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Session 1: Word List

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.

murmur

v. to say something very quietly; to complain about somebody or something under one's breath

synonym: burble, gurgle, mutter

(1) **murmur** at low wages, (2) **murmur** a greeting

He always **murmurs** at the ill-treatment.

intuitive

adj. obtained through feelings rather than facts or proof

synonym: involuntary, instinctive, innate

(1) **intuitive** eating, (2) **intuitive** judgment

I had an **intuitive** feeling that I might be pregnant.

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.

crucial

adj. extremely vital or necessary

synonym : essential, pivotal, vital

(1) **crucial** information, (2) a **crucial** issue for women

The revitalization of technology companies is **crucial** to the country's growth.

imaginary

adj. existing only in someone's mind

synonym : fictional, ideal, fantastical

(1) **imaginary** number, (2) **imaginary** pregnancy

Little children tend to have **imaginary** friends.

vacation

n. a period in which someone does not have to attend work or school and is free to do whatever they choose, such as travel or leisure

synonym : leave, recess, break

(1) a short **vacation**, (2) summer **vacation**

Do you have a plan for a long **vacation**?

define

v. to state or explain precisely the nature, scope, or meaning of something

synonym : characterize, depict, express

(1) **define** a word, (2) **define** my position

To advance this discussion, we must **define** "success" rigorously.

flirt

v. to talk or behave as if sexually attracted to someone, without serious intentions; (noun) a seductive woman who uses her sex appeal to exploit men

synonym : tease

(1) **flirt** with him, (2) **flirt** like a schoolgirl

My husband never **flirts** with other women.

decision

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

synonym : choice, determination, judgment

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

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

pleasurable

adj. giving satisfaction or pleasure; enjoyable

synonym : comforting, enjoyable, gratifying

(1) a **pleasurable** experience, (2) have a very **pleasurable** time

Our marital life was full of happiness and **pleasurable** excitement.

fantasy

n. a fiction with a large amount of imagination in it; a pleasant situation that you imagine but that is unlikely to happen

synonym : fiction, illusion, fabrication

(1) **fantasy** novel, (2) confuse **fantasy** with reality

Composition by artificial intelligence is no longer a **fantasy**.

arouse

v. to awaken strong feelings or emotions in someone; to excite or inspire a physical or emotional response

synonym : excite, stimulate, stir

(1) **arouse** desire, (2) **arouse** suspicion

The rousing speech by the politician **aroused** the audience to action.

desire

n. a strong feeling of wanting to have or do something

synonym : ambition, appetite, greed

(1) unsatisfied **desire**, (2) fleshly **desire**

Low sexual **desire** typically correlates with low testosterone levels.

cognition

n. the psychological process of perception and learning and reasoning; the mental action or process by which knowledge and understanding are developed in the mind

synonym : awareness, understanding, comprehension

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

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

presence

n. the fact or state that someone or something exists, occurs, or is present

synonym: existence, actuality, fact

(1) the evidence of the **presence**, (2) his majestic **presence**

The path to a solid online **presence** necessitates a high technical ability.

stimulus

n. something that causes growth or arouses action

synonym: incitement, inspiration, motivation

(1) a response to a **stimulus**, (2) economic **stimulus**

This book provides children with ideas and a **stimulus** for outside recreation.

identify

v. to recognize someone or something and say or prove who or what they are

synonym: determine, specify, recognize

(1) **identify** handwriting, (2) **identify** gene sequences

I will introduce you to how to **identify** the leading causes of the malfunction.

regardless

adv. not paying attention or considering something or someone even if the situation is bad or there are difficulties

synonym: anyhow, nevertheless, still

(1) **regardless** of the difficulties, (2) **regardless** tread

People can pick out superior products **regardless** of the quality of the advertising.

gender

n. the range of characteristics of femininity and masculinity and differentiating between them, especially when considering social and cultural differences rather than differences in biology

synonym: sexuality

(1) **gender-blind** policies, (2) dual **gender**

Cultural norms strongly influence **gender** expectations.

identity

n. the fact of being who or what somebody or something is; the features, emotions, or ideas that distinguish persons from one another

synonym: character, personality, individuality

(1) mistaken **identity**, (2) **identity** as an individual

The terrorist's **identity** remains unknown.

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**.

expand

v. to increase or to make something greater in size, number, or importance

synonym: extend, grow, boost

(1) **expand** a lineup, (2) **expand** agricultural output

They hope to **expand** their business worldwide.

definition

n. a concise explanation of the meaning of a word, phrase, or symbol

synonym: description, connotation, meaning

(1) a precise **definition**, (2) the **definition** of a word

Parallel lines are, by **definition**, lines on the same plane that never cross.

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.

penetrate

v. to pass into or through something, often by overcoming resistance

synonym: pierce, stab, go through

(1) **penetrate** a cell, (2) **penetrate** quickly into the skin

Western ideology slowly **penetrates** through the eastern countries.

masturbation

n. the act of sexually stimulating oneself by touching or rubbing one's genitals, typically resulting in orgasm or sexual release

synonym : onanism

(1) manual **masturbation**, (2) the act of **masturbation**

Many physicians agree that the practice of **masturbation** is a natural and healthy way to explore and take pleasure in one's body.

topic

n. a subject that is being discussed or written about

synonym : subject, theme, issue

(1) a serious **topic**, (2) the **topic** of the book

The **topic** of the discussion was the current state of the economy.

conversation

n. an informal talk between two or more people to exchange their views, ideas, information, etc.

synonym : chat, discussion, dialogue

(1) **conversation** in English, (2) a friendly **conversation**

Your **conversation** reflects your thoughts.

frank

adj. honest and sincere; open and candid in expression

synonym : candid, direct, freehearted

(1) **frank** and open discussion, (2) make a **frank** apology

Full involvement means **frank** and prompt responses.

solo

adv. without anybody else or anything else; alone

synonym : alone

(1) a **solo** vocal recital, (2) a **solo** flight

I would love to **solo** camping someday.

resort

n. a place where many people go for rest, sport, or another stated purpose; (verb) to turn to or take a course of

action, especially an extreme or undesirable one, to resolve a difficult circumstance

synonym : vacation spot, hotel, (verb) address

(1) **resort** to desperate measures, (2) a last **resort**

If both countries **resort** to nuclear deterrence, the consequence could be mutual destruction.

desperate

adj. feeling or showing a lack of hope and a willingness to do anything because of the problematic situation

synonym : anguish, frantic, hopeless

(1) her **desperate** screams, (2) **desperate** attempt

He was **desperate** when he lost all his money by gambling.

fundamental

adj. forming an essential base or core from which everything else develops or is affected

synonym : basic, essential, entire

(1) **fundamental** education, (2) **fundamental** rights

Human behavior has **fundamental** characteristics.

empower

v. to give someone the power or authority to do something

synonym : authorize, endow, entitle

(1) **empower** my life, (2) **empower** the secretary to do the same

The company **empowered** employees to buy low-price items without approval to achieve efficient purchasing.

exploration

n. the activity of searching and finding out about something through a place

synonym : inquiry, quest, investigation

(1) future of space **exploration**, (2) an Arctic **exploration**

He called for a careful **exploration** of the consequences.

unsatisfying

adj. not fulfilling someone's desires, expectations, or needs; incomplete or inadequate.

synonym : disappointing, dissatisfying, subpar

(1) **unsatisfying** labor, (2) **unsatisfying** reality

The meal was **unsatisfying** and left her feeling hungry an hour later.

hookup

n. a device providing a connection between a power source and a user; a sexual encounter, usually between two people who are not in a committed relationship or do not know each other well

synonym: connection, rendezvous, one-night stand

(1) electric **hookup**, (2) casual **hookup**

We must buy cables for the audio **hookup** between the TV and the soundbar.

strike

v. to wallop somebody or something with the hand, fist, or weapon; to have an emotional or cognitive impact upon

synonym: hit, impact, influence

(1) **strike** up a conversation, (2) **strike** a blow

We **strike** to achieve more wages and safer working conditions.

physically

adv. in a way related to a person's body or appearance rather than their mind

(1) **physically** and mentally, (2) stay **physically** fit

Having a **physically** healthy physique is essential for a great life.

