who answers _____ knows little.

- adv.* quickly and unexpectedly

62. _____ a society is an organism.

- adv.* relating to the essential features or concepts of anything

63. The _____ palace was a grand and imposing structure.

- adj.* relating to the pope (= the head of the Roman Catholic Church) or the Roman Catholic Church

ANSWERS: 56. tips, 57. priest, 58. wordy, 59. start-up, 60. crisp, 61. suddenly, 62. Essentially, 63. papal

64. You _____ a bill in the change machine, and the coins pop out.
- v. to put something, usually a sharp object, into something; to restrict yourself to doing or using one certain thing and not change; (noun) a thin piece of wood or other material
65. The newspaper devoted several _____ to the affair.
- n. one of the vertical blocks that split content on a page or screen from top to bottom; an upright pillar that often supports an arch, entablature, or other structure or stands alone as a monument
66. The wood_____ would peck at the tree high up in the branches.
- v. to strike or bite someone or something repeatedly, usually with the beak or bill; to give a quick, small kiss or nibble
67. The company made an _____ about its new product at a press conference.
- n. a public statement or declaration, often made in writing or through the media, that conveys important information or news
68. Her candidacy for the _____ has been met with both support and criticism.
- n. the office or term of the President of a country or organization
69. He _____ his life to helping others.
- v. to give all of your energy, time, etc., entirely to a specific person, activity, or cause; to set apart for a particular purpose or use
70. The _____ properties of this herb have been known to help with various ailments.
- adj. of or relating to the treatment or cure of disease

ANSWERS: 64. stick, 65. columns, 66. pecker, 67. announcement, 68. presidency, 69. dedicated, 70. medicinal

71. Please strike the "enter" on the _____.

- n.* device consisting of a set of keys on a piano, typewriter, computer, etc., that you press to make it work

72. Sensors convert physical phenomena into _____ signals.

- adj.* processing or storing information as a succession of 1 and 0 to show that a signal is present or missing; relating to the use of computer technology, especially the internet

73. Her research team made an important _____.

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

74. The cloistered ____ devoted her life to serving the poor and marginalized.

- n.* a woman who has taken religious vows and is a member of a monastic community

75. 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

76. The contract had a _____ that specified penalties for late delivery.

- n.* a group of words containing a subject and a predicate and forming part of a sentence

77. The company employs a _____ inventory system.

- adj.* continuing for an extended period in the same way without stopping or being interrupted

78. _____ is better than argument.

- n.* a fact or piece of information that shows something is true or exists

ANSWERS: 71. keyboard, 72. digital, 73. discovery, 74. nun, 75. generation, 76. clause, 77. perpetual, 78. Proof

79. Unnecessary information has been omitted for _____.
- n.* the quality of using only a few words or lasting only a short time
80. The news of her sudden death was _____ to everyone who knew her.
- adj.* surprising or shocking; difficult to believe
81. The lab is developing an _____ robot that assists in dangerous construction work.
- n.* a robot with a human appearance; (operating system) Google's mobile operating system
82. Please avoid using excessive jargon or too much technological _____.
- n.* the sound of many people speaking simultaneously; meaningless talk or speech
83. I need to _____ the faulty electrical system in my house to prevent a fire.
- v.* to replace or repair the wiring of something, especially an electrical system; to make significant changes in one's thoughts or behavior patterns
84. The nobler, the more _____.
- adj.* having or showing a modest or low estimate of one's quality or importance
85. The political party issued a _____ outlining its plans for the country's future.
- n.* a public declaration or statement of policy and aims, usually issued by a political party or government; a written statement or proclamation of one's beliefs or intentions
86. I need to purchase a new English _____.
- n.* a reference book containing an alphabetical list of words and their definitions, as well as information about their origins, usage, and pronunciation

ANSWERS: 79. brevity, 80. astonishing, 81. android, 82. babble, 83. rewire, 84. humble, 85. manifesto, 86. dictionary

87. He was labeled as a _____ after he abandoned the project halfway.
n. a person who gives up easily or does not have the determination to finish what they have started
88. The _____ burst from the audience.
n. a demonstration of approval or praise by clapping the hands together
89. We could hear the _____ of baby birds.
n. a short, high sound made by a small bird; a message sent using Twitter, the social media application
90. They gathered to hear the _____ teachings of the guru.
adj. of or related to a god, divine power, or a particular religion
91. The yoga instructor told us to _____ our spines during the practice.
v. to extend something in length; to lengthen, stretch out, or to make longer
92. There is a lot of _____ nature and food in Hawaii.
adj. inspiring fear, admiration, or respect; very good, nice, fun, etc.
93. The restaurant _____ a ban on smoking.
v. to change something's direction, order, position, decision, etc., to the opposite one; (adjective) directed or moving toward the rear
94. The beach was _____ with seaweed after the storm.
adj. flooded or overflowing with water, typically suddenly or unexpectedly; abundant or prevalent to the extent of being overwhelming or excessive
95. They selected a gorgeous diamond _____ ring.
n. a mutual promise to marry someone; an agreement to do something, especially at a particular time

ANSWERS: 87. quitter, 88. applause, 89. tweet, 90. holy, 91. elongate, 92. awesome, 93. reversed, 94. awash, 95. engagement

96. I enthusiastically _____ my rival's achievement.

v. to express approval of someone or something by clapping the hands

97. RADAR is an _____ for radio detection and ranging.

n. a word formed from the first letter of each word in a phrase, such as NASA (National Aeronautics and Space Administration) or AIDS (Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome)

98. The book's _____ is that the main character must save the world from an impending disaster.

n. a statement or proposition that is held to be true or from which a conclusion can be drawn

99. He used a _____ to lift the car to change the tire.

n. a mechanical device used for lifting or supporting heavy objects

100. We have to _____ our company's product lineup for further growth.

v. to consider again a plan, idea, etc., especially to change it

101. Management must take _____ responsibility for the accident.

adj. furthest or highest in degree or order

102. We can resolve support requests quickly and _____ by utilization of AI.

adv. in a way that produces maximum output with minimum effort or expense

103. The phone rang at the most _____ time.

adj. suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose

ANSWERS: 96. applaud, 97. acronym, 98. premise, 99. jack, 100. rethink, 101. ultimate, 102. efficiently, 103. opportune

104. Instead of giving a straight answer, the suspect continued to _____ during the police interrogation.
- v.* to speak or act in an evasive, vague, or misleading way; to deliberately avoid telling the whole truth or making a direct statement
105. An excellent historian must possess an _____ mentality.
- adj.* associated with schools, colleges, and universities, especially studying and thinking, not with practical skills
106. Foreign TV crews and _____ can go as they please in various locations during the Olympics.
- n.* a person who collects and writes news stories or articles for newspapers, magazines, radio, television, or other online media

ANSWERS: 104. prevaricate, 105. academic, 106. journalists