magical

adj. produced by or containing supernatural powers

synonym: enchanting, occult, supernatural

(1) **magical** place, (2) **magical** powers

When I was a child, my mother often cast **magical** spells to ease my pain whenever I was injured.

unlock

v. to open something, such as a door, window, etc., usually using a key

synonym: open, solve, unravel

(1) **unlock** a door with a key, (2) **unlock** value

The customs officer required the traveler to **unlock** his

suitcase.

attract

v. to draw or entice someone or something towards them through the qualities they have, especially positive ones

synonym: lure, entice, draw in

(1) **attract** attention, (2) **attract** customers

The government is eager to **attract** international investment.

equation

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

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

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

hunch

v. to lean forward or arch one's back in a way that suggests a feeling of suspicion or uncertainty; to have a feeling or presentiment that something is true or likely to happen, without evidence or explicit proof

synonym: crouch, guess, speculate

(1) **hunch** against the rain, (2) **hunch** up the shoulders

I **hunch** over my computer all day, and my back aches after a while.

crisis

n. a time of great disagreement, confusion, or danger when problems must be resolved or critical decisions must be taken

synonym: concern, problem, emergency

(1) financial **crisis**, (2) **crisis** management

The Chinese word for **crisis** comprises two characters, one for danger and the other for opportunity.

inspiration

n. something that motivates or encourages someone to create or achieve something, or a feeling of excitement or creativity

synonym: motivation, drive, encouragement

(1) source of **inspiration**, (2) get **inspiration** from nature

He found **inspiration** in the works of his favorite authors.

fascination

n. the state of being intensely interested in someone or something, or a powerful attraction

synonym: allure, attraction, charm

(1) rapt in **fascination**, (2) the **fascination** with classical music

I looked at the painting in **fascination**.

eventually

adv. finally, particularly after a long time or a lot of struggle, complications, and so on

synonym: finally, someday, ultimately

(1) **eventually** become obsolete, (2) **eventually** succeed

The corporation **eventually** dominated the entire tobacco business.

decide

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

synonym: choose, determine, settle

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

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

immerse

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

synonym: dip, inundate, submerge

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

He **immersed** himself in his research.

evocative

adj. tending to evoke or bring something to mind

synonym: suggestive, stimulating, provocative

(1) **evocative** memories, (2) **evocative** language

The music was **evocative** of a bygone era.

chirp

n. a short, sharp sound that is made by birds or insects or by electronic devices such as alarms or beepers

synonym: tweet, chirrup, peep

(1) the **chirp** of a bird, (2) the **chirp** of a cricket

The sound of the **chirp** woke me up early in the morning.

sunshine

n. the direct light and heat that comes from the sun

synonym: sunlight, daylight, rays

(1) warm **sunshine**, (2) morning **sunshine**

The **sunshine** was so bright that I had to wear sunglasses to protect my eyes.

chill

n. a feeling of coldness that makes one shiver; (verb) to make cool or cooler

synonym: coldness, coolness, (verb) freeze

(1) the **chill** of autumn, (2) feel a slight **chill**

His swear words cast a **chill** on the party.

fleck

n. a small patch, spot, or discoloration, often caused by dirt, grime, or a foreign substance

synonym: spot, speck, dot

(1) **fleck** of paint, (2) **fleck** of dust

A small **fleck** of red wine ruined the white shirt.

sparkle

v. to emit or reflect bright flashes of light, especially with animation and joy

synonym: shine, glimmer, twinkle

(1) **sparkle** like a gem, (2) **sparkle** from receiving light

The diamond **sparkled** in the sunlight.

granite

n. a tough, durable, and coarse-grained igneous rock often used in construction for buildings, monuments, and sculptures

synonym: stone, rock, boulder

(1) black **granite**, (2) solid **granite**

The countertop was polished **granite**, giving it a sleek and

modern look.

bet v. to risk money on the result of an event or a competition, such as a race or game, to get more money; to have faith or confidence in something
synonym: stake, wager, gamble
(1) **bet** on a race, (2) **bet** my future
I **bet** that you know it.

distinct *adj.* noticeable from something else of a similar type
synonym: different, special, characteristic
(1) **distinct** difference, (2) **distinct** from each other
It is essential to keep these two issues **distinct**.

surround v. to be all around something or somebody
synonym: encircle, encompass, envelop
(1) **surround** a town, (2) a stone wall **surrounds** the palace
On three sides, mountains **surround** the settlement.

circumstance n. the specific conditions or events that surround a particular situation or occurrence
synonym: condition, context, environment
(1) **circumstance** of birth, (2) **circumstance** of injury
She explained the **circumstances** surrounding the accident.

incredible *adj.* unbelievable; enormous
synonym: unbelievable, fantastical, inconceivable
(1) **incredible** amount, (2) at **incredible** speed
Her response revealed **incredible** idiocy.

erotic *adj.* relating to or arousing sexual desire or excitement; considered taboo or provocative
synonym: sensual, arousing, sexy
(1) **erotic** novel, (2) **erotic** dance
The painting contained subtle **erotic** undertones.

- plot** *n.* a secret plan or scheme to achieve a specific goal; the plan or main story of a literary work; (verb) to plan secretly, usually something illegal
synonym: scheme, plan, design
(1) **plot** twist, (2) **plot** a revolution
The **plot** of the novel centers around a group of friends who uncover a conspiracy to control the world's water supply.
- blueprint** *n.* a photographic print of an early plan for a building or machine
synonym: draft, prototype, sketch
(1) **blueprint** for economic reform, (2) architect's **blueprint**
A business plan is a **blueprint** for your success.
- vision** *n.* the ability to think about or see the future with imagination and intelligence; the faculty of being able to see
synonym: sight, image, concept
(1) a prodigious **vision**, (2) telescopic **vision**
Driving is difficult for me because of my poor **vision**.
- appealing** *adj.* attractive or exciting; evoking a positive response or desire; having qualities that are likely to encourage someone to like or enjoy something
synonym: attractive, alluring, captivating
(1) **appealing** design, (2) an **appealing** offer
The well-crafted plot and interesting characters made the book very **appealing** to readers
- explicit** *adj.* stated clearly and in detail, leaving no room for confusion or doubt
synonym: clear, unambiguous, unequivocal
(1) **explicit** content, (2) **explicit** instructions
The movie had an **explicit** sex scene that some viewers might find offensive.

- dip** v. to put something into a liquid for a short time and take it out again
synonym: dunk, dive, plunge
(1) **dip** a pen in ink, (2) **dip** a chip in the sauce
Please **dip** up a bucketful of water from the well.
- settle** v. to reach an agreement of disagreement
synonym: inhabit, occupy, decide
(1) **settle** a dispute, (2) **settle** down in the town
I don't want to **settle** for second best.
- meditation** n. the act of focusing one's mind on a particular object or thought; activity to train attention and achieve a mentally clear and emotionally calm and stable state
synonym: contemplation, reflection, introspection
(1) **meditation** training, (2) religious **meditation**
The **meditation** instructor guided the group through the relaxation and breathing exercises.
- frame** n. a strong border or structure of the wood, metal, etc. that surrounds something such as a picture, door, or window
synonym: body, skeleton, scaffolding
(1) a picture **frame**, (2) the **frame** of the policy
The detective looked for fingerprints on the window **frame**.
- incredibly** adv. in a way that is very difficult to believe; exceedingly or extremely
synonym: enormously, exceptionally, extraordinarily
(1) **incredibly** cheerful character, (2) get **incredibly** insecure
Several cities are experiencing **incredibly** high unemployment rates.
- sham** n. something that is not as good or true as it seems to be and is intended to deceive people; a person who pretends to be something they are not
synonym: bogus, counterfeit, fraudulent

(1) a **sham** battle, (2) turn out to be all **sham**
The data he prepared was completely **sham**.

insecure

adj. not firm or firmly fixed; likely to fail or give way, or not assured of safety

synonym : uncertain, unsure, unconfident

(1) an **insecure** future, (2) **insecure** attachment

Children in an unstructured environment often feel **insecure**.

inexplicable

adj. unable to be explained, understood, or accounted for; mysterious or puzzling

synonym : incomprehensible, mysterious, unaccountable

(1) **inexplicable** event, (2) **inexplicable** decision

The reason for his sudden disappearance from work was **inexplicable**.

inevitably

adv. in a manner that cannot be avoided or prevented

synonym : unavoidably, necessarily, surely

(1) **inevitably** decline with age, (2) **inevitably** reach the consumer

Because of his excellent performance, he will **inevitably** be promoted.

sweep

v. to clean something, especially a floor or an area, by using a broom; move swiftly and smoothly

synonym : clean, clear, brush off

(1) **sweep** up dead leaves, (2) **sweep** a room with a glance

The politician tried to **sweep** the embarrassing incident under the rug.

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.

blossom

n. the reproductive structure on a flowering plant that consists of usually colorful petals and a typically green calyx (merging of sepals); the state or time of flowering; the peak of a person's or thing's development or success

synonym: flower, bloom, bud

(1) apple **blossom**, (2) **blossom** garden

The cherry **blossom** trees in the park were in full bloom, creating a beautiful sight.

fiery

adj. very intense; like or suggestive of fire

synonym: igneous, passionate, fervent

(1) a **fiery** speech, (2) a **fiery** sunset

He is a man of **fiery** temperament.

relax

v. to become or cause someone to become less active or tense and calmer

synonym: soften, comfort, soothe

(1) **relax** a series of muscles, (2) **relax** at home

The rules were **relaxed** after the new executive arrived.

backdrop

n. a painted or photographed scene or setting that is used as a background for a stage, film, or other performance

synonym: background, setting, context

(1) **backdrop** of poverty, (2) perfect **backdrop**

The lush green forest provided a picturesque **backdrop** for the photo shoot.

secluded

adj. hidden or isolated from view; quiet and undisturbed; kept away from the company of others

synonym: isolated, remote, hidden

(1) **secluded** retreat, (2) **secluded** cabin

The **secluded** beach was the perfect place to unwind and escape from the busy city.

scratch

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

synonym : claw, rub, scrape

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

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

privacy

n. someone's right to keep their personal matters and relationships not watched or interrupted by other people

synonym : seclusion, aloneness, solitariness

(1) **privacy** abuse, (2) trespass on a person's **privacy**

This conduct would be an invasion of **privacy**.

comfort

n. a state of physical ease and freedom from pain or constraint

synonym : ease, solace, coziness

(1) words of **comfort**, (2) **comfort** level

He found **comfort** in the warm embrace of his loved ones.

adventurous

adj. willing to take risks and try new or difficult things

synonym : daring, risk-taking, bold

(1) lead an **adventurous** life, (2) **adventurous** pioneers

He has an **adventurous** spirit and is unafraid of risks.

stake

n. a share or financial investment in something such as a business; a wooden or metal post set up to mark something

synonym : share, interest, post

(1) execution by burning at a **stake**, (2) buy the company's **stake**

The **stake** of the company is too high nowadays.

narrative

n. a story or a description of a series of events or process of telling a story

synonym : the tale, chronology, annals

(1) **narrative** poetry, (2) personal **narrative**

The **narrative** handles multiple plot lines and has unpredictable ends.

- kilt**
- n.* a type of traditional Scottish garment that is worn by men and consists of a pleated skirt that reaches the knee or just below, usually made of tartan or plaid fabric
synonym : skirt, plaid, tartan
(1) Scottish **kilt**, (2) plaid **kilt**
My grandfather wore a traditional **kilt** to honor his Scottish heritage at family gatherings.
- motivate**
- v.* to make someone want to do something, especially something that requires tremendous work and effort
synonym : boost, encourage, inspire
(1) **motivate** the students, (2) all ability to **motivate**
The ability to **motivate** people is a priceless asset.
- flex**
- v.* to show off one's strength, power, or possessions; to bend or be capable of bending easily
synonym : bend, stretch, extend
(1) **flex** a finger, (2) **flex** diplomatic muscle
The gymnast was able to **flex** his muscles to perform the difficult routine.
- 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.
- disclose**
- v.* to make something, such as secret or new information, known publicly
synonym : declare, reveal, uncover
(1) **disclose** a secret, (2) **disclose** a vulnerability
The curtain rose to **disclose** a fantastic set.
- intimate**
- adj.* having a very close friendship, personal
synonym : close, tight, friendly

(1) my **intimate** affairs, (2) **intimate** relationship
He has an **intimate** knowledge of American history.

affirm

v. to assert that something is true or real; to state positively
synonym: declare, avow, assert

(1) **affirm** old traditions, (2) **affirm** strong identity
I **affirm** that I will always stand by my beliefs.

betray

v. to reveal or deliver to an enemy by treachery or disloyalty; to reveal something unintentionally
synonym: fail, denounce, display

(1) **betray** a friend, (2) **betray** confidence
He felt **betrayed** when his best friend revealed their secret to the enemy.

bust

v. to break something; (noun) a woman's chest, or the measurement around a woman's chest; (noun) an occasion for something excessive, such as work, eating, drinking, etc.

synonym: ruin, fall apart, (noun) breast

(1) **bust** my leg, (2) the **bust** of the statue
I'm **bust** with preparation for tomorrow's meeting.

myth

n. an ancient story or set of stories accepted as history, especially explaining the worldview of a people

synonym: fable, legend, lore

(1) the **myth** of an old religion, (2) perpetuate a **myth**
With the financial bubble bursting, the **myth** of economic growth in investment banking collapsed.

wholly

adv. completely, entirely, or altogether; without exception or reservation

synonym: completely, entirely, totally

(1) **wholly** inadequate, (2) **wholly** healthy food
I am **wholly** committed to this project and will work hard to bring it to fruition.

protagonist

n. the main character in a literary work, film, or other stories

synonym: hero, central figure, leading character

(1) **protagonist** of drama, (2) play a **protagonist**

The **protagonist's** triumph over adversity was the theme of this play.

avenue

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

synonym: artery, roadway, street

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

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

confidence

n. the feeling or attitude that one can trust or rely on the abilities or good qualities of someone or something

synonym: self-trust, certainty, belief

(1) **confidence** as a teacher, (2) boost my **confidence**

Skill and **confidence** are an unconquered army.

navigate

v. to plan and direct the way that a ship, plane, etc. will travel, often by using a map

synonym: guide, helm, voyage

(1) **navigate** the Pacific, (2) **navigate** through a document

Our knowledge helps **navigate** our clients successfully.

relation

n. the way two persons or groups of people feel and act toward one another

synonym: association, linkage, connection

(1) **relation** between cause and effect, (2) **relation** of inclusion

The industrial **relations** laws were passed with little to no alteration.

afford

v. to have enough money or time to be able to buy or do something

(1) **afford** to buy a new car, (2) **afford** a high travel cost

He cannot **afford** a holiday.

prioritize

v. to assign a higher level of importance to something compared to other things

synonym: rank, order, arrange

(1) **prioritize** tasks, (2) **prioritize** people over cars

The organization **prioritized** the needs of the community in its decision-making.

carve

v. to create something by cutting wood or stone; to turn sharply

synonym: sculpt, engrave, cut

(1) **carve** a statue, (2) **carve** my name on the plate

This statue is **carved** from a single tree trunk.

Session 2: Spelling

1. ine_____ly reach the consumer *adv.* in a manner that cannot be avoided or prevented
2. med_____on training *n.* the act of focusing one's mind on a particular object or thought; activity to train attention and achieve a mentally clear and emotionally calm and stable state
3. solid gr_____e *n.* a tough, durable, and coarse-grained igneous rock often used in construction for buildings, monuments, and sculptures
4. words of co_____t *n.* a state of physical ease and freedom from pain or constraint
5. af___m old traditions *v.* to assert that something is true or real; to state positively
6. ex_____it content *adj.* stated clearly and in detail, leaving no room for confusion or doubt
7. in an ugly m__d *n.* the way you feel at a particular time; an angry or impatient state of mind
8. black gr_____e *n.* a tough, durable, and coarse-grained igneous rock often used in construction for buildings, monuments, and sculptures
9. feel a slight ch__l *n.* a feeling of coldness that makes one shiver; (verb) to make cool or cooler
10. de___e a word *v.* to state or explain precisely the nature, scope, or meaning of something

ANSWERS: 1. inevitably, 2. meditation, 3. granite, 4. comfort, 5. affirm, 6. explicit, 7. mood, 8. granite, 9. chill, 10. define

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| 11. the fr__e of the policy | <i>n.</i> a strong border or structure of the wood, metal, etc. that surrounds something such as a picture, door, or window |
| 12. ma_____l powers | <i>adj.</i> produced by or containing supernatural powers |
| 13. d_p a chip in the sauce | <i>v.</i> to put something into a liquid for a short time and take it out again |
| 14. pe_____te a cell | <i>v.</i> to pass into or through something, often by overcoming resistance |
| 15. stay phy_____ly fit | <i>adv.</i> in a way related to a person's body or appearance rather than their mind |
| 16. de___e my position | <i>v.</i> to state or explain precisely the nature, scope, or meaning of something |
| 17. im_____ry number | <i>adj.</i> existing only in someone's mind |
| 18. co_____t level | <i>n.</i> a state of physical ease and freedom from pain or constraint |
| 19. inc_____le amount | <i>adj.</i> unbelievable; enormous |
| 20. b_t my future | <i>v.</i> to risk money on the result of an event or a competition, such as a race or game, to get more money; to have faith or confidence in something |
| 21. a short va_____on | <i>n.</i> a period in which someone does not have to attend work or school and is free to do whatever they choose, such as travel or leisure |
| 22. ma_____l place | <i>adj.</i> produced by or containing supernatural powers |

ANSWERS: 11. frame, 12. magical, 13. dip, 14. penetrate, 15. physically, 16. define, 17. imaginary, 18. comfort, 19. incredible, 20. bet, 21. vacation, 22. magical

23. the eq____on of poverty with ignorance
n. the act of regarding as equal; (mathematics) a statement that expresses the equality of two expressions by connecting them with the equals sign
24. future of space exp_____on
n. the activity of searching and finding out about something through a place
25. af___d a high travel cost
v. to have enough money or time to be able to buy or do something
26. sw__p a room with a glance
v. to clean something, especially a floor or an area, by using a broom; move swiftly and smoothly
27. rapt in fas_____on
n. the state of being intensely interested in someone or something, or a powerful attraction
28. the def_____on of a word
n. a concise explanation of the meaning of a word, phrase, or symbol
29. f__x a finger
v. to show off one's strength, power, or possessions; to bend or be capable of bending easily
30. d_p a pen in ink
v. to put something into a liquid for a short time and take it out again
31. fun_____al rights
adj. forming an essential base or core from which everything else develops or is affected
32. se_____ed cabin
adj. hidden or isolated from view; quiet and undisturbed; kept away from the company of others
33. in_____ve eating
adj. obtained through feelings rather than facts or proof

ANSWERS: 23. equation, 24. exploration, 25. afford, 26. sweep, 27. fascination, 28. definition, 29. flex, 30. dip, 31. fundamental, 32. secluded, 33. intuitive

34. er___c dance *adj.* relating to or arousing sexual desire or excitement; considered taboo or provocative
35. plaid k__t *n.* a type of traditional Scottish garment that is worn by men and consists of a pleated skirt that reaches the knee or just below, usually made of tartan or plaid fabric
36. manual mas_____ion *n.* the act of sexually stimulating oneself by touching or rubbing one's genitals, typically resulting in orgasm or sexual release
37. af___d to buy a new car *v.* to have enough money or time to be able to buy or do something
38. execution by burning at a st__e *n.* a share or financial investment in something such as a business; a wooden or metal post set up to mark something
39. ex___d agricultural output *v.* to increase or to make something greater in size, number, or importance
40. the fas_____on with classical music *n.* the state of being intensely interested in someone or something, or a powerful attraction
41. re__x a series of muscles *v.* to become or cause someone to become less active or tense and calmer
42. di_____se a vulnerability *v.* to make something, such as secret or new information, known publicly
43. cr_____l information *adj.* extremely vital or necessary
44. st___e up a conversation *v.* to wallop somebody or something with the hand, fist, or weapon; to have an emotional or cognitive impact upon

ANSWERS: 34. erotic, 35. kilt, 36. masturbation, 37. afford, 38. stake, 39. expand, 40. fascination, 41. relax, 42. disclose, 43. crucial, 44. strike

45. pro_____st of drama *n.* the main character in a literary work, film, or other stories
46. ar___e suspicion *v.* to awaken strong feelings or emotions in someone; to excite or inspire a physical or emotional response
47. sp_____e like a gem *v.* to emit or reflect bright flashes of light, especially with animation and joy
48. fa_____y novel *n.* a fiction with a large amount of imagination in it; a pleasant situation that you imagine but that is unlikely to happen
49. ine_____ble decision *adj.* unable to be explained, understood, or accounted for; mysterious or puzzling
50. ess_____ly correct *adv.* relating to the essential features or concepts of anything
51. my in_____te affairs *adj.* having a very close friendship, personal
52. re___t to desperate measures *n.* a place where many people go for rest, sport, or another stated purpose; (verb) to turn to or take a course of action, especially an extreme or undesirable one, to resolve a difficult circumstance
53. the b__t of the statue *v.* to break something; (noun) a woman's chest, or the measurement around a woman's chest; (noun) an occasion for something excessive, such as work, eating, drinking, etc.
54. a serious to__c *n.* a subject that is being discussed or written about
55. wh___y inadequate *adv.* completely, entirely, or altogether; without exception or reservation

ANSWERS: 45. protagonist, 46. arouse, 47. sparkle, 48. fantasy, 49. inexplicable, 50. essentially, 51. intimate, 52. resort, 53. bust, 54. topic, 55. wholly

56. fleshly de___e *n.* a strong feeling of wanting to have or do something
57. a last re___t *n.* a place where many people go for rest, sport, or another stated purpose; (verb) to turn to or take a course of action, especially an extreme or undesirable one, to resolve a difficult circumstance
58. an Arctic exp_____on *n.* the activity of searching and finding out about something through a place
59. ge___r-blind policies *n.* the range of characteristics of femininity and masculinity and differentiating between them, especially when considering social and cultural differences rather than differences in biology
60. a se_____y organ *adj.* of or relating to the physical senses
61. ba_____op of poverty *n.* a painted or photographed scene or setting that is used as a background for a stage, film, or other performance
62. summer va_____on *n.* a period in which someone does not have to attend work or school and is free to do whatever they choose, such as travel or leisure
63. eve_____ly succeed *adv.* finally, particularly after a long time or a lot of struggle, complications, and so on
64. de___e on a course of action *v.* to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options
65. sw__p up dead leaves *v.* to clean something, especially a floor or an area, by using a broom; move swiftly and smoothly

ANSWERS: 56. desire, 57. resort, 58. exploration, 59. gender, 60. sensory, 61. backdrop, 62. vacation, 63. eventually, 64. decide, 65. sweep

66. re__x at home *v.* to become or cause someone to become less active or tense and calmer
67. the to__c of the book *n.* a subject that is being discussed or written about
68. ca__e a statue *v.* to create something by cutting wood or stone; to turn sharply
69. im_____e the cloth in the dye *v.* to become fully involved in a particular activity; to dip or submerge in a liquid, especially so that they or it are entirely covered
70. cr____s management *n.* a time of great disagreement, confusion, or danger when problems must be resolved or critical decisions must be taken
71. 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
72. er__c novel *adj.* relating to or arousing sexual desire or excitement; considered taboo or provocative
73. di_____ct difference *adj.* noticeable from something else of a similar type
74. boost my con_____ce *n.* the feeling or attitude that one can trust or rely on the abilities or good qualities of someone or something
75. the m__d in a room *n.* the way you feel at a particular time; an angry or impatient state of mind
76. id_____fy gene sequences *v.* to recognize someone or something and say or prove who or what they are

ANSWERS: 66. relax, 67. topic, 68. carve, 69. immerse, 70. crisis, 71. communicate, 72. erotic, 73. distinct, 74. confidence, 75. mood, 76. identify

77. perfect ba____op *n.* a painted or photographed scene or setting that is used as a background for a stage, film, or other performance
78. p__t a revolution *n.* a secret plan or scheme to achieve a specific goal; the plan or main story of a literary work; (verb) to plan secretly, usually something illegal
79. a s__o vocal recital *adv.* without anybody else or anything else; alone
80. eve_____ly become obsolete *adv.* finally, particularly after a long time or a lot of struggle, complications, and so on
81. pr_____y abuse *n.* someone's right to keep their personal matters and relationships not watched or interrupted by other people
82. ev_____ve language *adj.* tending to evoke or bring something to mind
83. na_____ve poetry *n.* a story or a description of a series of events or process of telling a story
84. get inc_____ly insecure *adv.* in a way that is very difficult to believe; exceedingly or extremely
85. architect's bl_____nt *n.* a photographic print of an early plan for a building or machine
86. wh___y healthy food *adv.* completely, entirely, or altogether; without exception or reservation
87. con_____ion in English *n.* an informal talk between two or more people to exchange their views, ideas, information, etc.
88. un___k value *v.* to open something, such as a door, window, etc., usually using a key

ANSWERS: 77. backdrop, 78. plot, 79. solo, 80. eventually, 81. privacy, 82. evocative, 83. narrative, 84. incredibly, 85. blueprint, 86. wholly, 87. conversation, 88. unlock

89. hu__h up the shoulders *v.* to lean forward or arch one's back in a way that suggests a feeling of suspicion or uncertainty; to have a feeling or presentiment that something is true or likely to happen, without evidence or explicit proof
90. at inc_____le speed *adj.* unbelievable; enormous
91. pe_____te quickly into the skin *v.* to pass into or through something, often by overcoming resistance
92. fl__t like a schoolgirl *v.* to talk or behave as if sexually attracted to someone, without serious intentions; (noun) a seductive woman who uses her sex appeal to exploit men
93. phy_____ly and mentally *adv.* in a way related to a person's body or appearance rather than their mind
94. co_____on disorder *n.* the psychological process of perception and learning and reasoning; the mental action or process by which knowledge and understanding are developed in the mind
95. the evidence of the pr_____ce *n.* the fact or state that someone or something exists, occurs, or is present
96. mo_____te the students *v.* to make someone want to do something, especially something that requires tremendous work and effort
97. his majestic pr_____ce *n.* the fact or state that someone or something exists, occurs, or is present
98. all ability to mo_____te *v.* to make someone want to do something, especially something that requires tremendous work and effort

ANSWERS: 89. hunch, 90. incredible, 91. penetrate, 92. flirt, 93. physically, 94. cognition, 95. presence, 96. motivate, 97. presence, 98. motivate

99. a ple_____le experience *adj.* giving satisfaction or pleasure; enjoyable
100. di_____se a secret *v.* to make something, such as secret or new information, known publicly
101. hu__h against the rain *v.* to lean forward or arch one's back in a way that suggests a feeling of suspicion or uncertainty; to have a feeling or presentiment that something is true or likely to happen, without evidence or explicit proof
102. im_____ry pregnancy *adj.* existing only in someone's mind
103. de_____on authority *n.* the act or process of making up someone's mind about something; a choice or judgment reached after considering options
104. at_____t customers *v.* to draw or entice someone or something towards them through the qualities they have, especially positive ones
105. apple bl_____m *n.* the reproductive structure on a flowering plant that consists of usually colorful petals and a typically green calyx (merging of sepals); the state or time of flowering; the peak of a person's or thing's development or success
106. religious med_____on *n.* the act of focusing one's mind on a particular object or thought; activity to train attention and achieve a mentally clear and emotionally calm and stable state

ANSWERS: 99. pleasurable, 100. disclose, 101. hunch, 102. imaginary, 103. decision, 104. attract, 105. blossom, 106. meditation

107. a fi__y speech *adj.* very intense; like or suggestive of fire
108. em_____r the secretary to do the same *v.* to give someone the power or authority to do something
109. di_____ct from each other *adj.* noticeable from something else of a similar type
110. her de_____te screams *adj.* feeling or showing a lack of hope and a willingness to do anything because of the problematic situation
111. reg_____ss tread *adv.* not paying attention or considering something or someone even if the situation is bad or there are difficulties
112. reg_____ss of the difficulties *adv.* not paying attention or considering something or someone even if the situation is bad or there are difficulties
113. make a fr__k apology *adj.* honest and sincere; open and candid in expression
114. b_t on a race *v.* to risk money on the result of an event or a competition, such as a race or game, to get more money; to have faith or confidence in something
115. em_____r my life *v.* to give someone the power or authority to do something
116. in_____re attachment *adj.* not firm or firmly fixed; likely to fail or give way, or not assured of safety
117. fr__k and open discussion *adj.* honest and sincere; open and candid in expression
118. ex___d a lineup *v.* to increase or to make something greater in size, number, or importance

ANSWERS: 107. fiery, 108. empower, 109. distinct, 110. desperate, 111. regardless, 112. regardless, 113. frank, 114. bet, 115. empower, 116. insecure, 117. frank, 118. expand

119. inc_____ly cheerful character *adv.* in a way that is very difficult to believe; exceedingly or extremely
120. financial cr___s *n.* a time of great disagreement, confusion, or danger when problems must be resolved or critical decisions must be taken
121. perpetuate a m__h *n.* an ancient story or set of stories accepted as history, especially explaining the worldview of a people
122. personal na_____ve *n.* a story or a description of a series of events or process of telling a story
123. get ins_____on from nature *n.* something that motivates or encourages someone to create or achieve something, or a feeling of excitement or creativity
124. casual ho___p *n.* a device providing a connection between a power source and a user; a sexual encounter, usually between two people who are not in a committed relationship or do not know each other well
125. ar___e desire *v.* to awaken strong feelings or emotions in someone; to excite or inspire a physical or emotional response
126. pri_____ze tasks *v.* to assign a higher level of importance to something compared to other things
127. become ess_____ly same *adv.* relating to the essential features or concepts of anything
128. a picture fr__e *n.* a strong border or structure of the wood, metal, etc. that surrounds something such as a picture, door, or window

ANSWERS: 119. incredibly, 120. crisis, 121. myth, 122. narrative, 123. inspiration, 124. hookup, 125. arouse, 126. prioritize, 127. essentially, 128. frame

129. buy the company's st__e *n.* a share or financial investment in something such as a business; a wooden or metal post set up to mark something
130. cir_____nce of injury *n.* the specific conditions or events that surround a particular situation or occurrence
131. a prodigious vi___n *n.* the ability to think about or see the future with imagination and intelligence; the faculty of being able to see
132. id_____fy handwriting *v.* to recognize someone or something and say or prove who or what they are
133. re_____on of inclusion *n.* the way two persons or groups of people feel and act toward one another
134. f__x diplomatic muscle *v.* to show off one's strength, power, or possessions; to bend or be capable of bending easily
135. play a pro_____st *n.* the main character in a literary work, film, or other stories
136. completely im_____e the ingredient *v.* to become fully involved in a particular activity; to dip or submerge in a liquid, especially so that they or it are entirely covered
137. the ch___l of autumn *n.* a feeling of coldness that makes one shiver; (verb) to make cool or cooler
138. 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

ANSWERS: 129. stake, 130. circumstance, 131. vision, 132. identify, 133. relation, 134. flex, 135. protagonist, 136. immerse, 137. chill, 138. sensation

139. p__t twist *n.* a secret plan or scheme to achieve a specific goal; the plan or main story of a literary work; (verb) to plan secretly, usually something illegal
140. basic br__n function *n.* the organ inside the head that is responsible for one's movement, thought, memory, and feeling
141. se____ed retreat *adj.* hidden or isolated from view; quiet and undisturbed; kept away from the company of others
142. in____te relationship *adj.* having a very close friendship, personal
143. lead an adv____us life *adj.* willing to take risks and try new or difficult things
144. be___y a friend *v.* to reveal or deliver to an enemy by treachery or disloyalty; to reveal something unintentionally
145. pri____ze people over cars *v.* to assign a higher level of importance to something compared to other things
146. id____ty as an individual *n.* the fact of being who or what somebody or something is; the features, emotions, or ideas that distinguish persons from one another
147. su____nd a town *v.* to be all around something or somebody
148. social co____on *n.* the psychological process of perception and learning and reasoning; the mental action or process by which knowledge and understanding are developed in the mind

ANSWERS: 139. plot, 140. brain, 141. secluded, 142. intimate, 143. adventurous, 144. betray, 145. prioritize, 146. identity, 147. surround, 148. cognition

149. ca__e my name on the plate *v.* to create something by cutting wood or stone; to turn sharply
150. b__t my leg *v.* to break something; (noun) a woman's chest, or the measurement around a woman's chest; (noun) an occasion for something excessive, such as work, eating, drinking, etc.
151. warm su____ne *n.* the direct light and heat that comes from the sun
152. electric ho___p *n.* a device providing a connection between a power source and a user; a sexual encounter, usually between two people who are not in a committed relationship or do not know each other well
153. the ch__p of a cricket *n.* a short, sharp sound that is made by birds or insects or by electronic devices such as alarms or beepers
154. se___e a dispute *v.* to reach an agreement of disagreement
155. Scottish k__t *n.* a type of traditional Scottish garment that is worn by men and consists of a pleated skirt that reaches the knee or just below, usually made of tartan or plaid fabric
156. an ap_____ng offer *adj.* attractive or exciting; evoking a positive response or desire; having qualities that are likely to encourage someone to like or enjoy something
157. uns_____ing labor *adj.* not fulfilling someone's desires, expectations, or needs; incomplete or inadequate.

ANSWERS: 149. carve, 150. bust, 151. sunshine, 152. hookup, 153. chirp, 154. settle, 155. kilt, 156. appealing, 157. unsatisfying

158. ap_____ng design *adj.* attractive or exciting; evoking a positive response or desire; having qualities that are likely to encourage someone to like or enjoy something
159. trespass on a person's pr_____y *n.* someone's right to keep their personal matters and relationships not watched or interrupted by other people
160. dual ge____r *n.* the range of characteristics of femininity and masculinity and differentiating between them, especially when considering social and cultural differences rather than differences in biology
161. mu____r at low wages *v.* to say something very quietly; to complain about somebody or something under one's breath
162. the ch__p of a bird *n.* a short, sharp sound that is made by birds or insects or by electronic devices such as alarms or beepers
163. sc_____h off a name *v.* to cut or damage the surface of something or the skin with a sharp or pointed object
164. ex_____it instructions *adj.* stated clearly and in detail, leaving no room for confusion or doubt
165. in_____ve judgment *adj.* obtained through feelings rather than facts or proof
166. ine_____ly decline with age *adv.* in a manner that cannot be avoided or prevented
167. an in_____re future *adj.* not firm or firmly fixed; likely to fail or give way, or not assured of safety

ANSWERS: 158. appealing, 159. privacy, 160. gender, 161. murmur, 162. chirp, 163. scratch, 164. explicit, 165. intuitive, 166. inevitably, 167. insecure

168. com_____te well with my advisor *v.* to share or exchange information with others by speaking, writing, moving your body, or using other signals
169. turn out to be all s__m *n.* something that is not as good or true as it seems to be and is intended to deceive people; a person who pretends to be something they are not
170. unsatisfied de___e *n.* a strong feeling of wanting to have or do something
171. the m__h of an old religion *n.* an ancient story or set of stories accepted as history, especially explaining the worldview of a people
172. a selfish de_____on *n.* the act or process of making up someone's mind about something; a choice or judgment reached after considering options
173. mu___r a greeting *v.* to say something very quietly; to complain about somebody or something under one's breath
174. st___e a blow *v.* to wallop somebody or something with the hand, fist, or weapon; to have an emotional or cognitive impact upon
175. permanent br__n damage *n.* the organ inside the head that is responsible for one's movement, thought, memory, and feeling
176. a s__o flight *adv.* without anybody else or anything else; alone
177. mistaken id_____ty *n.* the fact of being who or what somebody or something is; the features, emotions, or ideas that distinguish persons from one another

ANSWERS: 168. communicate, 169. sham, 170. desire, 171. myth, 172. decision, 173. murmur, 174. strike, 175. brain, 176. solo, 177. identity

178. fl__k of dust *n.* a small patch, spot, or discoloration, often caused by dirt, grime, or a foreign substance
179. bl____m garden *n.* the reproductive structure on a flowering plant that consists of usually colorful petals and a typically green calyx (merging of sepals); the state or time of flowering; the peak of a person's or thing's development or success
180. sp____e from receiving light *v.* to emit or reflect bright flashes of light, especially with animation and joy
181. bl____nt for economic reform *n.* a photographic print of an early plan for a building or machine
182. be___y confidence *v.* to reveal or deliver to an enemy by treachery or disloyalty; to reveal something unintentionally
183. a friendly con_____ion *n.* an informal talk between two or more people to exchange their views, ideas, information, etc.
184. af___m strong identity *v.* to assert that something is true or real; to state positively
185. source of ins_____on *n.* something that motivates or encourages someone to create or achieve something, or a feeling of excitement or creativity
186. morning su____ne *n.* the direct light and heat that comes from the sun
187. have a very ple_____le time *adj.* giving satisfaction or pleasure; enjoyable

ANSWERS: 178. fleck, 179. blossom, 180. sparkle, 181. blueprint, 182. betray, 183. conversation, 184. affirm, 185. inspiration, 186. sunshine, 187. pleasurable

188. de___e a question *v.* to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options
189. a stone wall su_____nds the palace *v.* to be all around something or somebody
190. a s__m battle *n.* something that is not as good or true as it seems to be and is intended to deceive people; a person who pretends to be something they are not
191. economic st_____us *n.* something that causes growth or arouses action
192. adv_____us pioneers *adj.* willing to take risks and try new or difficult things
193. na_____te the Pacific *v.* to plan and direct the way that a ship, plane, etc. will travel, often by using a map
194. confuse fa_____y with reality *n.* a fiction with a large amount of imagination in it; a pleasant situation that you imagine but that is unlikely to happen
195. cir_____nce of birth *n.* the specific conditions or events that surround a particular situation or occurrence
196. at_____t attention *v.* to draw or entice someone or something towards them through the qualities they have, especially positive ones
197. a response to a st_____us *n.* something that causes growth or arouses action

ANSWERS: 188. decide, 189. surround, 190. sham, 191. stimulus, 192. adventurous, 193. navigate, 194. fantasy, 195. circumstance, 196. attract, 197. stimulus

198. a fi__y sunset *adj.* very intense; like or suggestive of fire
199. 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
200. an av___e to success *n.* a wide road in a town or city, especially with trees or tall buildings on both sides; a line of approach
201. telescopic vi___n *n.* the ability to think about or see the future with imagination and intelligence; the faculty of being able to see
202. de_____te attempt *adj.* feeling or showing a lack of hope and a willingness to do anything because of the problematic situation
203. re_____on between cause and effect *n.* the way two persons or groups of people feel and act toward one another
204. un___k a door with a key *v.* to open something, such as a door, window, etc., usually using a key
205. se___e down in the town *v.* to reach an agreement of disagreement
206. sc_____h my signature *v.* to cut or damage the surface of something or the skin with a sharp or pointed object
207. fl__k of paint *n.* a small patch, spot, or discoloration, often caused by dirt, grime, or a foreign substance
208. a precise def_____on *n.* a concise explanation of the meaning of a word, phrase, or symbol
209. fun_____al education *adj.* forming an essential base or core from which everything else develops or is affected

ANSWERS: 198. fiery, 199. sensation, 200. avenue, 201. vision, 202. desperate, 203. relation, 204. unlock, 205. settle, 206. scratch, 207. fleck, 208. definition, 209. fundamental

210. an av___e of poplars *n.* a wide road in a town or city, especially with trees or tall buildings on both sides; a line of approach
211. ine_____ble event *adj.* unable to be explained, understood, or accounted for; mysterious or puzzling
212. con_____ce as a teacher *n.* the feeling or attitude that one can trust or rely on the abilities or good qualities of someone or something
213. a child with se_____y issues *adj.* of or relating to the physical senses
214. na_____te through a document *v.* to plan and direct the way that a ship, plane, etc. will travel, often by using a map
215. uns_____ing reality *adj.* not fulfilling someone's desires, expectations, or needs; incomplete or inadequate.
216. ev_____ve memories *adj.* tending to evoke or bring something to mind
217. the act of mas_____ion *n.* the act of sexually stimulating oneself by touching or rubbing one's genitals, typically resulting in orgasm or sexual release
218. a cr_____l issue for women *adj.* extremely vital or necessary
219. fl__t with him *v.* to talk or behave as if sexually attracted to someone, without serious intentions; (noun) a seductive woman who uses her sex appeal to exploit men
220. a chemical eq_____on *n.* the act of regarding as equal; (mathematics) a statement that expresses the equality of two expressions by connecting them with the equals sign

ANSWERS: 210. avenue, 211. inexplicable, 212. confidence, 213. sensory, 214. navigate, 215. unsatisfying, 216. evocative, 217. masturbation, 218. crucial, 219. flirt, 220. equation

ANSWERS:

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. He has an _____ knowledge of American history.
adj. having a very close friendship, personal
2. She explained the _____ surrounding the accident.
n. the specific conditions or events that surround a particular situation or occurrence
3. His gaffe spoiled the _____ of the dinner party.
n. the way you feel at a particular time; an angry or impatient state of mind
4. The path to a solid online _____ necessitates a high technical ability.
n. the fact or state that someone or something exists, occurs, or is present
5. 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
6. Do you have a plan for a long _____
n. a period in which someone does not have to attend work or school and is free to do whatever they choose, such as travel or leisure
7. The gymnast was able to _____ his muscles to perform the difficult routine.
v. to show off one's strength, power, or possessions; to bend or be capable of bending easily
8. The organization _____ the needs of the community in its decision-making.
v. to assign a higher level of importance to something compared to other things

ANSWERS: 1. intimate, 2. circumstances, 3. mood, 4. presence, 5. sensation, 6. vacation?, 7. flex, 8. prioritized

9. The revitalization of technology companies is _____ to the country's growth.
adj. extremely vital or necessary
10. My husband never _____ with other women.
v. to talk or behave as if sexually attracted to someone, without serious intentions;
(noun) a seductive woman who uses her sex appeal to exploit men
11. The rules were _____ after the new executive arrived.
v. to become or cause someone to become less active or tense and calmer
12. On three sides, mountains _____ the settlement.
v. to be all around something or somebody
13. He was _____ when he lost all his money by gambling.
adj. feeling or showing a lack of hope and a willingness to do anything because of the problematic situation
14. She couldn't _____ whether to order the pizza or the pasta for dinner.
v. to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options
15. With the financial bubble bursting, the _____ of economic growth in investment banking collapsed.
n. an ancient story or set of stories accepted as history, especially explaining the worldview of a people
16. The _____ triumph over adversity was the theme of this play.
n. the main character in a literary work, film, or other stories

ANSWERS: 9. crucial, 10. flirts, 11. relaxed, 12. surround, 13. desperate, 14. decide, 15. myth, 16. protagonist's

17. The well-crafted plot and interesting characters made the book very _____ to readers

adj. attractive or exciting; evoking a positive response or desire; having qualities that are likely to encourage someone to like or enjoy something

18. The data he prepared was completely _____.

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

19. The detective looked for fingerprints on the window _____.

n. a strong border or structure of the wood, metal, etc. that surrounds something such as a picture, door, or window

20. They explored every _____ they could think of.

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

21. The rousing speech by the politician _____ the audience to action.

v. to awaken strong feelings or emotions in someone; to excite or inspire a physical or emotional response

22. Our marital life was full of happiness and _____ excitement.

adj. giving satisfaction or pleasure; enjoyable

23. Composition by artificial intelligence is no longer a _____.

n. a fiction with a large amount of imagination in it; a pleasant situation that you imagine but that is unlikely to happen

24. My grandfather wore a traditional _____ to honor his Scottish heritage at family gatherings.

n. a type of traditional Scottish garment that is worn by men and consists of a pleated skirt that reaches the knee or just below, usually made of tartan or plaid fabric

ANSWERS: 17. appealing, 18. sham, 19. frame, 20. avenue, 21. aroused, 22. pleasurable, 23. fantasy, 24. kilt

25. He found _____ in the works of his favorite authors.

- n.* something that motivates or encourages someone to create or achieve something, or a feeling of excitement or creativity

26. I'm _____ with preparation for tomorrow's meeting.

- v.* to break something; (noun) a woman's chest, or the measurement around a woman's chest; (noun) an occasion for something excessive, such as work, eating, drinking, etc.

27. The _____ handles multiple plot lines and has unpredictable ends.

- n.* a story or a description of a series of events or process of telling a story

28. He is a man of _____ temperament.

- adj.* very intense; like or suggestive of fire

29. Sharks have highly developed _____ systems and are extremely sensitive creatures.

- adj.* of or relating to the physical senses

30. Having a _____ healthy physique is essential for a great life.

- adv.* in a way related to a person's body or appearance rather than their mind

31. 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

32. Human behavior has _____ characteristics.

- adj.* forming an essential base or core from which everything else develops or is affected

ANSWERS: 25. inspiration, 26. bust, 27. narrative, 28. fiery, 29. sensory, 30. physically, 31. brain, 32. fundamental

33. Skill and _____ are an unconquered army.

- n.* the feeling or attitude that one can trust or rely on the abilities or good qualities of someone or something

34. He felt _____ when his best friend revealed their secret to the enemy.

- v.* to reveal or deliver to an enemy by treachery or disloyalty; to reveal something unintentionally

35. Children in an unstructured environment often feel _____.

- adj.* not firm or firmly fixed; likely to fail or give way, or not assured of safety

36. I would love to _____ camping someday.

- adv.* without anybody else or anything else; alone

37. I looked at the painting in _____.

- n.* the state of being intensely interested in someone or something, or a powerful attraction

38. I am _____ committed to this project and will work hard to bring it to fruition.

- adv.* completely, entirely, or altogether; without exception or reservation

39. It is essential to keep these two issues _____.

- adj.* noticeable from something else of a similar type

40. I _____ that you know it.

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

41. He cannot _____ a holiday.

- v.* to have enough money or time to be able to buy or do something

ANSWERS: 33. confidence, 34. betrayed, 35. insecure, 36. solo, 37. fascination, 38. wholly, 39. distinct, 40. bet, 41. afford

42. Many physicians agree that the practice of _____ is a natural and healthy way to explore and take pleasure in one's body.
- n.* the act of sexually stimulating oneself by touching or rubbing one's genitals, typically resulting in orgasm or sexual release
43. When I was a child, my mother often cast _____ spells to ease my pain whenever I was injured.
- adj.* produced by or containing supernatural powers
44. The professor focused on the research of infant _____.
- n.* the psychological process of perception and learning and reasoning; the mental action or process by which knowledge and understanding are developed in the mind
45. Don't _____ your mosquito bites.
- v.* to cut or damage the surface of something or the skin with a sharp or pointed object
46. The politician tried to _____ the embarrassing incident under the rug.
- v.* to clean something, especially a floor or an area, by using a broom; move swiftly and smoothly
47. Cultural norms strongly influence _____ expectations.
- n.* the range of characteristics of femininity and masculinity and differentiating between them, especially when considering social and cultural differences rather than differences in biology
48. The music was _____ of a bygone era.
- adj.* tending to evoke or bring something to mind

ANSWERS: 42. masturbation, 43. magical, 44. cognition, 45. scratch, 46. sweep, 47. gender, 48. evocative

49. The industrial _____ laws were passed with little to no alteration.
n. the way two persons or groups of people feel and act toward one another
50. The customs officer required the traveler to _____ his suitcase.
v. to open something, such as a door, window, etc., usually using a key
51. To advance this discussion, we must _____ "success" rigorously.
v. to state or explain precisely the nature, scope, or meaning of something
52. Because of his excellent performance, he will _____ be promoted.
adv. in a manner that cannot be avoided or prevented
53. This statue is _____ from a single tree trunk.
v. to create something by cutting wood or stone; to turn sharply
54. The _____ of the novel centers around a group of friends who uncover a conspiracy to control the world's water supply.
n. a secret plan or scheme to achieve a specific goal; the plan or main story of a literary work; (verb) to plan secretly, usually something illegal
55. The terrorist's _____ remains unknown.
n. the fact of being who or what somebody or something is; the features, emotions, or ideas that distinguish persons from one another
56. The corporation _____ dominated the entire tobacco business.
adv. finally, particularly after a long time or a lot of struggle, complications, and so on
57. The government is eager to _____ international investment.
v. to draw or entice someone or something towards them through the qualities they have, especially positive ones

ANSWERS: 49. relations, 50. unlock, 51. define, 52. inevitably, 53. carved, 54. plot, 55. identity, 56. eventually, 57. attract

58. The sound of the _____ woke me up early in the morning.
n. a short, sharp sound that is made by birds or insects or by electronic devices such as alarms or beepers
59. _____ a society is an organism.
adv. relating to the essential features or concepts of anything
60. Her response revealed _____ idiocy.
adj. unbelievable; enormous
61. The ability to _____ people is a priceless asset.
v. to make someone want to do something, especially something that requires tremendous work and effort
62. This conduct would be an invasion of _____.
n. someone's right to keep their personal matters and relationships not watched or interrupted by other people
63. Full involvement means _____ and prompt responses.
adj. honest and sincere; open and candid in expression
64. The lush green forest provided a picturesque _____ for the photo shoot.
n. a painted or photographed scene or setting that is used as a background for a stage, film, or other performance
65. Several cities are experiencing _____ high unemployment rates.
adv. in a way that is very difficult to believe; exceedingly or extremely
66. The countertop was polished _____ giving it a sleek and modern look.
n. a tough, durable, and coarse-grained igneous rock often used in construction for buildings, monuments, and sculptures

ANSWERS: 58. chirp, 59. Essentially, 60. incredible, 61. motivate, 62. privacy, 63. frank, 64. backdrop, 65. incredibly, 66. granite,

67. The _____ instructor guided the group through the relaxation and breathing exercises.
- n.* the act of focusing one's mind on a particular object or thought; activity to train attention and achieve a mentally clear and emotionally calm and stable state
68. The reason for his sudden disappearance from work was _____.
- adj.* unable to be explained, understood, or accounted for; mysterious or puzzling
69. I will introduce you to how to _____ the leading causes of the malfunction.
- v.* to recognize someone or something and say or prove who or what they are
70. 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
71. Our knowledge helps _____ our clients successfully.
- v.* to plan and direct the way that a ship, plane, etc. will travel, often by using a map
72. He found _____ in the warm embrace of his loved ones.
- n.* a state of physical ease and freedom from pain or constraint
73. The _____ beach was the perfect place to unwind and escape from the busy city.
- adj.* hidden or isolated from view; quiet and undisturbed; kept away from the company of others
74. A business plan is a _____ for your success.
- n.* a photographic print of an early plan for a building or machine

ANSWERS: 67. meditation, 68. inexplicable, 69. identify, 70. communicate, 71. navigate, 72. comfort, 73. secluded, 74. blueprint

75. The cherry _____ trees in the park were in full bloom, creating a beautiful sight.
- n.* the reproductive structure on a flowering plant that consists of usually colorful petals and a typically green calyx (merging of sepals); the state or time of flowering; the peak of a person's or thing's development or success
76. Low sexual _____ typically correlates with low testosterone levels.
- n.* a strong feeling of wanting to have or do something
77. Driving is difficult for me because of my poor _____.
- n.* the ability to think about or see the future with imagination and intelligence; the faculty of being able to see
78. Please ____ up a bucketful of water from the well.
- v.* to put something into a liquid for a short time and take it out again
79. We _____ to achieve more wages and safer working conditions.
- v.* to wallop somebody or something with the hand, fist, or weapon; to have an emotional or cognitive impact upon
80. Little children tend to have _____ friends.
- adj.* existing only in someone's mind
81. Western ideology slowly _____ through the eastern countries.
- v.* to pass into or through something, often by overcoming resistance
82. I _____ over my computer all day, and my back aches after a while.
- v.* to lean forward or arch one's back in a way that suggests a feeling of suspicion or uncertainty; to have a feeling or presentiment that something is true or likely to happen, without evidence or explicit proof

ANSWERS: 75. blossom, 76. desire, 77. vision, 78. dip, 79. strike, 80. imaginary, 81. penetrates, 82. hunch

83. He has an _____ spirit and is unafraid of risks.

adj. willing to take risks and try new or difficult things

84. The meal was _____ and left her feeling hungry an hour later.

adj. not fulfilling someone's desires, expectations, or needs; incomplete or inadequate.

85. People can pick out superior products _____ of the quality of the advertising.

adv. not paying attention or considering something or someone even if the situation is bad or there are difficulties

86. A small _____ of red wine ruined the white shirt.

n. a small patch, spot, or discoloration, often caused by dirt, grime, or a foreign substance

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

v. to reach an agreement of disagreement

88. If both countries _____ to nuclear deterrence, the consequence could be mutual destruction.

n. a place where many people go for rest, sport, or another stated purpose; (verb) to turn to or take a course of action, especially an extreme or undesirable one, to resolve a difficult circumstance

89. He called for a careful _____ of the consequences.

n. the activity of searching and finding out about something through a place

90. The painting contained subtle _____ undertones.

adj. relating to or arousing sexual desire or excitement; considered taboo or provocative

ANSWERS: 83. adventurous, 84. unsatisfying, 85. regardless, 86. fleck, 87. settle, 88. resort, 89. exploration, 90. erotic

91. He always _____ at the ill-treatment.

- v.* to say something very quietly; to complain about somebody or something under one's breath

92. Parallel lines are, by _____ lines on the same plane that never cross.

- n.* a concise explanation of the meaning of a word, phrase, or symbol

93. We must buy cables for the audio _____ between the TV and the soundbar.

- n.* a device providing a connection between a power source and a user; a sexual encounter, usually between two people who are not in a committed relationship or do not know each other well

94. The diamond _____ in the sunlight.

- v.* to emit or reflect bright flashes of light, especially with animation and joy

95. The curtain rose to _____ a fantastic set.

- v.* to make something, such as secret or new information, known publicly

96. I had an _____ feeling that I might be pregnant.

- adj.* obtained through feelings rather than facts or proof

97. She was struggling to make a _____ between two job offers.

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

98. They hope to _____ their business worldwide.

- v.* to increase or to make something greater in size, number, or importance

99. The _____ of the company is too high nowadays.

- n.* a share or financial investment in something such as a business; a wooden or metal post set up to mark something

ANSWERS: 91. murmurs, 92. definition, 93. hookup, 94. sparkled, 95. disclose, 96. intuitive, 97. decision, 98. expand, 99. stake

100. He _____ himself in his research.

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

101. Your _____ reflects your thoughts.

- n.* an informal talk between two or more people to exchange their views, ideas, information, etc.

102. The _____ of the discussion was the current state of the economy.

- n.* a subject that is being discussed or written about

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

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

104. I _____ that I will always stand by my beliefs.

- v.* to assert that something is true or real; to state positively

105. The _____ was so bright that I had to wear sunglasses to protect my eyes.

- n.* the direct light and heat that comes from the sun

106. His swear words cast a _____ on the party.

- n.* a feeling of coldness that makes one shiver; (verb) to make cool or cooler

107. The company _____ employees to buy low-price items without approval to achieve efficient purchasing.

- v.* to give someone the power or authority to do something

108. This book provides children with ideas and a _____ for outside recreation.

- n.* something that causes growth or arouses action

ANSWERS: 100. immersed, 101. conversation, 102. topic, 103. equations, 104. affirm, 105. sunshine, 106. chill, 107. empowered, 108. stimulus

109. The Chinese word for _____ comprises two characters, one for danger and the other for opportunity.

n. a time of great disagreement, confusion, or danger when problems must be resolved or critical decisions must be taken

110. The movie had an _____ sex scene that some viewers might find offensive.

adj. stated clearly and in detail, leaving no room for confusion or doubt

ANSWERS: 109. crisis, 110. explicit